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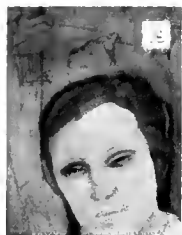
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Their Art, Themselves

If you are lucky enough to hear University Professor Michael Harper speak his poetry, you'll never again read a Harper poem without hearing his voice. *That voice:* tenor sax, ironic, both cool and warm, the perfect instrument for his words.

Not surprisingly, Harper loves jazz. Many of his poems concern the great black jazz artists of this century (Coltrane, Parker), and much of his poetry is jazz's textual equivalent. Some years ago, after the death – the second he endured – of a newborn son, Harper wrote a poem that concluded with this furious wail:

... mamaborn, sweetsonchild
gonedowntown into researchtesting-
warehousebatteryacid
mana-son-done-gone...

say it for two sons gone,
say nightmare, say it loud
panebreaking heartmadness:
nightmare begins responsibility.

When he reads such lines, Harper is the poem and the poem is Harper. Together they are music.

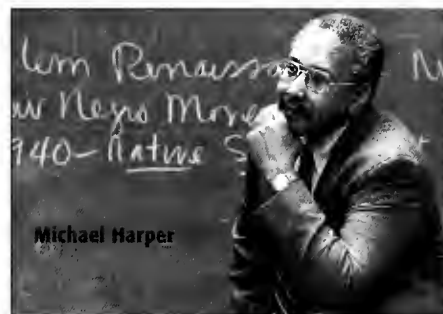
With gifted artists it often happens, this transcendent blurring between creator and creation. One recent night I watched a television documentary about rock and roll. On the screen Jimi Hendrix (scary-genius idol of my sixties adoles-

cence) tore into his guitar, made it moan and roar. "Purple Haze." "Like a Rolling Stone." Hendrix's limbs, torso, guitar, the ruffles on his shirt, the flowing scarf around his head, all writhed like kelp in a screaming sea. There was no discerning where the man ended and the sound began.

On a ballroom stage last month in Providence's posh Westin Hotel, it happened again. Wearing a flame-red dress, Brown music instructor Judith Lynn Stillman sat at a grand piano and proceeded to inhabit and animate a wildly difficult Debussy piece. White arms flew under the spotlight; scarlet sequins semaphored each flung note. When she finished, just before bursting into applause the audience breathed a collective, stunned *woi*.

The same night, Michael Harper read a poem he'd written for retiring Rhode Island Senator Claiborne Pell, the elderly, ascetic Democrat who has long been a friend of education and the arts. Harper and Stillman were among six honorees that evening at the first annual Pell Awards for Excellence in the Arts, hosted by Vartan and Clare Gregorian and Brown parents Terrence and Suzanne Murray. While there was a modest celebrity quotient – actor Jason Robards came to accept a lifetime achievement award – for me the best part of the evening was the local talent.

Seated next to me at dinner was a faculty member I had profiled in 1989 – the artist Wendy Edwards, whose lush paintings are an extension of her generous, frank nature. When you work or study at Brown, it is your great good luck to encounter at every turn such gifted souls.



Their fertile, honed creativity draws us out of ourselves and into a shared realm of revelation. "To serve any discipline of art," the writer Madeleine L'Engle has said, "is to affirm meaning, despite all the ambiguities and tragedies and misunderstandings which surround us."

Imagine, then, having to compose a poem for the christening of a nuclear submarine, the USS *Rhode Island*. When he served as Rhode Island's first poet laureate several years ago, Michael Harper received just such a commission. What he wrote was both celebration and warning:

Majestic, sullied, sultry
in invention, we should never forget
it has teeth...

At night,
the seascape above us,
we shall repeat the code,
and the message to the state:
prepare to be merciful
in cunning power;
this is the zone of freedom.

I wish I'd been there to see Harper knock some socks off with those words, that voice, his message, himself.

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To Thine Own Self

I found Ms. Nadeau's essay ("Different," Finally, October) deeply moving. As a child who never joined groups and learned to listen more than speak because I always said the wrong thing, I empathize with Julie and with her mother's concern. In high school I realized I had to adjust, so I learned to dance and drink beer. When I finally started going out with friends, my parents were so pleased they didn't set a curfew for me.

Given enough time, most children can learn socially acceptable behavior. A strong sense of self is much more difficult to acquire. In this respect Ms. Nadeau's revenge fantasies will be satisfied long before Julie is old enough to become a Nobel Prize-winner. With her "core of strength and self-awareness" Julie will be able to maneuver her way through the pitfalls of adolescence and remain intact.

Because of my inner awareness and my refusal to deny who I was, my teenage years were not as traumatic as those of my friends who craved affirmation from without instead of from within. I can only hope the same for Julie and applaud Ms. Nadeau for assisting her daughter along her own path.

Anne Stauffer '89

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Reading about Julie, I saw myself. I, too, learned to read very early and to bicycle very late, and to this day I am hopeless at most sports. Most kids my age weren't interested in the things I was, and I couldn't or wouldn't live up to many of their social expectations. I still sometimes laugh or cry at the "wrong" moments and spend too much time on intense interests of minimal utility.

On the other hand, I've made a much better adult than I did a child or teenager. I have always had a few excellent friends. I have found areas in which I excel and



CAROL BENIOFF

enjoy working. I have been married for sixteen years to a man with his own quirks. We met at a folk-dancing class, where no one cares if you sit out something you haven't got the skill to do.

We have three daughters who do above-average work in school, enjoy sports, love books, and whose circles of friends extend far and wide. For their sakes I am glad they are far less "different" than I was. Still, I can't help but see that in some aspect, each daughter is a little like me.

Good luck and blessings to Lynn Nadeau and to Julie as they negotiate the years ahead.

Faedia Lazar Weiss '76

Indianapolis

Old Believers, New Ideas

I enjoyed the November article about Old Believers. When I first leafed through the magazine, I thought the photographs were from "the old country."

I found it refreshing that some of these people own televisions and buy orange soda for their guests. People often lament the so-called contamination of a culture. "Contamination," however, helped create Christianity. Two thousand years ago the ideas of Jesus of Nazareth, an itinerant preacher, were considered "contamination" by the established religious leaders. Then new ideas arrived and old power structures changed.

While I admire the Old Believers for

creating a beautiful sense of community, I feel change is unavoidable. I'm looking forward to a *B.A.M.* update in the year 2046. I suspect the Old Believers will have learned a few things from us and we will have learned a few things from them. Assimilation is not a one-way process.

I congratulate the *Alumni Monthly* for presenting such a well-researched article.

Frank Rycyk Jr. '66

Jefferson City, Mo.

Coffee Conscience

Hooray for the high degree of social consciousness that [Associate Director of Food Services] Ann Lawrence attributes to Brown students and staff ("Java Justice," Elms, October). They can afford more expensive coffee than the average person and concurrently help those poor Latin American coffee growers (even if the price of coffee goes up and the Latin farmers are bound by the predetermined prix-fixe set by Equal Exchange). ¿Mami, donde está el café?

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Tori's Generous Spirit

The departure of Associate Professor of English and past Director of the Rose Writing Fellows Program Tori Haring-Smith ("Since Last Time," Elms, September) dismays and saddens me. As a sophomore in 1986, I became a writing fellow and was exposed to the excellence of Tori's teaching. Yet I had already been introduced to Tori's generosity of spirit, which is her enduring legacy.

During my first winter at Brown, I tore ligaments in my ankle by falling down a flight of stairs. Housed on the fourth floor of Hope College, I was overwhelmed by the daily task of navigating crutches up and down too many stairs to count and across icy paths to Wilson and to the Ratty. Tori was the Faculty Fellow assigned to our dorm, and we all greatly enjoyed her evening study breaks: good food, good company, and a warm, inviting house. When she heard of my plight, she didn't hesitate to offer me a place in her

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home until the crutches weren't necessary. I didn't take her up on her offer, but I have never forgotten the gesture.

Today I am a graduate student at a large Midwestern university where many professors view undergraduates with indifference at best and irritation at worst. The undergraduates here may not be surprised by this attitude, but I am. And, to students at the American University in Cairo, where Tori teaches now: you are privileged. Tori, you are missed.

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Millennial Technicality

The lead story in October's *Under The Elms* is headlined "Banner Year: The University welcomes the millennium with a record-setting class" – the class of 2000. In the accompanying story you report that Opening Convocation speaker Joshua Lederberg "urged students to question and then to question some more." As I still consider myself a student, my question is: "Doesn't the new millennium begin in 2001, not 2000?"

Richard M. Borod '54
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Strictly speaking, yes. (A similar letter was received from Brown parent Isaac Dakwa of Accra, Ghana.) – Editor

Third Parties: No Joke

I appreciated "Candidate Mom" (Finally, November) by Elise Sprunt Sheffield '84. Her story about running for the Virginia Senate under the Green Party banner was not only refreshing, it was a statement about the American political system.

Third-party politics are seen largely as a joke in our society. As I contemplated voting for Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader last fall, my politically savvy friends cried that I was "wasting my vote." Still, I wasn't happy with either of the "real" candidates, and Nader happened to stand for values (yes, values) that are close to my own. If I learned one thing at Brown, it was to open my mind and go beyond black and white. So I cast my ballot for the Green Party.

Sheffield makes an important point about voting against the established grain: "Here in the land of Jerry Falwell, it's your only chance to register your dissent." My vote wasn't wasted; it was my way of telling elected officials that I'm for things that

aren't always politically salient. In Washington State, where I voted, Nader and the Green Party got close to 4 percent of the vote. It's no landslide, but it represents thousands of people who voted purely on principle. Imagine if all people voted strictly on the issues? Both Nader and Sheffield might have been elected.

Sheffield's campaign, from talking face-to-face with Dupont factory workers to practicing what she preached by taking few contributions, was her voice. It was mine, too.

David Wise '96
Seattle

That's Not Funny

I did not appreciate your light-hearted ad in the October BAM: "Be the first to envy your over-achieving classmates" by reading The Classes on-line. Good heavens, is that the image you have of alums? I search for news of friends with whom I've lost touch to cheer them on for their accomplishments or merely to wish them well. Envy doesn't enter into it.

Your Classes columns always seem so out of date anyway; the October issue celebrated June accomplishments. I know there's a lag in publishing, but four months? Maybe now that you're on-line, we can get the class news promptly.

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"Apple Math's" Anniversary

Fifty years ago last fall, the Division of Applied Mathematics – the first applied mathematics department in the country – was established by the Brown Corporation at the recommendation of President Wriston and under the leadership of Professor William Prager.

To mark this significant anniversary, we are planning a reunion of former students, faculty, and friends of the division. Its centerpiece will be a symposium on "Future Challenges in Applied Mathematics" to be held Thursday, May 29, through noon on Saturday, May 31. Supported by the Sloan Foundation and others, the symposium will be both a celebration of the division's past and a defining event for future developments in applied mathematics. We hope it will focus scientists' attention on areas that present the greatest challenges and offer the most promising opportunities for new research.

Professor Peter Lax of the Courant Institute, New York University, and a former president of the American Mathematical Society, will deliver the opening speech. The closing address will be given by Sir Michael Atiyah O.M., F.R.S., professor and master of Trinity College, Cambridge; immediate past-president of the Royal Society; and founder-director of the Isaac Newton Institute.

We invite all former students, both graduate and undergraduate, to join us for this celebration. In addition to the scientific program, there will be opportunities to socialize with old friends. Anyone interested in receiving further details may contact me by mail at Box F, Providence, R.I. 02912; by fax at (401) 863-1355; or by e-mail.

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The writer is professor of applied mathematics and chairman of the division. – Editor

Capitol Confusion

We Missourians are truly proud and grateful for our two United States Senators, Christopher Bond and John Ashcroft. We are also hoping and praying that Richard Gephardt (Since Last Time, October) will never join that distinguished company.

James A. Cooper '45
Kirkwood, Mo.

The BAM apologizes for inadvertently transferring Representative Gephardt to the U.S. Senate. Alan Nanes '41 sent a similar letter. – Editor

Misquoting TR

Teddy Roosevelt is quoted twice in the October issue: in letters by Kenneth Clapp '40 and Ray Elias '47. The problem with both citations – to paraphrase your managing editor (Here and Now, October) – is that they're lies.

TR didn't invite the revels; Lady Winchmore did. And while he did speak of victory and defeat at the Hamilton Club on April 10, 1899, it was "poor spirits" he had in mind, not "cold and timid souls."

I'm sure TR would have thought there was a difference. Doesn't everybody need an editor?

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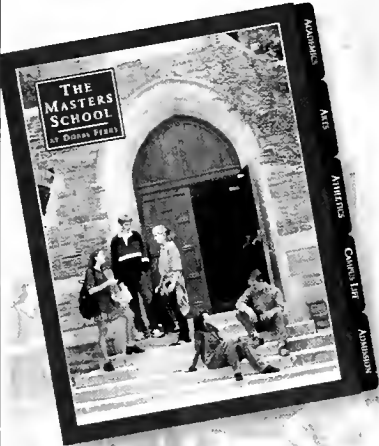
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An Asset Lost

President Vartan Gregorian's article, "The Finest Faculty" (October), brought back bittersweet feelings about one of my fondest Brown memories. When I was a senior preparing to take all I had learned at Brown with me, I remained deeply disappointed that one of my best teachers had been denied tenure the year before. Despite overwhelming student acclaim, a petition drive, and other efforts to save the tremendous asset Brown was about to throw away, the decision was made that my last year would be his last as well.

As a pre-frosh I had listened with anticipation to Brown's claim that teaching was a top priority. In fact, I was lucky enough to develop relationships with several professors who continue to be mentors. It was because of this particular professor, however, that I decided to concentrate in economics. I and hundreds of other students hungrily took his last courses at Brown, regretting that no future Brown students would experience his excellent teaching.

If Brown truly wants to have the finest faculty, it should strive to develop and retain professors who continuously push the boundaries of knowledge and learning and who are able to inspire their students to do the same.

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Monumental Mackesey

As I was leaving Brown Stadium on November 16 after a great game against Dartmouth, I spotted former Athletic Director [and former Director of Alumni Relations] Paul Mackesey '32. And I was reminded of the huge debt of gratitude the University owes this lifelong laborer for Brown. It was Mackesey's perseverance, skill, and reputation among his peers that secured Brown's position as a member of the Ivy League.

In the early fifties, when the League was being formalized, there were those who wanted Brown eliminated from the newly formed group. The athletic director of one of the so-called Big Three (Harvard, Yale, Princeton) led a petition to leave Brown out, even to the point of recommending Colgate or several other schools to take Brown's place.

He and his supporters underestimated Paul Mackesey's stubbornness, strength, and solid ties with others in the proposed

alliance. After months of wrangling, Paul prevailed, and as a result Brown's place among the Ancient Eight was forever assured. I was a member of the Brown Alumni Athletic Council at the time, so I can attest to these facts.

It's a pity the University has not installed a permanent salute of some kind to Brown's most stalwart athletic director, who, by the way, captained the 1932 football team.

*Kenneth Clapp '40
Osterville, Mass.*

Ethical Investing

Recently a number of Brown students have become concerned about Brown's possible investments in corporations or countries that commit human-rights abuses and/or cause large-scale environmental degradation. A student coalition is forming around this issue, involving such campus groups as Students for a Free Tibet (SFT), One Movement, East Timor Action Network (ETAN), Student Labor Alliance (SLA), Central American Solidarity Organization (CASO), Sierra Student Coalition (SSC), and Amnesty International.

We believe Brown may be investing its money in companies and countries that many alumni would likely shun in other contexts. As individuals we consider the global ramifications of each purchase we make. By the same token, we'd like to know where our tuition and Brown's other income go and what kinds of corporations it supports. Once this information becomes available to us, we would like to help the Corporation develop a set of ethical investment guidelines.

If you are concerned about where you spend your money on a personal level, please join our campaign to bring those values to bear on the institutional level. We hope you share our desire to make sure Brown invests its money based on sound ethical principles. Through our daily actions, both at Brown and elsewhere, we can change the world.

*Sara Shneiderman '97
Andrew Gersh '97
Kurt Langer '97
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Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Donald J. Reaves responds:

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versity's financial capital assets are held in the endowment, which consists primarily of gifts designated for permanent investment. Oversight of the endowment resides with the Corporation's Investment Committee, with hands-on portfolio management assigned to more than twenty managers specializing in domestic stocks, international stocks, global bonds, energy companies, real estate, venture capital, and other private equities. For a number of reasons, it is not in the University's best interest to subject these managers to a review of their holdings.

There is one mechanism through which Brown, as an investor, can and does influence domestic corporations in which it holds shares directly. (At present, these comprise less than 10 percent of the endowment's holdings.) Through the annual proxy process, shareholders vote on specific resolutions which may include measures relating to social or environmental issues. In recent years the Corporation's Proxy Committee, which oversees this process for Brown, has been relatively inactive because of a lack of shareholder resolutions involving controversial or ethical decisions, but this could change. We have begun discussions about reactivating the Committee on Investor Responsibility, which reports to the Proxy Committee and which in the 1980s was particularly concerned with Brown's investments relating to South Africa. If reconvened, this committee could become a vehicle for student input on investment issues.

No Joke

When I was an undergraduate at Brown in the late twenties, I wrote a piece called "The Technique of Humor." I mentioned the "Switch Technique," illustrating it with the following one-liner: "For Christmas I gave my son a bat, and on New Year's Day it flew away."

I was reminded of that when I read in the news about a female Brown student who got so drunk she vomited and didn't know what happened between 10:30 P.M. and 7 A.M. the next day. When charged [by the University Disciplinary Council] with sexual misconduct toward the female student, a male senior was found guilty. As part of his punishment, he was required to attend a counseling session on alcohol. I emphasize the word *he*. Funny? Somehow I doubt if he thought so.

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What Tomasi Meant

I was bewildered by the casual barb Professor John Tomasi ("Rights and Wrong," Q&A, November) tossed at Republicans: "... they think it's appropriate to legislate morality regarding sexuality and other social issues."

Most Americans believe some matters of morality should be legislated; only Libertarians would repeal all laws restricting prostitution, narcotics, and so on. But sexuality? What could Tomasi have meant?

The Republican platform did seek an end to the twenty-year-long tragedy of abortion on demand. The abortion plank wasn't there to hinder sexual promiscuity, though, but to protect unborn children.

Possibly Tomasi was thinking of opposition to homosexual marriage, but no Republican is calling for a return to Oscar Wilde's era. They are, rather, refusing to grant to homosexual unions the legal status reserved throughout Western history for one-man, one-woman relationships. The goal is to protect the institution of marriage, not to frustrate homosexuals.

Perhaps the comment refers to Jesse Helms's outrage a while back over the Robert Mapplethorpe photos. These were protected by the First Amendment; public funding caused the fuss.

What *did* you mean, professor?

David Parmelee '79
Shavertown, Pa.

Stanley Bernstein Assistant Professor of Political Science John Tomasi replies:

Mr. Parmelee's letter made me imagine a hypothetical letter from a different reader standing under an equally familiar political flag – though one flying opposite to Mr. Parmelee's, apparently. This second reader might have fixed on my brief, general characterization of the *Democratic* position and its relation to individual freedom. After all, such a reader might insist, Democrats are as much in favor of economic freedom as are Republicans (since Democratic social-welfare programs aim at providing all citizens with a measure of economic freedom).

To both readers I have the same reply. First, surely you are right that these generalizations *are* generalizations. (Indeed, the strikingly diverse set of positions Mr. Parmelee describes as "Republican" reminds us of that.) Second, and more important, those brief generalizations had little to do with the substance of my interview. I am interested in a basic question about the organization of American society

– namely, what role should our concerns about "justice" have in our common project of making our society, and our world, a better place in which to live? It is a question about the common ground in which every American political flag – familiar, new, or yet-unsewn – must of necessity be planted. It is a question with urgency for all of us, no matter what generalization best fits each of us.

(Animal) Rights and Wrongs

Professor Tomasi deals persuasively with stubborn concepts in "Rights and Wrong." This dialogue illustrates the intersection between civic rights/responsibilities, public services, and community participation in pursuit of the common good. The article coincides with the formation of a National Commission on Civic Renewal.

Priority issues always compete for support from citizens and policymakers. Often private and public organizations share proposals to improve conditions on crime, poverty, racism, or diseases. Another, less visible, problem deserves to be included on any such list: the extermination of innocent animals in pounds and shelters across America.

Let me apply Tomasi's article in order to develop a humane policy for civic and moral reasons: Improve animal-adoption practices so that no one has the right to leave a shelter with a pet without first meeting character and resource requirements. Have volunteers or interns make follow-up visits to new owners. Investigate abuses or abandonment. Implement and enforce laws targeting those who consider animals disposable property. Waive veterinary fees for mandatory spaying or neutering. Private donors to pounds or shelters could require cessation of euthanasia, as has happened in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Animal-watch groups might

develop to rescue and assist strays.

Don't animals also have rights?

R. Joseph Novogrod '58, '60 M.A.T.
Providence

Stymied by Jargon

What is one to make of "Rights and Wrong," specifically the sentence, "Because of its drive toward uniformity and systemization, justice as a concept is spectacularly unable to track the idiosyncratic terrain of human ethical nature"?

I read it several times but still could not understand it. The possibility of a spoof on sociological jargon occurred to me, but the *BAM* is not a humor magazine, so this must have been a serious piece. When you print strange things like this, please consider including a brief paraphrase in plain English for the enlightenment of the incredulous old-timers among your readers.

The new *BAM* format is very good. Keep up the good work, and try to pay a little more attention to content. Please.

A.F. Hausmann '43
Wallingford, Conn.

Sports Shortage

As a substantial supporter of the Brown athletic program, I am very disappointed in the lack of interest, copy, and attention that the alumni publication gives to this important segment of the University's objectives.

I am not at all pleased with Brown's current athletic achievements, and I am afraid the problem stems from de-emphasis at the University, including your organization. I hope you can do something about it, and quickly.

P.H. Glatfelter III '38
York, Pa.

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The November issue arrived yesterday and, as deserved, received prompt attention.

One can't help but note the scoreboard dated October 6, which unfortunately is not a typo versus an intended "November." One hopes the stale update is not a function of campus or perceived reader disinterest and that future summaries will be more timely.

R.H. Rish '50
Glenview, Ill.

At the risk of sounding like a scold, may I again voice my dissatisfaction with a sports-results summary that is a mere won-lost record but gives no account of the games involved. I refer particularly to football, since I am one of those dinosaurs, a football loyalist. It seems to me that we have the right to expect a word of comment on the pages of our alumni magazine. Instead I have to rely on the *Los Angeles Times*, which some weeks may have a sentence or two on Brown football, and other weeks may ignore us altogether except for a statistical summary.

Allan S. Nanes '41
Simi Valley, Calif.

Publishing nine times a year, the BAM cannot provide detailed game reports for all thirty-six varsity sports (not to mention club and club-varsity teams). A recent exception was our December Sports column, devoted entirely to the pivotal Brown-Dartmouth football game of November 16. Fortunately, more timely news sources exist. To subscribe to the Bruin Grid Weekly, write to Box 2395, Providence, R.I. 02906. To receive the Brown Sports Foundation newsletter, mailed weekly during the football season and biweekly at other times, send a donation to Box 1925, Brown University, Providence, R.I. 02912. For scores and other up-to-date information, visit the athletic department's web page: <http://www.brown.edu/Athletics/> – Editor

Review Gets Thumbs Down

I was disturbed by the BAM's one-paragraph "review" of a memoir, *First Comes Love*, by Marion Winik '78 (Books, May). I had found her previous book of short pieces, *Telling*, so personal, poignant, funny, and intelligent that I couldn't believe anyone could dismiss anything Winik might ever write. Puzzled, I went right out and bought *First Comes Love*; I have since bought it for several friends.

According to your reviewer, Winik "overestimates her readers' interest" in reading about "bad things," including her "meeting and falling in love with her gay

husband – then watching him die of AIDS."

But that's not what *First Comes Love* is about. It's about Winik's survival and her ability to love deeply throughout an agonizing, confusing, continually worsening situation. Because it is a memoir, Winik was stuck with the facts. To her credit she pulled no punches, and her honesty left me breathless. Despite her horrifying subject matter, the book is resonant, engaging, touching, even humorous. Marion Winik makes her situation real so we don't have to go through it ourselves to know what it's like. And I believe we all need to know what it is like.

In contrast to what one reads in the class notes, not every Brown alumnus goes on to a yuppie life in the suburbs. Some of us fall in love with gays, addicts, and scoundrels. Some take drugs, become battered spouses, become deeply depressed, and find ourselves trapped in desperate scenarios. I hope many who become thus ensnared are able to rise above it – as Winik has, perhaps partially because of her education at Brown – and become role models of the human spirit. (We rarely read about these people in the *BAM*, except in the occasional forthright obituary stating that someone has died "from complications of AIDS.")

Winik's book appears to embarrass your reviewer, even though it never, ever mentions her having attended Brown.

Pat Street '62

Orlando, Fla.

In March 1994 the BAM published a chapter, "How Do I Look?" from Marion Winik's first book, Telling, along with a profile of the author. – Editor

Author's Query

In preparing a book and a historical archive about the Northern Student Movement (NSM), a 1960s civil-rights organization devoted to promoting racial equality in Northern cities, I would be interested in speaking with any alumnus/a who worked with the NSM or engaged in other civil-rights activities at Brown. I especially would like to hear from anyone who has files, records, papers, photographs, or anecdotes. Please contact me at 1214 Chapel St., #35, New Haven, Conn. 96511-4731; (203) 773-3670 (call collect); nsm@yale.edu.

Christopher Scafani Rhee
New Haven

Closing the BACH Door?

The loss of Carberry and Milhous (Elms, December) will ultimately mean the end of BACH [Brown Association for Cooperative Housing]. The lack of support for this organization shown by the administration flies in the face of Brown's marketing of the school as an institution that seeks a diverse student body, encourages experimentation, values self-determination, and supports a "new" curriculum.

I have been active in the NASP program in London for several years. The attack on BACH is making me rethink my involvement in the NASP program and will make me think carefully about any future involvement with or financial contributions to the school.

Steven Childs '76

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As a graduate student who had difficulty affording housing, I chose to live in the Milhous co-op and discovered a family-like community. Underneath the dust was a group of students who had experienced the alienation and impersonality of living in dormitories. They were committed to actively confronting the lack of community and sense of belonging so painfully evident elsewhere.

I understand that from a short-term, short-sighted financial perspective the co-ops are not economical and that BACH may be an administrative nuisance. But Brown should have the foresight and strength to nurture cooperation with students who want to pursue alternative nonprofit housing opportunities.

How can I, as a high-school teacher, recommend Brown to my students when I feel Brown has tried to destroy the community I cherished?

Joseph B. Simpson '93 A.M.
Saratoga Springs, N.Y. ☞

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He Came, He Built...



I HAVE COME HERE to build." That is how, in the fall of 1988, Brown's newly appointed president, Vartan Gregorian, described his aspirations. More than eight years later, his words seem particularly apt. For build Gregorian has — not only literally, by more than doubling the University's endowment to \$800 million, setting new standards for alumni giving (the recent fundraising campaign raised more than \$535 million, well over its goal of \$450 million), hiring close to 300 new faculty, and improving physical facilities, but also by strengthening Brown's image and presence nationally and internationally.

On January 7, as the campus drowsed between semesters, Brown's sixteenth president shook faculty and staff awake with the announcement that he would leave Brown in July to become president

Now Vartan Gregorian is leaving Brown for the Carnegie Corporation

of the Carnegie Corporation, one of the nation's largest and most prestigious philanthropic foundations. Returning to New York City, where he presided over the public library from 1981 to 1989, Gregorian will lead an organization that, as Gregorian noted in his letter to Chancellor Alva O. Way '51, "is dedicated to the causes of education and peace." The position, he said, "presents an enormous opportunity to serve our nation and the world community."

Gregorian will continue to work at Brown through the current academic year and has pledged to help out until his successor is on board.

A search committee, to be chaired by Way, was being organized as the *BAM* went to press in mid-January.

Within hours of the announcement, a stream of plaudits for the enormously popular Brown president commenced. "[President Gregorian's] vision and optimism," said Way in a statement distributed to the press, "coupled with his fund-raising persuasiveness, have enabled Brown to become one of the most important institutions in American higher education."

"Gregorian's Gifts" was the headline above a glowing editorial in the January 13 edition of the *Boston Globe*.

While praising the president's legacy of a successful campaign, a strengthened faculty, and expanded library resources, the *Globe* suggested that "what Brown is likely to miss most... is his very presence. ... Gregorian [is] a puckish personality whose own pleasure in intellectual pursuits is infectious. ... His support and inspiration, especially for undergraduates, have helped lift Brown to the very top tier of universities."

Education professor and founder of the Coalition of Essential Schools Ted Sizer reminded a *Providence Journal* reporter that the true test of a college presidency is the quality of the new professoriate. "There has been a string of brilliant appointments of rising young faculty," Sizer said. Since Gregorian came to Brown, the University has hired 265 new faculty mem-

SINCE LAST TIME...

