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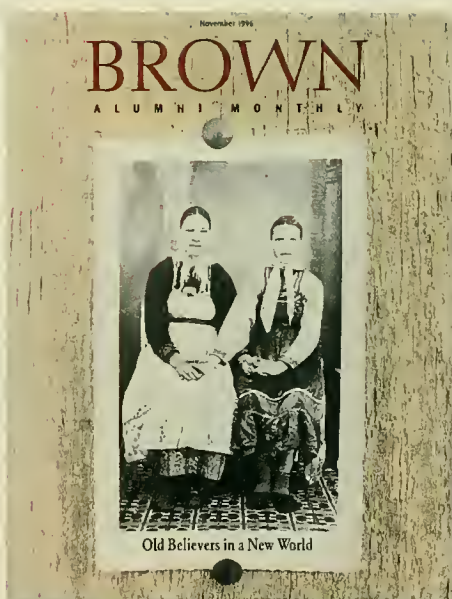
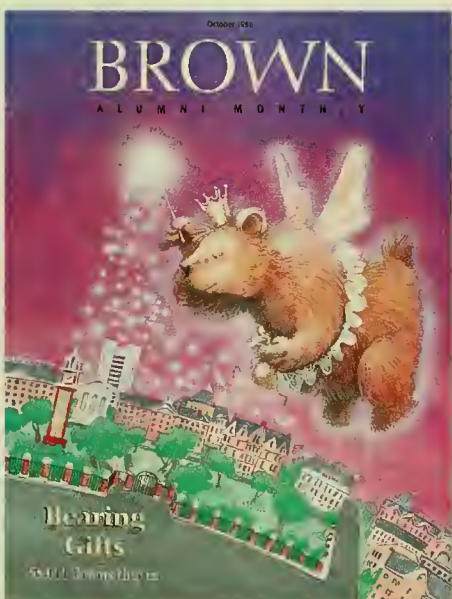
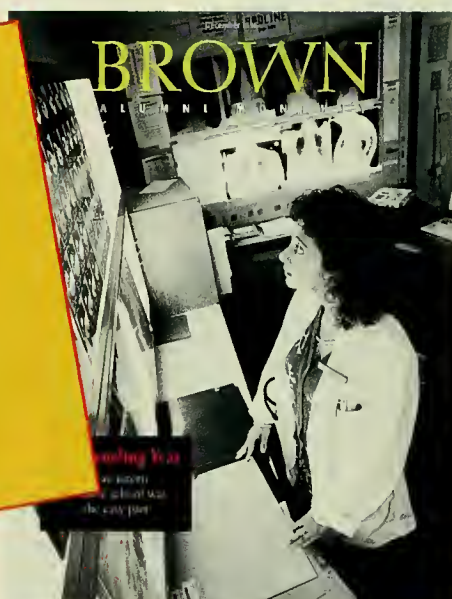
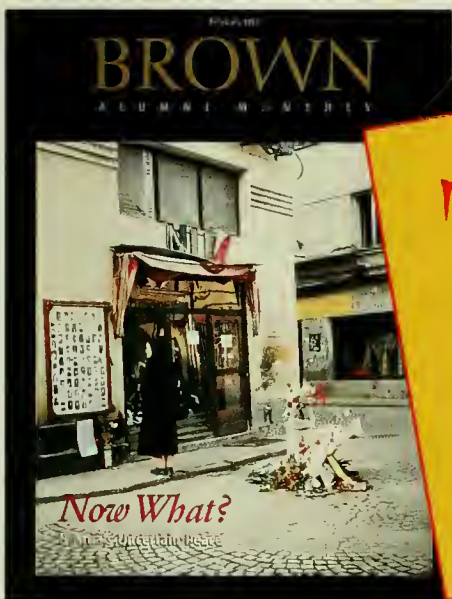
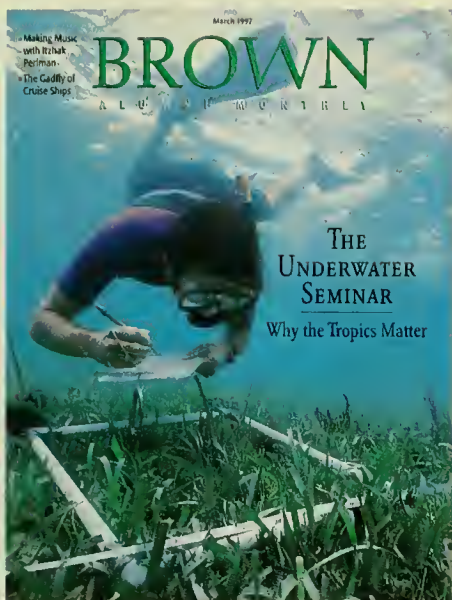


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Grace Notes

Commencement 1989 was Vartan Gregorian's first as president of Brown. Apparently it went very well. I wouldn't know, because I spent that day not on the job with my reporter's notebook as planned, but in Women and Infants Hospital having a miscarriage.

Two days later, as I was recuperating at home, the doorbell rang and a deliveryman brought in an enormous arrangement of flowers. He set them on our dining table, where they seemed to glow, as vibrant and warm as spring sunshine. I picked up the little card and read: "I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Vartan Gregorian."

At the time I did not yet count myself among the legions of friends whose addresses fill numerous card files in Gregorian's office. The previous fall I had interviewed him for the *BAM*'s October 1988 cover story. Since then, I had waved to the new president at public events, and he'd waved back, but that was the extent of our acquaintance.

No matter. An employee had suffered a misfortune, and Gregorian acted quickly to convey his sympathy. It was a small gesture in the busy life of an important man, a kindness so unexpected and touching that after the deliveryman left, I burst into tears.

College presidents are judged foremost on their academic and fiscal achievements. Gregorian has compiled an impressive portfolio, and you will find his accomplishments chronicled in these

pages. But perhaps more than any other president in the University's modern history he has been known for his charisma and warmth. Many times during the past eight years as I waited in the reception area outside the president's University Hall office, I would observe his staff carrying out personal errands: ordering flowers for the ailing wife of a trustee, arranging for Gregorian to visit a student in the hospital, typing a letter of recommendation to graduate school for an employee's child.

Attentive to industry captains and shop foremen in equal measure, Gregorian is democratic with a small "d." He simply loves people. During a typical week jammed with fund-raising trips, faculty meetings, and student petitions, he enjoys getting off-campus for a beer with his friends from plant operations. "I don't think any president before him has gone out with the blue shirts," says steamfitter Lenny Arzoomanian (see "Mission Accomplished," page 26). "It's usually hard to talk to a president, but with him it's easy."

Yes, it is. Gregorian's penchant for self-deprecating jokes and affectionate backslaps, his ability to focus 100 percent of his attention on the person before him, his respect and concern have all made him a gifted listener — and a much busier man than he really needs to be.

One Friday evening last October, my husband and I drove down Prospect



Street on our way to the rehearsal dinner for my stepdaughter, Leslie '93, and her fiancé, Jon Lowenstein. As we slowed near the Van Wickle Gates, out strolled Gregorian, hailing us with a wave. We explained where we were going and mentioned that the wedding would take place the next day at Brown. "I will come!" he exclaimed. It sounded like a suggestion; I should have known it was a promise.

Saturdays have always been workdays for Gregorian. At a time when he surely had a hundred pressing things to do in his office, Brown's president showed up at Manning Chapel for Leslie and Jon's wedding ceremony. Afterward he did not rush off, but instead worked his way through the receiving line, chatting with guests and posing for a photograph with the newlyweds. His presence that day was a grace note, a gift.

Vartan Gregorian may well be, as Professor Stephen Graubard asserts, "Brown's greatest president in this century." To the many Brunonians who have known his kindness, though, he is simply a great man.

Anne Duffly

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Sexual Assault and the UDC

Having followed the infamous disciplinary cases adjudicated by the UDC, I welcomed Shea Dean's feature, "Taking the Stand" (April). I was sorry, however, that the article did not give greater consideration to what I believe is a critical issue – whether *any* University body should be involved with serious crimes.

The author writes, "What might be condoned on the streets beyond the Van Wickles Gates may be condemned within," but she gives little consideration to the opposite – actions which are clearly criminal outside the institution and which are treated with rather meaningless sanctions inside. Ms. Dean cites the case of a student stealing another student's credit card and running up a large bill. For this the offending student is sentenced to restitution and probation. On the outside, depending on the amount charged, such an action could constitute grand larceny, for which the penalty is considerably greater.

I believe the University should stay *completely* out of cases involving crimes or alleged crimes. Ms. Dean says that "according to Senior Associate Dean of Student Life Thomas Bechtel, the University did not have procedures in place [in the 1970s and 1980s] to properly adjudicate" cases dealing with sexual misconduct. Judging from the Adam Lack case and another case dealing with alleged sexual misconduct this year, the University is still a long way from having such procedures. If a student goes to a University official with a criminal complaint, the official should immediately hand the matter over to the police. However bad the outcome, it cannot be worse than that of these two cases dealt with by the UDC this year.

The article ends with a statement that all of this is part of education. The best way to educate students in these matters

is to subject them to what they will face in the real world. It is irresponsible and presumptuous for the University to assume a judiciary role in criminal matters.

Peter S. Allen '68 A.M., '73 Ph.D.
Providence

After viewing the 20/20 segment on Brown's sexual assault case, I reread the page of the March *BAM* devoted to the visit of the ABC crew. I find it disturbing that reporter John Stossel is lambasted in the *Brown Daily Herald* editorial for "deliberately inciting controversy." I always thought exposing students to different points of view, some of which they will vehemently disagree with, was an important part of this University.

The *Herald* editorial suggests that ABC did not want to portray "a student body united against sexual assault." The point of the filming was to show that there *are* differing opinions on what defines sexual assault. Is it rape if there is consensual sex after the female student has been drinking? Should all male students who have found themselves in this situation be suspended? Is it right to hold only the male student accountable? The legitimate disagreement on these questions is not a creation of the media.

John Stossel "expounded inflammatory views." Good for him. This is what gets students to develop debating and critical-thinking skills. Stifling provocative ideas should be the last thing Brown students want to do.



By far the most chilling portion of the 20/20 program was the sight of a Brown student saying with conviction into a microphone, "We don't have to prove beyond a reasonable doubt anything. If we think it's probably true, let's kick them off campus." Since when does any strongly held belief justify denying someone's constitutional rights?

Jean Ryan Alfano '67
Sherborn, Mass.

"Taking the Stand" suggests that the disciplinary council and the procedures it employed in investigating the accusations against Adam Lack have themselves been "on trial." The recent report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Misconduct implies recognition that the processes involved in that unfortunate affair were seriously flawed.

We would like to express our gratitude to David Josephson for his role in promoting a fresh look at this case. His concern with justice and his willingness to pursue awkward questions despite tremendous pressures distinguish him as a person of integrity and moral courage. For Professor Josephson's vigilance on behalf of Adam Lack and, ultimately, of the entire community, Brown will one day be thankful.

Priscilla Read
Thomas G. Weiss
Providence

Professor Weiss is associate director of Brown's Thomas J. Watson Jr. Institute for International Studies. — Editor

TO OUR READERS

Letters are always welcome, and we try to print all we receive. Preference will be given to those that address the content of the magazine. Please limit letters to 200 words. We reserve the right to edit for style, clarity, and length.

In "Taking the Stand," you characterize the Adam Lack case as "particularly difficult." Not so. The Office of Student Life (OSL) and University Disciplinary Council (UDC) made it difficult only because they botched it.

The single undisputed violation of Brown's Standards of Community Behavior in Sara Klein's complaint was her own guilt of Offenses V.a ("illegal possession or use of drugs and/or alcohol . . .") and V.c ("Drug and/or alcohol-related behavior"). OSL ignored her offenses, then used her claimed drunkenness to charge Lack with Offense III, "sexual misconduct."

How did OSL arrive at its decision to prosecute Lack, and how did UDC find him guilty? Since Klein claimed amnesia, they had only Lack's testimony, some of which they ignored, some of which they used against him. Lack testified that Klein was sober enough to have seduced him, conversed with him, smoked cigarettes and listened to music with him, spent the night in his bed, and given him her phone number the next morning. The OSL prosecutor and UDC brushed all that aside, focusing instead on Lack's mention of vomit near Klein and concluding that she must have been too drunk to engage in consensual sex.

UDC found Lack guilty of sexual misconduct and punished him – though not sufficiently for Dean of Student Life Robin Rose, who stiffened the punishment. Provost James Pomerantz threw out UDC's verdict and Rose's punishment on appeal, on the grounds that they should not have expected Lack to recognize that Klein was drunk. But rather than exonerate Lack, he invoked the catchall Offense II.b, "Behavior which shows flagrant disrespect for the well-being of others." Reasoning that Lack should not have allowed a woman who had recently vomited to initiate sex, the provost punished him with a year's probation and forced him to enter alcohol-related counseling. Klein remained in good standing.

More than a year after Lack's name and face graced the *Brown Daily Herald*, the student life office that holds Lack accountable for his one supposed misjudgment continues to hide its misdeeds in his case, mires the issue of underage drinking in hypocrisy, and supports the gender ideologies and inequities that led to the Lack farce. The rest of us, for our part, continue to ignore the gender sewage that emanates from offices,

departments, and programs on campus.

The recent report of a committee charged with reviewing Brown's treatment of sexual misconduct (see "Less Heat, More Light," page 20) addresses a few of the behavior code's failures. Cautious and disingenuous in turn, however, it remains blind to the indoctrination that passes for education in student life. It clings against all experience to the fantasy that the disciplinary process has positive educational value and reaffirms Brown's competence to hear cases of alleged rape despite its disastrous exercise of that claim. We must move quickly past the report to an acknowledgment of the code's failure *beyond* the narrow confines of "sexual misconduct," to an analysis of the root causes of that failure, and to a radical blueprint for recovery. It will take sorely needed leadership.

Meanwhile, Lack has fled Brown a pariah and, having had a year of productive life stolen from him, lives in exile from the campus he once called home. Have we no shame?

David Josephson

Campus

The writer is an associate professor of music.
– Editor

After reading "Taking the Stand," I now understand why the UDC had problems in the seventies and eighties. The article states that UDC procedure was then as follows: "[c]omplaining students were told to file a criminal suit or to have a 'brokered conversation' with the alleged perpetrator."