Paul V. Verrecchia, a twenty-one-year veteran of the Providence Police Department and a cultural-diversity educator in its training program, has been **named chief of police** and security services, succeeding Dennis L. Boucher.... The only North American collection of original writings by the South American revolutionary **Simón Bolívar** was donated to the John Carter Brown Library.... The film *Seed and Earth*, co-directed by Professor of Anthropology Lina Fruzzetti and based on her research in the Indian state of West Bengala, **won two awards** at the Maremma Documentary Film Festival in Milan.... An eighteen-year-old Massachusetts man was **charged** with raping a female first-year student at an October party at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.... The Division of Engineering received a **\$5.35 million grant** from the National Science Foundation to establish a research center that will explore the mechanical behavior of materials in microscopic structures.... Three seniors – Jeffrey King, James Maisels, and Jade Newburn – won **Marshall Scholarships**, which will allow them to study for two years at British universities.... The French government appointed Professor Emeritus of French Studies **Camille Bauer** an officer of the Ordre des Palmes Académiques in honor of his academic achievements.

bers, named seventy-two distinguished senior faculty to endowed chairs, and established twenty endowed chairs for assistant professors.

Among Gregorian's most notable coups was securing \$50 million from his friend Walter Annenberg to establish the Annenberg Institute for School Reform at Brown. The grant was part of Annenberg's gift of \$500 million to the nation for education reform, which Gregorian has been instrumental in allocating. The Annenberg gift cemented Brown's reputation – already advanced by Sizer's Coalition and other education programs – as perhaps the nation's premier university-

based center for school reform.

When he was appointed, Gregorian promised the Brown Corporation he would stay on College Hill between five and ten years. "I have decided nine years of service is enough," he said in his letter of resignation. "I firmly believe the University is ready to enter the twenty-first century with confidence, determination, vigor, and optimism.... I hope I have fulfilled your highest expectations." To that, most in the Brown family will respond with an emphatic "yes."

An upcoming issue of the *B.A.M.* will examine the Gregorian years in detail. – *Anne Diffily*

Just Sell It

Brown sports meet Madison Avenue

THE ATHLETICS department recruited a new team this year – one that doesn't perform on the court or the field, but on the balance sheet. Beginning their season in September, Strategic Merchandising Associates (SMA), a Manhattan marketing firm, set out to make Brown's sports teams more visible and profitable. The firm's game plan to date has included sending student volunteers door-to-door to lure East Side residents to the Yale football game with two-for-one ticket coupons, taping a USAir voucher for round-trip airfare under the seat of a lucky winner at a football game, and placing yellow Subway Subs ads along the boards of the Meehan Auditorium hockey rink.

These are but the first plays in a projected five-year season of sports promotion. Funded by a gift from the Gilbane family and working closely with athletic director David Roach, this spring SMA will come up with a comprehensive long-range plan for marketing Brown sports and present it to an advisory committee of students, faculty, alumni, administrators and local businesses.

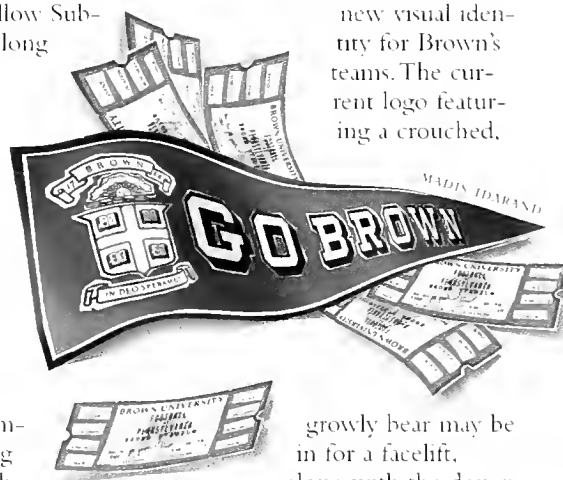
According to Rob Diestel, SMA's representative on campus, Brown is the first Ivy League school to go off-campus for a sports-marketing plan. It's in good company: SMA's clients include the NBA, the U.S. Tennis Associ-

ation, and such pro organizations as the New York Mets.

"SMA has the experience and contacts to bring in more money and give our programs more credibility," says Roach. "Most other athletic programs have already done this, but the Ivy League has not been as progressive."

Diestel says he hopes to develop "positive relationships between the athletics program, students, faculty members, the media, and the community." While increased revenue from ticket sales and licensing are long-term goals, Diestel cautions that Brown sports are a challenging sell because of their sheer number and variety. "Brown has thirty-six varsity teams," he says, "more than twice the national average."

SMA will also create a new visual identity for Brown's teams. The current logo featuring a crouched,



growly bear may be in for a facelift, along with the design and colors of team uniforms. "We're looking for something kids might want to have on a pennant," says Diestel.

Readers envisioning their alma mater going the way of the Florida Marlins or San Jose Sharks and trading traditional brown for trendy teal need not worry. "We may look into what shades of brown will sell best," Diestel says, "but we won't take it away." – *Peter Mandel*



HAFFENREFFER MUSEUM (2)



Canadian Inuit works of art donated by James Houston to the Haffenreffer Museum include the 1972 stonecut print at left, "Cutting the Seal," by Elizabeth Sirpaluk of Povungnituk; and "Four Birds Eating," a 1968 felt-tip pen drawing by a Cape Dorset artist named Anirnik.

The Ice Man Cometh

Exploring the remote world of Inuit art

AS WINTER clamps down on New England, it's unlikely that native Canadian James Houston will feel sorry for those of us shivering south of the border. The writer, artist, and explorer lived for fourteen years atop nine feet of



James Houston

permafrost in the Canadian Arctic. Swaddled from head to toe in sealskins, he built igloos and hunted walrus, traveled by dogsled and kayak, learned the Inuits' language, myths, and customs, and promoted their beautiful art.

"One thought fills immen-

sity," Houston told a standing-room-only crowd at Brown's Haffenreffer Museum in December. The William Blake quote aptly described Houston's lifelong fascination with the native cultures of Canada. As a child, he was entranced by the dinosaur bones and oiled moccasins his traveling-salesman father brought home from occasional trips north. After World War II Houston found his own way to the Arctic, ostensibly as a civil administrator but more significantly as an artist and observer.

With a pocketful of pencils and a sketchbook, Houston captured the Inuit people (and the occasional polar bear) in natural poses — hunting, fishing, and dancing. He also established a studio and brought in art materials so the Inuits could express themselves and work towards financial independence. Today Houston is considered the prime force behind the development and exhibition of Inuit art, which ranges from miniature whalebone sculptures to vast, vibrant stone-block prints.

Since the early 1960s Houston has donated nearly 100 works of Inuit art to the Haffenreffer, whose first director, Louis Giddings, was a specialist in Alaskan archaeology. While the Inuit work has been exhibited a number of times, it was a rare treat to have Houston on hand to describe his experiences — related in his latest book, *Confessions of an Igloo Dweller* (Houghton Mifflin) — and to talk about the works he knows so well.

Most sculptors begin with a clear idea of what they want to carve, Houston said. But Inuit artists look for a stone of a certain shape, with a protrusion that may reveal itself to be a wing, say, or a bear. The process is called "finding life in the stone" — drawing forth the figure trapped inside since the dawn of creation.

From an outsider's viewpoint, Inuit society itself was trapped, cut off from the modern world for centuries, literally frozen in time. Through his stories and his art, Houston draws it forth. — Shea Dean

Halftime

The double lives of "point-fives"

CYNTHIA FREEMAN '96.5 would make a good reporter. Last fall, curious about how other students graduating in December had spent their semesters off, she got on the telephone and called every "point-fiver" in the campus directory. "I assumed people had done really sexy things," she says. "I thought they had all taken time off to save the world."

Some students she queried had indeed worked with orphans, refugees, and political prisoners in places such as Honduras, the Philippines, and Nepal. One trained for Slovenia's Olympic crew; another performed as the sin of lechery in a Mexican cabaret. Others found more conventional — but no less noble — pursuits, such as teaching art to third-graders, working in restaurants and bike shops to pay tuition, or caring for a sick parent.

Freeman spent her stray semester teaching English and volunteering in Russia, having already finished a typical semester of study abroad in Moscow. The time off helped Freeman slow down a bit; she slept twelve hours a night, spent evenings at a music conservatory, and read *War and Peace* for pleasure. Returning to Brown's highly charged, competitive atmosphere was like landing on another planet. Freeman sought out other midyear graduates to see if they also felt disoriented balancing college life with "the outside." "We've become fluent in something other than Brown," she told the audience at the midyear "completion ceremony" on December 9. "We've seen a different world and had our perspec-

nives radically changed."

Wearing the same dress — borrowed from her mother — she wore for her admission interview five years earlier, Freeman applauded some 120 fellow midyear graduates for their courage in becoming "a half in a system made for wholes." Despite kudos from Dean of the College Kenneth Sacks and a spirited brass-ensemble serenade, the midyear graduates didn't leave Solomon Hall with quite the same glee that attends Brown's formal Commencement in May. There were no tasseled mortarboards to toss, no raucous cheering. These almost-alumni still had finals to take.

— Jennifer Sutton

In the Line of Fire

Peter Schultz's new angle on dinosaur extinction

SCIENTISTS have long puzzled over the abrupt disappearance of earth's dinosaurs some 65 million years ago. One theory — that an asteroid or meteor impact sent clouds of debris into the earth's atmosphere, causing a dramatic cold snap — has gained increasing acceptance. Last fall two scientists from Brown and the University of Rhode Island provided the theory's most dramatic new perspective to date. Their study, published in the November issue of the journal *Geology*, linked the extinction of dinosaurs and the uneven loss of other species to a cosmic catastrophe that was particularly deadly to flora and fauna in North America.

Professor of Geological Sciences Peter Schultz and URI Professor of Oceanography Steven D'Hondt suggest that an asteroid hit the Yucatan peninsula from the southeast at a twenty- to

thirty-degree angle. The impact sent a blast of hot debris northwest at near-orbital speed, creating an instant corridor of fire across North America.

"It was like a nuclear explosion taken north on a jet-powered sleigh ride," says Schultz. "It was indeed the day the earth shook."

After the *Geology* article was published, Schultz's and D'Hondt's research was cov-

similar ones on the moon, Mercury, and Venus. The researchers described flows on the surface of Venus that indicated material was propelled downrange after an object struck at an oblique angle. Schultz then used a high-powered vertical gun at NASA's Ames Research Center to simulate the dynamics of an asteroid striking Earth at various angles.

The inferno, say the re-

searchers, caused massive plant extinctions in North America. Ferns, which grow early in natural disaster sites, accounted for 70 to 100 percent of the spore- or pollen-producing plants in central North America after the impact, compared with only 10 to 40 percent before it. Plants in other parts of the world took a lesser hit.

Before the study, scientists

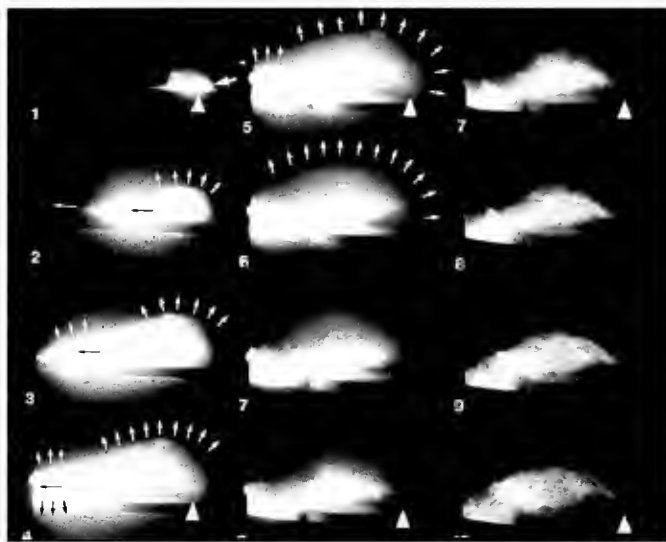
House on the Hill

Requiem for a clothier

THE SHOP WAS A STUDY in understated elegance: brass chandeliers, a spinning wheel, and, beneath an upstairs balcony, a papier-mâché ceiling imported from France. But the drastically marked-down suits and a banner emblazoned "Our Last Hurrah" announced the end of an era.

On December 24, Hillhouse Ltd., an establishment known to generations of male Brown students as the place to go for the proper blue-blazer Ivy League look, closed its doors for the last time. The store's identity was inseparable from the university it served, much like Campion's at Dartmouth and the Crimson Shop at Harvard. "Returning alumni thought we were the one constant at Brown," says owner Bob Singer, who had unlocked Hillhouse's doors most mornings since 1950.

The clothier opened for the first time in 1939 as Langrocks, referred to by East Side residents as "the house on the hill." Seven years later, Langrocks gave way to Hillhouse and moved a few blocks to 135 Thayer Street. With



COURTESY PETER SCHULTZ (2)



High-speed film (left) captures the path of vapor and debris directed downrange immediately after a 15-degree oblique impact, such as the collision of an asteroid with the earth's surface. The sequence above shows how the vapor cloud extends upward, outward, and downward.

ered by science writers from the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *San Francisco Examiner*, among others. Television journalists visited Brown to prepare reports for the BBC, the Discovery Channel, and Brazil's largest cable network.

To arrive at their conclusion, Schultz and D'Hondt matched a horseshoe-shaped crater on the Yucatan with

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Brown as both landlord and customer, Hillhouse found its niche.

Singer estimates the store has sold about 1,200 Brown ties over the decades. He remembers the perennially frantic faces of Brown seniors seeking the perfect suit for post-college job interviews. Other Hillhouse bestsellers have included blue blazers, khaki pants, gray slacks, and Shetland sweaters.

The 1950s and 1960s in particular were golden years. Hillhouse was among a number of fine Thayer Street men's shops at the time, a cluster that included Arthur Palmer's tennis and skiwear store, Harvey Ltd. around the corner on Waterman Street, and Mark David. Brown's freshman and fraternity-rush weeks, says Harvey Lapides



'50, owner of Harvey Ltd., were "like a second Christmas to us."

Over the years Hillhouse became a Singer family business, now a rarity in a neighborhood where chain stores such as the Gap and Sam Goody's predominate. Bob's brother Herb joined Hillhouse in 1954, and son David signed on in 1981. David's sheepdog mutt, K-2, became

the store's mascot. The family's personal touch fostered fierce customer loyalty. Bob Singer recalls one 1969 alumnus who "continued to shop here at least once a year. He would fly in on a Saturday using his frequent-flyer miles and fly home that night. All for a nice new suit."

Hillhouse's closing leaves Harvey Ltd. as the last fine men's shop in the neighbor-

hood (Mark David closed in 1980). If Harvey Lapides is discouraged by the Singers' departure, he's not saying. He opened his store in 1949 and hopes to keep it open until "at least the year 2000."



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— Gode Davis



In late November Marlene Eidelheit (left), director of the Textile Conservation Laboratory at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, visited the Corporation Room in University Hall to examine its early-eighteenth-century Flemish tapestry. Entitled "La Marche," the thirteen-by-

sixteen-foot military scene commemorates the Earl of Orkney's victories in the English War of Spanish Succession (1701–1714). The tapestry was given to Brown in 1941 and has hung in the Corporation Room ever since. Assisting Eidelheit is University Curator Rob Emlen.

Louis' Loui's

Louis Gianfrancesco turns seventy-five

AMID THE LUNCHTIME hubbub of Loui's Family Restaurant on Brook Street, Louis Gianfrancesco, the restaurant's diminutive patriarch who celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday last month, shuffles behind the spattering grill. He nudges a granddaughter aside and points to a picture on the wall. It's of two rakish military men, brothers who could pass as twins. "Those are the guys who won the war!" Louis barks over the din of classical music and clattering dishes. "We couldn't speak English. We confused the enemy."

The photo, familiar to several generations of Loui's patrons, was taken in the early forties. Louis and his look-alike brother Dominic were on U.S. Army duty in Europe, cooking and working in communications. They'd only been in the United States since 1936 when they were whisked into the service. Upon their return to Providence they kept doing what they did best – serving up not the risottos and pastas of their native Italy, but the eggs, beans, and fresh-baked pies American troops had shoveled down the hatch.

Fifty years later the troops are still shoveling, though today they consist of tattooed and pierced Brown and RISD students who rub elbows – literally, once the steaming plates of eggs and grinders are deposited on crammed-together tables – with construction workers, maintenance men, professors, and other characters, many of whom have been eating there for decades.

"Louis doesn't like change," says his son Johnny,

who took charge of the restaurant in 1993 with his brother Albert. "He fights it."

So the prices have remained fixed since 1984, when Hurricane Gloria gave the Gian-

francescos a few extra moments to climb atop the counters and rearrange the plastic numbers on the menu board. As for the sign hanging outside – well, the apostrophe was put in the wrong place in the sixties (it should be Louis', not Loui's).

But that's all right. The quirks are what make Loui's Loui's. It's an institution, an original. Happy birthday, Louis, and many more. — *Shea Dean*

The Loui's crew: Louis Gianfrancesco (seated), co-founder of the Brook Street breakfast and burger emporium that has borne his name for fifty years, celebrates his seventy-fifth birthday with co-workers. They are (rear, from left) dishwasher Pedro Tornos Salmerón, Louis's son Albert, son and manager Johnny, daughter and cashier Laura, and grandson Anthony.



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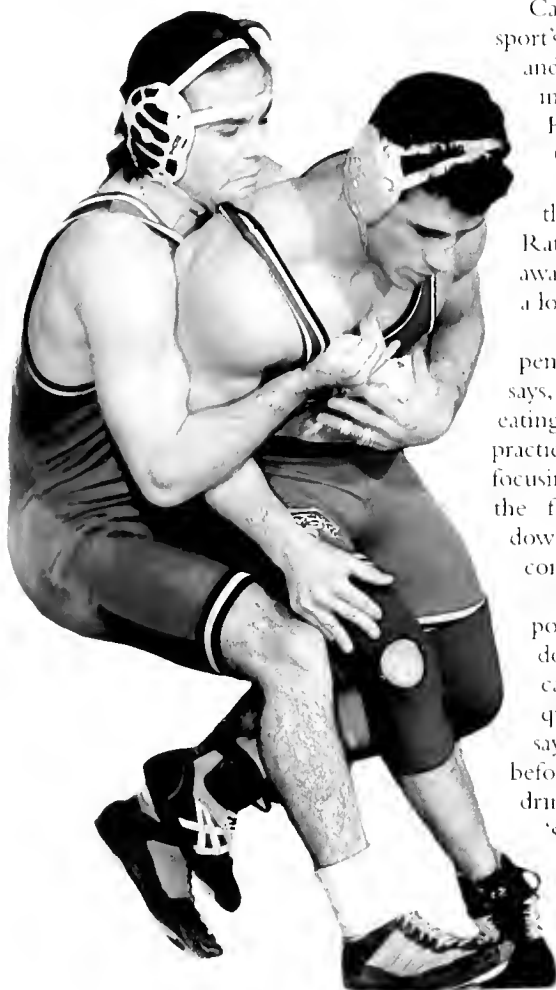
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At 126 pounds, wrestling All-American Willie Carpenter '97 is a heavyweight blend of mental drive and brute strength.



DAVID SILVERMAN

Senior Willie Carpenter is a master wrestler. Working in the 126-pound weight class — the second-lightest college category — Carpenter last spring finished sixth overall at the NCAAs, becoming the first Brown wrestler in thirty years to earn All-American status. It was the culmination of an extraordinary year during which he won every Ivy match and was named Ivy Wrestler of the

Year. He also placed second at the Eastern Championships and received Brown's Fritz Pollard Award as the outstanding male varsity athlete of the year.

At the beginning of this season both the *Boston Globe* and the *Providence Journal* rated the Bears number one in New England. According to Head Coach Dave Amato, this is not an unusual preseason rating for the team. Willie Carpenter is determined to see that it's justified.

Carpenter excels at balancing the sport's demands for both aggressiveness and self-control. After a summer spent indulging his favorite snack urge, for Haagen Dazs Chocolate Chocolate Chip, he needed all the self-control he could muster to shed an extra thirty pounds. "Although I like Ratty food," he says, "I keep myself away from red meat and sauces and eat a lot of pasta meals."

Wrestling is never far from Carpenter's thoughts. "If I'm eating," he says, "I'm worrying about *what* I'm eating. If I'm tired, I'm thinking about practice, so I try to sleep." His talent for focusing paid off. Just after Thanksgiving the five-foot, six-inch Carpenter was down to 134 pounds, closing in on his competition weight.

The trick for wrestlers is to lose pounds, not strength. "You try to get down to the lowest weight class you can and still maintain strength, quickness, and stamina," Carpenter says. "About twenty-four hours before weigh-in [for a match] you stop drinking water. You put on an acrylic 'sauna suit' — which, according to Carpenter,

Willie the Giant: Carpenter (left) gets physical en route to a pin.

feels like wearing a garbage bag — "and work out two or three times." As Amato ob-

serves, "Doctors may not recommend it, but it's no big deal to temporarily lose five or six pounds of water weight over four hours." Last year, Carpenter recalls, he once shed nine-and-a-half pounds in two hours and thirty minutes. Carpenter felt so dizzy, he was unable to shave: "I couldn't get the cartridge in."

Because most college competitions schedule weigh-in the night before

matches, Amato says wrestlers "are able to put back six to eight pounds between the scale and the mat." By the time Carpenter approaches the mat on competition days, he has left thoughts of dieting far behind. The ref's whistle triggers an André-the-Giant-style competitive spirit. "When I was a kid," he remembers, "I'd wrestle with my brothers WWF [World Wrestling Federation] style: no holds barred, with submission the only way out. We'd wait until my parents went out shopping and then take turns going at each other."

Carpenter feeds off the adrenaline rush he gets from sensing he can pin an opponent — holding both shoulders to the mat for a one-one-thousand count and victory. Normally seven minutes long, wrestling matches are decided on points. But Carpenter prefers to win on a pin. In last year's NCAA tournament he pinned a Fresno State wrestler in only one minute and eighteen seconds, then followed it with a mat-slapping two-minute, forty-three-second pin of an Arizona State grappler to clinch sixth place and All-American recognition.

Above all, wrestling requires an appetite for physical domination, match after match. "In training you're imposing your will on yourself," says Carpenter, who has high hopes for this year's NCAA championships. "In a match you're imposing your will on another person. Usually there's no animosity. The people I get mad at are those who try to get too physical. But I think a little anger is a good thing. Wrestling is a pretty primitive sport." ☞

FINAL FALL RESULTS

Men's Cross Country	2-0
Women's Cross Country	2-0
Field Hockey	8-9
Football	5-5
Men's Soccer	8-5-4
Women's Soccer	4-10-3
Women's Tennis	2-2
Volleyball	20-14
Water Polo	19-10

There was a time when I was healthy. When I could run for miles, play the piano with impeccable technique, skip stairs as I rushed to class. Only three-and-a-half years ago I was beginning my sophomore year, and each daily schedule of my Franklin pocket organizer was gloriously jam-packed. I was musical director of the Chatter-ticks, assistant musical director and pianist for a Musical Forum show, and a volunteer for a community service project — all while carrying four classes. I thrived on the overload.

Until one night in November. I woke up cold and sweaty and feeling as if something was stuck in my throat. I tried to dismiss these symptoms; I was too busy to get sick. But after several days I had so much trouble swallowing that I couldn't eat. Weak and dehydrated, I ended up in the emergency room, where doctors determined I had an inflamed and ulcerated esophagus. I was fed intravenously for five days.

After a short rest at my parents' home in Pennsylvania, I came back to school and tried to catch up. Within three days my body again rebelled. I returned home without taking any exams, was diagnosed with mononucleosis, and stayed in bed for the next three months, missing the spring semester.

Since that time I've experienced a variety of symptoms: headaches, seizures, arm and leg weakness, muscle pain, viral infections, and golf-ball-sized swollen lymph nodes in my neck and under my arms. I've seen at least fifty doctors, some of whom said I had chronic fatigue syndrome, others of whom diagnosed multiple sclerosis or lupus or Lyme disease or depression. A few said I needed therapy.



VIVIANNE FLEISHER

Day by Day

*Once brimming with energy and plans,
a senior learns to live with
a mysterious and debilitating illness.*

All said they had never seen a case like me.

I have given up pints of blood, had needles jammed into my spinal cord, and experienced electric shocks in my legs, arms, neck, and wrists that caused my body to writhe uncontrollably. I have been tilted upside down on a table until my blood pressure dropped so quickly that I passed out. I have been hospitalized five times and had two major surgeries. Still, I know only that this illness is neurological — a virus that has attacked my brain and, in turn, my immune system.

Staying in school has been a chal-

lenge. At the beginning of every semester, I approach my professors and explain my illness, saying I might miss a lot of classes or require school vacations to finish course-work. I spend my days as though swimming in turbulent waves, struggling to stay above water, and then being washed ashore, exhausted and in pain. I need a minimum of eleven hours of sleep a night just to get to classes and do homework. I no longer have the energy to exercise or participate in student organizations. There's a handicapped sticker on my car, because on bad days walking exhausts me.

Living with this illness has given new meaning to my education: I have had to learn things that aren't part of a typical college experience. Some lessons are basic: I must rest when I am tired and eat when I am hungry. Others — how to depend on others, endure physical pain, and take nothing for granted — are more difficult. But after several years of practice, I have learned to take pleasure not in my old hectic schedule but instead in the quiet and the simple: walking outside on a cool night after spending weeks in a sweaty bed, for example, or feeding gulls a crust of bread.

My future? I get scared thinking about it because I want to do so much. I see friends unhappy in jobs and in school, and yet I yearn to be like them, independent and able to set a course for their own lives. Meanwhile, I don't know how much longer I'll be sick. I live day to day, finding happiness where I can. Someone told me recently that not only will I survive this illness, I will prevail. I like to think so. ☺

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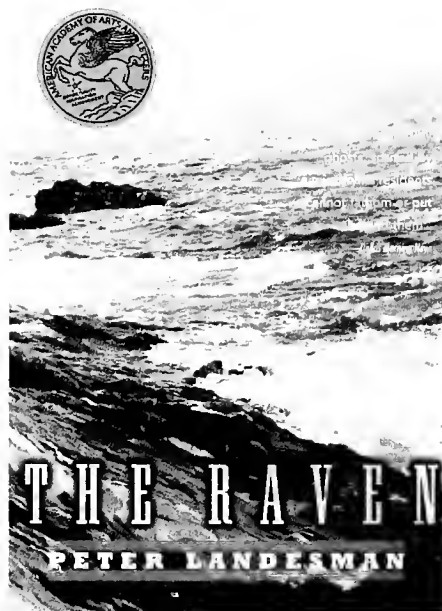
Consequences

The Raven, by **Peter Landesman** '87 (Viking Penguin, paperback, 368 pages, \$11.95).

Classic whodunits are exercises in redemption. As readers we are plunged into a world darkened by crime and must make our way back into the light. The journey is almost never a direct route; false leads and dead ends keep us turning pages. We need to see the story work out in the end, and when it does, we can't help feeling relieved, and partly responsible.

But what if the story doesn't work out in the end? And what if a novel's corpses are not just inventions, but real people whose survivors live in the shadow of their deaths?

Like Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood*, a nonfiction novel about the brutal murder of a Kansas farm family, Peter Landesman's first book is a work of fiction based on an actual event. *The Raven* tells the story of a coastal Maine pleasure cruise that went horribly awry. Setting out from Bailey Island on June 29, 1941, the *Don*, a top-heavy tour boat that Landesman renames the *Raven*, was packed with thirty-six picnickers from the town of Rumford, Maine. The boat disappeared into a thick fog and was never seen again. The only clues it left behind were the bodies of a dozen female passengers and



the male captain, pulled from Casco Bay several days later.

Theories about the *Don*'s disappearance varied: the charred appearance of one corpse led some to believe the boat had caught fire and sank; others speculated the *Don* was struck by a torpedo from a Nazi U-boat prowling the bay. Landesman, who lived and worked on a Bailey Island lobster boat for several months to research the book, spent many hours interviewing victims' survivors in the town of Rumford. His premise in *The Raven* is that three disreputable characters from Bailey Island, including the boat's captain, deliberately scuttled the boat to collect a large insurance claim.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Peter Landesman won the American Academy of Arts and Letters' Sue Kaufman Award for Best First Fiction for *The Raven* – not bad for someone who was twice rejected by Brown's graduate creative writing program and who didn't start writing seriously until after college. "I'm not one to create worlds in my head," Landesman says of basing his novel on a true story. "I need my fiction to be set in the real world." Currently he is finishing a second novel, *Blood Acre*, which traces the last thirty-six hours in the life of a corrupt lawyer.