Although my legal practice involves only intellectual property law, my limited understanding of our criminal justice system is that crime victims cannot file a criminal suit against an alleged perpetrator, as the UDC apparently used to suggest. Rather, that is the bailiwick of the local prosecutor's office, which typically gathers information about alleged crimes and then decides whether or not to press criminal charges. At best, student victims would have been able to file a *civil* suit against an alleged perpetrator for damages or an injunction, such as a protective order.

Jeff Wolsou '92

North Bethesda, Md.

As a former student representative of the UDC, it saddens me to see the University repeating the same old mistakes in implementing Brown's continually evolving disciplinary system. Each time an upper-level administrator – who has not sat in

the room to hear the complete testimony in a UDC case – reverses the council's decision or changes the council's penalty, that administrator cheats the students. This seems especially evident in the Adam Lack case.

We must never forget that *students* provide the purpose and foundation that make Brown special. Just as the administration treats students as adults in choosing classes, it should treat them as adults in framing and enforcing community standards. The UDC remains the central institution through which Brown students can directly fashion their vision of community values with binding force.

It is ironic that you chose to highlight Thomas Jefferson's University of Virginia in your article. While the disciplinary system [at Virginia] has flaws, perhaps its most admirable feature is that the decisions of its disciplinary panels are final.

Jeff Franer '93

Charlottesville, Va.

Are you giving us the straight story?

A woman is lying in a puddle of vomit and discovered by a Brown man. There is no mention of changing her clothes, bathing, brushing her teeth and using mouthwash. This malodorous creature is so irresistible that she completely overpowers the resistance of a Brown man?

Esther Bourne Manning '40

Coventry, R.I.

Body Dysmorphic Disorder

Thank you for printing Jennifer Sutton's article on Katherine Phillips's work ("Mending the Mirror," April). I also enjoyed the editor's related comment in "Slim Comfort" (Here & Now). Interesting information, nicely written and presented. I am sharing it with friends.

Joanne Zheutlin, M.D. '75

Los Angeles

What a Joker

I enjoyed the article about H.B. Siegel '83 ("The Popcorn Jedi," April). One thing you forgot to mention is H.B.'s well-known practical jokes. Like the time when, in a local espresso shop that featured photos of famous authors on the wall, H.B. sneaked in a picture of himself, suitably attired in black turtle-neck and pipe. Or the time on an airplane when his traveling companion fell

asleep, and H.B. got an oxygen mask from the attendant and dangled it, and said, "Geoff, wake up, something's happening!" Or the time he told an alumni magazine he was director of engineering at SGI, when, as I recall, his title was director of rendering.

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Historical Disagreement

Charles Ingrao '74 Ph.D. interprets the situation in the former Yugoslavia on the basis of recent history, and he dismisses as "fiction" the *millennium*-long history of southwestern Slavs (Mail, April). He chooses to be oblivious of the fact that the genetically homogeneous Slav population of Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Serbia, who even embraced a common literary language, is nevertheless shaped by the events impacting their history and the history of the rest of Europe. He writes with nostalgia of the lives of Muslim Slavs under the Austrian-Hungarian and Ottoman empires, while

leaving out the experience of Croats and Serbs. His analysis fails to appreciate the cultural and political imprint on the region made by such profound developments as the Schism of 1054 between Eastern and Western Christianity and the centuries-long Ottoman domination. In his narrow focus on Bosnia, he even forgets that, during the breakup of Yugoslavia, the first military conflict followed the secession of Croatia and did not involve Bosnia.

Perhaps symptomatic of Ingrao's view of history is his claim that the Ukrainian government "began liquidating Jews before the construction of the first German camps - and with a brutality that shocked even Nazi officials." If scholarly objectivity is of interest to Ingrao, he must retract this defamatory statement.

Alex Allister Shvartsman '92 Ph.D.
Sutton, Mass.

Simply the Best (Persons)

Way to go to highlight the women's hockey team. Just one question, though: How did the league allow defensemen on

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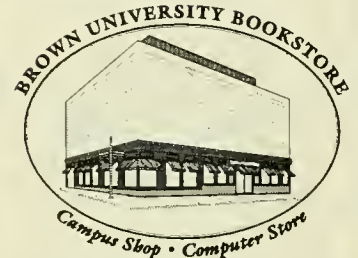


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the rink? I'm quite sure Becky Kellar is a terrific defense player, but she is certainly not a defenseman.

There is a lot to be said for the boom in women's sports, both on campus and off. Let's hope editors can keep up and use less gender bias in their coverage.

Molly Mulhern Gross

Camden, Maine

The writer, the spouse of Kenneth Stephen Gross '76, is series editor for Women Outside. — Editor

Title IX

While I'm not surprised by the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to hear the Title IX appeal ("Title IX Redux," Elms, May), I am disappointed in Brown's ongoing attitude toward the case. The University's news releases and its proposed compliance plan continue to ridiculously assert possible future vindication of Brown's original position. In addition, the compliance plan places a tremendous burden on the coaches and proponents of women's sports to achieve minimum participation levels, which may not be realistic and which are used to count against men's actual participation.

Brown's attorneys and our president (or interim president) should tell the court and the plaintiffs that we will be happy to work immediately to achieve substantial proportionality in a manner acceptable to the plaintiffs.

In addition, athletic director Dave Roach should resign, and the new president and athletic director should publicly declare that, so long as they hold their respective offices, achieving substantial proportionality for women varsity athletes will never be a "distasteful alternative" for the University — contrary to the concluding pronouncement in the compliance plan.

C. Martin Lawyer III '63

Tampa, Fla.

Why is Brown spending \$2 million in legal fees to appeal a Title IX decision to the Supreme Court, when any high school senior knows Brown cannot win? Not only can Brown not win, it can't even be heard. Is this expensive, wasteful, and archaic mind-set ever going to cease?

When is Brown going to appoint women with law degrees who understand what Title IX means to executive positions in the administration?

Winifred Kiernan '51

Boston

While Brown has not disclosed the cost of its Title IX legal defense fees, University officials estimate it to be around \$1 million. — Editor

Why should alumni give money if Brown is to squander it on defending sex discrimination? Just asking.

George Musser '88

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Here's the way to chase athletic Brown students away, once and for all: Get out of the sports entertainment business.

People who would pay the big bucks to attend a sports camp should do just that and not waste precious training time going to college classes for a pricey degree. Places thus vacated at Brown would become available to those serious student rejects who regard athletics, sports, and physical education as necessary, desirable, and worthwhile — but strictly extracurricular *divertissement*, certainly not worth making a federal case of.

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Getting in Deep

Congratulations on "Darwin's Heirs" (March). After graduating from Brown in aquatic biology and receiving my master's in tropical coral reef ecology in Miami, I have been involved in tropical coastal marine research and conservation and in protected-area management.

It's about time the aquatic biology degree, small as it is (I was the only graduate in that field in my class), got recognition at Brown. More important, it's about time we all recognize the need and importance of getting out to the field instead of hibernating in a lab. Working outdoors reminds me of the reasons I got involved in marine biology. Observing the beauty of the underwater world and seeing the way nature works there leaves me in awe every time I dive.

Unfortunately, there are always two sides to every story: fieldwork allows you to get a firsthand look at how nature is losing the battle against anthropogenic activities.

Monica Vega '87

Miami

Heavenly Site

Thank you for featuring the Bible Browser Web site in the April BAM (Pick o' the Web, Elms). It is beautifully and intelligently designed and wonderfully easy to use. It is also much needed. Although you can purchase hundreds of different CD-ROMs to design your vegetable garden, there is no version (KJV, RSV, Vulgate) of the Old or New Testament or the Apocrypha on CD-ROM.

Congratulations to Richard Goerwitz and to Brown for developing and providing such a wonderful site for students, scholars, and all the rest of us.

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The writer is a Brown parent. — Editor

Inflated Grades

The article on inflated college grades ("Acing it," Under the Elms, April) really teed me off. I won final honors in English literature at Brown, but I didn't do as well in science, math, economics, and other required courses. One of the best marks I got in four years was the now-despised C, in required freshman calculus. I received two flunking notices during



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THE PRESIDENT

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May 26, 1997, will always remain as one of the most memorable days in my life. It was a day of excitement, pride, gratitude, and sadness. I shared the enormous joy of the graduates of the class of 1997 and their parents and relatives. I shared the rightful satisfaction and pride of our faculty. I was honored by the presence of our distinguished group of honorary-degree recipients, and I was moved by Bill Moyers's baccalaureate address.

The Brown faculty's generous act in bestowing upon me its highest honor, the Susan Colver Rosenberger Medal, deeply touched me. It meant far more to me than many honors I have received throughout my academic career, since this honor was given by my faculty, the Brown faculty. I was honored also to be the first recipient of the Wilson-DeBlois Award given by the Graduate Student Council. And I was overjoyed by the boisterous farewell of our undergraduates and overcome by the generosity of the Fellows in bestowing upon Clare Gregorian an honorary degree for her nine years of serving Brown as its number-one volunteer.

As I prepare to part, I want to express my appreciation and affection not only to our faculty and student body, but also to the loyal staff of our University for their devotion to Brown. Their dedication has always been a source of inspiration to me. It has been an honor to serve all of these members of our campus community and a privilege to have earned their respect and trust. I particularly would like to salute our alumni and alumnae for their loyal support – indeed love – and gratitude to Brown. Last, but not least, I want to express my admiration for our Corporation, for both its past and current members. In particular I want to pay tribute to the late Chancellor Richard Salomon and to Chancellor Emeritus and Senior Fellow Charles Tillinghast.

During the last nine years I have enjoyed the leadership of our Corporation and its great Chancellor, Alva O. Way. His support and his friendship have been a source of inspiration and sustenance for me. I have been the recipient of the unconditional and generous friendship of our Vice Chancellor and new Chancellor, Artemis Joukowsky. His dedication to Brown is legendary. And I salute my friend, Vice Chancellor and Chancellor-Designate Stephen Robert. I am sure that under the leadership of Mr. Joukowsky and Mr. Robert the University will continue its progress. We are fortunate to have outstanding leaders.

I also thank members of Brown's other organizations and governing boards: Alan Hassenfeld and the board of overseers of the medical school, Thomas Biersteker and the board of overseers of the Watson Institute for International Studies, Theodore Sizer and the board of overseers of the Annenberg Institute for School Reform, Norman Fiering and the board of directors of the John Carter Brown Library, Joyce Botelho and the board of advisors of the John Nicholas Brown Center for the Study of American Civilization. I am especially grateful to the corporations and foundations, and to all the generous alumni, parents, and friends of Brown who made our campaign a success.

I would like to thank the three Governors of the State of Rhode Island with whom I have

worked – Governors DiPrete, Sundlun, and Almond – as well as the leaders of the state legislature. I salute former Mayor Joseph Paolino Jr., and I extend my special thanks to Mayor Vincent “Buddy” Cianci for his friendship, his love for the city of Providence, and his loyalty to Brown University.

Let me conclude by thanking past and current members of my senior administration: Provosts Maurice Glicksman, Frank Rothman, and James Pomerantz; Vice Presidents for Budget, Finance, and Administration Fred Bohen, Tom Glynn, and Donald Reaves; Vice Presidents for External Affairs Robert Reichley and Laura Freid; Vice President and General Counsel Beverly Ledbetter; Vice Presidents for Development Sam Babbitt and Ann Caldwell; Executive Vice President for Academic Planning and Academic Affairs Brian Hawkins; Vice President for Administration Walter Holmes; Vice President and Controller Judy Michalenka; Deans of the College Sheila Blumstein and Kenneth Sacks; Graduate School Deans Philip Stiles, Kathryn Spoehr, and Peder Estrup; Deans of the Faculty John Quinn, Thomas Anton, Bryan Shepp and Kathryn Spoehr; the late Vice President for Biology and Medicine Pierre Galletti; Deans of Medicine David Greer and Donald Marsh; Associate Provost James Wyche; University Librarian Merrily Taylor; University Chaplains Charles Baldwin and Janet Cooper Nelson; former Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Eric Widmer; Director of Admission Michael Goldberger; Director of Athletics David Roach; Vice President for Computing Donald Wolfe; Director of EEO/AA Samuel Ramirez; Assistant Vice President Dorothy Renaghan; John Starr and Barbara Cervone of the Annenberg Institute; former Associate Vice President for University Relations Eric Broudy; former Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations Christine Love; Co-Acting Directors of Alumni Relations Melanie Coon and Dorcey Baker; Director of the News Bureau Mark Nickel; Director of Special Events William Slack; Director of Community Relations Christine Heenan; Photographer John Forasté; and Associate Director of Special Events M.L. Farrell. I thank the *Brown Alumni Monthly* and its two outstanding editors, Robert Rhodes and Anne Diffily, for the excellence of this magazine, which serves as Brown’s bridge to its alumni.

To all nine chairs of the Faculty Executive Committee, to all departmental chairs, to all directors of centers and programs, and to the men and women of plant operations and the clerical and technical staff who comprise the essential service web of our University – I say a heartfelt “thank you” for your dedication. I would like to thank the presidents of our campus unions, with whom I have worked closely.

I wish to end by thanking my devoted and invaluable staff: Nancy Hoffman, director of the Office of the President, and her assistant, Wanda Hunter; Rebecca Flewelling, my former executive assistant; Karen Culton, Patricia Flaherty, and Stephanie Offerman, administrative assistants; and staff members Fatima Kane, Valerie Mooney, and Marion Falciglia. Thanks are due also to John McIntyre, Marjorie Houston, Murney Gerlach, and Susan Brown of the Office of the Secretary of the Corporation; and to Helena Eldridge and Jean Correia of the staff of 55 Power Street. To all of you, and to the 3,000 employees of Brown, I express my gratitude, affection, and admiration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Vartan Gregorian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Vartan" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Gregorian".

the semester and devoted most of my time and effort to the course. I got a B on the final exam, lifting me to a C for the course. I treasured that grade.

I had two roommates flunk out of Brown because of poor grades. One was an intelligent chemist who couldn't negotiate French and some other required courses.

Alvin I. Sizer '36
North Haven, Conn.

Dean Kenneth Sacks doesn't get it. The very students he is counseling got into Brown for the most part due to their grades and test scores. Students know what they need to do, not only intellectually but in a practical sense, to get to that next level: they need to get good grades.

I took S/NC classes my freshman year in the hope that all the written evaluations from my instructors would describe my interest and ability more clearly than a mere letter grade. Had I known as a premed student that medical school admissions offices would translate an S into a C and put the evaluation back in the unread pile, I might have opted for letter grades.

It's okay for Brown to "downplay grades" and enable students to take risks, but it's clearly better to be in the top two-tenths of a percentile than not to be.

John Oppenheimer '73
Mill Valley, Calif.

"Competition creates anxiety, and anxiety rarely creates the proper environment for learning."

I wish I had learned that while I was at Brown. Today I would be the most learned man on public welfare.

William A. Jewett '41
McLean, Va.

Dean Sacks is quoted as saying, "We try to downplay [grades]. We want students to explore, to take risks – not to worry whether they're two-tenths of a percent higher than someone else in their premed class. . . . Competition creates anxiety, and anxiety rarely creates the proper environment for learning."

I am tempted to comment broadly on the sheltered life of one's college years, of how these same students will meet with plenty of anxiety in life, and on how a little anxiety in college might steel them for the trials they will face later.

But I shall forbear from writing on these larger issues in order to point out that much of what he says seems strangely familiar. Haven't we heard this

before? Wasn't it during the heated sixties that practically the same words were repeated endlessly by those arguing for something called the "New Curriculum"? And wasn't there the promise that the undergraduates were going to be blissfully freed from grades, competition, anxiety, and all the other ills that could scar their sensitive, youthful souls?

Now the same old tune apparently needs to be hauled out again. The promise hasn't been achieved. Could it be that our undergraduates realize that, alas, the notions of excellence, of achievement, of (dreaded word!) discrimination persist in the real world beyond the Van Wickle Gates, and that no vaporizing by academic functionaries will change that reality? Perhaps it is time for someone to sound reveille up there on College Hill.

Lawrence J. Clipper '53
West Palm Beach, Fla.

More Than Winning

Richard C. Gardner '58 raised some interesting points in his recent letter ("Inbred Claptrap," Mail, March). He suggested, among other things, the

importance of good sportsmanship rather than just winning the game.

I, too, have often questioned the win-lose mentality associated with sports. In our search for enlightenment and meaning, many of us choose to embrace win-win states of mind. Where does this leave our sports programs? Perhaps we need to examine this.

Frank Rycyk Jr. '66
Jefferson City, Mo.

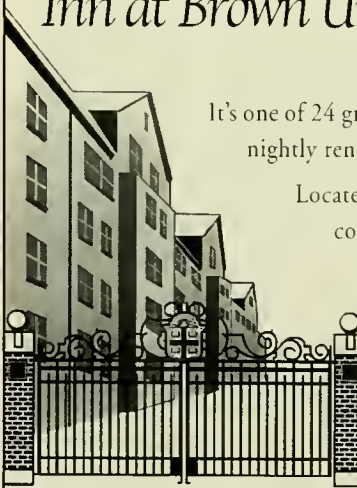
Spy for All Seasons

Professor Terrence Hopmann's review of *A Spy for All Seasons* by Duane Clarridge '53 (Books, April) points up the philosophical chasm between the ultraliberal, politically correct thinking that pervades the Brown campus today and the views of most alumni of my era, which would include Mr. Clarridge. I agree with Mr. Clarridge on every point that Professor Hopmann seems to disagree with him on, including:

- During the Cold War there *were* moral absolutes, with the United States standing for absolute good and Soviet communism serving as its antithesis.
- Mr. Clarridge's outlined strategy, in

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1981, to take the war to Nicaragua and start killing Cubans.

• A senior CIA official is more likely to know what is in the United States's best interest and to act upon it than is the average pettifogging member of Congress.

• I too bemoan the evisceration of the CIA's Clandestine Services by Congress and the Clinton administration.

Enough. My point is merely to illustrate how wide the gulf between then and now is, and how distressing much of today's political correctness is to at least one old alumnus.

Edward V. Killeen '51

East Molesey, Surrey, U.K.

Price Tag – A Different Look

In the March *BAM*, an article, "Price Tag" (Elms), indicated that the total cost of a year at Brown will rise 4.3 percent in 1997–98. The author seemed to take great pride in indicating that the percentage increase had fallen steadily over the last decade.

As a parent of a student in the class of '98, I have been sending money to Brown for three years. In each of those

years the percentage increase has far exceeded the rate of inflation. In fact, the yearly increase in the cost of a year at Brown has exceeded the rate of inflation every year for at least the last ten. The cover story of the March 17 *Time* magazine was entitled "How Colleges Are Gouging U." The article makes a strong argument that college tuition has increased too much for many years.

I am disappointed in the secretive nature of the budget process at Brown. That process sets a bad example for Brown students. As an elected member of my local public school board, I know how hard it is to design a fiscally responsible budget. However, in the last ten years our percentage increase has never exceeded Brown's. The public encourages us to think of innovative ways to improve education while being fiscally responsible. As a regular reader of the *BAM* and the *Brown Daily Herald*, I have noticed a dearth of articles on ways Brown is improving education while decreasing costs. Can you please tell me where to find such articles?

Jann Nielsen

Gales Ferry, Conn.

We have sent Ms. Nielsen two BAM features, "The \$8-Million Question" (November 1991)

and "The Higher (and Higher) Cost of Higher Education" (October 1987), which attempt to explain Brown's budget process in particular and the inflation of college costs in general. — Editor

Whitewashed Classnote

I was disturbed to discover that my classnote in the April *BAM* had been edited. The editing created an inaccurate representation of my interests, activities, and priorities. Your policy, as stated in the mail section of *BAM*, is that you "reserve the right to edit for style, clarity, and length." The edits you made, however, have nothing to do with style or clarity. They are an attempt to distort my life and achievements, as I perceive them.

I have often wondered why the notes section is so boring. What happened to the diverse, interesting people I knew at Brown? If the treatment of my note is any indication, then what is obviously happening is a whitewashing of activities deemed unacceptable by the editors.

Stephen Gendin '89

New York City

Diversified Fraternities

Even as a former active fraternity member and Jewish alumnus, I was saddened by the news of a new Jewish fraternity at Brown ("A Better Model," Elms, April). When I belonged to the Zeta Psi fraternity in the 1970s, diversity of membership was expected. We were about thirty active members, of whom several were black, several were Jewish, several were Asian, and most were white Christians. One of the attractions of fraternity life was living, working, and studying with gentlemen of honor of very different backgrounds and learning from them.

Eric J. Evans '79

New York City

The Wonderful 'Bullet'

Somehow I failed to note Dick Silverman's anecdote about Charlie Bentley '45 in the February *BAM*. But your sidebar "Remembering the Bullet" (Classes, April) certainly did get my attention! Charlie, really a wonderful young man, was among my brother's (Simon Horenstein '45) circle of classmates.

At the time I was a member of the

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class of '46 (although I graduated in '45). I was well acquainted with most of my brother's friends in the hectic period before they left for military service.

We were pretty lively correspondents, and I wrote to most of the gang, including Charlie. When he was shipped to Europe for duty with a black battalion in Italy, our correspondence intensified. He wondered if I could help him get art materials – pencils, erasers, and sketchbooks of various sizes. I found a supplier in Providence and sent Charlie a number of parcels (for which he always reimbursed me) so he could indulge his drawing hobby. On several occasions he sent me samples of his work, some like the one reproduced in "Remembering the Bullet," others sketches of Italian people he'd met. Unfortunately, I can no longer lay my hands on any of those materials.

After the war was over and Charlie returned to Brown, I was close to the end of my graduate training and ready to launch myself on a career that took me far from New England for forty-plus years. I don't recall seeing Charlie after the war, and I regret that. His early death was a real tragedy, as my brother and I have often said to one another.

Betty Horenstein Pickett '45, '49 Ph.D.
 Surry, Maine

Book's Author Pans Review

Associate Professor of Political Science Ross E. Cheit made many false assertions about my book, *Accidentally, On Purpose*, and grossly distorted its tone and intent ("Scams and Schemers," May).

Cheit says I talk "a lot about greed" in explaining the motivations of people who fake accidents for money; he suggests "economic desperation" as a more fully considered rationale. It's a good point – I made it myself several times in the book. I wrote about widespread self-mutilations during the Depression of the 1890s, then, later, about the "Houses of Pain" during the Great Depression years.

Cheit says readers of my book "get little sense that ambulance chasers often rushed to the scene of accidents in order to beat insurance company representatives who otherwise pressured the injured to settle for pennies on the dollar." I presume Cheit is speaking only for those readers who did not make it to page 117, 188, or 122, where I not only make this claim, but also back it with documentation. In case readers missed it, all of

chapter 3 and part of chapter 5 make related points about the hypocritical ethical witch hunts led by corporate lawyers against legitimate personal-injury attorneys and their genuinely injured clients.

Perhaps the most unfortunate and unjustified part of Cheit's review is his closing suggestion that I am uncritically passing along "negative and inaccurate stereotypes" of insurance cheats like those who shout "welfare queens." My book aims to be a thoughtful and scholarly antidote to the kind of cheap shot Cheit imagines. I offer a corrective to the anti-Semitic term "shyster," for example. I show consistent sympathy for small-time slip-and-fallers and immigrants who are paid to sit in cars as crash dummies.

Cheit extracts a few stories and terms from my book, but ignores the surrounding context – then takes me to task for not seeing the complexities. He complains that I "tell only stories of fraud" and that I don't blame insurers for claims-handling abuses. Then he offers information "beyond the scope of my book" for the benefit of those "puzzling through the social and policy implications of insurance fraud." My stated purpose was to document a curious American cultural and criminal phenomenon, not to puzzle about policy solutions and certainly not to throw around blame. What does Cheit make of the 452 pages that fall *within* the scope of my book?

There are many valid criticisms of my book, but Cheit's professional preoccupations apparently come first. It's especially hurtful to get punched below the belt in the pages of the *B.A.M.*

Ken Dornstein '91
 Cambridge, Mass.

Ross Cheit responds: Mr. Dornstein mischaracterizes criticism as "false assertions." I stand by my criticism, which was based on a body of scholarly work overlooked in his book. Anyone interested in learning more is invited to sit in on my seminar, Insurance and Public Policy.

Keeney and the CIA

Martin Plaut '58 says Barnaby Keeney was a hypocrite because he maintained a relationship with the CIA while serving as president of Brown (Mail, April). What an astonishing statement. I'm surprised the *B.A.M.* published it without comment.

I'm sure there are scores of college presidents around the country who have had, and many who still have, "relationships

with the CIA" – in most cases providing specialized knowledge about people or world affairs that contributes to the CIA's understanding of what's going on in the world. What's hypocritical about that?

I remember in particular the "relationship" that William Langer of Harvard, possibly America's most distinguished historian at that time, had with the CIA. For several years in the late forties and early fifties he would spend a few days every month at the CIA's headquarters in Washington as director of the Office of National Estimates, working on studies of critical world affairs for the president and other high-ranking administration officials. Was he a hypocrite?

Does Mr. Plaut really believe Brown is fragile? He must be kidding.

John H. Leavitt '39

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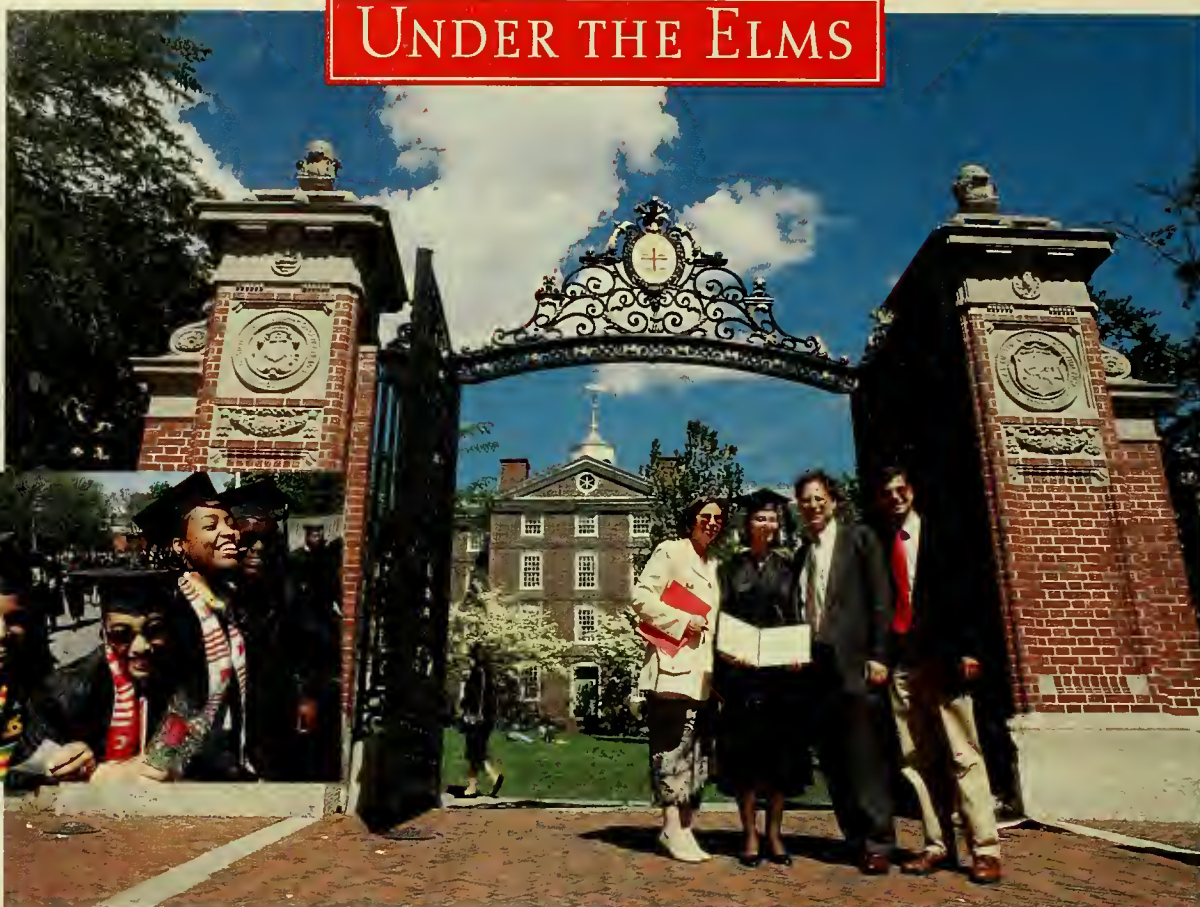
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UNDER THE ELMS



AT 8 A.M. on Memorial Day Providence's East Side, which was clogged with reunion revelers just yesterday, is a ghost town. Thayer Street lies hushed and deserted except for the occasional robed senior rushing by, parents in tow, bound for the epicenter – the Green.