Early in the book, Clayt and Ezra Johnson, a Bailey Island father-son lobstering team, discover the bodies from the *Raven*'s wreckage. Nine-year-old Ezra uses a gaff "snared through the flesh like a butcher's hook through a side of beef" to pull the bodies close and lash them to the stern of his father's boat. When they find the captain's body, naked and roped to a tuna keg, Clayt says to Ezra, "This isn't what it looks like, boy. And if you can't say what something is, you can't say nothing. So say nothing about it. To anyone. Never." Clayt's words echo throughout the book like distant thunder; he has worked on the water his whole life and pulled other dead bodies from its depths.

The Johnsons lead a hard life and are wary of those who do not. They are put off by Leslie Everett Dove, a sensationalist writer and publicity hound who comes to town eleven years after the sinking of the *Raven* to confirm his suspicions about the incident. After eavesdropping on a conversation between Clayt and Ezra, Dove offers them fifty dollars to draw an X on a map showing the sunken boat's location and another fifty to take him to it. Dove's crassness and his penchant for turning dubious facts into "authoritative accounts" disgust Clayt and Ezra, but they agree to take him out on the water.

By playing up the contrast between Dove and the Johnsons, Landesman manages to balance the novel's conclusion somewhere in between them. The Johnsons are stark, powerfully conceived characters who elicit our unwavering trust, but they are almost too harsh to be believed. Dove is plainly a hack, but his dogged persistence is reassuring. This contrast renders all the more problematic the book's epilogue, in which Landesman – as if unable to resist telling us he has solved the mystery – lays out his own "authoritative account" of what happened to the *Don*.

During their trip to where the boat may have sunk, Clayt says to Dove: "Out here there isn't any such thing as good and evil. There's only consequences. But evil sells books, don't it? Consequences don't."

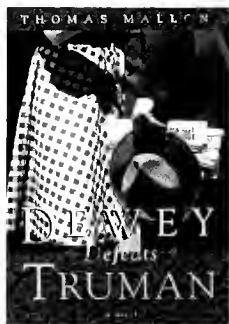
Landesman makes us believe in Clayt Johnson and the power of an unsolved mystery. He should have left it at that.



DANA SPAETH

Briefly Noted

Dewey Defeats Truman, by **Thomas Mallon** '73 (Pantheon, 368 pages, \$24.00).



The surprise ending of a political race serves as an axe against which readers' expectations slowly grind as they make their way through Mallon's latest work of historical fiction. Set in Thomas Dewey's hometown of Owosso, Michigan, the book is a deft re-creation of the social and political climate of 1948 America. The characters play out the drama of the Dewey-Truman race on a human scale, breathing life into an ending that is even more shocking than the conclusion of one of this century's best-known presidential campaigns. Dubbed "one of the most interesting American novelists at work" by John Updike in his review of Mallon's earlier novel, *Henry and Clara*, Mallon knows how to turn a twice-told tale into a well-written novel.

The Future is Ours: A Handbook for Student Activists in the 21st Century, edited by **John W. Bartlett** '95 (Owl Books/Henry Holt and Co., paperback, 400 pages, \$14.95).

A how-to manual for Generation Xers who reject the "slacker" label, Bartlett's first book presents instructions on how to change the world. While he identifies areas of conflict and concern, Bartlett concentrates more on how change can be effected than on specific causes. Along with chapters on demonstrations, community education, and organizational technique, there are essays from eleven prominent young activists and organizers, including former Director of the Sierra Student Coalition **Mark Fraioli** '95 and Sierra Club President **Adam Werbach** '95 (see "Nature Boy," October). ☺



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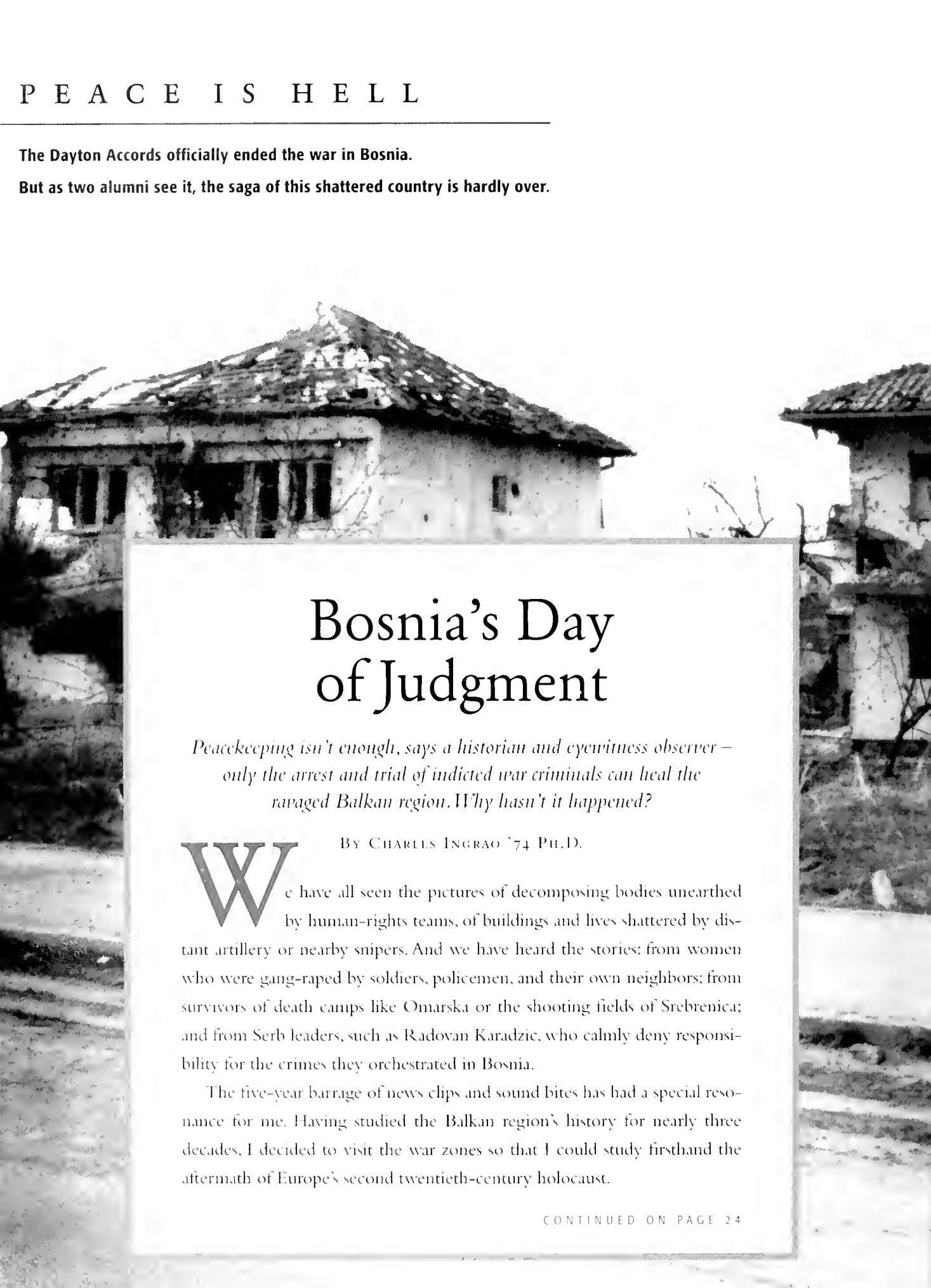
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The Dayton Accords officially ended the war in Bosnia.

But as two alumni see it, the saga of this shattered country is hardly over.



Bosnia's Day of Judgment

Peacekeeping isn't enough, says a historian and eyewitness observer — only the arrest and trial of indicted war criminals can heal the ravaged Balkan region. Why hasn't it happened?

BY CHARLES INGRAO '74 PH.D.

We have all seen the pictures of decomposing bodies unearthed by human-rights teams, of buildings and lives shattered by distant artillery or nearby snipers. And we have heard the stories: from women who were gang-raped by soldiers, policemen, and their own neighbors; from survivors of death camps like Omarska or the shooting fields of Srebrenica; and from Serb leaders, such as Radovan Karadzic, who calmly deny responsibility for the crimes they orchestrated in Bosnia.

The five-year barrage of news clips and sound bites has had a special resonance for me. Having studied the Balkan region's history for nearly three decades, I decided to visit the war zones so that I could study firsthand the aftermath of Europe's second twentieth-century holocaust.

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A man walks by village houses destroyed by shelling in the countryside west of Sarajevo.

Tired Faces and a Mortar Rose

*War tore Bosnia to pieces. Now its exhausted,
broken people struggle to survive.*

BY TONDA HOIWERDA MARCH '76

Ask me about Bosnia and I remember narrow stone alleys framing distant mountains...miniature cars careering around corners like toys, men greeting men with warm embraces, and women in boots and skirts walking briskly...the Sarajevo bazaar full of copper and brass wares, antique rugs, wooden cigarette holders painted in bright colors, and old Olympics souvenirs. I remember eating in restaurants where platters were piled high with lamb, liver, and sausage – and one restaurant owner's confusion when I ordered only vegetable soup and a pastry.

I also remember a Sarajevan family telling me they were among the lucky few who had lost no family members...the weariness in my Muslim host's voice when he spoke of a Serbian friend he hadn't heard from in four years – a man who could be missing, or dead, or simply no longer his friend...the

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Day of Judgment

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I made my first trip to Bosnia and Croatia in early March of last year, three months after the signing in Dayton, Ohio, of the "Framework for the Achievement of Peace." On that trip I restricted my Bosnian itinerary to Tuzla and Bihac, the only two of the United Nations "safe havens" that weren't downright dangerous. Last October I returned to visit areas I'd missed in March, most notably Sarajevo, which was still under sporadic sniper fire. Naturally, I was eager to see how things had changed in the intervening seven months. How had the implementation of Dayton's non-military provisions

progressed? How much of the country had been rebuilt? How far had the people's attitudes evolved? The unfortunate, but not unexpected, answers ranged from "not much" to "not at all."

The Bosnia I saw last fall was still a country divided, principally at the behest of nationalistic Serb and Croat leaders who shun a multiethnic society. I discovered that Serb- and Croat-controlled areas issue their own license plates, which makes it impossible to travel inconspicuously from one zone to another. They use the Croatian *kuna* or Yugoslav *dinar* as legal tender, but not the Bosnian *dinar*, which is accepted only in areas under government control. It is impossible to make a phone call from one ethnic area to another — or

anywhere outside Bosnia — without standing in a line at the local post office.

In Sarajevo, deep wounds remain. The city's downtown high-rises bear pock-marked witness to three years of Serb artillery, mortar, and small-arms fire. In October not a single traffic light on the great East-West expressway (dubbed "Smiper Alley") was functioning. And while some sections of the city had survived, many cultural landmarks had been singled out for destruction. On the edge of Sarajevo's Turkish Quarter stood the crumbling hulk of the national library, the most photographed building in the former Yugoslavia, built by the Habsburgs as a repository for Bosnia's priceless Islamic art and literature.

CHARLES INGRAM



Graffiti on a shelled Sarajevo building welcomes visitors to "Hell."

MARK OLSEN

Members of a joint Bosnian and Croatian police unit on duty in Mostar.



CHARLES INGRAM

Journalists and politicians have identified the Yugoslav nightmare as the worst episode of European genocide since the Nazi-engineered holocaust of World War II. But none have noticed that both catastrophes arose from a century-long process that has seen the flight or execution of more than 30 million civilians belonging to central Europe's numerous ethnic minorities. Although today we think of Jews and Moslems as adversaries, in this brutal process they have shared a common fate. Under the multiethnic Habsburg and Ottoman empires, they lived alongside Christians, often pursuing careers as merchants and government officials. By 1914 the Jews of the Habsburg Empire comprised one-fifth of all university graduates and civil servants, although they made up less than 5 percent of its population; they held one-sixth of all military commissions, including two dozen generalships. And although the Habsburgs seized Bosnia from the Turks in 1878, the Moslem *Bosniaks* retained their status as landowners.

This coexistence ended with World War I and the triumph of Western-style nation-states. The 1919 peace treaties left Jews and Moslems stateless, placing them at the mercy of nationalist politicians bent on molding new societies in the image of their ethnic groups. The governments of Romania, Croatia, and Ukraine actually began liquidating Jews before the construction of the first German death camps – and with a brutality that shocked even Nazi officials.

Government-inspired persecution has continued during the present era. While anti-Semitism persists throughout the region, there are very few Jews left to persecute. Instead, it is the Balkan Moslems who most recently have suffered at the hands of nationalist zealots. The first Islamic pogroms began near the end of the Cold War; as early as 1984 Bulgaria began driving out roughly one-third of its 1 million Moslems. Three years later, Serbian strongman Slobodan Milosevic

stripped the overwhelmingly Albanian population of Kosovo of its autonomy.

When Milosevic's coup led to the breakup of Yugoslavia, he resolved to incorporate the Serbs of Bosnia and Croatia into a Greater Serbia. His desire to unify all Serbs was less abhorrent than it was impractical; centuries of colonization, emigration, and religious conversion had left the Serbs scattered across both republics. What made Milosevic the region's foremost war criminal was the sheer ruthlessness with which he overcame these obstacles. First, he used state-controlled media to convince Serbs they would be slaughtered by Islamic fundamentalists and World War II's Croatian Fascist *Ustasha*. Then he sent in paramilitary units, often supported by Yugoslav army artillery. The Serbs of Croatia and Bosnia created their own military, equipped and financed by Milosevic's government.

In the ensuing conflict, some 50,000 non-Serb women were raped and more than 2 million civilians were routed from their homes. A quarter-million people were killed, including tens of thousands of civilians who were executed *en masse* or gunned down by snipers. Churches, mosques, libraries, museums, and other cultural monuments were destroyed. Although all three sides committed atrocities, most of the victims have been Moslem *Bosniaks*. A CIA study found that 90 percent of the war crimes – and 100 percent of those organized by government officials – have been perpetrated by the Serbs.

What will be done to punish those responsible for these atrocities? The Dayton Accords stipulate that all parties will surrender anyone on their territory who has been indicted by the International War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague. The Bosnian government has long since handed over all three *Bosniaks* charged with war crimes. The government of Croatia has been less compliant, delivering only three of eighteen accused Croats; the rest move about freely in Croat-controlled areas. But it has been Slobodan Milosevic and his Bosnian Serb government that have made a mockery of Dayton's provisions by refusing to hand over a single one of fifty-four indicted war criminals. Their noncompliance has caused tension at the highest levels of U.S. government, with the State Department pushing for American troop involvement in making arrests and the Pentagon resisting such a move.

Even before the Dayton Accords were signed, Defense Department officials trimmed back the military's responsibility for apprehending war criminals from those proposed in the draft negotiated by Richard Holbrooke '62. The final draft obligated American soldiers to act only if they came into contact with criminals while performing their duties. Then, as the multinational Implementation Force (IFOR) began deploying in Bosnia, the Pentagon announced it was providing U.S. troops with photographs of war criminals. Yet last March I saw no photos posted at the U.S. checkpoints I visited.

In the Sarajevo suburb of Grbavica, a bombed-out apartment building sags forlornly.



In October I traveled to the Bosnian Serb capital of Pale and saw indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic drive right by United Nations police headquarters. Swedish and Austrian officers there told me that Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb Republic's wartime president, commutes regularly between his mountaintop hide-out and downtown Pale, where he continues to wield power behind the scenes. They insisted that "we have no mandate" to seize Karadzic — nor do they have the weapons and backup necessary to prevent them from being taken hostage.

While the Dayton Accords have stopped the killing and separated the belligerents, the arrest and trial of war criminals remains indispensable to achieving peace. Roughly 2.5 million Bosnian refugees are still waiting to return to their homes, mostly in Serb-held territory. But they cannot safely do so while the *Republika Srpska* is led by those who orchestrated the atrocities that drove them into exile. The *Bosniaks*, like the European Jews before them, have no future outside a multiethnic society. Three years of war and ethnic cleansing have relegated them to a landlocked enclave between Tuzla and Mostar, a Balkan ghetto that is neither economically viable nor easily defended.

Bismarck's observation that "the Balkans aren't worth the bones of a Pomeranian grenadier" explains much of the West's reluctance to take decisive action in Bosnia. But there are compelling reasons to bring the war criminals to The Hague. War-crimes trials, especially if televised, would have a cathartic effect on the region. Not only would they be therapeutic for the *Bosniaks*, the trials would discredit the state-controlled press that has convinced Serbs all sides in the war sinned equally. The trials would also enable the Serb people to disassociate themselves from their leaders and re-enter the international community, much as the German people did after Nuremberg.

Further, televised trials would be educational outside the Balkans. As Undersecretary of State Strobe Talbott recently pointed out, they would show Americans that the genocide in Bosnia was the work of ruthless individuals, not of an entire people. Our European allies would see how *their* leaders' lack of moral compass helped prolong and deepen the tragedy. Much as they did after the first European holocaust, war-crimes trials could help reunite Europe and the United States in more robust enforcement of international norms of behavior.

There is good reason to hope for a better day. Ambassador Robert Frowick told me in October about one early negotiating session during which the negotiators' *Bosniak*, Serb, and Croat bodyguards spent their time together chatting, drinking, and playing cards. In my hotel in Ilidza the night before, a fourteen-year-old Serb boy recounted how he has resumed his old friendships with *Bosniak* schoolmates since the suburb's return to government rule.

Nor can I forget a conversation with three university students in Mostar. As we walked across one of the city's new bridges, I asked whether they were *Bosniaks* or Croats. The young man laughed and pointed to his friends: "She's a Croat, she's a Serb, and I'm a *Bosniak*." When we parted, he turned to me and said, "Now you can tell your friends in America that you have met three civilized Bosnians." ☞

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Mortar Rose

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mass graves surrounding the former Olympic stadium . . . the orphanage children in Tuzla who lived in groups called "families" and the oldest boy, proud and shy, who was head of his "family." When we left, the children waved and called out, "Ciao, ciao!"

Last March I spent a week in Bosnia and Herzegovina with a team of mental-health specialists from the University of Missouri. I'd agreed to help team leader Dr. Syed Arshad Husain write a book about his experiences in Bosnia. A child psychiatrist in the United States who survived the ethnic cleansing in India and Pakistan in the 1940s, Husain travels frequently to Bosnia to train teachers as lay therapists so they can help children traumatized by the war.

West of Sarajevo, you'd never guess land mines are a hidden danger. The countryside looks untouched: blue-and-white mountain peaks rise behind clear rivers, haystacks reminiscent of folktales balance precariously on hillsides. But then our bus lumbers by a village, and we see the damage done by war to each of the square concrete houses clustered in the foothills. Mortar shells wrenched windows and doors out of their frames and shattered the glass, leaving gaping holes into the emptiness inside. I keep thinking "moonscape" as our bus rolls along the road to Sarajevo. The word doesn't literally describe what I see, but it expresses what I'm taking in: the uninhabitable barrenness left by the war.

Parts of Sarajevo look as if they've been crushed by a giant hand, and the empty shell of a skyscraper lurks over the city. Even intact buildings – such as the Kosevo University Psychiatric Clinic, where our training seminars are held – have opaque plastic sheeting in place of glass windows.

Our group clings to the relatively undamaged Old Town, where we are staying with host families. We see the four neighboring places of worship – mosque, synagogue, Roman Catholic church, and Orthodox church – that were once proud symbols of Sarajevo diversity. Bullets

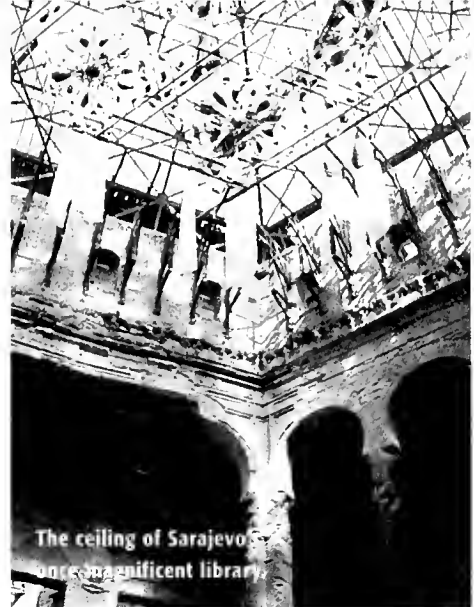
have pocked the windows of the Catholic church, and trash floats in rainwater by the deserted synagogue. Postwar healing is most evident in the nearby bazaar, where tiny, colorful shops reopen each day like spring flowers – although only foreign soldiers and humanitarian workers have money to spend.

One day the temperature approaches sixty degrees, and the narrow streets are crowded with people enjoying the air. The scene reminds me of the 1994 marketplace massacre in which a mortar shell killed more than sixty people tempted outside by an unusually warm February day. I visit that market and see the incongruously small scar the mortar has left in the asphalt. Sarajevans call these starburst-shaped marks "mortar roses."

Nearly everyone we meet is kind, from waiters to bank clerks to strangers I ask for directions. "*Nema problema*," they assure me; no problem. Each morning my hostess, Jennica, greets me with fruit and cookies; each evening she makes *chai* (herbal tea). She speaks no English and laughs when I pantomime sleeping or washing. By the end of the trip I have learned a dozen Bosnian words, including the unpronounceable name for bread: *hljeb*.

After their generosity, what I notice most about Bosnians is their exhaustion. The faces of people walking along roads fall into harsh lines of fatigue. Even the youngest teacher I meet has tired eyes. One woman who was hit in the back by shrapnel tells me she began to feel depleted only when the war ended. Life during the war was terrible, she says, but it's now that she wonders if she'll have the strength to get through each day.

Three images of postwar Bosnia haunt me. The first is the face of a woman in her thirties standing on a sidewalk among the tobacco-sellers in Sarajevo's market. Men on either side urged passersby to buy their goods, but this woman stood silently holding out two bags of loose tobacco. Her face looked stunned; her gaze veered sideways as if she might run away. I don't know if her role as a vendor on the noisy sidewalk was as unaccustomed and painful as it looked.



But I ached for the fear in her eyes.

The second memory is of the voice of a thirteen-year-old boy interviewed by Dr. Husain during a training session for teachers. The boy said his father had died of head injuries during the war; he had seen his father lying on the ground. Bent over with sobs, he described his father's wounds. When Dr. Husain asked gently if there was anyone he could talk to, the boy shook his head. His answer came like a cry from far away: "No one cares about me. Everyone has their own tragedies." His voice swelled with despair as if he were certain that no one – even in that room full of teachers reaching out beyond their own grief – would hear him.

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The Energizer Man

Using snappy slogans and Hershey's Kisses, Jeff Bercuvitz '84 leads

discouraged towns toward a future in which ordinary people find extraordinary success.

Jeff Bercuvitz is lost. He's driving his Honda wagon around the snowy streets of Lewiston, Maine, looking for the city's multipurpose center, where in five minutes he is scheduled to deliver a talk to eighty senior citizens. These elderly Mainers are among hundreds of people in Lewiston and neighboring Auburn who think their twin cities, known locally as L.A., are going downhill, burdened by a stagnant economy, directionless young people, and bickering between local factions. So they have turned to Bercuvitz, a self-described "community animator," to help them boost their spirits.

Bercuvitz has channeled his manic energy and unrelenting cheerfulness into an unlikely career. Hired by municipal governments, corporations, and civic groups, he prods residents and employees to conjure up modest, bake-sale-type projects that will inject their neighborhoods and workplaces with a little hope. One of Bercuvitz's rosy mottos – and there are many – is "Think big, start small."

At the moment, though, Bercuvitz is slightly panicked at the thought of keeping the seniors waiting. He flags down a pickup truck, and as a beefy, craggy-faced man rolls down the window, Bercuvitz pats his coat pockets and hauls out some of the Hershey's Kisses he uses to break the ice at his workshops. "How ya doing? Here, have some chocolate," he says to the driver, tossing candy through the truck window. Within seconds, the tough guy is smiling and pointing the way.

A few minutes later Bercuvitz is

working the multipurpose center – actually a school gymnasium – like a politician. Shaking hands with the men, flirting with the women, pressing chocolates into the hand of every person who crosses his path, he makes his way to the front of the room. For the next fifty minutes he tells stories about people in cities like Lewiston-Auburn who united to jumpstart their neighborhoods. They planted community gardens, cooked ethnic potluck dinners, turned abandoned roads into bike paths – all ideas that took root after Bercuvitz came to town and preached his gospel.

In a suit and tie that he claims to dislike and sporting closely cropped dark, curly hair, at first glance Bercuvitz cuts a restrained figure. So it's a little surreal when, at the end of his program, he urges the seniors to their feet and gets them to shout repeatedly, "Think big, start small!" like so many kindergarteners chanting nursery rhymes.

The session over, Bercuvitz shakes a few more hands and races out to the parking lot, already late for an appointment with the leaders of L.A.'s community-animation campaign. Flinging himself behind the wheel of his car, he starts the engine and takes one last look at the nondescript multipurpose center. "Hopefully," he says, "another group inspired."

It is a nebulous business, this "community animation." Part motivational speaker and part therapist, Bercuvitz essentially makes a living off his charisma and an almost naive belief in the power of positive thinking and doing. He pushes clients to take stock of their assets, no matter how insignificant they may seem. He encourages groups to compile "people pages" – lists of residents' skills and hobbies – and to put them to work. One person likes to knit? Start a knitting club and make sweaters for people who can't afford to buy them. Another spends weekends tramping in the woods outside town? Organize a group to take young recovering addicts hiking.

"Our society tends to look at what's missing, what people need, but that initiates a cycle of dependency," says Marci Scharle, an officer of Alberta Community Development in Alberta, Canada, who has worked with Bercuvitz numerous times. "Jeff starts with what people already have, and that makes them feel stronger." Some years ago Bercuvitz led a workshop in Alberta, where one town's long-term goal was to create jobs, especially for young people who seemed to spend all their time, adults complained, riding around on noisy all-terrain vehicles. How, Bercuvitz asked the workshop participants, could they put those kids' abilities to work?



The tools of
warms up for his
favorite ice cream

"There is opportunity in every problem," he says. Why not get the kids to provide all-terrain-vehicle tours around Alberta? Bercuvitz also led workshops for the police department in Edmonton, where gang crime was on the rise. One result was "Streets of Iron," a series of late-night jogs for police officers and gang members.

But the knitting club needs yarn and the hikers need transportation. Though one of Bercuvitz's slogans is "substitute creativity for cash," sometimes money is crucial. Many groups decide to solicit donations from merchants, corporate sponsors, and municipal governments. Then they dole out checks — no more than \$200 each — for high-visibility proposals that bring new groups of people together.

The idea behind community animation, says Bercuvitz, is to overcome inertia. Once people are successful with small, enjoyable ventures, they feel confident enough to tackle knottier challenges such

as job creation, environmental preservation, or substance-abuse prevention. But Bercuvitz doesn't stick around to help work out these root problems. He considers himself a catalyst who gets people going, then steps back as they travel the rest of the way themselves.

Meanwhile, like Johnny Appleseed sowing trees, Bercuvitz moves on to the next place: Chattanooga, Tennessee; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Durham, New Hampshire; Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Bercuvitz spends half of every month on the road. The rest of the time he works from his home base in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, or a satellite office in Strafford, Vermont. He mostly travels alone — just as well, since his pace would exhaust even a fellow workaholic.

Growing up in an energetic house-

hold in Montreal, where "one had to talk loudly and quickly to be heard," Bercuvitz was an anxious but confident teenager who played sports and threw himself into activities. At Brown he performed in student plays and musicals and worked on curriculum-review committees. Bercuvitz was taking a leave of absence from college, playing the lead in a Boston production of *Hair*, when he read a book by University Professor George Morgan titled *The Human Predicament: Dissolution and Wholeness*. "It captured me completely," says Bercuvitz, who begged Morgan to make room for him in his popular course, "Between Man and Man." "I was attracted to the way Morgan looks at things in unconventional ways," Bercuvitz says, "and to his passion and concern about the world."

Before completing his degree, Bercuvitz spent a year traveling with a girlfriend from commune to commune; he





A day of continuous brainstorming: During a session at the Lewiston, Maine, high school (left), Bercuvitz asks students how they could help brighten local spirits. Then it's off to Durham, New Hampshire, and lunch with community leaders (facing page) who are awarding small grants to "community animation" project proposals. Below: a rare quiet moment.



even briefly considered starting his own. Then he decided such small, self-centered worlds were not enough. "I was living in idyllic places," he says, "but when I'd go into diners in town and see people standing around talking, participating in a broader community, I'd think, 'My place is out here with everyone else.'"

Bercuvitz found work with Rodale Press, publisher of such magazines as *Organic Gardening* and *Prevention*, helping to administer the large chunk of profits Rodale spent on nonprofit and community-development programs. Bercuvitz became, he says sheepishly, Rodale's "golden boy," traveling the country with *carte blanche* to work on any project he deemed worthy. After four years he was ready to be his own boss, and in 1989 he launched his company, Community Innovations.