As you cross Waterman Street near the Faunce House arch, the noise and the crowds clobber your senses. An estimated 20,000 jubilant and harried people are gathering here. There are the familiar droning bagpipes, the Lusitana Band of Cumberland in its spiffy navy uniforms, the color-coded doctoral gowns and hoods of the faculty, the mortarboards and velvet caps and floppy beefeaters. Somehow, everyone finds a place in line amid laughter and confusion.

Yet for all its tradition, each Commencement manages to be new. Alumni who return for reunions find the

A Blue, Green, and Gold Morning

Brown's 229th Commencement is President Gregorian's last

graduating class looks younger and younger until, astonishingly, the seniors are the same age as their children, then their grandchildren. Mortarboards are canvases for individual expression amid the mass of black robes. And while roses have been sold on street corners for years, this year the entrepreneurial adolescents with their red wagons full of flowers face stiff competition from adults with credit-card swipers and rolls of plastic wrap.

EVERY YEAR the ceremony on the Green has a few unique twists. In 1996 it was the Jumbotron, a giant screen set up near Slater Hall to broadcast the indoor proceedings to eager parents on the Green.

This year's Commencement is notable for being President Vartan Gregorian's grand finale. Along with 1,411 bachelor's degree recipients, 258 receiving master's degrees, 148 Ph.D.s, and eighty-eight new M.D.s, Brown's



It was the perfect day for family photos (top), for rejoicing with friends (inset), and for a rousing "all right" (above).

sixteenth president is preparing to begin a new chapter in his life – as head of the Carnegie Corporation in New York City.

His imminent departure lends a special poignancy to

the day. When he isn't waving, Gregorian is hugging or shaking hands. As the 6,000-person procession winds past him on its way to the Van Wickles Gates, nearly every senior reaches out to hail the short, round man with the goatee and the twinkling eyes. Many shout above the blare of bagpipes and brass, "We love you!" or "Good-bye!" The president, tired but clearly delighted, smiles warmly at each admirer and greets no small number by name.

In the First Baptist Meeting House, when senior orator Erica Seidel '97 talks of experiences she shared with classmates, she could be referring to Gregorian. "We all navigate the physical space of Brown in our own ways," she

front of University Hall, he waxes visionary. "I think the true fulfillment of Brown's role in higher education is yet to come," he says, paraphrasing Thomas Wolfe. "I think the true discovery of Brown's potential is still before us. I think the true appreciation of a liberal education is before us, and I think that all these things are certain, as certain as the morning, as inevitable as the noon."

"It has been a wonderful nine years," the president concludes. The thunderous standing ovation goes on for a very, very long time. — Anne Diffily



Both Vartan and Clare Gregorian (standing, left) were more than a little choked up when Fellow Charles Tillinghast '32 surprised her with an honorary doctorate of humane letters.



says. "What is so amazing is that our paths never fail to intersect." After four years on College Hill, it's likely that most graduating seniors have managed to intersect with the gregarious Armenian at least once.

Presiding over Commencement for the last time, Gregorian addresses the graduates as "my fellow seniors." On the canopied stage in

Honorary Bears

THE 1997 HONORARIES

Joyce Oldham Appleby, history professor at UCLA.

Leo Asaki, Nobel laureate in physics and president of the University of Tsukuba, Japan.

Louis V. Gerstner Jr., CEO and chairman of IBM and the parent of a graduating senior.

Clare Gregorian, professional volunteer with literacy projects, public libraries, and Planned Parenthood of R.I.

Carolyn G. Heilbrun, feminist scholar and professor emerita at Columbia.

Richard C. Holbrooke '62, former assistant secretary of state and now vice chairman of Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation.

David Macaulay, author and illustrator of *The Way Things Work*.

Lorraine Monroe, New York City educator and co-director of the Women's Group at Bank Street College.

Bill Moyers, broadcast journalist and winner of more than thirty Emmy awards.

Augustus A. White III '47, Fellow emeritus, orthopedic surgeon, and professor at Harvard Medical School.

John Hazen White, government reform activist and CEO, chairman, and president of Taco Inc., Cranston, R.I.



David Macaulay



Lorraine Monroe



John Hazen White

Family Man

A grown-up goes to college

GARY EARLE '97 was never a typical Brown undergraduate. He has a beard touched with gray and lines on his face; he's been married more than twenty years and has two daughters. This year he became the grandfather of two baby girls, whose diapers he changes regularly. His classmates may worry about making it outside the sheltered world of college, but Earle — at thirty-nine — already has.

When he enrolled in Brown's RUE (Resumed Undergraduate Education) program in 1993, Earle was turning in a direction no one — including himself — expected. He'd grown up fast in Somerset, Massachusetts, dropping out of high school at fifteen, fathering his first child at sixteen, getting married at seventeen, and having a second child at eighteen. Home was a Fall River tenement; rent money came from factory jobs. "I was the typical American male," he says, "loving sports, working hard, partying hard." After a few years and several technical-college courses, Earle found work repairing cafeteria equipment and vending machines. One of the sites he was sent to was Brown.

By the late 1980s, Earle and his wife had bought a middle-class house back in Somerset. Earle was coaching his daughters' softball and basketball teams and ferrying the girls to and from gymnastics practice. Then he was laid off. "I thought I had found my niche, but I was wrong," he says. After piecing together odd jobs for a year, he ended up working the third shift at a gas station. "I'd already been questioning the path I'd taken

in life," Earle says. "I figured I'd go back to college, and at least I'd have homework to do in the middle of the night." Brown was a "pipe dream," especially since Earle had never graduated from high school. But good grades from the technical college opened the door, and soon he was fitting philosophy classes for his ethics concentration into fifty- or sixty-hour workweeks at the gas station.

Earle was adamant about blending in on campus. Politically, he didn't have to try very hard. A self-described "flaming liberal," he found himself in the unfamiliar position of "being able to express my opinions without people looking at me like I was crazy." But academic life was different; he was starting with a shakier intellectual foundation than his classmates. Still, he says, "I didn't want anyone making a case of how tough my life was." So he struggled through lower-level courses before faring better in upper-level ones, where he could

draw from his experience during class discussions.

For four years, Earle balanced school, job, and family; his wife, who works full-time at AT&T, is doing the same while earning a bachelor's degree at Providence College. "It's a partnership with me and her," Earle says. Now that his college career has ended, he's eyeing a position in the admission office and perhaps, some day, law school and a job as a children's advocate. For now, though, he's in no hurry. His grandchildren need a baby-sitter. — *Jennifer Sutton*



Team effort: Gary Earle '97 with his nephew Jeremy, daughters Stephanie and Jennifer, and granddaughters Hannah and Alexis.

on "Living and Working in the Networked World." Remarkably for the head of a technological powerhouse, Gerstner brought to the forum no glitzy computer props or multimedia spectacles. Speaking without notes into a nearly invisible lapel microphone, Gerstner described our high-tech future while casually strolling the stage or sitting on an old wooden stool.

Gerstner, who since joining IBM four years ago has been widely credited with rescuing the company from a steady decline, summed up the future in one word: networks. Computers, he reminded his listeners, have become so powerful and miniaturized that a Ford Taurus has more computing power than did the first lunar landing module. Yet without networks — "the ultimate statement of where this industry is heading" — computers are landing modules with no place to go.



Louis Gerstner

Networks can add to computing potential in ways we are only beginning to understand. Gerstner imagines a future where everything and everyone has an Internet address. "The Internet is way beyond the personal computer," he said. "It will be embedded in every device in the world. Your refrigerator will have an Internet address, and when it's broken it will communicate with a service center and say, 'I need help.'

A Big Blue Future

IBM's CEO peers into a crystal ball

IT'S NOT EVERY DAY that the CEO and chairman of IBM drops by to tell you his vision of the electronic future. That day came Commencement Saturday when Louis V. Gerstner spoke to a capacity crowd at the Salomon Center

and either [the computer at the service center] will fix it over the Internet or [it] will send a repairman." IBM, he added, is now working with Mercedes to try to create such a system in a car.

The history of technology, however, has taught us that inventions are often way ahead of our ability to solve the human issues they raise. Gerstner recognizes that computer networks are no exception. Censorship and control, national borders, the threat of electronic sabotage of our missile defense systems or the federal reserve system – these are just a few of the potential problems in a world of networked refrigerators.

But the biggest unresolved question was one asked by an alumnus who teaches in a Washington, D.C., public school, where, he said, "a mouse is something that runs around our floors." Will this future, the man asked, "make our society more equal or less equal?" Gerstner agreed that the answer is still a long way off. — *Norman Boucher*

Front-Line View

A report from the AIDS war

IN 1979, when Don Abrams '72 was a medical resident in San Francisco, he started treating a large number of young men with fevers and swollen glands. A couple of years later, he told a Commencement forum this May, another flood of young men came to him with Kaposi's sarcoma, a type of skin cancer. Abrams soon realized the two conditions were related. The patients, he said, "were all dying within a year."

AIDS was formally iden-

tified in 1981. Today, sixteen years later, more than 22 million people around the world are infected with HIV, the virus that causes the disease. Yet still no vaccine exists. What, asked Seth Berkley '78 M.D. at another Commencement forum, is taking so long?

Berkley and Abrams gave graduates and their families reports from two different front lines in the war against AIDS. Abrams related the frustration and heartbreak of being a gay doctor trying to rescue his friends as well as his patients from death, while Berkley, associate director of health services for the Rockefeller Foundation, analyzed the obstacles faced by AIDS researchers.

In the search for a vaccine, Berkley reported, it's not science but will that has failed. A vaccine begins with government-funded research and continues with the work of pharmaceutical companies, which actually manufacture a product and test it in clinical trials. Berkley is convinced that enough is now known about AIDS for vaccine development to progress more quickly, but a lack of money has slowed progress. Therapeutic AIDS drugs are a \$1.3-billion market, he said, and with an AIDS patient spending as much as \$20,000 a year on them, companies naturally tend to go slow on a vaccine that needs to be taken only once.



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WHAT THEY SAID AT THE FORUMS

Commencement Forums offer a feast of information and entertainment. Here's a taste.

Living and Working in the Networked World

"If you think Yahoo is something you yell at the end of Commencement, you need to get connected."

Louis V. Gerstner Jr., CEO and chairman of the board, IBM

Understanding the Brain: A New Frontier for the 21st Century

"We are on the verge of, or in the golden age of, research on the brain – like physics in the 1920s or molecular biology in the 1960s. We are transforming the way we think about ourselves."

Zach W. Hall, director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Rome Wasn't Built in a Day

"I thought [my next book should be] a personal guidebook to Rome.... Yeah, that's what the world really needs – another guide to Rome."

Author/illustrator David Macaulay, on the two-year creative process that resulted in his new book, Rome Antics

Cloning Sheep and Killing Kings: Some Fallacies of Modern Genetic Determinism

"Always distrust [intellectual] fashion, especially when it matches your own predilections."

Stephen Jay Gould, author and Harvard geology professor

The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara

"My mother was worried I would become the Salman Rushdie of the Catholic Church."

David Kertzer '69, Paul R. Dupee Jr. University Professor of Social Science, on his book examining a little-known child abduction orchestrated by nineteenth-century papal officials

Unfortunately, 90 percent of new HIV infections occur in poverty-stricken countries, Berkley noted. "And if I ask a company to [work on] a vaccine for Uganda, where the average spent on health care is \$2, they think that's not a good way for them to invest their resources." In response, a year ago Berkley helped the Rockefeller Foundation start the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, which, among other things, tries to give drug companies more incentive to work on a vaccine.

Meanwhile, in California, Abrams has begun treating

people with non-HIV cancer in addition to his AIDS patients because he can actually help cure some of them. Ten or fifteen years ago, he explained, he began an "accelerated maturation process." "When I was thirty-four and my grandmother was eighty-four," he said, "we both had friends who were dying."

Although the number of AIDS deaths has dropped in San Francisco, parts of Africa and Southeast Asia remain overwhelmed by the disease. India, Russia, and China aren't far behind. This war is far from over. — *Jennifer Sutton*

Doctor Power

An M.D.'s true meaning

AT FOURTEEN, Raymond Moreno ran the front of Toto's pizzeria in Newark, New Jersey. He flipped dough, made sandwiches, answered the telephone, took people's orders – juggling one thing after another until his head spun. Now he's a doctor, but

headset is going to tell you, the doctor, how to treat your patients," he said. But "with the public on your side," he added, physicians can protect against "those who would intrude upon your practice."

The effects of economic change on health care were also addressed by Thomas Parrino, professor of medicine, who spoke after Lin. In Parrino's eyes, hospital mergers



After a serious ceremony, a giddy M.D. gets a congratulatory hug.

despite the high-stakes intellectual atmosphere at Brown's School of Medicine – from which he graduated in May – Moreno found that balancing patients, courses, and hospital rounds was a lot like working at Toto's. "You've got to tend to the customers," he declared in a speech at the medical school's convocation, "while not letting the pizzas burn."

Now comes the hard part. Not only are Moreno and his classmates facing a longer list of demands as they begin their internships, they must also decipher a changing medical world. The toughest challenge, according to Samuel Lin, a retired rear admiral and assistant surgeon general who also spoke at the ceremony, will be coping with managed health care. "Someone in a windowless room whose only diagnostic tool is a telephone

bring the scrutiny of Wall Street into the examination room. "People talk about 'fixed assets' and they mean doctors – you or me," he lamented. "When they talk about 'volume,' they mean patients." Don't be steamrolled, he urged. "It's your job to mess with the system and make it work for your patients."

For the eighty-eight graduates, the common message was: you have power. There will always be patients who cannot be helped, but even new doctors can calm nerves, deliver babies, repair damaged body parts, and save lives. But remember, the graduates were reminded, who gives you that power. "Just when you think you've mastered taking care of your patients," Parrino said, "you will see that they are taking care of you." – Jennifer Sutton

What's the Use?

Explaining the work of grad students

COMPARED TO the undergraduate Commencement, the graduate students' ceremony on Lincoln Field is calmer and more sedate. Parents smile widely as they snap a few photos, but they've all been through it before. This one's gray.