Bercuvitz's timing was perfect. While the problems faced by cities, towns, and other organizations aren't always new, today's leaders are more willing to ask outsiders for help. Corporations hire management consultants to tell them how to do business more effectively; civic groups hire Bercuvitz to involve people more effectively.

Sometimes, however, the line between helping business and helping people blurs. In Lewiston-Auburn and Durham,

New Hampshire, for example, Bercuvitz's fee is paid by Northern Utilities, a natural gas company that wants to be considered a decent neighbor instead of a faceless big business. Though Bercuvitz is careful to limit his work on behalf of corporations, in the end, he says, his work is the same no matter who finances it.

Bercuvitz wouldn't like to admit this to the people who attend his workshops, but doing good can wear a person down. Which is why he practices one of the maxims he teaches: have fun. Taking time to ski after a workshop in Alberta or spending extra time with his mother, who is recovering from cancer, gives Bercuvitz the juice he needs to perform. "I regard the work I do — helping people come up with creative ideas and taking the first steps toward making those ideas real — as an art form," he explains. "It doesn't matter to clients that I'm tired or that my mom has cancer. I *have* to be energized for them."

A cynic might dismiss Bercuvitz's work as feel-good gimmickry. But Maggie Chisholm, director of parks and recre-

ation in Lewiston, who helped run the L.A. community animation effort, says Bercuvitz was crucial in spurring people to take action. "He moved us, literally," she says. "Jeff fit into every group he spoke to, whether it was high-school kids or the Kiwanis. He was upbeat, gregarious, and full of ideas, but there was a calmness about him, a softness that put everybody at ease."

That means *everybody*. When Bercuvitz starts the four-hour drive home to Vermont after brainstorming with L.A. residents, he has to travel briefly on a toll highway. As he approaches the tollbooth, he fumbles on the dashboard, presumably looking for money. But when he stretches his arm toward the cashier and opens his fist, a Hershey's Kiss drops into her palm along with the correct change. A look of confused delight crosses her face. "Have a good night," Bercuvitz calls as he speeds into the darkness. ☞

CREAT MANAGE



Fresh out of Harvard Law in the early 1980s, Nancy Josephson got a job selling book rights to television and movie producers for a small entertainment-law firm in New York City. On her own time she scouted new writing talent on and off Broadway and at tapings of New York-based television shows. After seeing a production of *Personals*, an off-Broadway play about a group of young, single New Yorkers, Josephson convinced playwrights David Crane and Marta Kauffman she could help build their careers. Nine years later Crane, Kauffman, and colleague Kevin Bright created the hit TV series "Friends."

Today, as executive vice president in charge of television at International Creative Management (ICM) in Beverly Hills, Josephson manages the careers of some of Hollywood's heaviest hitters. Among them are Darren Star, the creator of "Melrose Place" and "Beverly Hills 90210," and Scott Adams, creator of the Dilbert comic strip. With hundreds of entertainers on its roster, including such names as Mel Gibson and Michelle Pfeiffer, ICM has clients working on nearly every project in Hollywood.

What makes a good agent? "I know what television networks want," Josephson says. "I'm a facilitator. My job is to put people in the right rooms with the right executives." In short, Josephson needs to know who's hot and who isn't. It is her job to convince production companies like Columbia, Tristar, or Universal that their multimillion-dollar investments in her clients will pull in audiences and pay handsome dividends. Once she gets a green light from a production company, she cuts a deal with one of the major networks to get her client's show into the best possible time slot.

Josephson also markets her clients — actors, writers, producers, and directors — to each other. When an talent agency such as ICM sells a show as a complete package, its cut of the network licensing

Star Maker

*She lit the books
in law school.*

*Now she pulls the strings
in Hollywood.*



fee represents a far more lucrative deal than would the commission for one client's services. So Josephson spends a lot of time and energy on matchmaking. "Tom Selleck is going to do a series for CBS in the fall," Josephson reveals, "and we're trying to find the right writer-producer for him. Without a good script, there's no show."

When Josephson decided to become a full-time agent ten years ago, she made up her mind that it wouldn't be with ICM, which her father founded in 1971. Semi-retired now, Marvin Josephson still casts a big shadow; he works for such select clients as Margaret Thatcher, Colin Powell, Henry Kissinger, and Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York. Josephson didn't want that shadow following her around. But in 1987 a senior ICM executive overcame her reservations and talked her into joining the family business. With her husband, David Stern, Josephson moved to Los Angeles and began working in ICM's business affairs department. Using the skills she'd honed in New York turning books into movies and television shows, she carved a unique niche at ICM — no one else at the agency was doing similar work. Today the agency has an entire sales division for television and motion-picture dramatic rights.

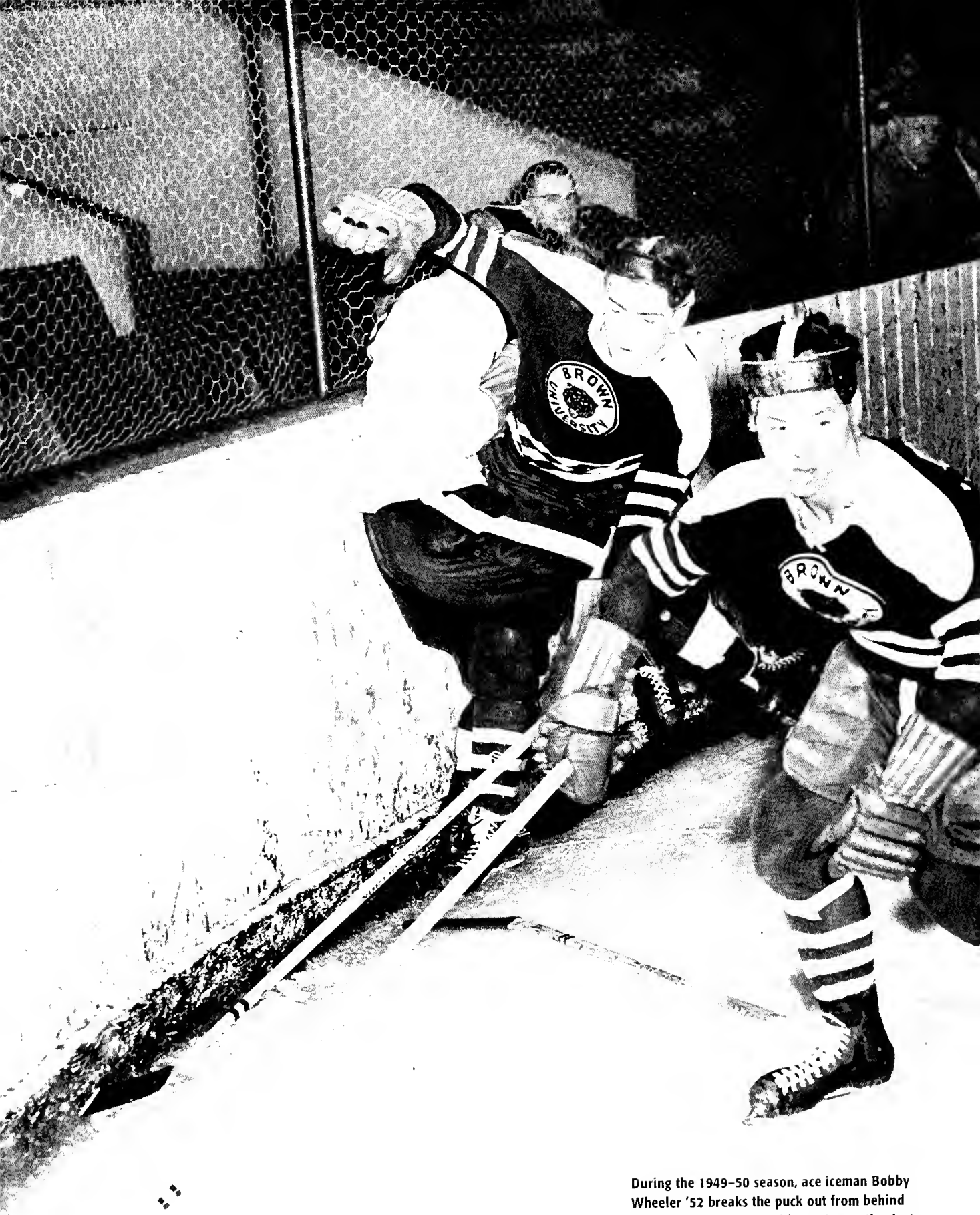
Josephson's nose for good writing and her ability to turn catchy stories into big bucks helped her scale the ranks. Within five years she was head of ICM's television literary department, and in 1995 she

was put in charge of the entire television department. Last year she led ICM to its best television season in ten years with such shows as "Friends," "Nash Bridges," "Caroline in the City," and "The Simpsons." A slow and steady rise to the top is hardly common in an industry built on the ephemera of fame, but throughout her career Josephson has kept her focus firmly on her clients. "My father gave me one piece of advice," she says: "Sign clients and keep them."

She has an admitted edge in hanging onto clients. ICM's connections provide her with an abundant supply of the most valuable commodity in show business — information. "If one of our clients wants to write a movie about an angel," she explains, "we can tell him there are three angel movies in production right now and John Travolta's in one of them. We can tell him that we might not be able to sell his concept. Being an agent is not just about getting the next job," she adds. "It's about coming up with a strategic game plan."

One of her greatest challenges, Josephson admits, is balancing her professional and personal game plans. Her husband, who is vice president of the Showtime network, and their two young children are Josephson's highest priority. Even though she travels several weeks every year and has to work nights when her clients' pilots go into production, she never misses a Friday-night shabbat with her family at home.

Being a working mom, however, hasn't hurt Josephson's career. For the past two years she's landed on the *Hollywood Reporter's* list of the top twenty-five most important women in entertainment. When Josephson pulls her car into the lot at Morton's, a Beverly Hills restaurant favored by Robin Williams and Steve Martin, the attendant scurries to open the door on her Lexus and greets her by name. These days Nancy Josephson doesn't go looking for talent; the stars come looking for her. ∞



During the 1949-50 season, ace iceman Bobby Wheeler '52 breaks the puck out from behind Brown's goal at the Providence Arena, thanks to defenseman Jake Murphy's ('52) block of a Harvard player. Brown went on to beat Harvard, 7-2.

1927 70th Reunion

The 70th reunion of the class of 1927 will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 23-26. If you have any questions or suggestions please call reunion headquarters at (401) 863-1947. Remember to save the dates.

1932 65th Reunion

Plans are underway for the 65th reunion of Pembroke and Brown classes to be held May 23-26. Please watch your mail for more information this spring, or call reunion headquarters (401) 863-1947; Pembroke chair **Dot Budlong** (401) 331-8474; or Brown chair **Rev. Byron Waterman** (203) 376-2228.

The Rev. **Frederic P. Williams** retired as chairman of the standing commission on church music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis on August 4. At a ceremony to celebrate his nineteen years with the congregation, he recounted some of the milestones of his career: "I've celebrated the Eucharist, preached, made hundreds of hospital calls, had baptisms, burials, and the joy of weddings. I've been a part of so many lives, and it's been a great privilege. I will miss being a celebrant, but I will join the congregation and lend my voice to the singing of hymns I love." On October 3, Frederic celebrated his 88th birthday and the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

1933

Elizabeth Partridge Green, Pawtucket, R.I., has retired after more than thirty years as chair of the scholarship committee for the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church.

1935

W. Wallace Buxton, engineers **Bruce H. Ritenburg Jr.**, **Paul L. Paulsen**, **John A. Jost**, **H. Brainard Fancher**, and their spouses held their annual mini-reunion at Spring Lake,

N.J., in October. John was host. "We spent three days relaxing, sightseeing, and reminiscing," Wallace writes. "We've already planned next year's get-together at the same place in late May. We expect to see more of our engineers and spouses then."

1936

Lt. Col. **Alcide Santilli**, U.S.A.R., helped reorganize flight-training programs for the CAP-New Mexico Wing in July. He teaches new cadets how to fly solo in gliders.

Howard D. and **Ruth Tenenbaum Silverman**, East Greenwich, R.I., were awarded an Alumni Service Award in October. Alumni leaders for six decades, they have managed and coordinated such programs as biannual newsletters and off-year reunion gatherings. They are recruiters for Brown and have worked on behalf of the Annual Fund.

1937 60th Reunion

The Pembroke and Brown reunion committees have been busy making plans for our 60th to be held Memorial Day weekend, May 23-26. If you have any questions or suggestions please call reunion headquarters at (401) 863-1947. Remember to save the dates.

Marguerite Pearson has moved from New England to Manhattan, Kan. "My niece has an apartment attached to her house, and I live there with my 4-year-old dachshund," she writes. "The Kansans are generally friendly and helpful — as Midwesterners are supposed to be — but I miss Connecticut and my friends." She can be reached at 331 N. 14 St., Manhattan, Kan. 66502.

1940

Donald H. Amidon and his wife, Doris, Newington, Conn., celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in September. They spent a four-day weekend on Block Island with their three daughters and their sons-in-law. "Being in the Point Judith area brought to mind visiting Salt Pond with **Andy Sinclair** and his family a few days after the Hurricane of '38," Donald writes. "What destruction!"

Walter C. Gummere, Louisville, Ky., continues to teach. He recently completed a business-policy and strategy course at the University of Louisville. "Off to England and the continent in September," he writes. "It will be our fourteenth trip. In Canada last August I met Dale Armstrong, captain of the 1948 Dartmouth eleven."

Margaret Butterfield Hyde writes that in July she attended her second Butterfield family reunion. "I am the 'matrarch' of a family of over 100," she writes. "Some came from Florida, Washington, and Iowa." Margaret recently visited her daughter and family in Syracuse, where she helped celebrate grandson Tim's 11 birthday. "Chris is 16, and Katie, 19, voted this year," Margaret adds.

1942 55th Reunion

The reunion committee has been busy making plans for our 55th to be held Memorial Day weekend, May 23-26. If you have any questions or suggestions please call reunion headquarters at (401) 863-1947. Remember to save the dates.

1943

The class held a mini-reunion at the Faculty Club on October 26 after Brown's victory at the Homecoming football game. In attendance were Ruth and **Raymond Abbott**, Ann and **Walter Sammartino**, Priscilla and **Francis Parkhurst**, Ginny and **Ben Beachen**, Dori and **Earl Nichols**, Gloria and **Bob Radway**, **Bill Sullivan**, and **George Joelson**. Class president **Carol Taylor Carlisle** and her husband, **Bob**, were not able to make the gathering. We had you both in mind, and we especially send our love and regards to Bob, who is recovering from knee surgery. We hope to see his smiling face at another class get-together real soon. — *Bob Radway*

Jay H. Rossbach, Palm Beach, Fla., writes that last summer was very hot, but "we are still alive and kicking." He is chairman of the Palm Beach County chapter of the American Red Cross. He recently spoke to **Tom Burns** and **Bud O'Brien**, who are both well and happy.

Isabel Howard Alexander, Lindsay, Okla., recently completed a five-year term on the board of Lindsay Municipal Hospital, serving as vice chairman the last two years. She has been appointed to the state council on aging for a three-year term. "I really miss my travel buddy **Marcella Hance**," she writes. "Usually at this time of year we would have had a trip planned. Last year we were in York, England. I was in Rhode Island last February and was able to visit with her before she died."

1945

Jim Pignataro writes that he is semi-retired

WHAT'S NEW?

Please send the latest about your job, family, travels, or other news to *The Classes*, Brown Alumni Monthly, Box 1854, Providence, R.I. 02912; fax (401) 863-9599; e-mail B.A.M@brownvn.brown.edu. Deadline for May classnotes: February 15.

'FDR Calling'

A recent *BAM* editor's note ("Sliding Down the Years," December) inspired alumnus Silverman, of Waban, Massachusetts, to share his wartime memories of Brown.

"The college we entered in September 1941 was far different from the Brown of today," Silverman writes. "With 1,200 students it was the smallest in the Ivy League. Ninety percent of its students came from New England and the Middle Atlantic. We had a few from the Midwest, but I can't remember any from the West Coast. About half of our freshmen were from exclusive prep schools. We had two or three foreign students and the same number of minorities.

"I lived in an off-campus dorm, Warren House, on lower George Street. All rooms came with daily maid service. Our maid, Sadie, not only cleaned our room and made up the beds, she also took in our daily milk delivery and carefully placed the bottle in our 'refrigerator' – otherwise known as our window sill.

"On George Street I often met an upper-classman who lived in Beta House, and we walked to our 8 a.m. class together. From Maine, he was quiet and laid-back. His name was Lincoln Rockwell ['42], and he became head of the American Nazi Party.

"When I needed weekend rides home, I went with Ernie or Rod. Ernie was Ernie Savignano '42, then captain of the football team and one of Brown's great fullbacks. Rod was



Richard Silverman today (left) and in his 1947 yearbook photograph.

Rod Prendergast '45, a handsome Joe College type. He had a long raccoon coat, a silver hip flask, and a vintage Ford. One of the biggest shocks of my young life came when I was sitting in Faunce House lounge on a Sunday morning and heard over the radio that Rod was among the casualties in the Cocoanut Grove fire the night before.

"To help pay my tuition (\$550 per year) I worked as a busboy in the Faunce House cafeteria. When I was promoted to waiter in the Pine Room, Brown's top eating establishment, my pay jumped from twenty-five to thirty cents an hour. Professors, out-of-town guests, and wealthy students dined in the Pine Room. The waiters wore white jackets, and a four-course roast beef dinner cost eighty-five cents.

"I also worked on the Brown switchboard in the cellar of Slater Hall. Two women operated the old-fashioned plug board during the day, and students worked the night shifts. Among the amusing calls we fielded were those from a mother-and-daughter team who worked as 'ladies of the night.' They knew which were the most expensive dorms; Hege-man Cottage was their favorite target.

"One evening the long-distance operator came on and said to me, 'The President of the United States is calling President Wriston of

queried the caller, and I heard FDR himself reply yes, it was urgent. Later it was rumored that President Wriston was being considered for Secretary of State."

Silverman's college days were interrupted by World War II; he joined the U.S. Army's enlisted reserves at Brown. In early 1943 the Brown unit, 150 strong, was shipped to Fort Devens in Mississippi. One bitter memory stands out: "We had filed into our barracks when a buck sergeant screamed, 'Hey, you, what the hell are you doing in here?' The object of his wrath was Charlie Bentley '44, a black star footballer and one of the nicest upperclassmen I knew. 'Pick up your kit and follow me to the nigger section,' barked the sergeant, turning toward the door with Charlie in tow. The experience must have been devastating for Charlie. Those of us who witnessed this barbaric act were aghast – this was a segregated army! – and mortified. We never saw Charlie again."

Trained as a cryptographer for the U.S. Army Air Corps, Silverman later participated as a combat soldier in the D-Day invasion of Normandy. He returned home with five battle stars and re-enrolled at Brown in early 1946, completing his degree in 1947. – *Anne Diffily*

but still consulting. He can be reached at 721 Bluewood Dr., Huntsville, Ala. 35802; jpignat267@aol.com.

1947 50th Reunion

The 50th reunion committee has put together a weekend that should be filled with treasured memories. Please make your plans to return to your alma mater on May 23–26. Your presence will provide the spirit of friendship and fellowship needed for a successful reunion. If you have not received a mailing please call

reunion headquarters at (401) 863-1947. Don't miss this special one!

Richard H. Bube completed his fourth year as emeritus professor of materials science and electrical engineering at Stanford. "During the year I taught two courses and served as chair of five Ph.D.-exam committees in physics and chemistry and as a member of three other committees in materials science and engineering." Richard recently published, with co-author David Redfield, *Photoduced Defects in Semiconductors* with Cambridge Press. He has accepted an invitation to write a new book, *Photovoltaic Materials*, for

Imperial College Press, London. The book will focus on the area in which he has carried out research over the past twenty-five years. He is editor of his department's alumni newsletter for the twentieth consecutive year and is teaching at local churches using his book, *Putting It All Together: Seven Patterns for Relating Science and Christian Faith*, published by University Press of America in 1995.

1948

The Pembroke Class of 1948 received the Asso-

ciation of Class Officers' Award at an October 12th luncheon on campus. Recognized for our exceptional program of activities, we were the sole recipients of the honor this year. Our focus has been our resumed- education scholarship for women, which was initiated at our 25th reunion. The goal was \$25,000, and we raised \$32,000. So far we have given support to twelve students. We now have a capital sum of \$43,906 in that fund. Let's increase it! We are less than two years away from our 50th reunion, and we are anxious to raise the scholarship funds to a new mark this year. Let's all support this worthwhile endeavor. — *Nancy Cantor Eddy*

Perla Raijman De Arditi has retired after thirty years of teaching college-level English. "I miss my classes and my students," she writes. Perla lives in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with her husband, who owns a pharmaceutical-products laboratory. They welcome any Brown friends visiting Buenos Aires and can be reached at 552-3812.

1949

Clotilde Sonnino Treves, Rome, announces the birth of a third grandchild, Andrew Francis Treves, on Sept. 10. Clotilde is still hosting and guiding art workshops in Italy.

1952 45th Reunion

Plans for an active weekend are well under way. Reserve May 23–26 to return to Providence. The committee has planned a memorable weekend that will have something for everyone — you won't want to miss this one. Come to your 45th and join the fun. If you have not received a reunion mailing, please contact reunion headquarters at (401) 863-3380.

Marshall H. Cannell took early retirement from the MITRE Corp., Bedford, Mass., in 1991. He has been pursuing a second career in theater arts as a technical director for drama activities at the Moses Brown School in Providence and the Wellesley, Mass., middle and high schools. He teaches a drama course at the middle school and lends a hand in lighting and set design to community theater organizations.

1953

Suzanne Griffiths Bower and her husband, **Glenn** '52, Pinehurst, N.C., announce the marriage of their daughter, **Emily** '83, to Simon LaHaye of Montreal. The ceremony was performed by Brown Professor of Medicine Mitchell Levy on Sept. 1 at Karme-Choling, Barnet, Vt. A number of Brown alumni attended, including family members **Andrew Griffiths** '62, **Priscilla Bower Smyth** '87, and **Katherine Griffiths** '92. **Pamela Bower Basso** '77 and her husband, **Jake** '77, who also attended the wedding, are the proud parents of Elizabeth, born Dec. 6, 1995.

Dr. Lawrence J. Clipper has retired in West Palm Beach, Fla. "We seem to spend our time traveling — to China, to the Pacific Coast — recovering from traveling, or planning the next trip," he writes. "And, of course, the usual diet of reading, reading, reading."

Florence Sternbach Futersak, Warwick, R.I., continues as a caseworker for the department of human services in Providence. Her husband, David, is a commercial artist. Their daughter, Linda Segal, and her husband, Michael, live in Wayne, Pa., and have one child. Son Bill and his wife, Karen, live in Stonybrook, N.Y., with their three children.

John M. McIsaac Jr., East Granby, Conn., is enjoying retirement with lots of volunteer work for the local conservation commission. He is president of the historical society and chairman of the library board.

Barbara Carucci Venditti, York, Pa., retired last June from teaching in the York City School District.

Mary H. Swope, San Francisco, writes, "After thirty years of teaching art I've 'graduated' and am now able to decide how to use all this time. I don't describe myself as a retiree, but as an artist, taking inspiration from Father Sarducci: 'How would you like to sit around all day long drinking espresso coffee with your friends and talking about stuff that you know absolutely nothing about? If the answer is yes, perhaps you should become an artist.'"

1956

Joseph S. Bobrow, Elkins Park, Pa., announces his marriage last May to Mary Egbert. Joseph has joined the staff of the Renaissance Healthcare Network in New York City after twenty-eight years in private practice as an obstetrician/gynecologist in New York, Wyoming, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania. He also works with the department of obstetrics and gynecology at Harlem Hospital Center, which is affiliated with Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. He splits his time between direct patient care and teaching medical students and residents.

Barbara Wheeler Lees, San Luis Obispo, Calif., is sorry to have missed the 40th reunion in May. She and her husband were in Europe, where he competed in the Senior Racewalk Championships. "I'm living a happy life of music, grandchildren, and travel," she writes.

1957 40th Reunion

A tribute to our college days is being planned, and we want you to be there. Being there is what a reunion is all about. Save the dates, May 23–26. Join the class in a celebration of our 40th reunion. If you have not received a mailing, please contact reunion headquarters at (401) 863-1947.

Hal Brown married Sue Beard (Westminster College '59) on Sept. 2, 1995. Hal is

CEO at Splendid Printing Inc., where his son, Rick, is president. His older son, Cliff (Georgia Tech '86), is president and majority owner of Hukk Engineering Inc. in Norcross, Ga. Hal's nephew is **Jeffrey Brown** '95. '99 M.D. Hal and Sue can be reached at 6579 Hickory Meadow Dr., Chattanooga 37421; 104272.1246@compuserve.com.

Royal C. Hudson Jr., retired from the active practice of radiology last May, after eleven years in the Navy, sixteen years in private practice, and nine years in the Army. "The Air Force decided I was too old to wear the light-blue uniform," he writes. "I moved to Brookline (Mass.) to be near my two daughters, and right now much of my time is occupied trying to master the little white ball." He can be reached at 76 Marshall St., #1, Brookline 02140; royhud@ix.netcom.com.

Monte E. Wetzler has been named a partner at the New York City law office of Brown, Raysman, Mellstein, Felder & Stemer. Previously he was a partner, chairman of the corporate department, and executive-committee member at Whitman, Breed, Abbott & Morgan. Monte specializes in securities law, public offerings, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and venture-capital issues. A member of the American Bar Association, he served on the New York State Bar Association's executive committee. He was a lecturer at the University of Virginia Law School and participated in programs for the Practising Law Institute. His articles have appeared in *Finance* magazine and the *University of Virginia Law Review*.

1959

Robert Feldman (see **Stephen Feldman** '89).

David G. Hoiles Sr. (see **Victoria Hoiles** '89).

Arthur C. Lamb Jr., Davis, Calif., has been appointed medical director of the California Department of Mental Health program in Vacaville, Calif. He continues in his private practice of forensic psychiatry.

Jane Allison Lean writes, "We are enjoying retirement in northern Michigan — despite 186 inches of snow our first year!" She can be reached at jlean@alens.com.

Linda Logowitz Zindler, Brookline, Mass., recently traveled to Ukraine with Project Kesher to work with Jewish women.

1960

Linda Blackman Feldman (see **Stephen Feldman** '89).

Alan D. Carver, Long Branch, N.J., retired from the communications and electronics command of the U.S. Army in 1995. When he is not golfing or walking the boardwalk, Alan works for his daughter's company, Howarth Design Services, an employment service in Manchester, N.H.

Hugh N. Fryer, Rye, N.Y., received his master's in classics from N.Y.U. in May.

C. MARTIN LAWYER III '63

1961

David Connell became a grandfather on Aug. 11 (see **Torri Connell Horovitz** '90).

Gordon H. Fay's first grandchild, Kelly Greene Fay, was born to Robert and Laura Fay on Sept. 12 in Fort Myers, Fla.

Richard B. Grant, Kingston, R.I., writes that his company, R.B. Grant Newsletter, helped Harvard Business School Publishing win first prize, "best of show" category, in the National Paper Box Association's annual packaging showcase competition.

Ellen Shaffer Meyer, Wilmington, Del., received an Alumni Service Award in October. A longtime class officer, she served on the board of governors of the Alumni Association and is president of the Brown Club of Delaware, where she has initiated many public-service projects.

1962 35th Reunion

Remember, May 23-26 will be your only chance to attend the 35th reunion. We look forward to seeing you back at Brown! If you or anyone you know did not receive our first mailing in the fall, please call (401) 863-3380.

Kenneth Blackman (see **Stephen Feldman** '89).

Nancy Otto Low, president and CEO of Nancy Low & Associates Inc., Chevy Chase, Md., announces the opening of a new office in Phoenix. NL&A is an award-winning market research and communications firm.

Alan Rosenus received the Spur Award for the best biography of 1995 from the Western Writers of America and the Editor's Award for Historical Scholarship from the Sonoma County Historical Society. His book, *General M.G. Vallejo and the Advent of the Americans*, was published in June 1995 by the University of New Mexico Press. It describes Vallejo's life between 1807-90 and chronicles California's transformation from a Mexican-held territory to an American state.

1963

Michael A. Cardozo, Scarsdale, N.Y., has been elected president of the New York City Bar Association.

Joel Cohen, music director of the Boston Camerata, conducted the Otaré Pit Band in a performance of Kurt Weill's American debut work, "Johnny Johnson," on Nov. 7 and 9 in Boston.

Joseph Freni Jr. is president and founder of Trianon Hotel Co., a consulting, management, and equity-participation firm in Naples, Fla. He can be reached at Trianon Center, 850 Park Shore Dr., Suite 200, Naples 34103; (941) 403-3900.

Liberal Lawyer



COURTESY MARTIN LAWYER

If liberals have gone out of political fashion in recent years, then Marty Lawyer is about as trendy as an Edsel. Not only is he a self-described aging lib-

eral; he's spent his entire career employed as a legal-aid attorney, a profession that, from a certain point of view, qualifies him as one of the lowliest forms of bleeding heart. So, with credentials like these, why is Marty Lawyer asking the Supreme Court to overturn a Florida redistricting plan designed to make it easier to elect African-Americans?

"Blame it on Elmer Cornwell," he says, referring to the political-science professor who, during Lawyer's undergraduate years, taught him the advantages of the American electoral system. Almost three years ago Lawyer was one of six plaintiffs - three of them African-American - who filed suit against a reconfiguration of greater Tampa's State Senate District 21. Lawyer and his fellow plaintiffs argued that the new, geographically baroque district, designed to increase its number of minority voters, was in fact racial gerrymandering. After a federal three-judge panel agreed, state legislative leaders negotiated a compromise, which

was approved by all but one plaintiff: Marty Lawyer. On October 15 the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear *Lawyer v. U.S. Department of Justice*; oral arguments are due to begin February 9.

The recent practice of redrawing voting maps to create more minority districts has grown out of a concern that too few elected officials are African-American. Lawyer and other critics argue that the trend has had the unintended consequence of "bleaching" nearby voting districts. Combining minority neighborhoods into a single district, he says, results in fewer minority voters in the neighboring districts, leading to a patchwork of oddly shaped and racially homogenous pieces. In Florida, he maintains, racial redistricting has actually increased the number of white conservatives in the state legislature, which may explain why so many white Republicans in the state have supported the reengineering of District 21.

Lawyer, who says he cofounded Tampa's first integrated law firm, insists he's fighting the redistricting not on political grounds but on constitutional principle. "I'm pro-integrationist and anti-segregationist," he explains. "I reject the idea that a black person can't be adequately represented by a white person or that a white person can't be adequately represented by a black person. People should not be looked at as white voters or black voters. That's demeaning." The Supreme Court will likely decide the case early this summer. - *Norman Boucher*

Lee A. Korhummel, Chicago, and several partners have formed a new investment banking firm, Chicago Capital. The firm provides investment brokerage services, produces economic research, and is engaged in corporate finance activities. Lee serves as senior management director.

1964

Ann Welsh Acheson, Bangor, Maine, writes, "I was a victim of 'downsizing' last year, when my position as quality assurance director at Bangor Mental Health Institute

was abolished. I am currently holding a part-time, temporary position on a research grant in the Maine Office of Substance Abuse as a comprehensive health planner, and I am teaching anthropology part-time at the University of Maine over its ITV network. Daughter Liz graduated from Vassar in May and is off to New York to try to get a job in the film industry; daughter **Kate** will graduate from Brown in 1997 with a concentration in development studies. Son Daniel, a senior in high school, is in the midst of applying to colleges, including Brown."

Carolyn Gahagan Carroll (see **Michael M. Carroll** '65 Ph.D.).

JoAnne Rabold Connell became a grandmother on Aug. 11 (see **Torri Connell Horovitz** '90).

Elizabeth Kline Landers has joined Merrill Lynch in Mill Valley, Calif., as a financial consultant.

1965

Bruce K. Brahe II, Arlington, Va., recently attended a Washington black-tie gala held by the Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation. Present were Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, service secretaries, and representatives of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. At a British ambassador's reception for the founding members of the American Air Museum in Oxford, England, Bruce chatted with veterans Charlton Heston and Prince Andrew, Duke of York. Bruce attended the dedications of the Vietnam and Korean war veterans memorials, is a supporter of several humanitarian and Christian international relief organizations, and volunteers with wounded veterans and war refugees through his church.

1966

Martha Cornog, Philadelphia, and her husband, Timothy Perper, published *For Sex Education, See Librarian: A Guide to Issues and Resources* (Greenwood Press) in September. The book is a how-to manual for librarians interested in providing access to materials on sexuality. It helps clarify access guidelines and collection criteria as well as recommending specific titles. Previously Martha and her husband published *Libraries, Erotica, and Pornography* (Oryx Press, 1991).

1967 30th Reunion

Don't forget to make your plans now to return to campus for our 30th, May 23-26 as the dates to join old and new friends. We plan to bring back old memories and establish new ones. If you have not received your first mailing, please contact reunion headquarters at (401) 863-1947.

Lewis H. de Siefé was appointed director of trade marketing for CRN International in October. Previously Lewis was director of marketing and promotions for Jam Marketing Services and worked at Gage Marketing Group, A.C. Nielsen, Continental Banking, and No Nonsense. He is chairman of the New York tri-state chapter of the Promotion Marketing Association of America.

Jeff Hitz writes, "A classmate in the September *BAM* spoke of my then-current state of being 'between jobs.' I'm pleased to provide an update: on May 13, I joined Candlewood Hotel Co. as vice president for real estate. I'm excited by the opportunity and pleased that I did not have to relocate. We're building a new house here in Wichita, Kan.,

where we've lived for seven years." Jeff can be reached at jhitz@southwind.net.

Donald P. Gleiter, after twenty-seven years as an aerospace engineer for the U.S. Navy and four years at Boeing, took early retirement this summer to avoid relocation due to a base closing. He is now a staff systems engineer at Lockheed Martin Management and Data Systems, Valley Forge, Pa., designing satellite ground stations. Donald's youngest daughter is a trumpet player in the local high school marching band, which played at the Alamo Bowl in December. His oldest son, Dan, was married last summer.

Michael J. Hutter received a distinguished service award from Albany Law School. Regarded as one of the state's best appellate lawyers, Michael has been a member of the Albany Law School faculty since 1976. He is a consultant on antitrust and unfair-trade litigation to law firms in Albany, New York City, and Washington, D.C.

Carl J. Klunder has opened a law firm in Irvine, Calif., specializing in insurance law. He has recently been testifying as an expert witness. "It's a totally different perspective on what happens in the courtroom," he writes. He would love to hear from old Brumaire members and can be reached at 4500 Cortland, Corona Del Mar, Calif. 92625.

Thomas C. O'Keefe III reports that his son, **Daniel**, will graduate in 1997. Dan has been president, chairman, and CEO of Brown Student Agencies. He is also president of Delta Phi, vice chair of the Greek Council in charge of rush, and a class representative to the Undergraduate Council of Students. Tom's daughter, **Megan**, will graduate in 1998 and hopes to attend medical school.

Steve Parr is deputy headmaster of Japan International School in Tokyo. He married Yoshiko Sato in 1992, and they have a son, Julian. Steve has been unable to find **Colin Rammelkamp** "Anyone know where he is?" Steve can be reached at jsparr@shrine.cyber.ad.jp

Ross Marlay writes, "Twenty-two articles written by me appear in the two-volume *Historical Dictionary of the British Empire*, published recently by Greenwood Press. Among them are articles on Burma, Tibet, Fiji, Nepal, and Kashmir."

Antoinette Tingley Schleyer, Warwick, R.I., is director of production (electronic prepress and graphic arts) at the American Mathematical Society in Providence. Tom also coordinates the International Friendship Program at International House, which matches international students at Brown and RISD with local hosts.

William D. Singsen's son, Doug, attends Haverford College – not Hartford College as was stated in the November Classes. We regret the error.

1968

Joel P. Bennett was given special recognition

for service to the legal community at the annual Bar Association of D.C. banquet in December.

Susan Chase owns a horse farm and training facility in St. Augustine, Fla. "Almost all my traveling is confined to horse shows," she writes. "I made it as far Darien, Conn., last summer."

Nancy Gowen, Lynn, Mass., married Garry Keil on June 11, 1994. "Two dogs, baseball, tennis, skiing, and dealing with an old house fill our spare time," she writes.

Stanley N. Griffith married Ann Schanfler on June 22 in Lexington, Mass. Stanley's son, Andrew, 15, and daughter, Margaret, 13, and Ann's daughter, Jessica, 24, and son, Sasha, 14, all took part in the ceremony and celebration.

1969

Richard Blackman (see **Stephen Feldman** '89).

Cornelia Dean was appointed science editor of *The New York Times* in November and assumed the post in January. She oversees daily coverage by the paper's fifteen-member science staff, as well as the Tuesday Science Times section. Previously she was a deputy Washington editor for the *Times*.

Willard Marsden, Arlington, Va., retired from the U.S. State Department and took a year off to spend time with his wife and daughter, sail, and learn about computers. In September he was appointed director of corporate security at Mtel (SkyTel) in Jackson, Miss. Bill's wife, Mary Crannell, is a senior partner with Leadership 2000, an organizational-development company. Their daughter, Elizabeth, is 5. He can be reached at bmarsden@mtel.com.

Eric Rodenburg writes, "Since you last heard from me sometime in the mid-1970s, I left Afghanistan, traveled through South and Southeast Asia and Oceania, traveled around the U.S., worked on a trout farm in Idaho, renovated a house in Vermont, studied anthropology in California, lived in Bali for a year or so, worked as international sales manager for a computer graphics firm, was a senior analyst for USAID's Famine Early Warning System, and since 1989 have been a senior associate of the World Resources Institute and research director of the World Resources Report Series. I am the proud single dad of a twelve-year-old daughter, and I do strange men's stuff in the woods – accompanied by drums and bonfires when possible." Eric can be reached at 1601 N. Taylor St., Arlington, Va. 22207; eric@erols.com.

Karen Seabury has moved to the country from Washington, D.C. She continues to work for IBM, commuting from a different airport. She can be reached at Route 4, Box 4029-D, 223 Old Hawthorne Rd., Hawthorne, Fla. 32640; home (352) 481-5540; work (301) 803-3352; seabury@vnet.ibm.com.

Catherine Blumlein Strauss was named vice president of human resources at

Harleysville Insurance Co., Harleysville, Pa., in September. Catherine and her husband, Jerry, live in Wyndmoor, Pa., with their children, Jordan and Liz.

1970

Alex Gordon is renovating and adding to his 1926 Greek Revival bungalow near downtown Eugene, Ore. Folks interested in art, architecture, and historical preservation are welcome to stop by and have a look. Alex lives at 768 W. Broadway, Eugene 97402.

Eric Johnson won the Allan Sharlin Book Award of the Social Science History Association for *Urbanization and Crime: Germany 1871-1914*, published by Cambridge University Press. A professor of history at Central Michigan University, Eric is working on a major study of the Nazi justice system. Eric and his wife, Mary, have two boys, Ben and John. This note was submitted by **Steve Hochstadt** '83 Ph.D.

Christine Sweck Love was appointed executive director of the University of Chicago's alumni association on Nov. 15. She is responsible for planning, managing, and evaluating services and programs for the university's 100,000 alumni. Assistant vice president for alumni relations at Brown from 1989 to 1996, Chris initiated public service programs, oversaw development of on-line discussion courses and a web site, and led Brown's program to a Grand Gold Medal from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education in 1993.

Paul A. Meyers, Riverdale, N.Y., delivered his daughter, **Rachel** '00, to Morris Hall for freshman orientation on Aug. 28. She lives in the same dorm room as did her aunt, **Kim Meyers Zagorsky** '71.

Glenn S. Orton is working on the atmospheric investigation of Jupiter with NASA's Galileo probe and orbiter mission. He co-wrote an article in a May issue of *Science* on the atmospheric properties of the probe entry site and an October article on the results of the photopolarimeter-radiometer investigation from the orbiter's first encounter last June. "When not at home in Arcadia, Calif., or working at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena," he writes, "I'm at the summit of Maunakea, at NASA's infrared telescope facility." On October 27 Glenn used the ten-meter Keck telescope, also in support of the investigation of Jupiter's atmosphere. He supervised many undergraduate students at JPL in Caltech's summer undergraduate research fellowship program, but didn't see any from Brown. He can be reached at go@orton.jpl.nasa.gov.

Susan McCorkendale Super and her husband, Gregg, work for the U.S. Forest Service. They live in Arlington, Va., where they're active in the community and Susan is president of the civic association. Their ten-year-old son, James, just earned his taekwon-do black belt and is in a partial-immersion

Spanish program at their local public school.

Patricia Truman, Boise, has retired from teaching elementary school and now works for Micron Technology Inc., a semiconductor manufacturing company in Boise. She began as a production operator in the implant area, moved to a manufacturing planner position, and currently is an operator in the real-time defect analysis department. Her other and favorite job is being a vigilant mom to Mark, 16, and Kate, 14. Pat hopes to celebrate her 30th reunion in 2000 with her best friend, **Peggy Egger Seher** '70.

Wade Wilks recently joined the development office at the University of Virginia as an associate director of planned giving. Since receiving his M.B.A. from the Darden School at the University of Virginia in 1979, he has worked in corporate bank commercial lending and in personal, financial, and estate planning. Wade and his wife, Mary, have two sons: Jonathan is a freshman at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.; and Adam is a freshman at Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick, R.I. Wade can be reached at P.O. Box 5718, Charlottesville, Va. 22905; (804) 924-1007; ww5d@virginia.edu.

1971

Bram J. Amsel, Antwerp, has lived in Belgium for almost thirteen years. He is clinical head of cardiology at the University Hospital of Antwerp. He would love to hear from friends at amsel@ua.ua.ac.be.

Faith Mason Fraser, Redwood City, Calif., is a reference librarian at San Jose Public Library and expects to earn her master's in clinical psychology in June. Her son, Eric, is a sophomore at California Polytechnic. Daughter Robin, a senior in high school, plans to attend Brown.

Col. **Alan R. Hammond** recently moved to Orlando, Fla., to serve as project manager for the U.S. Army's next generation of tactical simulators and simulations, Combined Arms Tactical Trainers.

Nicholas P. Lampshire lives in Camden, S.C., where he is chairman of the Historic Landmark Preservation Commission and the Camden Redevelopment Corporation. In October he became manager of the Palmetto Conservation Endowment, which provides loans and grants for conservation and preservation projects throughout the state.

Kim Meyers, Bexley, Ohio, announces the birth of Rebecca Meyers Zagorsky in October. Between children Kim has been teaching courses at Thompson Island Outward Bound School. Classmates can contact her at zagorsky.1@postbox.acs.ohio-state.edu.

Jan Weinstein, Skokie, Ill., writes, "It was wonderful going to the 25th reunion and seeing all my old friends — none of whom I've kept in regular contact with. I am happily divorced and trying to coordinate the busy schedules of my daughters, Anelle, 10, and Roanne, 7, with my law practice."

1972 25th Reunion

Our milestone 25th is right around the corner, May 23-26. Plan to be back at Brown for a truly spectacular weekend filled with great events, with plenty of time for connecting with old and new friends. If you or anyone you know did not receive our first mailing in the fall, please call 401-863-3380.

Harry E. Altman Jr., Kagawa Ken, Japan, writes, "After four years of court hearings and three years in exile with my visa canceled — documented in a book written by a Japanese newspaper reporter and on an NHK television documentary — I now have a professor's visa and can refocus my energy on broadening the international-relations programs at Shikoku Gakuin University." Harry can be reached at haltman@NIJL.or.jp.

Adrian C. Hayes, Canberra, Australia, is a fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies at Australian National University. He is currently researching Indonesian and Chinese population and development issues.

Nancy Pope, St. Louis, writes, "I'm planning to attend the reunion in May 1997, and I hope to see lots of classmates there."

1973

Rachel Wyon, Cambridge, Mass., teaches a fifth-grade Spanish class in the Amigos two-way (Spanish and English) program. Her son Mario, 13, enjoys eighth grade. Rachel often spends time with **Masha Traber** '75 and her family in Lexington, Mass.

1974

On Nov. 7 **Ken Field** performed at AS220 in Providence with his group, Birdsongs of the Mesozoic, in collaboration with storyteller David Greenberger. Ken can be reached at 108 Pleasant St., #3, Cambridge, Mass. 02139; (617) 491-1917; kfield@saturn.net; <http://www.saturn.net/~kfield/>.

Scott R. Harris and Michelle announce the birth of Clayton Scott Harris on Aug. 26. "He is named after Clayton Gillespie, son of LeAnn and **Alan Gillespie**," Scott writes. He and Michelle also have a daughter, Carson, 3. They live in St. Louis, where both work at Ralston Purina Co.

1975

Pamela Hughes-Bosch, Woods Hole, Mass., was a high-school history teacher for ten years after graduating from Brown. She then became a sailmaker and cruised down the coast of Cornwall on a twenty-five-foot sloop before returning to teaching. In 1990 she married Dr. Herman Bosch. She received her master's in education at Antioch New England graduate school, then she and her husband loaded up their twenty-five-foot Cape

Dory, the *Ariadne*, and spent sixteen months cruising in the Bahamas. Pamela is currently a peer youth advisor for Cape Cod Human Services. She had hoped to make the 20th reunion, but she and Herman were still sailing. She would love to hear from classmates at Box 617, Woods Hole 02543.

Vincent J. Browne Jr. and his wife, Matrice, Silver Spring, Md., announce the birth of Kara Francine on June 26.

Anthony E. Higgins left CIGNA after sixteen years and now resides in the great state of Texas. He is EVP COO with a smaller company, UICI-Student Insurance. Anthony, Eileen, Katie, and Michelle can be reached at 705 Castle Creek Dr., Coppell, Tex. 75019; home (972) 304-6155; work (972) 233-8200, x6140.

Richard C. Muschell, San Francisco, writes, "I've moved from the ice to the court." After six years in the NHL with the San Jose Sharks, he is director of premium seat marketing for the Golden State Warriors of the NBA. Richard will sell executive suites and club seats in the team's new Oakland, Calif., arena, due to open in November.

1976

Barbara Basuk Ship, Rockville, Md., is assistant professor of medicine and health care sciences at George Washington University School of Medicine.

Sharon Coe was transferred to Toledo, Ohio, in November after seventeen years in California. She is the data support leader for Owens Corning's customer service organization. She can be reached at 3152 Kenwood Blvd., Toledo 43606; scoe@aol.com.

Leigh Ferst, Chicago, is executive director of investor relations for Sara Lee Corp. She is happily settled into the Lincoln Park neighborhood, but is still looking for a community choir in need of a new alto voice.

William F. Grebenc continues as assistant vice president and area manager for Continental Grain Co. in St. Louis.

Samuel Press is on a sabbatical from civil litigation to get an M.P.A. at the JFK School of Government in Cambridge, Mass. He can be reached at pressa@ksg.harvard.edu.

1977 20th Reunion

Your committee is working hard to make the 20th reunion a memorable one. The week-end promises fond memories of Brown and our class. Save the dates now, May 23-26. If you have not received a mailing, please contact reunion headquarters at (401) 863-1947.

Pamela Bower Basso and **Jake Basso** (see **Suzanne Griffiths Bower** '53).

Richard J. Carell, San Francisco, reports: "Jeff Jacobs recently recruited me to play lacrosse for the S.O.B.s (Sacramento Old Boys). I had forgotten how therapeutic it is to whack someone on the head with a stick. We

lost to a younger, more focused team from Menlo Park. Jeff had two goals." Richard and his wife, **Aileen Jordan Carell** '78, stayed in Manhattan after visiting Aileen's parents at Gilgo Beach, N.Y., last Labor Day. "We had dinner with Barbara and **Pat Shattenkirk** at a Thai Brew Pub, followed by drinks on the deck at the Peninsula," Richard writes. "Barbara is back teaching, and there were lots of funny stories about the three boys. We had a great visit with Nancy and **John Gaddis** '78 and their two girls, Christine and Mary Kate." Richard can be reached at (415) 365-0726 or rjcarell@aol.com regarding reunion plans.

1978

Desiree Caldwell, Concord, Mass., was named executive director of the Concord Museum on Sept. 11. Previously she was one of three assistant directors of exhibitions at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, where she coordinated *Monet in the 90s*, the most popular and financially successful exhibit in the museum's history.

Martha Mazonson Scarborough lives in Durham, N.C., with her husband, Bill, and four-year-old son, Jesse. They can be reached at watt1113@aol.com.

Andrea Waintroob and Wesley Wildman, Chicago, announce the birth of David Arthur Wildman on May 22.

1979

W. Barry Blum founded the Miami law firm of Blum, Perlman & Cherdack in August. The firm concentrates in business litigation. Barry and his wife, Lori Plotkin Blum, are expecting their third child in April. Jeffrey will be 7 and Brian 4 in the same month.

Amy J. Davidoff, Baltimore, welcomed Shoshana Beth in June 1995. Siblings Alena, 8, and Sam, 3, keep everyone entertained and busy. Amy is working on her Ph.D. in health economics, and her husband, Steve Gore (Yale '78), is on the faculty at the Hopkins Oncology Center. Amy can be reached at adavidoff@welchlink.welch.jhu.edu.

Alan D. Grossman, Brookline, Mass., was given tenure last year in the department of biology at MIT, where he teaches and does research. He can be reached at adg@mit.edu.

Bob Risko '80 A.M. is developing a marketing plan for the M.P.A. program at Cal State-San Bernardino, where he is also enrolled as a part-time M.P.A. student. "Southern California is nicer than you can possibly imagine," he writes.

Robert Craig Waters was appointed executive assistant to the Chief Justice of Florida in June. He will be responsible for coordinating major policy initiatives, public service programs, and legislative affairs. He can be reached at s-0665@wpgate.courts.state.fl.us.

Raymond Wong and Beth Knauss announce the birth of Allison Rebecca Wong

on June 19. Ray is chief of internal medicine at the Burlington, Mass., health center for Harvard Community Health Plan. They live in Concord and enjoy Allison tremendously.

1980

Leila Afzal (see **Robert Afzal** '89 Ph.D.).

Richard Calaway and his wife, Shana, have three kids: Connor, 5; Kevin, 2; and Corbiss, 1. Richard, a technical writer, is still trying to sell that first mystery novel. He occasionally drinks beer with **Gary Nelson** '81. Richard can be reached at 633A N. 138th St., Seattle 98133; rich@amtec.com.

Nancy Brownstein Mallery and Kevin welcomed Sam and Will Mallery on July 17. They joined big sister Nina, 2. Nancy would love to hear from friends at 72 Brookridge Dr., Avon, Conn. 06001.

David A. Durfee '92 Ph.D., North Sci-tuate, R.I., was named president of Bay Computer Associates in September. He will oversee all design and engineering operations and will continue to serve as director of systems engineering.

Richard Newirth was appointed director of cultural affairs for the city and county of San Francisco in July 1995. As department head of the San Francisco Art Commission (the city's municipal arts agency), he oversees programs on public art and arts education and manages the civic art collection, a gallery, and grants for individual artists and organizations. He'd love to hear from friends at 194 Corbett Ave., San Francisco 94114; richnew@slip.net.

Angus A. Rockett, his wife, Elaine, and kids Ellen, 7, and Ethan, 5, are enjoying life in Champaign, Ill., where Angus is an associate professor of materials science. They are hosting their eighth exchange student, Galena Gulkova from Ukraine. Angus welcomes greetings from friends at arockett@staff.vivc.edu.

Rebecca Verrill Smith and Michael announce the birth of their first child, Lyda Burnham Smith, on Sept. 3. "Having been in labor throughout Labor Day weekend," Rebecca writes, "the holiday has taken on an entirely new meaning for me." In early December Rebecca planned to return to work at Beacon Press. She'd love to hear from friends at 36 Brooks St., Medford, Mass. 02155; zonkerette@aol.com.

1981

Mark Aikens was elected president of the Monmouth Ocean Development Council, Manasquan, N.J., in June. A partner with Carton, Witt, Arvatis & Barscillo in Tinton Falls, he is a member of the New Jersey Bar Association and the Monmouth County Bar Association's Law Day committee.

John W. Fenton, Andover, Mass., married Martha Gourdeau (Bowdoin '87) on Aug. 10 in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass. Many Brown alumni were in attendance.

Jane Litter Ruoff and Carl announce the birth of Madeline Kay in Nov. 1995. Madeline's big sister, Juliana, will be 4 in April. Jane is a clinical psychologist working part-time with children in a rural outpatient clinic. She would enjoy hearing from classmates at 4007 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester, N.Y. 14617.

Marion M. Pandiscio '85 M.D. has joined a new ob-gyn group in Bradenton, Fla. She and her husband, Dan, continue to enjoy Florida, and they welcome friends this winter. They can be reached at 7273 Frisco Ln., Sarasota 34241.

Don Swann, Tucson, Ariz., recently married **Phi H. Pham** '87. Don is a biologist at Saguaro National Park and is in the graduate program in wildlife ecology at the University of Arizona, where Phi is a graduate student in language, reading, and culture.

1982 15th Reunion

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Jennifer G. Cooperman has joined the New York State Banking Department as director of policy. She can be reached at 157 W. 79th St., #6B, New York City 10024; (212) 501-9019; <http://www.banking.state.ny.us>.

Jorge Garcia-Garcia has moved to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with his wife, Elmor, and daughters Elmor, 6, Sofia, 5, and Consuelo, 2. Previously Jorge was a vice president in the private client service group at Goldman Sachs & Co. for six years. He is now a partner at Banco Icatu. He can be reached at Av. Profit Mendes de Moraes, 900, Apt. 1502, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil; work (5521) 217-1966; jgarcia.ims@icatu.com.

Debbie Leizman and **Keith Kerman** '80, '84 M.D., announce the birth of Sophie last August. She joins sisters Hannah, 4, and Eve, 2. Debbie practices and teaches internal medicine at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Keith is a partner at Marquette Venture Partners, a venture-capital firm investing in early-stage healthcare and information technology companies. They live in Glencoe, Ill.

Christoph Schmidt Jr. writes, "I was pleased that submitting my e-mail addresses to *BAM* resulted in hearing from several classmates. Our third child was born on October 3. We named him Peter, and his older sister Liza, 7, and brother, Henry, 5, are big helps caring for him. There must be something in the water in our neighborhood - we are the eighth family on our street to have three children." Christoph can be reached at chschmidtjr@worldnet.att.net.

Philip J. Squattrito, an associate professor of chemistry at Central Michigan University, spent the first half of 1996 on sabbatical at the University of Tokyo working on a research project in chemistry. "One highlight of my trip to the Far East was a trip to Pan-

munjon in the Korean demilitarized zone," he writes. "During a tour of the UN base we were permitted to set foot on North Korean territory."

Janet Irvin Steitz and her husband, Charlie, moved to Columbus, Ohio, in January 1996. Their daughter, Katherine, is 2, and they are expecting another baby this month.

In 1993 **Juan M. Surillo** and his wife, Laura, established their own law firm in Mayaguez, P.R. They have three children and would love to hear from old friends at (809) 834-3700.

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Carol Cohen and Cynthia Glimck announce the birth of their son, Gabriel Orleans Cohen-Glimck, on Oct. 12. Carol is an associate dean of the College at Brown, and Cynthia is a general contractor under the name "Handy-Woman."

Robert W. Panton '86 M.D. married Marika Peplos (Indiana University '89) on July 13 in Chicago. Bob practices ophthalmology with his brother and father in suburban Chicago, and Marika is on the music faculty of Elmhurst College. Bob and Marika can be reached at 407 Ashland, Apt. 6F, River Forest, Ill. 60305; (708) 336-7435.

Matthew A. Merzbacher is in the second year of a tenure-track faculty position in computer science at Mills College in Oakland, Calif. He and his wife, Susan, live on the Mills campus in faculty housing and have room for visitors. They can be reached at 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland 94613; matthew@mills.edu.

Elisa Marmer Milkes and Jay announce the birth of Jeremy Ethan on July 27. He joins sister Sophie, 3. Elisa, Jay, and the kids live in Pound Ridge, N.Y., where Elisa is a stay-home mom. Jay commutes to Manhattan to his job at Reboul, MacMurray, Hewitt, Maynard & Kristol.

Debra Wolf Goldstein and her husband, Jay (Binghamton '84), announce the birth of Gregory Franklin on July 3. Greg joins big sister Jenna, 3. Debra is regional advisor to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in Philadelphia, and Jay is a partner at the law firm of Kleimbard, Bell & Brecker.

1984

John Cavallaro, after twelve years as a biomedical engineer, has decided to go back to school. He quit his job at Organogenesis Inc. in Canton, Mass.; sold his house in Lexington, Mass.; and moved to Hanover, N.H. He is in the M.B.A. program at the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth. Brown friends can reach him at 23-B W. Wheelock St., Hanover, N.H. 03755; (603) 643-3123; john.cavallaro@dartmouth.edu.

Ann Cummings and her husband, Bill Kissinger, welcomed Sarah Devlin Kissinger last April 9. "She is a dream baby," Ann writes. Ann has a new job supervising the clinical program at Boalt Hall School of Law, UC-Berkeley, where she teaches one class.

Tracy Hood completed a master's in educational psychology at the University of Utah in 1995. She can be reached at 830 E. 1300 South, Salt Lake City 84105.

Sheila McCann Morrison lives in Costa Rica and works for Dole Fresh Fruit Co. She and Bob have a son, Gavin, born in Costa Rica last June. Sheila is managing a start-up vegetable operation for Dole in which the company produces, processes, and sells fresh vegetables to the local industrial and retail markets. She'd love to hear from Brown friends at smorriso@dole.cr.ca.