The tough part for many parents comes afterward, when, over a celebratory libation, they ask their children what exactly they've been studying. Marcelo Sabates, a '97 Ph.D. in philosophy, might try to explain his dissertation, "Mental Causation: Property Parallelism as Answer to the Problem of Exclusion." Perhaps Jennifer Aydelott Utman '97 Ph.D. will take a crack at clarifying her contribution to cognitive science: "Effects of Subphonetic Acoustic Differences on Lexical Access in Neurologically Intact Adults and Patients with Broca's Aphasia." The explanations, however, might transform those proud parental smiles into blank stares.

Provost James Pomerantz urged the graduating grads not to give up. In his address he offered them one piece of advice: be useful. There are, he said, "growing perceptions among members of Congress, among businesspeople, and among parents who pay for their children's education that much scholarship benefits few people beyond the scholars themselves."

People receiving advanced degrees must demonstrate that their work is beneficial to society – and be quick about it. "We are witnessing a short-term mentality," Pomerantz added, "an impatience for quantifiable results."

One of those results is

teaching. This year the University recognized ten graduate students who have already mastered the art of turning difficult concepts into exciting coursework for undergraduates. Each recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching was paid a \$2,500 honorarium and a pithy homage by Peder Estrup, dean of the Graduate School.

Richard Bungiro, for example, a teaching assistant in pathobiology, "proved consistently immune to mediocrity" in the classroom, Estrup quipped. "Electron microscopy would be required to detect deficiencies in [his] winning style." Now there's an explanation that's easily understood. – Chad Galts



Keeping the Faith(s)

Commencement's high mass

THE SUNDAY Baccalaureate service may be one of the oldest traditions of Commencement weekend, but it still manages to keep up with changing times. Beginning last year, the sound and images from the First Baptist Meeting House have been piped up College Hill to crowds of well-wishers who can watch the ceremony on a twenty-foot screen that hovers over the Green. This year's service, which included an address by journalist Bill



Umbrellas blossomed outside the Meeting House, where Bill Moyers (facing page) gave the Baccalaureate address.

Moyers, took place during heavy rain, but many visitors still managed to share an experience that in the past has been limited to graduating seniors.

Other limits have been banished, too. Until recently the service consisted of Judeo-Christian scriptural readings, devotional hymns, and "America the Beautiful."

"That's fine," says University Chaplain Janet Cooper Nelson, "but what does it do for me if I'm a Pakistani Muslim?" Today on campus there are forty religious traditions, nine of which worship regularly. It makes sense that when Cooper Nelson came to Brown seven years ago, she rewrote the service to better represent the religious diversity of the graduates.

This year the ceremony opened with the sounds of Dougouto Nganya, a percussion group with members from Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, and the United States. As the walls of the Meeting House reverberated with drumbeats, the student Lion Dance Team raced in to banish evil spirits with a traditional Chinese and Vietnamese dance. Then followed a Muslim call to prayer, a Hindu blessing, a Hebrew chant, Mozart's "Laudate Dominum" (with a stunning solo by Maria Costa '97), and a New

Testament reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

By the time Bill Moyers took the pulpit, many of the world's major religions had been accounted for — an exercise in syncretism that wasn't lost on the Emmy award-winner and ordained Baptist minister. In his trademark soothing voice, Moyers urged the graduates to face "a world of unscripted contradictions" by developing shared realities. "It has always been 'Give us this day our daily bread' — not me," he said. "Human beings advance by cooperating, not by rugged individualism." Amen. — *Chad Galts*

Local Heroes

Remembering victims of war

ROBERT STEINSIECK JR. '68 was a brave man. A college student during the Vietnam War, he'd received a draft deferral. Yet after seeing a group of less fortunate young men standing in line at an induction station, he enlisted in the Marines. He died of shrapnel wounds in Vietnam during the summer of 1967.

Thirty years later, the University is saluting him and 204 others with a new war memorial that departing President Gregorian dedicated on Lincoln Field Commence-

ment weekend. The centerpiece of the memorial area is an eight-foot-long, 6,500-pound slab of smooth Georgia granite etched with the names of Brown graduates lost in service during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Designed by former art professor Richard

Fleischner, the memorial stands near Soldiers Arch, the 1921 monument that honors forty-three Brown men who died in World War I.

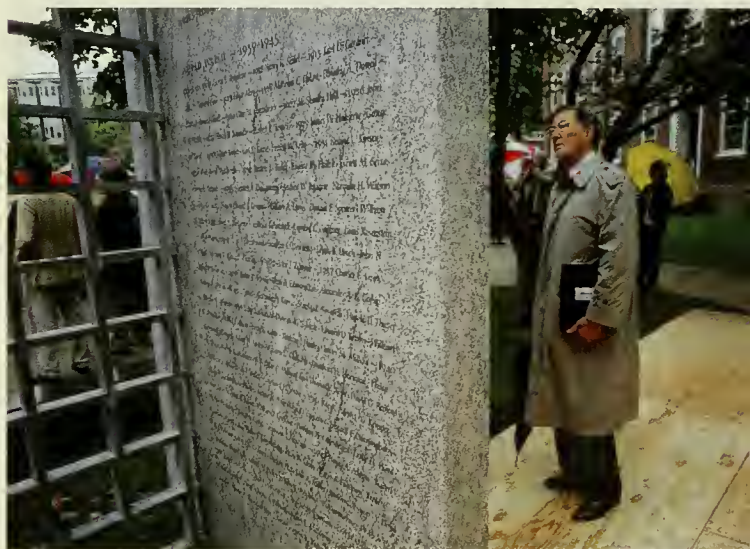
A light rain was falling Sunday morning as the University Hall bell tolled 248 times, once for each Brown victim. "It is my fervent wish," Gregorian told the solemn crowd huddled beneath umbrellas, "that I be the last Brown president to dedicate a new war memorial honoring [alumni] whose lives we shall no longer share." Besides Steinsieck, those remembered include one woman, Dorothy Dowell '18, who died in World War II while serving as a missionary in the Philippines; and Lt. Henri Mico-

leau, a Brown professor who fought for his native France in World War I. "As far as [the war] was a necessary step in the realization of [our] freedoms, then of course my grandfather's death was not in vain," said Micoleau's granddaughter, Elizabeth Tillinghast Nadeau '61. "But thank goodness," she added, "I do not have to watch my children go off to war."

World War II veteran Robert Steinsieck '41 did have to watch his son go to war. The death of Robert Jr. in Vietnam broke the family apart, Steinsieck told the crowd as he read aloud letters written by his three other children. "My brother died for something he believed in," wrote sister Carol. "He must have seen some sense in it all. I still do not."

After the speakers left the podium, after wreaths had been laid around the memorial, the Navy Band trumpeter rose and played taps. The clear notes rose into the fluttering elm leaves. The rain continued to fall. — *Anne Diffily*

U.S. Senator and Korean War veteran John Chafee inspects the new war memorial on Lincoln Field.





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Occupational Hazards

A debate over academic freedom

RESearching health risks in the workplace can itself be risky. Just ask David Kern, associate professor of medicine and an occupational health specialist at Memorial Hospital in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. This spring Kern triggered a controversy by claiming that his research on lung disease among workers at a local textile factory was being hushed up – by the company where he was conducting the research, by the hospital, and by University officials, who, Kern says, failed to support him “against what others were trying to do.”

Research such as Kern’s must balance academia’s commitment to the free exchange of information against a company’s need to keep some data internal. It was because of this need that on his first visit to Microfibres Inc. of Pawtucket, Kern signed a confidentiality agreement that, he claims, referred only to proprietary trade secrets.

While occupational health physicians around the country and some Brown faculty agree with Kern’s interpretation of the agreement, others – including Donald Marsh, dean of the School of Medicine – say the agreement is much broader. And the University, says Marsh, “cannot be put in the position of advising faculty to violate contracts.”

It all began in late 1994, when Kern examined a man who was coughing and having difficulty breathing. A referring lung specialist had already diagnosed an unusual condition called interstitial lung disease. Unconvinced, Kern paid a quick visit to the man’s employer, Microfibres, signing the confidentiality agreement while he was there. He found no evidence to support the other doctor’s diagnosis.

More than a year later, another patient from the same factory was referred to Kern – one who *did* have interstitial lung disease. Kern notified Microfibres, and soon he was retained as a consultant. He presented Microfibres with a copy of Memorial Hospital’s “Operating Principles and Guidelines,” but pro-

ceeded with his work without it being signed by the company.

When Kern informed Microfibres last fall of his intent to present his research at a spring professional meeting, the company, citing the 1994 confidentiality agreement, threatened a lawsuit if he went forward. Kern alerted Peter Shank, associate dean for research at the medical school, who responded in a November letter that, because of the confidentiality agreement, “I see no way in which you can publish results of your studies at the company without their written approval.”

A month later Memorial Hospital shut down Kern’s occupational health service. Marsh was notified of the imminent shutdown and, at the time, did not object. The implication, Kern wrote in a May letter to the faculty, was that “all academics at Brown are subject to punishment if their publications offend powerful outside interests.”

Rick Dietz, vice president for public relations at Memorial, says the hospital is responding to legal action filed by Kern and cannot comment.

Kern presented his research as planned at the May meeting of the American Thoracic Society. Around the same time Marsh announced that an internal University committee had determined that Memorial’s closing of the occupational health service would make it impossible for Kern to conduct research – a violation of his academic freedom.

So the University, Marsh reports, negotiated with the hospital to ensure that Kern will be able to conduct research for the remaining two years of his five-year contract, plus one more year, by soliciting contracts with outside companies. Kern, however, points out that when his program at Memorial Hospital was shut down, he lost a full-time industrial hygienist whose absence will make it difficult for him to perform his work.

With all the conflict, it is easy to overlook a fundamental issue: people are sick with a potentially fatal disease. Everyone involved agrees that if hazardous working conditions exist at Microfibres, they must be corrected. And if that is the case, says Kern, “it doesn’t matter what I signed. If there’s a public health danger, I’m going to report it.” – *Jennifer Sutton*

Less Heat, More Light

Changing the rules on sex cases

HOW SHOULD THE University respond to student accusations of sexual misconduct? That question has been on the minds of many around campus since Sara Klein ’99 accused Adam Lack ’97 of sexually taking

advantage of her while she was drunk last year. The details of the incident were ambiguous enough to generate heated campus controversy and, in January, to attract the attention of ABC News's 20/20 (see "TV Tempest," Elms, March). For many students, the case raised troubling questions about the volatile combination of alcohol and sex. "If you drink," asked one student at a public



Robin Rose: Opening new pathways to discussion.

forum this spring, "do you always have recourse to an accusation [of sexual misconduct] later?"

Provost James Pomerantz and Dean of Student Life Robin Rose, meanwhile, were among those concerned about the level of polarization surrounding the University Disciplinary Council's (UDC) handling of the case (see "Taking the Stand," April). In December, former Dean of the College Sheila Blumstein was appointed to head an ad hoc committee evaluating the University's approach to sexual misconduct cases. In late April, after consulting with students, faculty, and administrators, Blumstein's committee presented its recommendations.

In general, the recommendations are aimed at preserving fairness during the

disciplinary process while trying to circumvent the widespread polarization so evident in the Lack/Klein case. The assumption is that sexual misconduct, because it typically involves conflicting views of a private moment between two people, is difficult to adjudicate. Instead of having a case argued solely on a guilt-or-innocence basis before the UDC, where the potential consequences are dire for those involved, the report suggests an alternative it calls "structured negotiation" – giving students the option of discussing, in person or through a mediator, the facts of a case as they see them.

"It's amazing how two different people can look at the exact same behavior and see, or feel, two totally different things," Rose says. "People in dean's meetings, when the stakes aren't as high, are more able to see the other person's story."

When cases do make it to the UDC, the Blumstein committee suggests modifying the practice of allowing case presenters – most often faculty members – to present arguments and cross-examine witnesses. Accuser and accused could still retain advisers to help prepare their cases, but only UDC members could direct questions to the accuser, the accused, and any witnesses. Either side, however, could suggest questions in writing for the UDC to consider.

The need for reform became evident again last October, when a Jordanian student was accused of raping his girlfriend, also a Brown student. When the UDC opted not to hear the case, the accuser's father charged through the federal Office of Civil Rights that the University had violated Title IX, the federal law prohibit-

ing sexual discrimination in higher education. The two students ultimately resolved the case privately, and the father withdrew the civil rights complaint, but not before the UDC's lack of action became fodder for the *Brown Daily Herald*, the *Providence Phoenix*, and the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Before becoming official policy, the recommendations of the ad hoc committee must be approved by the Corporation. – *Clad Galts*

Potent Placebos

One student's remarkable research

GOOD MEDICINE depends on good science. If her early scientific work is any indication, second-year medical student Neetha Shetty '95 is going to be quite a doctor. In April, the American Academy of Neurology awarded her its G. Milton Shy Award for best clinical research paper by a U.S. medical student.

Shetty's work, done under the supervision of Professor of Neurology and Clinical

Neurosciences Joseph Friedman, focused on placebos. These innocuous substances are given to volunteers in drug trials as a control against which to compare the drug's effects. Although placebos are supposed to have no medicinal effect, patients taking them in drug trials sometimes experience a change in their condition, a phenomenon especially pronounced among people with Parkinson's disease.

Shetty began her work by poring over scientific articles on Parkinson's. In the ninety-eight studies she looked at, she found that placebos produced a change in a whopping 70 percent of patients. To test this, she examined the response of 198 volunteers participating in a five-year study of the disease. The condition of 71 percent either improved or worsened after receiving placebos, a figure remarkably consistent with the one she'd calculated from the scientific literature.

According to a statement by Friedman, Shetty's results "prove that placebo response has to be looked at carefully in future Parkinson's disease trials." – *Jennifer Sutton*



The Year of the Women

1996-97's bests and worsts

Even in the corridors of the Pizzitola Center you could hear the rumblings. This past year, according to those in the know, was one of the worst for men's sports. How bad was it? I decided to tally wins and losses, excluding teams such as golf and equestrian that compete in multiple-squad tournaments. I found that, as of early May, Brown's men's teams had won 107 contests, lost 131, and tied seven.

Over the same period, women's teams prevailed in 154 games while losing only ninety-five and tying six. It may be the ultimate irony of 1996-97: Just as the U.S. Supreme Court let stand a district court judgment that Brown has too few female athletes, the school's women were demonstrating that, on the field at least, they now have the upper hand.

Best untold story. For the first time ever, women's tennis broke into the national collegiate rankings, climbing from seventy-fifth (dead last) to thirty-fifth. After an undefeated regular season and an Ivy championship, the team became the first in Brown history to go to the NCAA regionals. (They were beaten by top-ranked William & Mary.) Trishna Patel '98 was named Ivy Player of the Year and Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Player to Watch. The association also picked Norma Taylor as Coach of the Year.

Best role model. Liz Turner, women's basketball captain, was named first-team All-Ivy and was the only player to make the league's top ten in points, rebounds, and assists. In honor of her achievements, Brown trustee Elizabeth Zopfi Chace '59 and her husband Malcolm endowed the \$1.4-million Liz Turner '98 Coaching Chair for Women's Basketball.

Best saves (Vol. I). Phoebe Manzella, women's crew coach, briefly became a



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Clockwise from left:
All-Ivy Liz Turner '98,
scoring machine Kerri
Whitaker '96, and
life-saving crew coach
Phoebe Manzella

local celebrity this spring when she beat Providence firemen to the punch and plucked a struggling swimmer from the near-freezing Seekonk River waters.

Best rookie alumna, best rookie coach. Kerri Whitaker '96, sixth on the all-time Brown leading scorer list, was named to the 1997 U.S. National Lacrosse Team. Joining her on the team was Assistant Coach Kelly Amonte, a 1996 University of Maryland alumna. Only thirty women were picked for the national team roster.

Best off-season achievement. After leading the women's ice hockey team to twenty-eight straight wins and the Ivy and ECAC regular-season titles, Ivy Player of the Year Katie King '97 and Rookie of the Year Tara Mounsey '00 competed on the U.S. team in April's World Championships. Although the U.S. lost the deciding game to Canada in overtime, both King and Mounsey (whom the *New York Times* has called "the Bobby Orr of the women's game") scored key goals.

Best genes. Following in the churning footsteps of his power fullback dad, Paul J. Choquette Jr. '60, football tight end Paul Choquette '98 was named to the *Football Gazette* All-American first team. He became the first Brown player to play in a post-season all-star game since the Ivy League was formed.

Best saves (Vol. II). At dawn on March 29, the second-ranked Syracuse men's lacrosse team had lost only six home games since 1981. By sunset they had lost seven, thanks to a 20-12 Brown upset. The Orangemen couldn't find a way past the Bears' brilliant goaltender, Greg Cattrano '97, who compiled an unheard-of twenty-five saves. Cattrano earned Ivy Player of the Week honors, as well as the enmity of an immense stadium full of orange-clad partisans.

Worst-looking old college tie. Bob Gaudet, men's ice hockey coach since 1988 and the man responsible for turning the last-place Bears into consistent contenders for the ECAC and Ivy crowns, couldn't resist knotting a Big Green old-college tie this spring. Gaudet heeded the call of his alma mater and became Dartmouth's head coach.

Worst set of hurdles. The day before soccer defenseman Doug Ulman '99 was to report to preseason training camp last summer, he found out he had chondrosarcoma, a rare form of cancer. After surgery he returned to Brown. This spring Ulman was diagnosed with melanoma, a serious but often curable skin cancer. Rather than brood about his health, he has established the Ulman Fund to help "young adults... who have cancer or a parent or a brother or sister with cancer." ☞

It was a bowl of Corn Chex. I remember that. I was four years old, eating cereal in the early evening. Sitting across the table from me in my family's apartment was my Aunt Barbara, who had been assigned the task of keeping me busy and happy on this very important night.

A few minutes earlier, according to family legend, I'd been standing three feet from my mother as she lay in bed, working her way through an intense contraction. She was making strange noises and breathing hard, but I was not afraid. She had warned me for weeks that when she was in labor she would make such noises. No one was being hurt, she'd told me; that's just what women having babies do.

My mother had given birth to my two older brothers more conventionally – in a hospital room, surrounded by nurses she didn't know and a doctor who gave her drugs to speed the delivery so he wouldn't miss his dinner date. She didn't like the hospital; it's a place for sick people, she said. So she had me at home, assisted by a midwife and surrounded by the entire family. My oldest brother went to nursery school the next day and bragged to his friends about what he had seen, leading his teacher to lecture the class on the evils of lying. It wasn't until my mother vouched for his story that he was exonerated.

But standing in my parents' bedroom, I couldn't help thinking that the grown-ups were making a big deal out of a strange thing. Except for my mom's grunting and heavy breathing, nothing was going on.

"When is she going to have the baby?" I asked.

"It could take quite a while," my aunt replied. Four-year-old boredom set in, so I headed for the kitchen and the Corn Chex. Two hours later, long past my

Home Delivery

A student watches his mother give birth – twice.



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bedtime, I wandered back into the bedroom to find my mother, father, brothers, aunt, cousin, uncle, and the midwife – but still no baby. I was a bit disappointed in my mother.

The story has it that I played with my cousin all night long and sporadically checked in on my mother. Finally, around midnight, things started to happen. First I saw a head; an hour later, a body; eventually, a whole baby girl. The umbilical cord was cut. Then out came the placenta, which confused me a little, but its function was explained to me just as everything else had been.

I waited patiently as my mother nursed the baby, as my father and each older brother held her. Then it was my

turn. My new sister was tiny, but I was pretty small myself, so I had to use my whole body to support her. She lay quietly in my arms, her eyes wide open. I leaned my head close to hers to let her know who I was. I told her I would take care of her.

When my mother gave birth to my little brother at home four years later, it felt like a television rerun. It wasn't until years later that I started to understand how unusual my experiences had been. When friends visit my family's apartment and I show them the bed I was born on, they think I'm joking. One time, after hearing some girls in my dorm discuss how drugged they want to be during childbirth, I offered that some of those drugs are dangerous, that some women find the pain not as bad as they'd expected. The girls looked at me as if I was crazy. "What do you know about childbirth?" one of them demanded. "You're a guy." They started to laugh. "I've been in on two births firsthand," I responded. "What do you know?"

The way my mother brought me into the world helped teach me two important lessons. The first: to evaluate problems on your own and not always accept the norms of society if you believe there might be a better way. The second: to keep your family close. My mother thought leaving her children for days and then returning with a new baby who'd get lots of attention might not be the best thing for family unity. She and my father never forced us to witness the births, which were treated as normal but exciting events at which every family member was welcome. The love and protectiveness I feel toward my family are built on many things, but holding my little sister in her beginning moments of life was one of the first. ♡

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The Accidental Wilderness

The Adirondacks: A History of America's First Wilderness, by **Paul Schneider** '84 (Henry Holt, 368 pages, \$25).

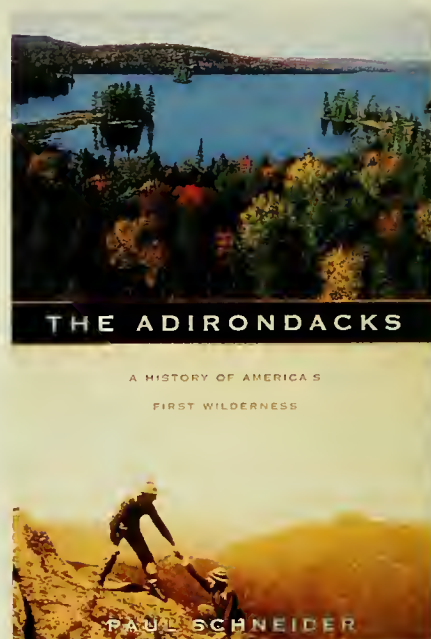
Ten million people will visit New York's Adirondack Park this year, most of them in search of wilderness. But can anyplace with 10 million visitors truly be called one? As the essayist Edward Hoagland has observed, wilderness in the United States is perpetually in danger of being loved to death. How else to explain all those Ford Broncos and Jeep Cherokees? Never mind that most of them never leave pavement; in our image-obsessed age, a car's association with back-country adventure is as good as the real thing. Wilderness is not a place but an idea.

This distinction lies at the heart of Paul Schneider's breezy and absorbing summary of the Adirondacks' last 300 years. Although his book is subtitled *A History of America's First Wilderness*, in the introduction Schneider more accurately calls it a romance — "a story of first love between Americans and a thing they call wilderness." Like all good romances, the book is full of vivid characters. My own

favorite is an Irishman named William Johnson, who took charge of Indian affairs in New York State in 1746 when both the English and the French were paying ten pounds to any Iroquois who could produce the scalp of a Frenchman or a Huron brave.

Johnson, who built a mansion deep in the wilderness, learned Mohawk and, in the words of one biographer, was "unencumbered with those seemingly revealed preconceptions . . . that make most people unreceptive to exotic thought." He was a study in contrasts and contradictions. When dealing with fellow colonists, Johnson wore a powdered wig and knickers, but around the Mohawks a breechcloth sufficed. He was an advocate for Indians, yet he kept African slaves. "Johnson respected the Mohawks," Schneider writes, "but he was both a proud product and an agent of the advancing white frontier." Schneider observes that Johnson was the first European to see the wilderness as a place in which to have a rollicking good time, a contrast to the earlier Puritan attitude that wilderness was the seat of Satan, the home of evil savages.

The Adirondacks is particularly good at tracing attitude shifts toward the New York wilderness, shifts that also apply



more broadly across the continent. When colonists were not leveling the forest with religious fervor, they were viewing it as a messy warehouse of useful and profitable goods — "a place of opportunity," in Schneider's understated phrase. Beavers were trapped nearly to extinction for their fur, while animals such as moose and panthers disappeared to supply both meat for the market and game for wealthy sportsmen. Later centuries brought iron-ore mining to the Adirondacks, as well as large-scale logging operations that continue today.

It was to preserve such utilitarian resources that the 6-million-acre Adirondack State Park was established. Schneider is adept at highlighting such ironies, which give his story depth and help him avoid the polarizing rhetoric of much of today's writing about wilderness. The Adirondack Park, he writes, "is occasionally described as an accidental wilderness. . . . Its original promoters were far more interested in water supplies for their canals and their downstate cities than they were in the preservation of wild places." Not until the late nineteenth century, with the rise of Emerson and the transcendentalists, were Puritan attitudes toward uncivilized nature reversed. Now it was the settled places that were corrupting and the wild ones that were, in Schneider's words, "residences of God."

These conflicting points of view are reflected in the ownership pattern of today's Adirondack Park. The state-owned

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Paul Schneider studied history and economics at Brown, and planned, he says, "to save the Third World." When that didn't work out, he took a job as a fact-checker at the now-defunct *New England Monthly* and soon published his first magazine article, about canoeing the St. John River in northern Maine. *The Adirondacks*, his first book, originated with a 1992 assignment from *Audubon* magazine to write about the centennial of the Adirondack Park. Looking for a way to learn more about the history of wilderness in the United States, he discovered that its early roots lay a half-day's drive from his New York City apartment. Schneider intends to write another book, but he adds, "Now that I know more about how much work and effort and time goes into a book, I'm being cautious." Meanwhile, he writes features for *Audubon* and a monthly travel column for *Elle*.



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wilderness is probably the country's best protected, yet it constitutes only 43 percent of the park's area. The rest of the land — 3.4 million acres — is privately owned, and although regulated, it remains open to utilitarian uses. Schneider agrees with most environmentalists that the largest threat to the park comes from developers, heirs to the early colonists who believed that even forested mountains could be turned into productive farmland.

One of the earliest and least successful of these colonists was none other than John Brown, after whose family the University is named. Brown, who was treasurer of the College from 1775 to 1799, bought 210,000 acres of Adirondack wilderness in hopes of improving it just enough to subdivide and sell to farmers. The thin soil made for poor farming, however, and the venture failed. When Brown died in 1803, Schneider writes, "the lines were drawn and for the most part surveyed, the towns were named, but the place was still... a howling wilderness." So it remained for another century, until the state of New York created the Adirondack Park and decreed it would remain "forever... wild."

Briefly Noted



Inventing Mark Twain: The Lives of Samuel Langhorne Clemens, by **Andrew Hoffman** '88 Ph.D. (William Morrow and Co., 572 pages, \$30).

An ambitious contribution to our understanding of one of America's beloved writers, Hoffman's book examines the relationship between the real Samuel Clemens and the fictitious Mark Twain. Hoffman, a visiting scholar in American civilization, is a good storyteller with a sharp eye for detail. Despite the mountains of Twain scholarship that precede his work, he injects some original ideas, such as his contention that Twain may have been homosexual. Hoffman's only failing as biographer is a predilection for exaggeration. How much you enjoy *Inventing Mark Twain* will depend on what you make of such statements as, "After Shakespeare, [Twain] is perhaps the most widely known writer the world has yet produced."

No More Wacos: What's Wrong with Federal Law Enforcement and How to Fix It, by **David B. Kopel** '82 and Paul H. Blackman (Prometheus Books, 530 pages, \$26.95).