Kenneth McPhail and his wife, Kerri, announce the birth of their first child, James Connor, on July 16. The baby was christened on Nov. 3 at St. James Church in New York City, and, Ken writes, "is looking forward to graduating with the Class of 2018 with his friend Olivia Katherine Davies, born to **Tristan Davies** '85 and his wife, Mary, last March." Ken can be reached at jkmmk@aol.com.

Eva Pressman and her husband, Seth Zeidman, Baltimore, announce the birth of their third daughter, Jessica Amy, on Oct. 6. Eva continues on the faculty at Johns Hopkins in high-risk obstetrics, and Seth is on staff at Walter Reed Army Hospital in neurosurgery.

Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohlin announces the birth of Rosalyn Jules Langhinrichsen-Rohling (aka "Rosy") on July 8. She is thoroughly loved by her big sister, Ali, who turned 3 in June. Jennifer and her husband are psychology professors at the University of Nebraska. "He is teaching my classes while I am enjoying an extended maternity leave," she writes.

Michael B. Silberberg recently opened a facial plastic and reconstructive surgery office in Beverly Hills, Calif. Friends can contact him at 8816 Burton Way, Beverly Hills 90211; (310) 246-0029; BevHillsMD@aol.com.

Elizabeth West Blakely '90 Ph.D., Kingsport, Tenn., writes, "Enjoying a very busy life with new husband, Dale, a thirty-eight-acre farm, two barn cats, and two full-time jobs." Elizabeth recently traveled to Buenos Aires on business.

Lisa Wurtzel Raiola, Bristol, R.I., was appointed director of the ethics program for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, a one-million-member, non-profit, managed-care organization in New England. "Thanks for the 'almost-mention' in the Dan Brock interview," Lisa writes (see Q&A, September). "I was among the first graduates of the biomed ethics program thirteen years ago. My father was disappointed I wasn't pursuing an M.D."

1985

Teresa Abrahamsohn has put the final

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touches on her remodeled home and now has room for friends. **Linda Kent Delancy** '84, her husband, Tom, and sons Alex and Ian came for a visit last April. Teresa started the M.B.A. program part-time at the University of San Francisco in January 1996. She can be reached at 1421 Jenevein Ave., San Bruno, Calif. 94066; tabrata@pacbell.net.

Terri Alpert, her husband, Bruce (Johns Hopkins '85), and Sarah, 4, announce the arrival of Rachel Hannah on April 24. The family lives in Madison, Conn.

Deborah A Baumgarten is an assistant professor of radiology in the division of abdominal imaging at Emory University in Atlanta. "Yes," she writes, "we survived the Olympics."

David Beningson and **Judy Flynn Beningson** '87, Rockville, Md., announce the birth of Nathan Flynn Beningson on April 3.

Gail Coleman and Mark Yost announce the birth of twins, Kevin and Benjamin Yost Coleman, on Aug. 16. The family lives in Arlington, Va., where Gail is on leave from her job as an appellate litigator for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Doris Constantinides Christelis and her husband, Gary, announce the birth of Constantine on May 16 in Boston, where they moved in September 1995. Gary is an associate at Bingham, Dana & Gould, and Doris has started a public-relations business at home, where, she writes, "I also have my mommy business going. Both are thriving!" She can be reached at christelis@aol.com.

R. Paul Dodd, Milwaukee, was named assistant director of agency development in the agency services department at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. in October. Previously Paul was a general agent for recruiting and development at the company's Louisville, Ky., office.

Helen Ebrahim writes, "After coming all the way to Brown from Louisiana in 1981, I fell in love with Rhode Island and couldn't bring myself to leave." She is production coordinator for Manises Communications, a publishing company on Providence's East Side. She would love to hear from friends at 81A Valley Green Ct., North Providence 02904; home (401) 353-8716; work (401) 831-6020; helenze@aol.com. "If that fails," she writes, "I can be found in the front row at McCoy Stadium each and every day during baseball season!"

Alan Goldberg and his wife, Karen Lipson, live in Albany with their son, Jonah Samuel Goldberg, born May 7. Alan and Karen are attorneys, and Alan continues to write and perform on acoustic guitar. He can be reached at agoldberg@aol.com.

Karen Levy Gooen, Randolph, N.J., writes, "I've finally joined the rest of the world. I have an e-mail account as well as a part-time job, working with **Andre Pilevsky** on his Heart Information Network (<http://www.heartinfo.org>). I'm also co-coordinator of BASC (formerly NASP) for the Morristown,

N.J., area." Anyone interested in interviewing prospective students can reach Karen at kjgooe@worldnet.att.net.

Peter Gudmundsson and his wife, Kathy, announce the birth of Thomas Ivar in Greenwich, Conn., on Oct. 1. He joins sister Kristjana, 4, and brother Paul, 2. Peter and Kathy recently moved to Texas and can be reached at 3805 Centenary Dr., Dallas 75225; peterg@wctv.com.

Lara Livingstone Lee was recently promoted to director of marketing, Asia-Pacific region, at Harley-Davidson in Milwaukee. She will direct region-wide brand development and marketing communications in advertising, public relations, retail environments, and trademark licensing. She is also responsible for managing relationships with independent representatives in Hong Kong, Singapore, and Taiwan, with joint responsibility for the Japanese subsidiary. Lara and her husband, James, live in the Milwaukee area and enjoy riding their Harleys cross-country. Last summer they took a 3,000-mile road trip from Milwaukee to San Francisco via Wyoming, Utah, and Napa Valley. Lara can be reached at jlonel@execpc.com.

Peter M. Prominski and wife Kathleen, Arlington, Va., announce the birth of Luke. He joins brothers Peter Jr., Matthew, and Thomas.

Sarah Goff Raslowsky and her husband, Jack, welcomed their first child, John Richard, on June 17. Sarah is head women's soccer coach at Stevens Institute of Technology, an NCAA Division III school in Hoboken, N.J. After one season Sarah was the winningest coach in the five-year history of the Stevens program.

Janine Roeth and Henry Hooker, Santa Cruz, Calif., announce the birth of Roger Wolcott Hooker on Aug. 14. Roger joins his older sister, Simone.

Christopher W. Strausser and his wife, Lisa, Laguna Niguel, Calif., announce the birth of Grace Christine on March 21. She joins Haley, 6, and Jeffrey, 3. Chris is a senior director of marketing for Taco Bell.

Michael D. Weiss married Sarah Bradley in March 1995. The couple resides in Milwaukee and were expecting their first baby in December. Sarah is a registered nurse, and Michael owns a real estate development and investment company, General Capital Group. Correspondence is welcome at 6914 N. Belmont Ln., Fox Point, Wis. 53217; mandweiss@aol.com.

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Dan Becker and **Sandra Chiu**, Washington, D.C., announce the birth of Graham Ngai Becker-Chiu on July 15.

Marion Brody and her husband, Ed Goodwin, have a 2-year-old son, Nate. Ed is an architect, and Marion is a practicing physician and an assistant professor of medicine at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia,

where she sees **Bill McCray Jr.**, **Sunita Sheth** '83, '86 M.D., and **Janna Portnow** '89. Marion would love to hear from **Stephanie Rogen**, **Nancy Goldman**, and **Meredith Berkman**. She can be reached at 1346 Garden Rd., Wynnwood, Pa. 19096; (610) 896-0118; zyab38a@prodigy.com.

Risa Dinman and her husband, Brian Lavelle, announce the birth of Brianna on July 18. The family will spend their summers in Brian's home country, Ireland, running a camp that will bring together American and Irish kids with interests in music, theater, art, and media. Risa can be reached at 104071.3526@compuserve.com.

Last May **Claire Dober Danaher** graduated from the Yale School of Management, along with **Heidi Carter Pearlson** '91, **Nate Harrington** '90, and **Lew Nash** '89. Claire is a financial analyst in the office of planning and budget at the Yale School of Medicine. Her husband of six years, **Bill** '88, is a Ph.D. student in religious studies at Yale and was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church in February 1996. He is assistant chaplain of the Episcopal Church at Yale and an assisting priest at Christ Church in New Haven. Claire and Bill can be reached at 146D Event St., New Haven, Conn. 06511; (203) 776-9798; claire.danaher@yale.edu.

James Levenson married **Annetta Argyres** '87 on June 29. Many Brown alumni attended the ceremony. Annetta, who received her master's in public health and environmental studies at Yale, is a labor educator at the Connecticut Group for Occupational Safety and Health. Jamie completed a year as chief resident in the Yale primary care internal medicine program and will start a general medicine fellowship at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston in July. "Until then we will be living and working in Guatemala," Jamie writes, "doing good stuff with the Pan American Health Organization." They can be reached at jlevenson@mem.po.com.

David Lidsky recently began a post-doc in physics in Japan and met up with **Haruo Iguchi** in a Tokyo café. He would like to hear from others, inside and outside Japan, and can be reached at the Institute for Solid State Physics, University of Tokyo, Roppongi, Minato-Ku, 106 Tokyo, Japan; 81-3-3723-3579; lidsky@ginn.issp.u-tokyo.ac.jp.

Kai Mazur and his wife, Lindsay, announce the birth of their first child, Max, in August 1995. After twelve months as chief resident in orthopedic surgery at Los Angeles County Hospital, Kai relocated to Rochester, Minn., where he worked as the hand and microvascular surgeon at the Mayo Clinic for a year. Kai, Lindsay, and Max recently relocated to North Carolina, where Kai has joined a large orthopedic surgery group. He hopes to welcome fellow alumni at their new home: 3605 Primrose Ave., Greensboro, N.C. 27908.

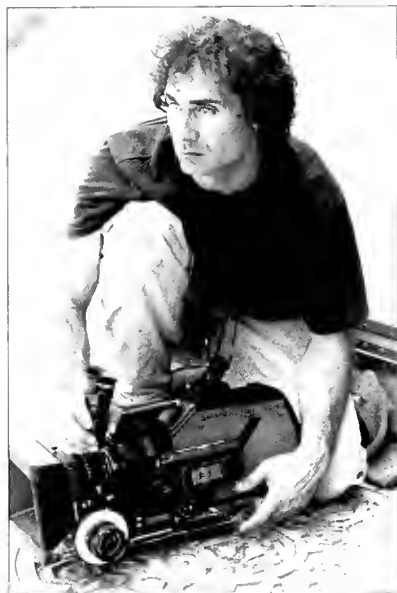
Ana Saul-Sykes has returned to work after a six-month maternity leave. Olivia Katherine Sykes arrived on April 19. Big sister Lihana, 3, is crazy about her. Ana works at the Brown

Blockbuster on a Budget

The top-grossing movie in the country in early November was a small, comically heart-felt slice of single life in Hollywood. *Swingers*, directed and filmed by Doug Liman, had a total budget of \$250,000 – less than the catering allowance for an average Ron Howard production.

Liman, who founded Brown's student-run television station, BTV, and went on to establish the Brown-based National Association of College Broadcasters, is no stranger to making large projects work on tiny budgets. But on *Swingers*, Liman's knack for cutting corners without sacrificing quality was put to the test. "If you're going to make a film that can compete with a studio production," he says, "you have to level the playing field."

For starters, Liman used a cheap, noisy documentary camera designed, he says, "to go into the bush in Africa." To muffle the camera's chatter, he wrapped it in a down parka and tied the sleeves under the lens, then draped it with the comforter from his bed. Knowing he couldn't afford elaborate lighting, Liman used new film that can adjust to different levels of light almost as sensitively as the human eye. The lack of lighting carried an extra benefit, Liman says:



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he didn't have to pay fees for shooting at such locations as Hollywood's landmark Derby nightclub. "No one in the Derby sequence, other than the main characters, was paid to be there," he says. "Extras alone for that scene would have cost us \$20,000, and we were on a \$3,000-a-day budget."

Since *Swingers* hit it big, Liman has been besieged with calls and offers. It is unlikely he will ever again have to make a movie with, literally, the clothes off his back. But, he says, he is waiting for the right project, not merely the right budget. "This was supposed to be a little résumé film," he says. "*Swingers* was going to get me the film that would turn out as big as it has. I saw it as a way to work with one of the best screenplays of the year. For my next film, I just want the same thing." – *Chad Galts*

1987 10th Reunion

The reunion committee has been busy making plans for our 10th to be held Memorial Day weekend, May 23–26. If you have any questions or suggestions please call reunion headquarters at (401) 863-1947. Remember to save the dates.

Michael Babcock is participating in the BT Challenge, a ten-month, round-the-world sailing race. Michael, who sailed at Brown during his freshman year, quit his job as a solicitor with a London law firm to take part in the race. He is one of a thirteen-member crew on the *Health Insured II*. **William Bab-**

cock '61, Michael's father, flew to England for the start of the race. To check on positions, boat speed, and daily updates from the boats, check out <http://www.btcchallenge.com>.

Edward Scott Krigsmann has returned to his hometown, Seattle. He works for John L. Scott Real Estate, specializing in the sale of condos, residences, and small investment properties. Edward welcomes calls and e-mail from Brunomans in the Pacific Northwest: (206) 726-4220; ekrags@ix.netcom.com.

Josh Levy and **Rachel Rock Levy**, Brookline, Mass., write "better late than never with this news." Their daughter, Alexandra Sylvia, was born Dec. 15, 1995.

James K. Lobsenz, Chevy Chase, Md., is an attorney for the Airline Pilots Association. He stays in touch with **Mark Peters**, **Sharon Kohn**, **Eliot Ephraim** '89, **Dave Evans** '89, and **Gary Tell** '89. He invites classmates to drop by. Call (301) 656-3338.

Mark Rogers announces the birth of Anne Marie Rogers last March 8. Mark's wife, Karen, has left the practice of law to stay home and is busier than ever. Mark changed firms last year and is now in the corporate finance and securities group with the Phoenix office of Quarles & Brady. "A daughter and a new job have put a temporary halt to our renovation of a historic (by Phoenix real estate standards) home," Mark writes. "But everything is fine for us and our two Labs." They can be reached at 87 W. Windsor, Phoenix 85003; mnr@quarles.com.

Manjula Somasundaram and Joseph Dolinak II (Ohio State '88) announce the birth of a daughter on Aug. 24. Friends can contact them at 72-11 110th St., #2D, Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375; manjoe@interport.net.

1988

Wendy Clarke married Gary Wilcox (Duke '86) in May. Wendy is a third-year resident in ob/gyn at Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y. Gary is an assistant U.S. attorney in Newark, N.J. The couple would love to hear from friends and can be reached at 442 Pacific St., Brooklyn 11217.

Melisa Cole writes, "With eight years and a law degree between me and my undergraduate thesis, I've decided it's time to get that Ph.D. in American studies. I am still putting my law degree to work as a part-time professor at the law school at William & Mary, where I am a full-time graduate student. I live with a beautiful basset puppy named Roxanne, and although we visit D.C. several times a month, we still get lonely and would love to hear from old friends." They can be reached at 3204 London Company Way, Williamsburg, Va. 23185; (757) 253-8538; profcole@widomaker.com.

Tim Edwards and Margaret are pleased to announce the birth of Alice Catherine on Nov. 5. They can be reached at 7 rue Albert I, 45000 Orleans, France; tedwards@du.up.fr.

admission office. She and Peter (RISD '82) can be reached at 43 Juniper Rd., Seekonk, Mass. 02771; ana_sykes@brown.edu.

Mary Ellen Shea Mahoney and her husband, John, announce the birth of Megan Shea Mahoney on Sept. 4. Megan joins brother David, 5, and sister Katie, 3. The family enjoyed a wonderful day at Brown in October. "The kids loved the train ride from New London and were thrilled to watch eight different sports," Mary Ellen writes. "David and Katie couldn't get over the field hockey game on the roof." Mary Ellen would love to hear from friends at 13 Diane Ln., Colchester, Conn. 06415.

Peter Keehn was promoted to investment officer in the securities department of Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., Milwaukee, in August. Previously he worked for LaSalle Partners in Chicago.

John Koudounis, Chicago, married Joanne Karvelas on June 22. The reception was held at the Chicago Hilton & Towers Hotel. Many Brown alumni attended.

Andrew G. Moore is in his first year of a cardiology fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. His wife, Katherine (Emory '91), is in the second year of a psychiatry residency. Andrew would love to hear from old friends at 626 8th St. S.W., Rochester 55902.

Ted Grossman married his grad-school sweetheart, Bonnie Tawse (UC-San Diego '90), on a farm in Boulder, Colo., over Labor Day weekend. The ceremony was attended by a number of Brown alumni, including **Matthew Shapiro** '88, who sent in this note. The couple planned an extended honeymoon in Mexico in January.

Sarah Lederberg Stone and her husband, Jordan Stone (University of Rochester '85), announce the birth of their first child, Alexandra Davis Stone, on June 22. After years of working in costume design, Sarah is staying at home with Alexandra, preparing medical-school applications. She would welcome hearing from classmates at Norwood Stamping Co., 293 Lenox St., Norwood, Mass. 02062; (617) 762-1415.

1989

Pamela M. Burton, co-president of the Brown Club of Japan, invites alumni visiting or living in Japan to contact her for club activities. She is the Tokyo producer for CNN and can be reached at work, 81-03-3470-4121; fax 81-03-3470-4379.

Rex Chiu '94 M.D. and his wife, Made-line Hsiung (Syracuse '91, Columbia '95 M.A., M.Ed. '96), gave birth to Wayland Leon Chiu on Nov. 3. "While the lead runners of the New York City Marathon were running by New York Hospital, we were ending a marathon of our own," Rex writes. He is finishing his last year of residency in internal medicine at the New York Hospital-Cornell University Medical Center. He can be reached at 435 E. 70th St., Apt. 5D, New York City 10021; (212) 517-9158; rschiu@mem.po.com or rchiu@nyhs.med.cornell.edu.

Jason Christie married Patricia Golino (Fordham '87) on July 1, 1995, in Philadelphia. **Chip Gresalfi** was best man; **Paul Levine**, **Paul Zidlicky**, and **C. Eric Peters** were ushers; and many Brown alumni attended the ceremony. The couple lives in Philadelphia, where Jason is chief resident in medicine at Penn.

Peter G. Crane, an editor at IBC Financial Data in Ashland, Mass., published his first book, *Mutual Fund Investing on the Internet*, an AP Professional, an imprint of Academic Press, in November. For more information

see <http://www.netcokm.com/~pcrane1/mfiu.html>.

Dawn Crumel is staff counsel for the University of Pennsylvania Health System. She received a J.D. from Penn in 1994, clerked for Justice James H. Coleman on the New Jersey Supreme Court, and was an associate with Buchanan Ingersoll. Her sister, **Kenya** '93, lives in Brooklyn. She received her M.P.A. from the Wagner School at N.Y.U. in 1996 and is working for the city of Manhattan. Dawn can be reached at 924 Spruce St., #202, Philadelphia 19107.

Ed Eldridge and his wife, Diana, announce the birth of their first child, Shaelyn Dennehy, on Aug. 30. Ed can be reached at 109 Aaron Dr., Manchester, N.H. 03109; eeeldridge@aol.com.

Lt. Colin S. Farrar is on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean, Adriatic, and Red seas with Strike Fighter Squadron 81 on board the aircraft carrier U.S.S. *Enterprise*. Aircraft from his squadron have participated in more than 350 aerial missions over Bosnia to support NATO ground forces.

Stephen Feldman married Wendy Odquist Wilkinson (University of Wisconsin, Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College '96) on Sept. 1 in Portland, Ore. Many Brown alumni attended the ceremony, including the groom's parents, **Robert** '58 and **Linda Blackman Feldman** '60; sister **Andrea Feldman** '87; uncles **Kenneth** '62 and **Richard Blackman** '69; and cousins **Michael** '87 and **Kevin Blackman** '92. Wendy is clerk to Julie Frantz, Circuit Court Judge for Multnomah County, Ore. Stephen works at Perkins, Coie in Portland. They can be reached at 1934 N.E. 49th Ave., Portland 97213; (503) 284-0605; felds@perkinscoie.com.

Brad Frishberg married Amy Siegal (University of Rochester '92) in West Hartford, Conn., on Oct. 19. **Chris O'Brien** '90 was best man, and many other alumni attended the ceremony. Brad and Amy live in London, where Brad is a portfolio manager with J.P. Morgan Investment Management. He can be reached at frishberg_bradford@jpmorgan.com.

Eric Geller and his wife, Perrine, of Cleveland, announce the birth of Hannah Simone Robinson Geller on Aug. 7. Eric is on staff at the Cleveland Clinic in the epilepsy and sleep-disorders section. Previously he was a neurology resident at the Harvard-Longwood Program.

Victoria Hoiles has completed her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She is currently living and working in the Washington area. Her father is **David G. Hoiles Sr.** '59.

Sarah Israelit, Somerville, Mass., is a product manager for the Family Education Network. She is building a web-based on-line service to help families get more involved in their children's education. Over the next few months she'll build local versions of the service with information from partner school districts across the country. She'd love to hear feedback on the site: <http://www.familyeducation.com>. She can be reached at slh@shore.net.

Damon Owens and Melanie announce the birth of Naomi Marie on Aug. 10 in Montclair, N.J. "All babies are a blessing," Damon writes, "but we think she's an extra-special blessing since she was conceived the month I sang for Pope John Paul II in New Jersey!" Damon can be reached at 60 Montague Pl., Montclair 07042; (201) 746-0168; damonowens@lucent.com.

Phil Pedlikin and his wife, Adrienne (Kenyon '87), announce the birth of Lena Bea Pedlikin on Aug. 24. Phil works in government affairs for Viacom, and he is getting his M.B.A. part-time. They can be reached at 2432 Jackson Pkwy., Vienna, Va. 22180; (703) 560-9703.

Katrina Smith Korfmacher has joined the faculty at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, as an assistant professor of environmental studies.

Vicki Spooner married John Dunn at the Springdale Country Inn, Lincoln, Va., on June 1. A number of Brown alumni attended the ceremony. **Sue Duvall**, **Patty Fuss** '90, and **Torri Connell Horovitz** '90, who sent in this note, were bridesmaids. Vicki and John can be reached at 2800 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., #303, Washington, D.C. 20007.

Kristin Wells was selected by Justice John Didcott of the Constitutional Court of South Africa to serve as one of his clerks during the 1996-97 term. Kristin is an associate in the Washington, D.C., law office of White & Case. Previously she spent two years with TransAfrica, a lobbying group that worked to influence U.S. government policy toward South Africa.

Dickson Suit married Maria Salazar on Aug. 31 in St. Paul's Chapel at Columbia University, New York City. Both Dickson and Maria are M.B.A. graduates of Columbia. They can be reached at 19 Little Brook Rd., Darien, Conn. 06820; (203) 655-9218.

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Thaddeus Barney, after six years in the corporate world, is working on his M.B.A. at Emory University in Atlanta. "Taking a little break in my career and looking to chill with friends in the area on business or pleasure," he writes. He can be reached at 1019 Carlyle Lake, Decatur, Ga. 30033; (404) 636-7659; thaddeus_barney@bus.emory.edu.

Amy Bohner Tiemann writes, "In June I completed my Ph.D. in neuroscience at Stanford. In September I began teaching brain and behavior, and chemistry, at Lick-Wilmerding High School in San Francisco. I am happy to be out of the lab and working with students, while keeping up my interest in neuroscience. In July I married Michael Tiemann (Penn '86). Michael is director of corporate business development at Cygnus Support, providing commercial support for software. We were elated that so many Brown friends were able to attend our wedding. After a honeymoon in Norway, Michael and I are settled in at home

and would love to hear from friends." They can be reached at 1362 Montclair Way, Los Altos, Calif. 94024; amy@tiemann.org.

Susan Caskie is an editor at the Open Media Research Institute in Prague. She can be reached at caskies@omri.cz.

Torri Connell Horovitz and her husband, Alex, announce the birth of their first child, Daniel Ryan Connell Horovitz, on Aug. 11. Torri is working at home for Talent+, a management consulting firm, and Alex works for NeXT Software Inc. They would enjoy hearing from any rowing buddies who reside nearby. They can be reached at 38034 Village Common, #215, Fremont, Calif. 94536; (510) 505-0314; <http://www.next.com:80/~AlexTorri/>.

Laura Gough completed her Ph.D. in plant biology at Louisiana State University in September. Before doing her final revisions she went to California for a workshop and met up with **Anjala Kanesa-Thanan**, who was home for a month from Uganda, and **Sarah Greden Rogers**, who has moved to Palo Alto. In October Laura began a postdoctoral position at the ecosystems center of the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass. Her research will focus on tundra plant communities in Alaskan Arctic summers. She can be reached at 448 Woods Hole Road, Woods Hole 02543; lgough@lupine.mbl.edu.

Robert Green and his wife, Kathy, announce the birth of Matthew Abraham on Oct. 1. "This may come as a surprise since we never announced the first three," Rob writes. "Michael is 6, Jacqueline is 4, and Jake is 3." They can be reached at 600 N.W. 10th Ct., Boynton Beach, Fla. 33426.

Rebecca Krawiec married John Dugan (Boston College '86) on Aug. 24 in Becky's hometown, Bethlehem, Pa. **Kristen Welsh**, Becky's roommate at Yale graduate school, was an attendant. The bride's father, **Steven Krawiec** '63, and her uncle, **Wesley Krawiec** '61, were among the many alumni at the ceremony. John got his Ph.D. in classics from Yale last spring and is an assistant professor of classics at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., where the couple now lives. Becky recently finished her dissertation and expected to receive her degree in religious studies in December. She is a part-time faculty member in the theology department at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. They can be reached at 514 E. 2nd St., 1E, Northfield 55057; rebecca.krawiec@yale.edu.

Jeremy D. Mayer has moved to Kalamazoo, Mich., where he is an assistant professor of political science at Kalamazoo College. He finished his dissertation, on racial politics, at Georgetown in August. In July his play, *Strong at the Broken Place*, was performed as part of the Source Theatre's festival. A full-length piece, *Geraldo Antichrist*, was performed in New York City by Hartshorn Theater Co. and directed by **Elysa Marden**. Jeremy would love to hear from anyone in southwestern Michigan; (616) 382-0161; jmayer@kzoo.edu.

Kirsten Rendell moved to Hong Kong

last June to join her boyfriend, Tom Muldowney, after living in Tampa, Fla., for the last four years. "We're living on a forty-foot trawler in the South China Sea," she writes. She is teaching sixth grade at the Hong Kong International School and still plays ice hockey. She would love to hear from friends at Loctite HK, 2014-21 Sun Hung Kai Centre, Wan-chai, Hong Kong; krendell@ms.hkis.edu.hk.

Jill Sands, Lynbrook, N.Y., married Ron Curtis on Sept. 8. Many Brunonians attended the ceremony. Friends can reach Jill at (516) 357-3000.

David L. Stern is a senior producer for Worldwide Television News's Moscow bureau. He can be reached at WTN Moscow, c/o The Interchange, Dual Rd., Camden Lock, London NW1 7EP, England.

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Steve Logan married **Merry Wells** on June 1 in Needham, Mass. They live in New York City. Steve finished his M.B.A. at Wharton and is working in investment banking. Merry is an advertising director at SDC Publishing. Many Brown alumni attended the wedding, including the groom's sister, **Sarah Logan** '88.

Jared Poppel has returned to New York after five years in Nashville. He would like to hear from old friends at 38 Range Dr., Merrick, N.Y. 11566; (516) 867-3845; poppelj@aol.com.

Joshua Rotenberg '95 M.D. and Leah Pishnov (Binghamton '93, Columbia M.I.A. '96) are engaged to be married in April. They live in Dayton, Ohio, where they still have trouble finding a decent bagel. Josh works as an aerospace research physician at Armstrong Laboratories, WPAFB. Send greetings from the outside world to 821 Pimlico Dr., #2D, Centerville, Ohio 45459; (513) 434-6203; jrotenberg@falcon.al.wpafb.af.mil.

Mark Skandera is back from Spain, where he worked for Banco Santander in Madrid. He is continuing his Ph.D. studies in applied math at MIT and can be reached at skan@math.mit.edu.

Svea Vocke is in his second year of graduate film school at Columbia. He'd love to hear from friends at 548 Riverside Dr., Apt. 6D, New York City 10027; (212) 222-8197; skv5@columbia.com.

Alexandra K. Warsh is a weathercaster and feature reporter using the name Alexandra Steele for the New Haven, Conn., ABC affiliate, WTNH. She would love to hear from alumni in the area at 2 Old Powson Rd., Branford, Conn. 06405.

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Enoch Choi '96 M.D. and Tania celebrated their one-year anniversary as Enoch received his M.D., and Tania her B.F.A. from RISD. The couple has moved to Modesto, Calif., where Enoch is doing his internship in family practice. Tania is freelancing while contemplating the commute into San Francisco for a full-time position. Enoch can be reached at et_choi@sonnet.com.