"While the framers of the American Constitution would have found David Koresh repulsive," the authors write, "they would have been far more disturbed at... the use of the military against American citizens." A sense of outrage propels this alarming account of government blunders during the siege of the Texas Branch Davidians. Excruciatingly documented (one thirty-page chapter has 272 endnotes) yet readable, *No More Wacos* portrays Koresh as an intractable zealot, but at the same time explains how federal agents misunderstood the Davidians, especially Koresh, with disastrous consequences. — *Chad Galts*



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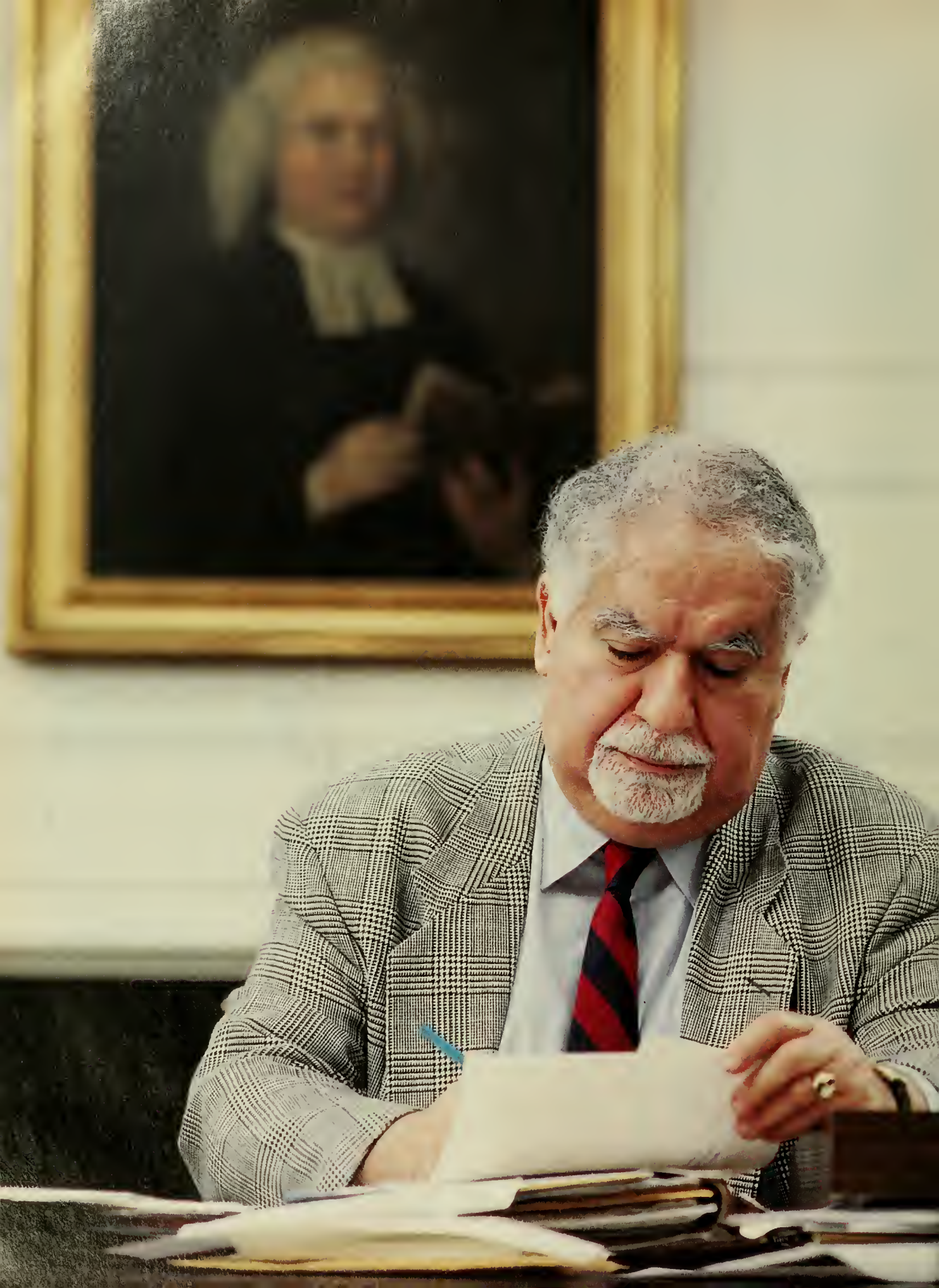
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Vartan Gregorian leaves Brown with a burnished reputation and a campus in solid financial and physical shape. His most enduring legacy, though, may be confidence.

Mission Accomplished

BY MARC WORTMAN '78

Running a major American university is a daunting task; some might call it close to impossible. The institution's needs are vast. Its operations make up a virtual city-state. A college president's duties range from fund-raising to labor negotiations, from academic politicking to budget number crunching.

Vartan Gregorian, Brown's sixteenth president, has done all that and more. This month he leaves his post after nearly nine years in office to assume leadership of the Carnegie Corporation, one of the nation's best-known and richest foundations. At the end of the Gregorian era, the University enjoys unprecedented national and international stature and boasts a thriving campus. Each year the admission office selects freshman classes from a huge pool of intensely well-qualified candidates. Older campus facilities have undergone renovations, and numerous new buildings have been completed or are under construction. The recent Campaign for Brown exceeded its goal by nearly \$100 million. And a university that has struggled in the past to make ends meet has tripled its endowment over the past decade to nearly \$1 billion and will complete its eighteenth year with a balanced budget. "Brown is in good shape financially and administratively," Gregorian says, adding wryly, "My successor is going to be a very lucky person."

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While some of the University's enviable positioning reflects trends that predate Gregorian's years on College Hill, there is no question the man's enthusiasm, vision, and visibility have helped Brown shed its self-image as a lesser institution among elite universities. Gregorian has told each entering class since he arrived that they are "the best class ever" — and based on ever rising academic indices, he's been telling the truth. "Brown has always been good," says former Dean of the College Sheila Blumstein, a member of the faculty since 1970. "We had great students then and great students today, but in some sense we didn't have enough confidence. We've learned to celebrate the good in everything here."

Faculty have basked in Gregorian's sometimes ornate praise: they are, he has assured them, "the bone and marrow" of the University. Among his highest priorities have been the addition of dozens of endowed faculty chairs and, in a move thought to be unique among major American universities, the creation of twenty endowed assistant professorships to attract a "rising generation" of talent. His additions to the University calendar include an annual faculty honors convocation to recognize exceptional achievements in research and teaching. No wonder the mood at Brown is generally bright.

Gregorian emphasizes the point often. "Brown," he says, "should never have an inferiority complex with our sister institutions. To me, Brown is great, and I have acted always as if it is great without bragging or apologizing. We should be proud that we have a different approach [from other universities]. I don't want Brown to be anything but Brown."

Despite his seemingly endless enthusiasm for the institution and his work, though, Gregorian thinks few people would be happy doing what he does. "As a job," he sighs, "it's for the birds." Clearly a stomach for conflict and controversy is crucial. Campus debates can generate intense public scrutiny and sometimes withering criticism, and the president bears the brunt of it.

Known for his media-savvy ways, Gregorian was nonetheless dogged by contentious issues that found their way into the national spotlight. These included accusations of heavy-handed political correctness in student disciplinary proceedings and a 1992 protest of financial-aid budget policy in which 253 students occupied University Hall. Perhaps most notably, the University went all the way to the Supreme Court in

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a Title IX-based legal battle following its 1991 demotion of two women's and two men's athletic teams from Brown-funded to donor-funded varsity status.

When reporters, government officials, parents, and alumni call Brown regarding controversial, high-profile situations, they want to speak to the person at the top. They may not always reach the president himself; nevertheless, his beliefs and opinions must inform every public statement and news release issued on such hot topics. "It's unlike any other job," Gregorian says of this aspect of being president. "Each second I have to respond to a different stimulus."

The landscape of academe is littered with the résumés of university presidents who failed to meet the job's unforgiving demands. Many of them arrived with credentials every bit as impressive as Gregorian's record as head of the New York Public Library and provost at the University of Pennsylvania. Why do some stumble and others, like Gregorian, succeed? The answer, in Gregorian's case, appears to be a blend of extraordinary personal skills and quasi-religious zeal. Anyone who sees the Brown presidency as

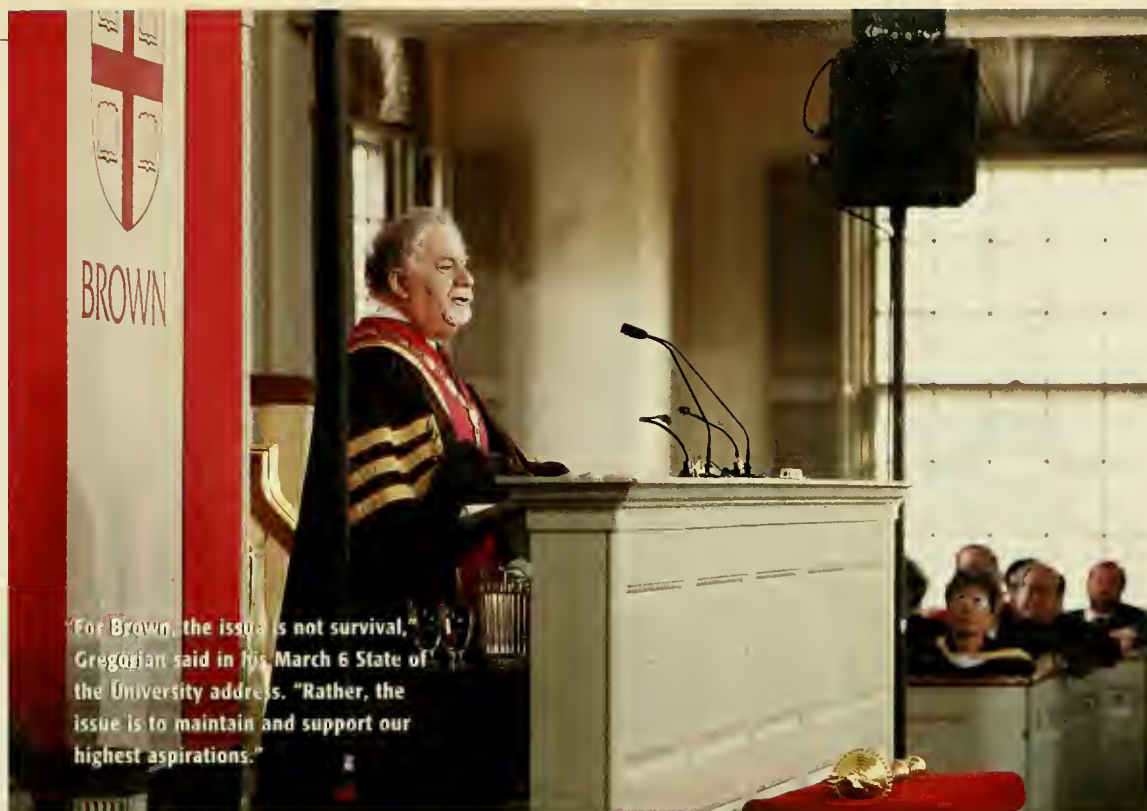
merely a job, Gregorian believes, can never succeed. "Only as a *mission*," he says, "is it right for me and others like me. You have to have transcendental goals. Otherwise the nitty-gritty dehumanizes you, routinizes you, and marginalizes you. You have to believe in your mission, which in this case is to shape the future and to strengthen America and democracy."

Those are heady, idealistic words. Brown's faculty, students, alumni, staff, and laborers confirm their sincerity and underscore the campus's positive response to Gregorian's unique character. Martha Nussbaum, a professor of philosophy and classics who chaired the campus advisory committee for the selection process that brought Gregorian to Brown, left College Hill two years ago for the University of Chicago. (Gregorian, she notes, "made it hard to leave.") Gregorian proved to be the imaginative scholar-educator the committee wanted, Nussbaum says, but he also brought with him a passion for justice. "He always took a stand for the intellectual as part of the larger culture," she says. "From his inaugural address on, he spoke regularly about the mission of the university to provide leadership on wider social issues. Whenever a social injustice occurred on campus, he didn't handle it in a procedural way but walked right out and addressed the student body personally."

Stephen Graubard, professor of history emeritus and editor of *Daedalus*, the journal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, considers Gregorian to be "incontestably the greatest president Brown has had in this century, and arguably among the finest anywhere." Graubard team-taught a course with Gregorian and worked closely with him on several other projects. He describes the president as possessing a rare combination of intellect, warmth, and administrative abilities. The result, Graubard says, was that Gregorian "brought in good people, and then he mobilized them to accomplish great things. He brought renown to Brown not just for himself, but for his ideas. There have been extraordinary changes in a very short time."

When apprised of such accolades, Gregorian laughs and delivers one of his trademark quips: "The only reason I walk on water is because I can't swim."

Success at Brown was far from a given when Gregorian came to College Hill in the winter of 1989. His predecessor, the late Howard Swearer, left Brown much stronger than it had been when he arrived in 1976, but the University remained financially overextended. A \$50-million backlog of



so-called “deferred maintenance” – a euphemism for facilities in desperate need of renovation – could no longer be put on hold without risking long-term harm to Brown’s buildings. To address this and other pressing needs, Gregorian moved quickly to slow bud-

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getary growth through a five-year process of cutbacks and reallocations – an initiative that risked alienating some among Brown’s ambitious faculty.

From the outset Gregorian, a bachelor’s-degree graduate of Stanford’s comprehensive Western civilization course of study, questioned the rigor of the 1969 New Curriculum, Brown’s most distinctive feature among elite American universities and a major draw for undergraduate applicants. Gregorian ordered an investigation, directed by then-Dean of the College Blumstein, of the way students use the curricu-

lum, with an eye toward doing a significant overhaul. But that proved to be unnecessary. Blumstein’s committee found that a large majority of students were not taking the path of least resistance, as critics contended, but instead were choosing a remarkably balanced and rigorous course of study, combining traditional disciplinary studies with cross-disciplinary work. The study did result in the addition of two more course requirements for graduation, raising the minimum from twenty-eight to thirty credits. It also led to beefed-up student advising and an extensive list of interdisciplinary University courses aimed at freshmen and sophomores. Gregorian ended up being a great advocate of the curriculum. “As an outsider,” he says, “I’ve seen the merits of its strengths.”

With such potentially adversarial opening moves, however, Gregorian easily could have been pegged as an interloper come to impose his version of fiscal austerity and academic order on an unruly populace. University presidents have been given a limo ride to the airport for lesser offenses. Yet Gregorian proved to be anything but a meddler. Robert A. Reichley, who retired last year as executive vice president for University relations and continued as University secretary, came to Brown nearly thirty years ago and worked with four presidents. He believes the man and the era were an ideal match. Howard Swearer’s presidency, Reichley explains, brought Brown out of an era of social turmoil and budget crises toward much-needed financial stability; during Swearer’s time, Brown enjoyed an upswing in popularity that

led to its being dubbed a "hot college" by the news media. This relative strength set the stage for a president capable of boosting the University's national and international prestige. "Gregorian could be the public president Brown needed," Reichley says. "He carried Brown with him by virtue of what he did."

What he did was compile a record of national visibility and exceptional accomplishment. In an era of fiscal restraint in higher education, coupled with intense competition among elite universities, Gregorian guided the launch of many new programs and expanded some existing ones, simultaneously slowing the growth of the University's budget and its tuition increases. An acclaimed fund-raiser, he led the recently concluded campaign that met its \$450-million goal – by far the largest in Brown's or any Rhode Island institution's history – six months ahead of schedule, topping out at \$534 million. New funds and careful management allowed Brown to form eleven new academic departments, to add seventy-two endowed professorships, to recruit 265 new faculty members, to reach its 3 millionth volume in the library holdings less than a decade after acquiring its 2 millionth, to build new academic and dormitory facilities, and to virtually eliminate the deferred-maintenance agenda.