Jim Fukuda, Brookline, Mass., attended the wedding of **Dirk Woerpol** and **Theresa Romens** '94 in Waukesha, Wisc., in August. "Also in attendance were **Brian Chang**, **Martin Sabarsky**, **Allen Ferrel**, **Chuck Singson**, **Julian Chan**, and **Sumant Ranji**," Jim writes. "Martin, Allen, and Julian are lawyers. Martin practices in smoggy L.A. and Julian in Boston. Allen is clerking with Justice Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court. Sumant and Brian are in medical school in Chicago, and I am finishing dental school at Harvard." Jim can be reached at jfukuda@harvard.med.stu.edu.

Natalia Glisenti, Paris, continues to work in television production. Her first child is due this month. Natalia has kept in touch with classmates since graduation, and she is looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in May.

Jennifer Kanser has worked in Mexico, France, and the Bahamas for Club Med. Next season she will be manager of accommodations at Copper Mountain, Colo. If anyone needs



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Ann Kieron married Christopher Turley on July 27 at Brown's Manning Chapel. They both work at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, R.I. They can be reached at 16 Kennedy Blvd., Lincoln, R.I. 02865; turleya@1223.npt.navy.mil.

Jordan A. Kroop married Carolyn Stein (Western Ontario '94) in August in Montreal. Fellow classmates and Brown hockey fanatics **Kevin Grau** and **Christos Badavas** attended the wedding. Jordan graduated from Univer-

sity of Virginia School of Law in 1994, and he practices bankruptcy law with an international firm in New York City. "While our law practices leave us little time," he writes, "Christos and I still try to play the jazz that packed 'em in at the Underground and the Graduate Center Bar." He can be reached at jakroop@jonesday.com.

Edward Lin left Goldman Sachs in New York City to attend Yale's school of management. "Out of a class of 229," he writes, "Brown is very well represented: **Robin Halsband**, **Anil Kalhan** '93, **Louis Kim**

'90, **Josy Koumans** '90, **Jason Lee** '91, and **Jennifer Niles** '89." Edward would love to hear from classmates at 105 Mill Rock Rd., Hamden, Conn. 06517; edward.lin@yale.edu.

David Odeh married **Debra Paoli** on Aug. 18 at Glen Manor in Portsmouth, R.I. Among the many Brown family and friends at the wedding were the bride's father, **Thomas Paoli** '61; the groom's father, **M. David Odeh** '66 Sc.M.; and groomsmen **Peter Logreco** and **Daniel Toft**. The Hon. **Haiganush Bedrosian** '65 presided over the ceremony. The couple honeymooned on the Greek islands of Mykonos and Santorini. Debra is an associate with the public relations firm of Ogilvy, Adams & Rinehart in Chicago. David received an M.S. in structural engineering from UC-Berkeley in 1993 and is a project manager with Aon Risk Technologies, a risk-analysis software and consulting firm in Chicago. Friends can reach them at 658 W. Oakdale Ave., #3A, Chicago 60657; (773) 871-8661; odeh@suba.com.

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Laura Bauschard is an engineering recruiter in Cleveland. She recently saw **John Wooden**, **Ezra Ansay**, and **Valerie Stivers** '94 in New York City. John is a marketing director. Ezra is in business school, and Valerie writes for Condé Nast. Laura would welcome calls from friends at (216) 371-5188.

Megan Bee, Venice, Calif., is an assistant editor for music videos and commercials. "I

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am probably one of the few who have had the same job since graduation. I talk to **Gus Koven** every day, and I see **Cameron Walser**, **Alex Tydings**, **Justin Massey**, **Joanna White**, **Star Urmston**, and **Noah Craft** frequently. I also keep in touch with **Susan Motamed** '89, now married and living in New York City; and **Steve DeBrun** '92, who is working in Australia. We have a little contingent out here in Venice, for which I get teased relentlessly at work. So far, though, we're giving Brown a good name in the entertainment industry." Megan can be reached at labess@aol.com.

Christopher L. Brown is in the M.F.A. lighting-design program at New York University. He'd love to hear from classmates at 21-11 33rd Rd., 3rd floor, Long Island City, N.Y. 11106; (718) 274-9187; cb226@is5.nyu.edu.

Manish Butte '96 M.D. writes, "Joseph Chen '92, '96 M.D. and Melinda Johnson '96 M.D. were married Nov. 2 in DeSmet, S.Dak. Many alumni attended the wedding. I was best man; **Geoff Chan** '96 M.D. and **Ted Pan** '92, '96 M.D., were groomsmen; and **Jinna Kim** '96 M.D. and **Deana Theroux** '92, '96 M.D., were bridesmaids. Joseph and Melinda are both first-year residents at the Mayo Clinic; Joseph in physical medicine and rehabilitation and Melinda in internal medicine. They may be reached at 4473 56th St. N.W., Rochester, Minn. 55901; chen.joseph@mayo.edu." Manish can be reached at manish@biophysics.ucsf.edu.

Heather Carlberg married **Matt Willis** in December. They live in Philadelphia, where they attend Temple Medical School.

Kenya Crumel (see **Dawn Crumel** '89).

Alexandra Klickstein married **Michael Glazier** '92 on Aug. 10 in Lincoln, Mass. Many Brown alumni attended the ceremony, including the bride's grandfather, **Maurice Klickstein** '33, who sent this note. The groom's father is **John B. Glazier** '64. Alexandra recently became a member of the Massachusetts Bar and will receive her master's in public health.

Jacob Levy writes: "I was best man at the wedding of **Kathleen Lenihan** and **Daryl Wiesen** on Aug. 11 at the Four Seasons in Boston. We could look out at the gorgeous sunny day in the Public Gardens; the rabbi was funny and insightful and a pleasure to hear. **Scott Kwikar** was a groomsman. Many classmates were there, and we got a chance to talk and drink and dance together. Everyone reassembled for breakfast the next morning, and Daryl and Kathleen left for a two-week honeymoon in Ireland. I'm still working on my Ph.D. in political theory at Princeton. I recently traveled to conferences in Johannesburg and San Francisco. At the SF meeting of the American Political Science Association I saw **Mark Berger**. He is newly married and working on his Ph.D. in American politics at Duke." Jacob can be reached at jlevy@phoenix.princeton.edu.

Ronald Mirenda married **Darla Pemberton** (Johnson and Wales '90) on July 6.

Michael Sullivan Brown '92 was best man, and **Jim Olczak Brown** '94 was a groomsman. Ron and Darla live in Chicago.

Britt Neubohn, Stockholm, is a project manager for the Internet English school project at EF Education, a foreign-language education and cultural exchange company where Britt has worked for the last three years. "Our goal is to create a virtual school where English-learners from all over the world can meet each other, interact, and learn English from native-speaking teachers. I work on this project with **Bill Fisher** '92, head of the multimedia department; **Caroline Dahllof**, a programmer; Professor Andy van Dam, who helped the multimedia department in its beginning stages; **Beata Schmid** '87 Ph.D., the company's top curriculum designer and materials writer; and **Philip Hult**." For more information see <http://www.ef.com>. Britt can be reached at britt_neubohn@smtp1.ef.com.

Stephanie Reiss married **Michael Espina** on Aug. 25 in Rockville, Md. Many alumni attended. Stephanie is working on a master's in historical archaeology at William and Mary. She sends her love to all who couldn't attend the wedding and would love to hear from them at 410 Merrimac Trail, Apt. #5, Williamsburg, Va. 23185; (757) 564-8937.

Rebecca Schotland will marry **Jeremiah Work** (John Hopkins '92) in June. Jeremiah is an attorney at a law firm in the District of Columbia, and Rebecca is getting a master's in English at Penn. She hopes to teach high-school English next year and can be reached at (215) 790-1890.

Eric N. Sommers and **Patty Tang** were married on July 6 in Amherst, Mass. Patty was escorted down the aisle by her father, **Tingwei Tang** '64 Ph.D.; her brother, **Steve** '89, was an usher. Maid of honor **Maggie Moebius** simultaneously caught the bouquet with **Linda Shiue**, who was recently engaged to **Peter Chin-Hong** '92. Many other Brown alumni attended.

Seth White is a monk at the Community of St. John in St. Jodard, France. He received his master's of philosophy in religion at Christ Church, Oxford, in 1995. He is now known as Brother Thomas Joseph and may be reached at St. Joseph Novitiate, 42590 St. Jodard, France.

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Peter E. Brill and **Pamela Fruth** (SUNY-Albany '93) were engaged on May 15 in Centertown Park. Peter will graduate from Georgetown law in May. Pamela is an associate editor with CMP Media in New York City. A September wedding on Long Island is planned.

Rick Cusick has worked in the Philadelphia office of CH2M Hill, an environmental consulting firm, since 1994. His acoustic trio plays at the Dawson Street Pub in Manayunk. He keeps in touch with Brown Derbies **Isaac Hazard**, **Adam Werbach** '95, and **Aaron Presbrey** '93. Rick can be reached at 1700

Market St., Suite 16, Philadelphia 19103; rcusick@phl.ms.ch2m.com.

J.J. Harwayne reports, "Alex Sanchez '96 is attending Columbia nursing school in the hopes of being able to live up to the adage, 'Physician, heal thyself.' **Ray Rocha** '95 is a stockbroker for Dean Witter in Boston and enjoys churning **Todd Hunter**'s accounts. I am living in Washington, D.C., and am a second-year student at Georgetown University Law Center. Last year **Neil Lapinski**, a third-year at American University Law School, and I tried our hand at song and dance at a number of local theaters, but law is looking like a more lucrative path." J.J. can be reached at natives@ix.netcom.com.

Eric Huang got his master's in biomedical engineering at Rutgers and has returned to Brown to pursue a Ph.D. in the artificial organs, biomaterials, and cellular technology program. Last summer he saw **Edward Markowski**, **Gregory Johnson**, **Eric Kwan**, **Michael Browne**, **Tom Kaden**, and **Frank Fiondella**. "Ed is working in Virginia," Eric writes. "Frank spent a year in Australia. Mike is in Rockford, Maine, completing his apprenticeship in wooden boat-building. Tom is working on Long Island and pursuing a master's in computer science. Eric is pursuing his Ph.D. at Stanford. And Greg is working for the Princeton Review in Boston. **Cynthia Lie** finished law school last spring and works for LeBeouf, Lamb, Green & MacRae, a corporate law firm in New York City." Eric can be reached at Box G-B393, Brown University, Providence 02912; (401) 351-3599; eric_kai_huang@brown.edu.

Josh Klahr writes, "Suzanne McKechnie and I bid farewell to Boston and good friends **Jeff Kvaal** and **Jane Chang** for an exciting trip across the U.S.A. In Wichita we visited **Sean Powers** and his expecting wife, **Tristan**. We experienced some real Mexican cooking while staying with Steve Moya's family in New Mexico. Finally we arrived in sunny California, where Suzanne is in her first year at Stanford Law School and I am pursuing a dual M.B.A./M.S.E. degree from the Stanford Graduate School of Business and the mechanical engineering department. We look forward to spending time with the Brunonians who keep popping up all over the Stanford campus." They can be reached at (415) 497-7438; mckechnis@leland.stanford.edu; jklahe@stanford.edu.

Melisa W. Lai '99 M.D. writes, "I took last year off from med school at Brown and worked full-time as an admission officer for the University. No contest: it was the *best* job I could have had during a year off. I'm now back for second-year med with the M.D. class of 1999 and am happy to report that it's much better than my first year. My apartment-mate **Nisha Gupta** '98 M.D. assures me things only get better. If you're wondering just how many times you've seen my name in the *BAM* recently, it's because I've been to four weddings and a funeral in the last year." Melisa can be reached at melisa_lai@brown.edu.

Michael Paulson, Baltimore, is in the second year of living up to his nickname, "Coach." Last fall, along with **Roger Seidenmann '90**, he was an assistant soccer coach at the Park School. "I am constantly amazed by Roger's rhetorical skills," he writes. "His speeches to the team nearly move me to tears. Our team is struggling this year, but with Roger there to provide inspiration, I have no doubt we'll make the playoffs." Michael coached a freshman/sophomore basketball team last winter and went 13-1 en route to the championship. Besides coaching, work, and playing in two soccer leagues, he is still writing poetry and fiction and would love to hear from Brown folks at 3507 N. Charles St., T-102, Baltimore 21218; (410) 662-6875; parkcoac@erols.com.

Alison Serino teaches world history and coaches basketball at her alma mater, Springbrook High School, in Silver Spring, Md. She spent time on Cape Cod last summer with **Matt Aldrich '95** and **Eric Karpinski**, and remains in touch with **Leela Noronha**, **Becky Breznay**, and **Jen Dyer**.

Jim Teepen is teaching English with the Peace Corps in Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan. He can be reached at jmm@mlpub.freenet.bishkek.su.

Jessica Teisch is finishing her master's in environmental science at UC-Berkeley. She reports that **Rachel Teisch** is beginning her M.P.P. at Harvard.

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Edward M. Bielawa is a software engineer at Electronic Book Technologies. He does freelance consulting in Providence and is participating in a Java-based research project with Brown's computer science department. He can be reached at 246 Mt. Hope Rd., Somerset, Mass. 02726.

Nipon Das spent a year-and-a-half as director for the Higher Achievement Program, Washington D.C., which provides accelerated classes, scholarship opportunities, and community-leadership training for talented inner-city middle-school students. Last summer he was joined by **Hubert Fenton '96**, **Elizabeth Vanbenschoten '96**, **Laura Wides**, and **Jeremi Duru**, who taught literature and civil rights at Capitol Hill Center Junior High. Jeremi is at Harvard Law School. Laura is in Guatemala on a Fulbright scholarship. Hubert and Elizabeth continue working for the program and would welcome any Brunonians who want to contribute their time to the youth of Washington. Nipon is now a student at Johns Hopkins Medical School, which, he writes, "has been overrun by Brunonians: **Vikesh Singh**, **Antigone Parker**, **Michael Overman '96**, **Kathy Chang '96**, **Jeannie Liu '96**, and **Sydney Jimenez '92** have all begun their four-year trek in Baltimore." Nipon can be reached at 235 W. Read St., Baltimore 21201; ndas@welchlink.welch.jhu.edu.

Betsy Gilliland is back in New England

after a year's hiatus. She is studying at the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vt., and should have her M.A.T. in teaching English to speakers of other languages in June. After that she hopes to be accepted into the Peace Corps for an English-teaching assignment in Eastern Europe. She can be reached at betsy.gilliland@sit.edu.

Jason Grunebaum is an Urdu translator for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Kashmir, India. He can be reached at c/o ICRC, 47 Sundar Nagar, New Delhi 110003, India; naradghat@hotmail.com.

Diane Henker writes, "Peace Corps life in Eastern Europe is one hell of an experience. I'm living in a nice-sized town, teaching 150-plus students English. It seems like I'll never be out of school." She can be reached at henker@sun.uniag.sk.

Kerry Lenahan is pursuing a master's in health policy and administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She would like to hear from friends at klenahan@email.unc.edu.

Alexa Majors moved to Denver last April. She works on renewable energy policy for the Governor's Office of Energy Conservation. "My summer was full of hiking and mountain-biking," she writes. "I look forward to cross-country and downhill skiing and snowshoeing this winter." She can be reached at 4500 S. Monaco, #227, Denver 80237; phone (303) 930-9769.

Anh Chi Pham lives in San Francisco with **Sasha Robinson**. She works at Dove Associates, a strategic consulting company. Sasha is with Silicon Graphics. Anh sees **Yoonah Lee**, who works for a law firm downtown. "I had a great time in Washington, D.C., last year," Anh writes. "I worked for a consulting firm and met more Brown students than in my last three years at Brown."

Jeremy Alper and **Jody Feder** are doing the 'pre-yuppie thing.' **Sharon Ashman** is working at NIH. **Sahar Ghassemi** is an overworked teacher and med-school applicant, and **Tyrone Brown** is bumming around before attending Harvard Law." Anh would love to hear from friends: 874 Page St., Apt. 4, San Francisco 94117; apham@doveassoc.com.

Madelyn Postman has been living in Bologna, Italy, for four years. She does graphic design and produces window displays, ads, catalogues, and packaging for such clients as Cerruti and Ungaro, and for spice, power-tool, and purse companies. She can be reached at ner3123@iperbole.bologna.it.

James J. Na and **Kimberly P. Brown '96** are engaged. Their wedding will be May 24 in West Des Moines, Kimberly's hometown. James is a Ph.D. student of international security at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. Kimberly will enter medical school at the University of Iowa next year. Friends and acquaintances can reach them at 5701 Centre Ave., Apt. 705, Pittsburgh 15206; jinst11+@pitt.edu.

Lise Platou is working on her master's in international relations at the Johns Hopkins

School of Advanced International Studies. She is concentrating in European studies and international economics. Last year Lise was in Bologna, Italy, and she spent the summer in Norway. News from classmates is welcome at lplatou@sais-jhu.edu.

Smith Surasmith writes, "After pursuing an awakening as a bhikkhu (Buddhist monk) during 1995 in Thailand, I returned to the U.S. to pursue a job. I went to Seattle to look for employment with Microsoft and visited **Arlene Kim**, **Laurion Burchall**, and **Jane Wang**. I then spent some months doing some consulting and settled into a programming position with Activision, a video-game company in Los Angeles, and just shipped my first industrial program. **Gary Jesdanun** is here at Activision. **Aurora Valdez** is looking for graduate programs in education. **Lucia Navar** is teaching first-graders. **Amanda Herrera** is in graduate school in Texas. **Angelica Grado** is in law school. I am looking for a good graduate program in colonial and Third-World history." Smith can be reached at 13410 Village Dr., Cerritos, Calif. 90703; ssurasmith@juno.com, or ssurasmith@activision.com.

Jane Wang moved back to the East Coast in August and lives on Gano Street in Providence. She is a program manager at Electronic Book Technologies and sees a lot of **Ed Bielawa**, **Victoria Ionata**, and **Brie Meisler**. "I miss **Sallie Lin**, **Arlene Kim**, **Laurion Burchall**, and Seattle," Jane writes, "but not my old job at Microsoft, nor the dreary gray winters." She can be reached at (401) 831-1044 or jsw@ebt.com.

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Priya Asnani is a mathematics teacher and student-clubs advisor at Dana Hall School in Wellesley, Mass.

Emily Biss writes, "I recently completed a cross-country bike trip with a friend from high school. We started on July 15 from Astoria, Oreg., and finished October 2 in Bethany Beach, Del. — covering 4,100 miles and seeing many Brown alums along the way. My step-sister, **Carole Womeldorf '89**, picked me up at the end of the trip. I am now looking for work in a technical/scientific field and could end up anywhere." For the moment, Emily can be reached at P.O. Box 355, Blue Hill, Maine 04614; (207) 374-2175.

Ens. **Joshua L. Dembsky** completed the U.S. Navy Officer Indoctrination Course at the Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, R.I., in October.

Josh Gelfman works at the Aalsmeer Flower Auction in Amsterdam. He can be reached at Willemsparkweg 117, 1071 GW Amsterdam, The Netherlands; joshua_gelfman@bigfoot.com.

John Lund writes, "After finishing my degree over the summer I moved to Bangor, Maine, at the end of September. I am promotions director and midday air talent at 97X (WWBX), a modern rock station. I work with

Wendell Clough '89, the program director and morning air talent at 97X. Mame is beautiful, though I never thought I'd move anywhere colder than Providence." John can be reached at bigjohn@telplus.net.

Mike Palmer spent June touring the "juke joints, civil-rights and Civil-War landmarks, and BBQ houses" of the South with **Mike Kalt**. He now lives in Seattle, where he is an academic talent scout and West Coast recruiting director for the Teaching Company. "I'm tracking down the nation's top college lecturers," he writes. "Our virtual faculty includes Brown's Ed Beiser and Arnold Weinstein. I split my free time between applications to M.F.A. programs; freelancing for the *San Francisco Chronicle* and *Cityscape-Seattle*, a Microsoft publication for which I review microbreweries and coffeehouses; and hanging out with **Jennie Bare**, **Jason Tanz**, **Celia Day**, **Dave Wise**, **Ilana Dzuba**, **Kathleen Grady**, **Helen Davis**, and **Gilia Angell**. I should be putting up with the rain through mid-April, then maybe I'll do some traveling before grad school." Mike can be reached at mopalmer@ix.netcom.com.

Annmarie Perez is in the graduate program in clinical psychology at George Washington University. She can be reached at (703) 416-1255; aperez@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu.

Deborah Phillips and **Adam Berman** '94 are teaching together at Teva Learning Center, a Jewish environmental retreat center in the Connecticut Berkshires. "We never met at Brown, but somehow it doesn't seem odd that two Brown graduates have ended up at this sort of place," Deborah writes.

Markus Thadaney is a corporate finance consultant at Coopers & Lybrand in San Francisco. He lives with **Natasha Flora**, **Mark Jaffe**, and **Matthew Shoom-Kirsch**, and can be reached at home, (415) 956-5102; or work, (415) 547-3978.

Mark Tweito, San Antonio, runs the Gray Master Co., home of <http://www.paperz.com>. "Drop me a line in the guestbook."

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Ronald E. Santoni '54 A.M. has been elected president of Concerned Philosophers for Peace, a North American organization committed to the ethical analysis and discussion of issues related to violence, war, and peace. Santoni was codirector of the 8th Biennial Conference of the Sartre Society of North America held at Denison University last May. The conference's program included a discussion of Santoni's recent book, *Bad Faith, Good Faith, and Authenticity in Sartre's Early Philosophy*.

Michael M. Carroll '65 Ph.D. is in his ninth year as dean of the George R. Brown School of Engineering at Rice University in Houston, after twenty-two years at UC-Berkeley. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1995 and recently led an educational tour of his native

Ireland. His wife, **Carolyn Gahagan Carroll** '64, has an art studio in Houston. They celebrated thirty-two years of marriage on Oct. 31.

John M. Roderick '74 Ph.D. was named 1996 Connecticut Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He is an assistant professor in the communications department at the University of Hartford.

Bob Risko '80 A.M. (see '79).

Andrew R.L. Cayton '81 Ph.D. published a history of the frontier period in Indiana, *Frontier Indiana*, with the University of Indiana Press in October. Cayton is a history professor at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Claudia Robitaille '86 A.M. will be included in the forthcoming edition of *Who's Who of American Women*. Robitaille is working on a collection of short fiction, *The Venerable Shoes of the Living*, and is artistic director of A.C.C.E.S.S. Art Corp. International, a nonprofit cultural organization dedicated to heritage awareness and environmental theater. She lives in New Bedford, Mass., and is an adjunct professor at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth.

Constantine Megaridis '87 Ph.D. has been promoted to associate professor with tenure in the Department of Mechanical Engineering of the University of Illinois at Chicago. He can be reached at cmm@uic.edu.

Margaret J. Hausman '88 Ph.D. writes, "The most fun event of last year was appearing on *Jeopardy!* I came in third (slow trigger thumb), but enjoyed the trip, surprised myself by enjoying L.A., and have seeds of car freshener to remember the show by." Hausman is still editing and writing for Indiana University, where her husband, Art, is finishing his Ph.D. in public policy. They can be reached at 211 Bryan St., Bloomington, Ind. 47408.

Robert Afzal '89 Ph.D. helped develop the main mapping instrument on NASA's recently-launched Mars Global Surveyor. The mission is described at <http://www.nasa.gov/msg>. This note was sent in by Robert's sister, **Leila Afzal** '80.

Elizabeth West Blakely '90 Ph.D. (see '84).

Susan Signe Morrison '91 Ph.D. and **James A. Kilfoyle** '94 Ph.D., Austin, Tex., announce the birth of Sarah Siobhan Kilfoyle on June 10. Susan teaches in the English department at Southwest Texas State University and is currently on a leave funded by a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for College Teachers. Jim teaches in the English department at Southwestern University. They can be reached at 2213 Rebel Rd., Austin 78704.

Lee Skinner '91 Ph.D. was mistakenly referred to as "he" in the November Classes. Lee writes that she remains female and can be reached at lskinner@falcon.cc.ukans.edu.

David A. Durfee '92 Ph.D. (see '80).

Pilar Tirado '93 Ph.D. is an assistant professor of foreign languages at the State University of New York, Plattsburgh. Her most

recent publication is *Parody, Poverty, and the Lazarillo in Hispano Fila*, fall 1995. She can be reached at tiradop@splava.cc.plattsburgh.edu.

Erich M. Fisher '95 Ph.D. writes, "I'm in Cleveland working at McKinsey. It's a far cry from planetary geology, but interesting work nonetheless. In my spare time last summer I raced sailboats on Lake Erie."

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Keith Kerman '84 (see '82).

Marion M. Pandiscio '85 (see '81).

Robert W. Panton '86 (see '83).

Merrill W. Reuter '86 lives in Boca Raton, Fla., with his wife, Pamela, and children Seth, 9, Hillary, 7, Evan, 5, and Jordan, 5. Merrill has passed the orthopedic oral board exams and has an orthopedic surgery practice in Boca Raton.

Sunita Sheth '86 (see **Marion Brody** '86).

Manish Butte '96 (see '93).

Geoff Chan '96, **Joseph Chen** '96,

Melinda Johnson '96, **Jinna Kim** '96, **Ted Pan** '96, and **Deana Theroux** '96 (see **Manish Butte** '93).

Enoch Choi '96 (see '92).

OBITUARIES

Harold L. Tinker '21, W. Tisbury, Mass.; Sept. 21. He was English master at the Choate School in Wallingford, Conn., for thirty-nine years and inspired generations of students, including President John F. Kennedy, with his motto, "Dispute the text." Kennedy, who remained in close touch with Tinker all his life, was so concerned at not seeing Tinker at his wedding that he wrote him a personal note from his honeymoon. Tinker, who was in England researching Thomas Hardy, claimed he must have been "the only person in the English-speaking world who did not know Kennedy was getting married." Retiring to Martha's Vineyard in 1962, he was never seen without a coat, tie, vest, and hat — even while trimming his lawn in August. An inveterate collector of rare, first-edition books, he donated his collection of 3,000 volumes to the John Hay Library in 1985. Phi Beta Kappa. He is survived by his daughters, **Melissa Tinker Howland** '48, RFD #348, Lamberts Cove, Vineyard Haven, Mass. 02568; and **Nancy Tinker DeLong** '50.

Irene Crockett Duncan '22, Stanford, Calif.; Oct. 18. After living in Australia during the 1930s, she moved to Greenburgh, N.Y., where she was a civil-rights crusader. She helped the League of Women Voters develop recruiting and recreation programs for blacks, and she served on the Greenburgh housing authority.

where she lobbied for the needs of low-income families and the elderly. She moved to Escondido, Calif., in 1962 and founded a local chapter of Head Start. She is survived by her niece, Janice Gere, 932 Valdez Pl., Stanford 94305.

Eileen Ostiguy '23, Rockville, Md.; Aug. 5. She was an English teacher with the Hartford, Conn., public school system, retiring in 1956. In 1995 one of her poems was selected for publication in the National Poetry Anthology for Teachers. A volunteer tutor for the Montgomery County, Md., literary council, she was secretary to the Rockville Commission on Aging. She is survived by her sister, Rita Southall.

Lois Campbell Bigelow '24, Providence; Nov. 1. She was a teacher in the Providence school system for many years. She was an approved judge of the American Kennel Club and founded the Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island. A fifty-year member of the Central Congregational Church of Providence, she led its Business and Professional Women's Club. She established the Leonard H. Campbell Medical Scholarship at Brown in memory of her late father. She is survived by her nephews, **L. Robert Campbell** '43, 4141 W. Cotta Dr., Green Valley, Ariz. 85614; and **John H. Campbell** '48.

Raymond B. Anthony '25, Malvern, Pa.; April 5. He was a manager for the Special Chemicals Section of Allied Chemical Co., now Allied Signal, for forty years, retiring in 1968. He is survived by his daughters **Louise Anthony Brundage** '53, 165 Santa Fe Ave., Hamden, Conn. 06517; and **Deborah Anthony Stuart** '67; and by a son-in-law, **James Stuart** '67.

Arthur M. Sharp '25, Bradenton, Fla.; Oct. 27. He owned the Central Oil Co. of Raynham, Mass. One of the first Eagle Scouts in Rhode Island, he was a member of the Roger Williams Lodge, the Palestine Shrine, and the Order of the Eastern Star. Phi Beta Kappa. He is survived by his son, Robert.

Gerald A. Higgins '26, W. Brookfield, Mass.; autumn 1996. He was the advertising manager for Boston Consolidated Gas Co. for eighteen years. Previously he was an account director for Doremus & Co., an advertising firm in Boston, and was assistant to the president of the James Thomas Chirurg Co. Inc. He is survived by his son, Barry.

Evelyn Pierce Beaton '28, E. Falmouth, Mass.; April 13. She was a high school Latin, English, and French teacher in Sutton and Millbury, Mass., and was active in school theater productions. She also worked as treasurer of Pierce Hardware Co. in Millbury for many years. She is survived by her husband, Stephen, Box 625, E. Falmouth 02536.

Perry A. Sperber '28, S. Daytona, Fla.; Oct.

4. An allergist and dermatologist until his retirement in 1975, he published twenty-five articles and three books on his research and was the 1981 recipient of the American College of Allergists Award of Merit. He was a past curator of the Daytona Beach Zoo and a past lieutenant of the Kiwanis Club in Florida, where he edited his chapter's weekly bulletin. He is survived by his wife, Muriel, 816 Wells Dr., S. Daytona 32119.

J. Ronald Brogden '29, W. Kingston, R.I.; June 25. He was an industrial relations manager for U.S. Rubber Co. until he co-founded N.E. Brand Co., a lingene-elastics manufacturer in Coventry, R.I., where he worked until his retirement in 1970. He is survived by his wife, Mary, 409 Barber Pond Rd., W. Kingston 02892.

Grace King Laurent '30, Whitewater, Wis.; Aug. 9. She was a sports director for Bennington College, taught hygiene and physical education at Stanford, and was director of health and physical education at Scripps College, Calif., before moving to Wisconsin in 1956. She was a librarian at the Chippewa County (Wis.) Historical Society and a member of its board of directors. She was an active member of St. Katherine's Episcopal Church, where she was named clerk of the vestry and the church's delegate to the diocesan convention at Eau Claire. A captain of the women's basketball team, she was also on the softball and swimming teams at Pembroke. She is survived by a son, Jerome.

Barbara Shawcross Foster '32, Melrose, Mass.; Oct. 16. A longtime resident of Wakefield, R.I., where she was a board member of the Fortnightly and the Women's Republican clubs, she moved to Melrose in 1986. She is survived by her daughter, Nancy O'Neill, 31 Grandview Ave., Melrose 02176.

Violet Bander Callahan '33, Hilo, Hawaii; Nov. 8, 1986. After a career in social work in the pediatric department of Ohio State University, she retired to Hawaii and volunteered with the Hilo Hospital Auxiliary. She was a board member of the Hawaii County Mental Health Association and a member of the Hilo chapter of the American Academy of Social Workers.

Davis P. Low '33, Elizabeth City, N.C.; Aug. 26. A former Brown admission officer, he was a diplomatic courier for the U.S. State Department during World War II. He was a claims representative for the Social Security Administration from 1957 until his retirement in 1970. He is survived by his wife, Viva, River Wind 1, Suite 109, Elizabeth City 27909; a stepdaughter; and two stepsons.

Edwin W. Vreeland '33, Wyckoff, N.J.; Aug. 30. A collection manager for National Newark & Essex Banking Corp. and Household Finance Corp., he went on to work for

Worthington Corp. until his retirement. He was a director and charter member of the Little Falls, N.J., Rotary Club, and was steward of the town's Methodist church. He is survived by his nephew, **Will Mackenzie** '60, 3955 Alomar Dr., Sherman Oaks, Calif. 91423; and two daughters.

Robert L. Lowenthal '34, Canandaigua, N.Y.; Sept. 27, of injuries suffered in a car accident. He was president of the family-owned knitting company Max Lowenthal & Sons in Rochester, N.Y., from 1934 until the company closed in 1971. He then joined the Rochester real estate board and was a member of its finance committee until his retirement in 1987. He was a past president of the Association of the United Nations and the former Traveler's Aid Society, both in Rochester; and served on the boards of Civic Music Association, Stephens College, and Kenka College, which awarded him an honorary doctorate of humane letters in 1994. He was a past president of the Brown Club of Rochester. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, 4781 West Lake Rd., Canandaigua 14424; a son; and a daughter.

J. Philip Magill '34, Bridgeport, Conn.; May 30, of injuries suffered when he was struck by a car. He received his law degree from Harvard in 1937 and was an attorney in private practice in Bridgeport for many years. He is survived by his wife, Eunice, 31 Brooklawn Pl., Bridgeport 06604; and two daughters.

Chester H. Page '34, Columbia, Md.; Aug. 7, of cancer. He received his Ph.D. from Yale in 1937 and was a physicist for thirty-six years with what is now the National Institute of Standards and Technology, retiring in 1977. He was coordinator for international standardization activities and chief of ordnance research and computer electronics, had three patents related to the radio proximity fuse, and taught at the Institute's graduate school. He published thirty-seven articles and two technical books on mathematical physics and the algebra of electronics. He was awarded two Commerce Department gold medals and the Harry Diamond Memorial and Charles Proteus Steinmetz awards by the Institute of Electronics Engineers, of which he was a fellow. He was also a fellow of the American Physical Society and the Washington Academy of Sciences and a past president of the Philosophical Society of Washington. An amateur viticulturist, he developed his own vineyard and produced award-winning wines. He is survived by his wife, Corrella, 6324 Morning Time, Columbia 21044; two daughters, including **Marlys Henke** '65; and a son, **Jeffrey** '73.

Walter A. Wallace '35, Naples, Fla.; Nov. 29, 1995. He was vice president of Wallace & Sons Inc., Pompano Beach, Fla. Previously he worked in manufacturing with the American Brass Co., was vice president of John Schoonmaker & Sons Inc. in Newburgh, N.Y., and

was a resident manager for Jay Stoddard Williams in Waterbury, Conn. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, Hope, 2114 Viewpoint Dr., Naples 33963; a son; a daughter; and two stepchildren.

Fred A. Barry '36, East Providence, R.I.; Oct. 10. A lifelong resident of Rhode Island, he was founder and owner of Berry Leather Goods and Barry Importing Ltd. until his retirement in 1991. Widely traveled in Mexico, Europe, and East Asia, he was an avid collector of chess sets, and he taught courses in international trade at Providence College for two years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Roosevelt Lodge. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, 30 Village Dr., East Providence 02915; and two sons.

Lenora Grozen Goltz '37, '39 Sc.M., Fall River, Mass.; Oct. 26. She was a mathematics teacher at B.M.C. Durfee High School in Fall River for twenty-five years. Phi Beta Kappa. She is survived by a daughter and a son.

Rev. **Stanley J. Keach** '38, Deering, N.H.; Nov. 3. In a fifty-five-year ministry he served Baptist, Congregational (United Church of Christ), and Unitarian churches in New Hampshire, New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. He was minister of education for the middle-Atlantic conference of the UCC. An avid flyfisherman and skier, he often lectured on modern jazz and folk music. He is survived by his wife, Alice, RD 1, Box 175A, Deering 03244; a daughter; and a son.

John W. Moore '38, Edinboro, Penn.; July 22, of leukemia. He owned and operated Moore-Davison Dairy for many years, eventually selling it and moving into other ventures. In retirement he made stained-glass windows. He is survived by his wife, Margretta, 305 Lakeside Dr., Edinboro 16412.

Gregory K. Hartmann '39 Ph.D., Garrett Park, Md.; April 8, of pneumonia. He was technical director at the U.S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Silver Spring, Md., for thirty-two years, retiring in 1973. He specialized in explosives development and the phenomena of weapons effects, making major contributions to the arming device of the Polaris nuclear warhead and to the aeroballistic ranges for the Titan, Terrier, Talos, Tartar, Polaris, and Poseidon missile systems. He received two Distinguished Civilian Service awards from the U.S. Navy for his contributions to science and his administration of the laboratory, and in 1963 he was awarded the National Civil Service League's Career Service Award. He was a fellow of the Acoustical Society of America and the Washington Academy of Science, and he was a charter member of the Federal Professional Association. He is survived by his wife, **Harriet Johnston Hartmann** '39, 10701 Keswick St., Box 317, Garrett Park 20896; and four children.

Saul Belilove '40, Berkeley, Calif.; Nov. 2. In 1947 he founded Belilove Co. Engineers, a manufacturers representative business in East Bay, Calif., and served as its president until his retirement in 1987. He was a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Berkeley Tennis Club, where he sponsored the annual Belilove Cup. He is survived by his wife, Jean, 156 Tunnel Rd., Berkeley 94705; a twin brother, **Abraham** '40; a son; and a daughter.

Floyd T. Gould '40, East Dennis, Mass.; Nov. 19, 1995. He was a research scientist and materials engineer for General Electric Corp. and Honeywell Corp., retiring in 1981. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he served with the 120th Chemical Processing Company and in numerous battles in the European and Pacific theaters. He was awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Physics Society. He is survived by his wife, Emd-Louise, Box 358, East Dennis 02641; two sons; and a daughter.

Robert M. Merritt Jr. '40 A.M., Dallas; March 9, 1995. He was a past president of Leicester (Mass.) Community College and chaired the English department at the Hockaday School in Dallas.

John G. Porritt '40, Scranton, Penn.; Oct. 3. He was president of XYZ Forms Inc. Previously he worked in sales for UARCO Inc. and AJK Molded Products and as a purchasing agent for Fram Corp. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, Jane, 309 Summit Point Dr., Scranton 18508; and two daughters.

Bernard Kusinitz '41, Newport, R.I.; Oct. 31. He owned and operated Kusnitz Foods & Liquors in Newport for many years and was a faculty member at the Newport Business and Secretarial School and the United Hebrew School. Named B'nai B'rith Man of the Year in 1979, he was a three-time president of Congregation Jeshuat Israel at Touro Synagogue, founded the Newport extension of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, and was chairman of the archives and museum committee of his congregation. He was author of *The History of Judah Touro Lodge of B'nai B'rith, Independent Order of B'nai B'rith 1924-79*, as well as many articles on Newport Jewish history. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and state chairman of the American Veterans Committee. He is survived by his wife, Emily, 52 Toppa Blvd., Newport 02840; a brother, **Maury** '38; and three sons, including **Barry** '71.

Lester W. J. Seifert '41 Ph.D., Milwaukee; Sept. 3. He was a professor of linguistics and German at the University of Wisconsin.

Peter M. Healy '42, Warwick, R.I.; Oct. 3. He was a sales representative for Computer Service Consultants Inc. in Warwick. Previously he was a branch manager for the Wingate Computing Center in Fall River, Mass., and a salesman for National Cash Register Co. in Providence. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, 263 Country Club Dr., Warwick 02888.

A. Wilber Stevens '42, Las Vegas; Sept. 20, of cancer. Professor emeritus of English at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, he was a longtime resident of Las Vegas and a prolific poet. He published several books of poems, including *The World is Going to End up in Burma* and *From the Still Empty Grave*; was founder and editor of the semi-annual journal *Intenu*; and was widely regarded as Nevada's best-known and most important poet. He also wrote drama and music reviews for the *Las Vegas Sun* and for *Billboard* magazine. He was a charter faculty member at Prescott College in Prescott, Ariz., and chaired the English departments of Park College, Parkville, Mo., and Idaho State University in Pocatello. In 1956 he was a Fulbright scholar in Mandalay, Burma, and he represented the American Educational Theater Association at the UNESCO international meeting in New Delhi, India. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He is survived by two sons, including Arthur III, 930 W. 8th St., Medford, Ore. 97501.

Arthur L. Thayer '42, Clermont, Fla.; Aug. 12, 1993. He was a mechanical engineer for Westinghouse Electrical Corp. in Hyde Park, Mass., and chief engineer for Connor Engineering Corp. in Danbury, Conn. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, 203 Palm Ln., Clermont 34711; a son; and a daughter.

Thomas D. McKone '43, Schenectady, N.Y.; Sept. 23. He was manager of international engineering and head of the gas turbine department for General Electric Corp. in Schenectady. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was captain of the Brown varsity baseball team. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, 965 Avon Crest Blvd., Schenectady 12309; sons **David** '69, **Michael** '74, **Kevin** '80, and **John** '85; and a daughter.

Frances Salisbury Duncan '44, Providence; Sept. 5. She was treasurer of Nightingale, Baker & Salisbury, a warehouse and distribution company in East Providence. She is survived by her husband, David, 137 Laurel Ave., Providence 02906; and a son.

Ben F. Dziengielewski '44, Oakdale, Conn.; Feb. 25, 1996. He was a computer-science teacher and head of the mathematics department at Carl C. Cutler Junior High in Groton, Conn., for thirty-five years, retiring in 1992. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Hawley O. Judd '45, Eastham, Mass.; Aug. 31. He was a second vice president at Travel-

ers Insurance Co. until his retirement in 1983. Previously he was a salesman for Proctor & Gamble. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, Janet, P.O. Box 48, Eastham 02642; and two sons, including **Steven** '73.

Thomas Kavazanjian '47, Garden City, N.Y.; Aug. 14, of lymphoma. He was a charter professor at Nassau Community College, where he worked as a clinical psychologist and was named professor emeritus at his 1995 retirement. He played varsity baseball and basketball at Brown and was a captain of the varsity football team. He was named an All-New England player in 1946, and in 1948 he was invited to try out for the New York Giants. He declined, opting instead for a post-doctoral psychoanalytic training position at the National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis in New York. He worked as a prison psychologist at Westchester County Penitentiary in the late 1950s and interned at the Hillside Medical Center. He was a volunteer with the Garden City Advisory Board and a member of the American Psychological Association, the American Association of University Professors, and many other professional societies and community organizations. He is survived by his wife, Mary, 125 Oxford Blvd., Garden City 11530; a son, **Thomas** '75; and a daughter, **Kathryn Kavazanjian Leonard** '75.

Margaret Davidson Ramsdell '47, North Hampton, N.H.; March 24. She was a three-time treasurer of the Essex North Medical Auxiliary and was active in community service. Previously she worked for several advertising companies in Boston and was an assistant to the editor of the *Harvard Library Bulletin*. She is survived by her husband, Robert, 21 Sylvan Rd., North Hampton 03862; two daughters, including **Marleah** '78; and a son.

Mary Ferguson Boyd '48, Rochester Hills, Mich.; Feb. 3, 1995, of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. She was a computer systems analyst at Chevrolet, Computer Technology Inc., Securedata Corp., Security Bankcorp, and First of America, retiring in 1991. She is survived by her husband, **William** '47, 875 W. Avon Rd., #344C, Rochester Hills 48307; two sons, including **Michael** '74; and two daughters.

William L. Chandler '49, Harwich, Mass.; Sept. 9, 1992. He was a department manager at King's department store in Hyannis, Mass. Previously he was in sales with Suburban Gas Co. in Hyannis and Nickerson Lumber Co. in Orleans, Mass. He is survived by his wife, Harriet, 92 John Nelson Hwy., Harwich 02645.

Theodore F. Dane '49, Wakefield, R.I.; Sept. 29. He was an account executive at the former G.H. Walker & Co. investment firm for twenty-five years, retiring in 1994. He served two terms on the South Kingstown

town council, was a longtime president of the South County (R.I.) Brown Club, and was a Little League coach. He served in the U.S. Army 504th Parachute Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division, during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, 3906 A Tower Hill Rd., Wakefield 02879; two sons, including **Theodore Jr.** '76; and a daughter.

Leo A. Hartman '49, Maimeville, Ohio; April 11. He was an assistant manager with United Insurance Companies of America in Cincinnati. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, Lila, 788 Lakeshore Dr., Maimeville 45039; a son; and a daughter.

Donald S. Shaw Jr. '49, Ormond Beach, Fla.; July 21. He owned and operated Shaw's Yacht and Marine Supply in Daytona Beach. Previously he was director of television-station relations for ABC and general manager for WCAS, Kaiser-Globe Broadcasting, in Cambridge, Mass. An avid sailor, he competed in the North American Multi-Hull Championships and in the Vineyard, Block Island, and Stratford shoal races. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, **Joan** '50, 92 University Circle, Ormond Beach 32176; and three sons.

Howard L. Smith '49, Hopedale, Mass.; Sept. 12. A purchasing agent for Draper Corp. for twenty-one years, he later worked as a media specialist for the Bellingham (Mass.) elementary-school system and as a quality inspector at the Ball-Foster Glass Co. in Milford, Mass. He was a soloist in the Hopedale Unitarian Church choir and served as assistant superintendent of the church's Sunday school and as president of its men's group. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, 47 Hopedale St., Hopedale 01747; two sons; and a daughter.

Paul Yelavich Jr. '49, Cedar Grove, N.J.; Sept. 22. He was director of the general actuarial and claims department at Prudential Insurance Co. in Newark, N.J., where he worked for thirty-four years. A carrier-based U.S. Navy aviator in the South Pacific during World War II, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal. He is survived by his wife, Marie, 1 Lakewood Ave., Cedar Grove 07009; four daughters, including **Susan** '72 and **Christine Yelavich Miers** '74; and a son, **Paul** '81.

Joseph M. Walters Jr. '50, Cummaquid, Mass.; Aug. 10, of kidney failure after living on dialysis for twenty-five years. He was an advertising executive with Binney & Smith in New York City until poor health forced him to retire in 1971. He then moved to Cape Cod and devoted much of his time to painting. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, P.O. Box 317, Cummaquid 02637; and three sons, including **Clifford** '78.

Dorothea Chomicz Eade '51, Waterbury, Conn.; Sept. 20, of cancer. She is survived by her husband, **Robert** '51, 37 Euclid Ave., Waterbury 06710.

Cosmo S. Chirico '55, Cranston, R.I.; from injuries suffered in a car accident. A longtime Cranston resident, he was a lead systems analyst for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rhode Island for fifteen years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Deanna, 98 Hyde St., Cranston 02920; a daughter; and two sons.

Sandra Castle Harris '55, Trumbull, Conn.; Sept. 30. President of her senior class at Pembroke, she was a part-time teacher at several schools in the Trumbull area. Previously she was a teacher for the U.S. Army in Germany. She is survived by her husband, **Richard** '56, 86 Canoe Brook Rd., Trumbull 06611; four daughters, including **Susan** '82 and **Elizabeth Harris Sagaser** '83; and son-in-law **John Sagaser** '83.

Bruce L. Beatty '58, Pound Ridge, N.Y.; Oct. 11. A consultant to the Leaton Financial Group, he was a past assistant treasurer at Condec Corp., a robotics and industrial-machinery manufacturer in Old Greenwich, Conn. Previously he was an assistant vice president and managing consultant for the multinational financial group at Chemical Bank. He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in the early 1960s, serving aboard the USS *Paulle*. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne, 35 Deerfield Rd., Pound Ridge 10576; a sister, **Ellin Beatty Glenn** '62; and two daughters.

Richard I. Champa '58, Topsfield, Mass.; Oct. 8. He was a high-school history, English, and Italian teacher and president of the Revere (Mass.) Teachers Association. Previously he was business manager for the LaRegma Bakery in Chelsea, Mass. He is survived by his mother, Flora.

David M. Taylor '58, Marietta, Ga.; March 12. He was an insurance agent for State Farm Insurance Co. until his retirement in 1992. He is survived by his wife, **Barbara** '58, 4008 Columns Dr., Marietta 30067; and three children.

George K. Monroe '61 A.M., '65 Ph.D., Fleetwood, Penn.; Aug. 23. He was an English professor at Kutztown State College, where he served on the faculty senate in the 1970s. Previously he was an assistant professor at Lafayette College, where he taught German and linguistics. He received a grant in 1968 to study the role of computers in humanities research. He coauthored *A Comparative Quantitative Phonology of Russian, Czech, and German*, published in 1968; contributed two articles on the Grimm brothers to the World Book Encyclopedia; and published numerous scholarly articles. He was awarded the 1980-81 Certificate of Excellence in Teaching from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Active

in local theater, he was pronouncer of the Schuylkill County spelling bee from 1991–96. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, 401 W. Somerset St., Fleetwood 19522; and a son.

Daniel Messinger '62 A.M., Detroit; Sept. 5. He is survived by his brother, Edward, 5543 Kensington, Detroit 48224.

Walter H. Barney '63, Providence; Oct. 25. He owned Governor Francis Dry Cleaners for ten years. Previously he worked for John R. Hess & Son in Cranston, R.I.; and was a general manager for Pawtucket Fasteners Inc. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Germany from 1961–63. A former president and treasurer of the Hog Island Association, he was active in the Big Brothers of R.I. He is survived by his wife, Maria, 652 Angell St., Providence 02906; and his mother, **Betty** '38.

Peter B. Fisher '67, York Harbor, Maine; Oct. 6. He was a volunteer with the refugee resettlement program in Portland, Maine, and worked with homeless veterans in the Boston area. He is survived by his mother, Clara, P.O. Box 632, York Harbor 03911.

Robin Fenn Elbot '72, Beverly, Mass.; June 13. She was a librarian and children's services coordinator for the Beverly Public Library. Previously she was an elementary-school guidance counselor for Bristol Consolidated Schools in Wisconsin. He is survived by her husband, Eric, 111 Grover St., Beverly 01915; her uncle, **James E. Fenn** '45; a brother, **Peter** '76; and three children.

Stephen G. Schottmiller '72, Monroeville, Ohio; April 1. He earned an M.F.A. in drama at the University of Texas at Austin and played the role of Sky Masterson in a Beaumont, Tex., production of *Guys and Dolls* in 1976. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne, 2900 Fritz Dr., Monroeville 44847.

Michael J. Goluska '73, Seattle; July 13. He was a doctor of internal medicine at CHEC Medical Center in Seattle, and volunteered his medical services for two years in government hospitals in Swaziland and Togo, West Africa. He is survived by his parents, Mitchell and Eleanor, 5749 Phoenix Palm Ct., Delray Beach, Fla. 33484.

Julie A. Roque '85 Sc.M., Lawndale, Calif.; Oct. 6. She was a senior policy analyst with the Office of Science and Technology Policy in Washington, D.C. Previously she was an assistant professor at UCLA. She is survived by her mother, Barbara Roque, 225 San Vicente, #207, Santa Monica, Calif. 90402.

James H. Coombs '84 A.M., Palo Alto, Calif.; April 27, 1994, from injuries suffered in a car accident. He was a software-design consultant with the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center. Previously he was a research scientist, chief architect, and senior software engineer

for the Brown-based Institute for Research in Information and Scholarship. He published many scientific and scholarly articles and was a Mellon post-doctoral fellow at Brown. His collection of books on linguistics, philosophy, computer programming, classics, and literary criticism was donated to the Brown library after his death. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Coombs, 21 Howe St., Prattsburgh N.Y. 14873.

Courtland D. Roach '91 A.M., Fall River, Mass.; Sept. 28, of AIDS. He was a counselor and educator for Project Aware at Stanley Street Treatment and Resources Inc. in Fall River for five years before retiring due to illness. He served on the Fall River AIDS Task Force for five years, was secretary to the Greater Fall River AIDS Consortium, was appointed to the board of Rhode Island Project AIDS in 1995, and was a cofounder and vice president of Moveable Feast Inc. He was the life partner of Joseph W. Borges. He is also survived by his parents, Stephen and Jeanne Roach, 1236 Yacht Club Blvd., Indian Harbor Beach, Fla. 32937; a sister; and a brother.

Joshua P. Malen '95, New York City; autumn 1996, of cancer. He is survived by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Malen, 81 Wooster St., New York 10012.

Richard J. Goss, Providence; Nov. 21. A member of the Brown faculty since 1952, he retired in 1990 as the Robert P. Brown Professor of Biology. He was chair of developmental biology from 1972–77 and dean of biology from 1977–84. An international authority on wound healing, tissue growth, and the regeneration of appendages in lower vertebrates, he authored several books and more than 100 scientific articles. In 1984 he was awarded the Marcus Singer Medallion in recognition of his research on regeneration. He was a fellow of the Carnegie Institution of Washington and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a trustee of the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory, president of the Rhode Island Zoological Society, and a member of numerous other scientific and professional societies. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in General George S. Patton's combat infantry. He is survived by his wife, Marcella, 24 Edgewood Dr., Barrington, R.I. 02806; a son; and a daughter.

Malcolm S. Stevens, Providence; Nov. 17. The University's vice president of administration from 1966 until retiring in 1975, he came to Brown in 1962 as assistant to the provost and coordinator of research. He supervised planning for the University's physical growth, health services, and safety in athletics and physical education. A graduate of MIT, he served in the Army Corps of Engineers. He is survived by his wife, Julia, and two children. ☞

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The third image haunts me the most. After arriving in Sarajevo we walked to the *biblioteka*, the magnificent library that had been reduced by aggressors' mortars to a rubble-filled shell. I found I couldn't follow my colleagues inside the ruin. Instead I stood under the pillars outside, crying. Perhaps it was because I had worked for years in a library or because I turned to books for comfort as a child. But that day, weeping in a strange city in front of a broken library, I felt as if I, too, were broken. I understood a small part of what Sarajevans must have felt when the building was singled out and destroyed. I was shocked by the power of such malice, overwhelmed by the vulnerability that beauty had offered up.

On our last day in Sarajevo I returned to the *biblioteka*. Soon I was groping in my bag for Hershey's Kisses to give three schoolboys who wanted to pose for my camera. After I snapped shots of them standing with their backpacks, they ran up the steps just inside the library. Overhead, a rusty, twisted cable hung down through the skeleton of a chandelier. The first boy to the top grabbed the cable and pushed off, swung out over the steps, and dropped to the ground. Then his friends took their turns.

The ceiling above the cable appeared intact, but behind the boys daylight streamed through the ruined roof. I began to make anxious sounds in useless English. Language didn't matter, however. The kids recognized a mother's universal worry and reassured me with Bosnian words and jaunty waves; the cable and ceiling, I knew they were telling me, were *perfectly safe*.

I would like to believe those boys. I want to believe that nothing bad will happen – that they won't have their legs blown off by land mines and that their parents won't take out their grief on their children, but will somehow find the resources to protect them in the face of unbearable losses. I want to believe that Bosnia will ride into the future on the energy and spirit of such children. I want to believe, most of all, that the ceiling won't fall down. ☞

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This New House

No way, I told my wife. I wasn't ready to take on the responsibility. If we did this now, our whole lifestyle would change radically. Forget free time or spur-of-the-moment vacations. We'd be at the beck and call of this new addition to our lives. Sure, *someday* we'd do it, but were we emotionally and physically ready right now?

My wife wouldn't budge. So we went ahead and bought our first house.

Both the realtor and the inspector assured us it was in excellent shape. But each time they pointed out some great feature, one of them would add, "And you can always do X to make it even *better*." That should have tipped me off. If the house was so great, why would we want to change anything? Then there was the expense of all the suggested alterations. It never ceases to amaze me how willing people are to spend money when it's not their own.

Soon after moving into our new house, I began seeing things I hadn't noticed before. Hadn't the living-room paint, which looked so fresh during our walk-throughs, started to fade? Were the floorboards always that crooked? I could have sworn the lawn had more grass than clover and not quite so many sinkholes.

I began hearing voices: "Landscape the front yard," they said; "it'll increase your resale value and make the property much prettier. Tile over that horrible linoleum in the first-floor bathroom. Paint the dark and dingy kitchen."

Even though I realized whose voices these were — they belonged, of course, to our realtor and our home inspector — I found that I desperately wanted to do their bidding, *now*. How would we impress our friends, family, and new neighbors if we didn't fix up the house? Who cared if there weren't enough hours in the day or zeros in our bank account? Either we should do it right or resign ourselves to a fate worse than death: moving to a condo.



We've owned our house for more than seven months now. The visions have stopped; the voices are gone — banished by sheer exhaustion. Every Saturday morning we make our pilgrimage to Home Depot to worship the gods of tools, landscaping supplies, and interior decorating. The guys in the orange smocks smile as we enter; they know us by name. Like the other supplicants in this cavernous temple to home improvement we seek enlightenment by Doing It Ourselves. I had never realized until this year how moving it could be to buy a two-by-four, or what epiphanies awaited me in the sheetrock aisle.

Our weekends are now a blur of dirt, paint, sawdust, and clippings. I wrestle with roots, cut branches, spread mulch, pick weeds, water, sweep, drill, hammer, brush, flush, wipe, and arrange. For some reason my wife worries that I've become a power-tool fanatic. Maybe it's the Jack Nicholson gleam in my eye whenever I put a bit in my drill or plug in the hedge clippers. She finds it odd that I wake up in the middle of the night screaming into the darkness about spackle and grout. Last week she pleaded with me to stop taping "This Old House" and reruns of "Crockett's Victory Garden." Although I assure her I'm okay, she's convinced we've created a monster.

Even the neighbors are beginning to

talk. Why, they wonder, do I work so much in the yard? Just what am I trying to prove? I'm convinced they're just jealous. After all, our tomatoes grew bigger than theirs, and I've got lots more tools. Just wait till I get those ten cubic yards of topsoil delivered! Then they'll thank me for increasing the whole neighborhood's property values.

After a full day's work I pause to survey our estate. Proudly I note that errant weeds have been subdued. Clumped mulch is spread evenly. The vegetables have been pinched, prodded, and plucked. Elated, I water the plants, telling them about my day and inquiring about theirs, urging them to grow a little faster. Through the kitchen window I see my wife's anxious face.

Inside the house, I do my best to comfort her. "Don't worry, dear," I say. "Everything will be all right. Just look at this." I pull out my plans for the new bedroom wing and the Japanese garden that will look perfect in our backyard. She is speechless, so I add, "By the way, I think we're ready to start having kids."

Have you ever seen a grown woman cry? ☹

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