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Even as Gregorian presided over these triumphs, he struggled with a university president's day-to-day problems – student protests, faculty criticism, alumni complaints – as well as a few crises particular to Brown. While the financial aid budget has doubled during Gregorian's tenure, it remains shy of fully funding the needs of all admitted students. The University's campaign aimed to significantly increase the financial-aid endowment, but its planners felt achieving completely need-blind admissions in a five-year fund-raising span would be unrealistic. Some students disagreed, and on April 22, 1992, protesters occupied University Hall. In what for Brown was an unprecedented move, at the end of the day 253 students were arrested. "When I came here," Gregorian explains, "I

said I don't accept demands from anyone. I accept petitions."

Some were surprised to see the president stand up to student activists. "People were shocked," Gregorian recalls. " 'This is Brown,' they told me. 'You can't do that.' " After all, Brown had been perceived as a center for political correctness. When a student was expelled in 1991 for shouting racist threats at other students, Brown and Gregorian were pilloried for upholding a so-called hate-speech code. "The press took him apart," recalls Reichley. "It was nightmarish. He spent an enormous amount of time and energy trying to interpret the situation for outsiders." In a *BAM* interview a few years later, Gregorian explained his position: "There is a difference between unpopular ideas expressed in a public context and epithets delivered in the context of harassing, intimidating, or demeaning behavior. At Brown, we expect our students to know the difference." He still bristles at the notion that he would advocate limiting speech on campus. "I kept academic freedom strong at Brown," Gregorian insists. "Nobody was denied the opportunity to speak or to hold a position here." Indeed, during his presidency campus speakers included such diverse national figures as conservative Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and radical scholar Angela Davis.

Complex issues that resulted in public controversy followed Gregorian virtually to the final days of his presidency. In March, ABC television ran a segment on *20/20* about the case of Adam Lack '97, who was found guilty of sexual misconduct by the University Disciplinary Committee after having sex with a drunken fellow student. (See "Taking the Stand," April.) In late April the U.S. Supreme Court declined to consider Brown's appeal in the Title IX sex-discrimination suit. After a U.S. District Court judge decided against the University in August 1995, Gregorian criticized the court's ruling for basing its measurement of discrimination on a "quota standard" that would require Brown to provide varsity athletic opportunities in proportion to the undergraduate gender ratio. Not one known to give up a position he believes is right, Gregorian continues to disagree publicly with the ruling. In a May letter to alumni and parents, he contended the compliance order that Brown must now fulfill "does not measure an institution's commitment to equal opportunity. . . . Rather, it counts only numbers and rewards institutions that are able to manipulate their statistics to achieve a numerical goal." While many admire Gregorian's tenacious adherence to his beliefs, others feel an earlier settlement would have avoided costly legal bills and negative publicity.

Controversies notwithstanding, throughout Gregorian's presidency Brown has remained tremendously popular. Last year, 15,012 applicants applied for admission to the College, 2,856 were admitted and a record 47 percent chose to enroll. Brown is now one of the most selective schools in the country. The undergraduate population is the most racially and geographically diverse ever, with 29 percent drawn from minority groups and nearly half of the world's nations represented.

Brown's current momentum may have begun in the 1970s, but it is Gregorian who has raised the

age on the public and private sectors, are all Gregorian," Sizer says.

The philanthropist's largesse also underwrote the expansion of the Institute for School Reform, based at Brown and established by Sizer in October 1993 with an anonymous \$5-million gift. Following Annenberg's 1993 gift to the institute of \$50 million, it was renamed the Annenberg Institute for School Reform. "The Annenberg Institute commits the University for the long haul to dealing with problems of public education. That," says Sizer, "will permanently affect Brown."

Sizer praises Gregorian for putting Brown squarely in the middle of a debate some might regard as outside the purview of an elite, private university. "There are not many university presidents who think beyond their borders these days," says Sizer. "He's absolutely staunch in taking the time to work on issues far beyond College Hill." Sizer believes Gregorian's efforts to improve public education will be ranked among the greatest by any American educator: "No sitting Ivy League president since Harvard's Charles William Eliot [president from 1869 to 1909] has been more deeply engaged in the reform of public education."

"Greg took the initiative to become involved in education on a national basis not to glorify himself, but because a president of a major university must be responsible for the educational system of the whole country," says Chancellor Artemis Joukowsky '55. "By association, he's doing it for Brown. He gives Brown an extra-special identity."

To hear Gregorian tell it, the concept is simply common sense. "Brown," he says, "has an obligation to explore solutions [to the problems afflicting today's public schools] because it affects all of us."

His approach to another vexing educational issue was equally pragmatic. From the outset of his presidency, Gregorian made clear his determination to address the shortage of certain minority groups in the professoriat, especially in the sciences. Today's demand for African-American, Native American, and Hispanic scholars means that when one university lures a minority scholar to its campus, another academic community loses out. "It's dishonest to play a revolving-door game without increasing the supply," says Gregorian. "It may solve one institution's problem, but not the nation's." So he set out to solve the bigger problem.

Although Brown had, decades earlier, affiliated with historically black Tougaloo College in Mississippi, Gregorian felt more needed to be done. He

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University's national and international profile to its current height. An exuberant man who is happy in the spotlight, he traveled extensively and made innumerable public appearances ranging from meeting with President Clinton in the White House to testifying before congressional committees to celebrating the Brown crew's triumph on the banks of the Hensley. In the local community he was active as well, at one point chairing a special commission that reviewed the political and economic conditions in Rhode Island that in 1991 had led to a massive collapse of credit unions. Scathingly critical of the state's banking regulatory system, the Gregorian Commission's report helped push a reluctant legislature to undertake extensive reforms.

Nationally, Gregorian served as principal adviser to his friend Ambassador Walter H. Annenberg on the philanthropist's \$500-million Annenberg Challenge, a matching-grant program aimed at improving public schools. As home to the Coalition of Essential Schools, a national consortium of reform-minded high schools, Brown had been a center for education reform since the mid-1980s; the Annenberg connection further strengthened Brown's leadership. Professor Emeritus of Education Theodore Sizer, one of the nation's foremost school reformers and the Coalition's founder, credits Gregorian with inspiring Annenberg to invest in innovative solutions to educational problems. "The way to do it, and the lever-



The president's watch adds a light touch to a heavy schedule.

asked Professor of Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, and Biochemistry James Wyche to direct a new initiative called the Leadership Alliance, which was launched in January 1992. In the beginning, Gregorian's intent was to increase the pool of minority candidates for Brown's graduate school, thus helping Brown contribute to a larger pool of minority Ph.D. holders nationally. However, he soon realized that Brown could do very little alone. Wyche, who is now associate provost as well as executive director of the Leadership Alliance, praises Gregorian's ability to see diversity as a global issue. "He went to a meeting of the Council of Ivy League Presidents," Wyche recalls, "and asked if, instead of competing, we could pool our resources to help with a national problem." The other presidents agreed to cooperate. Based at Brown, the Leadership Alliance has since grown to include twenty-four partner institutions, including all of the Ivies and a handful of other research universities, as well as ten historically black colleges, seven tribal colleges, and the University of Puerto Rico system. With public and private grants, the Leadership Alliance has created faculty development programs, undergraduate summer research grants, a variety of national and international partnerships, and a mentoring network.

From its initial focus on the sciences, the Alliance has expanded across the disciplinary spectrum. Wyche estimates that of undergraduates participating in the program by the year 2001, close to 500 will matriculate into graduate programs, with one-third in the sciences. "Over time we could increase by 50 percent the number of Ph.D.s graduating annually in underrepresented groups in the sciences," he says. "That's a real impact."

How many of those future scientists will end up at Brown? No one can say. And for Gregorian, that isn't the issue. "The country needs leadership in these areas," he says. "Why not Brown? Brown has never been afraid to take risk and responsibility."

Any leader who spends significant time working on projects away from campus – be they education reform or raising money – is vulnerable to charges that he is skimping on involvement in campus affairs. And indeed, some faculty grumbled that Gregorian was an external president, more concerned with the world "out there" than with campus governance and Brown scholars. But many others see him as a leader who got to know thousands of employees and students by name and who took a personal interest in their careers. Sheila Blumstein, who has left the deanery to return to research and teaching as professor of cognitive and linguistic sciences, says: "For better or worse, Brown has a tradition of thinking of itself as a tiny university. The community has the expectation to see the president as our leader; he has to be here. Gregorian has taken the time to make connections. He's a hands-on president."

"Hands-on" has meant not only knowing his community, but also teaching an undergraduate course every year except the one just ended. He has taken on nine student advisees each year, meeting weekly with them in his home. "I am a faculty person," he is fond of emphasizing. "I am a teacher. I'm part of the body of the University." While no one would question Gregorian's passionate identification with the teachers from whose ranks he rose, his continuing involvement also happens to make for effective faculty-management strategy. "This way," he says, "nobody can come and complain to me about how hard they have to work."

Gregorian's engaging style has been most famously on display in his public personal interactions. Many graduates of the past eight years left Brown not only with a diploma but also with memories of a trademark Gregorian embrace. "It's fun to watch him walk across campus, because he's always giving people big bear hugs," says Catherine Duggan '98, vice president of the Undergraduate Council of Students. "Everybody loves him."

"He has an extremely strong rapport with students," says Professor of Biology Frank Rothman, who served as provost from 1990 through 1995. "Walking across campus [with him] was a time-consuming matter. He'd stop and shake every student's

hand. If you wanted to get somewhere on time with him, you had to plan this in. It seemed symbolic, but he really cared."

Perhaps it was his childhood exposure to colorful characters passing through his grandfather's caravansary in Tabriz, northern Iran; or maybe it's simply his innate curiosity about people from all walks of life. Whatever the reason, Gregorian has endeared himself to hundreds of employees. During his time at Brown he regularly joined several members of the plant operations staff for drinks at a Portuguese restaurant in East Providence. Lead steamfitter and

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fellow Armenian American Lenny Arzoomanian says Gregorian "broke the mold here. I don't think any president before him had gone out with the blue shirts. It's usually hard to talk to a president, but with him it's easy. He's an amazing character." Gregorian also made sure to name a building for a plant operations worker, Phil Andrews, who retired after forty-seven years of University service. "I have great respect for work and workers," Gregorian says. Besides, he adds, "I become more effective by working with people who know I respect them."

Gregorian's efforts to manage Brown, generate ideas, raise money to implement them, and serve the educational mission of the University and the nation required Herculean endurance. He typically put in seventeen-hour days, seven days a week. The labors have taken their toll. During an interview this spring, he had just returned from having an MRI that revealed a slipped disk. He squeezed in the doctor's visit between meetings with parents and potential freshmen who were on campus that weekend. He'd also spent time with the families of two students, one of whom was killed and another critically injured the previous weekend when a

third-floor apartment window they were leaning against gave way. The man with the fabled boundless energy was clearly tired and in pain.

In his University Hall office, with portraits of his predecessors looking over his shoulder, Gregorian admitted his fatigue. "Work is a duty and not always a pleasure," he said. "I feel obligated by the fact that I'm responsible for the welfare of a community of 10,000 people and their families. I feel obligated to the history of Brown. I have never been any place where I haven't given all my energy." Then he added, "Physical fatigue I can take, but mental fatigue destroys you."

Gregorian's friend Ted Eddy, president emeritus of the University of Rhode Island and himself a Providence school-reform leader, believes Gregorian has timed his departure wisely. "There's a point at which you build an institution to a certain level and accomplish certain things," he says. "Then it is time to let somebody else come in with new ideas. The wise president knows when to get out."

When Gregorian accepted the mission of leading Brown, he said he would remain here between five and ten years. He kept his word, and now he looks forward to being free of the constraints a university can place on its leader. "I can't express my opinion on important issues without fear of alienating segments of the faculty, students, and alumni," he says. "It burns me up, because I'm highly political." And, he adds, in his new career with Carnegie he won't miss hounding donors for money. "People say they never see the back of my hand, only my palm," he jokes. "[At Carnegie] I want to deal with the same issues I did at Brown, but as a giver, not a receiver."

Gregorian, who left behind his small central Asian childhood home and his family fifty years ago, is confident that this is the right time to move on again — both for him and for the University. "It will be sad not to be at Brown," he says. "I'll miss the students most. At the same time, I won't look back with nostalgia." Its financial underpinnings strengthened and its confidence at an all-time high, Brown seems equally poised for the post-Gregorian era.

In the letter of resignation Gregorian sent in January to Alva O. Way '51, then Brown's chancellor, the president quoted philosopher Alfred North Whitehead: "Great dreams of great dreamers are never fulfilled; they are transcended." Leaving Brown for Carnegie will allow Gregorian to dream new dreams. "I did my part," he says. "I look always forward. It's scary, but liberating also."

Those are inspiring words for a great university to keep in mind as it enters an era of new leadership and approaches a new century. ∞



Brown's Papa Bear

A GREGORIAN ALBUM

New York Library's Chief Named President of Brown

By JOSEPH BERGER

Vartan Gregorian, the exuberant Armenian immigrant who restored the fading New York Public Library to its place at the center of American intellectual life, was named as the 16th president of the nation's seventh oldest university.

Mr. Gregorian, 54, confirmed yesterday at the Brown Corporation in Providence, R.I., returns to the academic world he left behind in the 1960s amid disappointment that he had not been chosen for the presidency of the University of Pennsylvania.

He leaves a void at the library which he revitalized with his uncanny ability to raise funds, attract the interest of prominent political and social figures, and garner public attention.

Few American institutions have become as identified with their directors as the library has with Mr. Gregorian, its president and chief executive officer since 1981.

'Proving Importance and Value'

"Vartan Gregorian is a case history of leadership proving its importance and value," said Andrew Heiskell, chairman of the board of the library. "It was an important intellectual center that was in deep trouble, with intellectual repute but no other backing. He has contributed to making the library into the central institution in the city, state and country."

In a letter to the library, Mr. Gregorian said he longed for 22 years to have these interests and felt a "know I should do it."

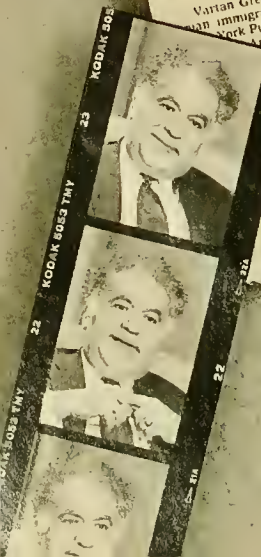
Some historians have taken

applications for available spaces than any other in the nation.

But it is a school with one of the smallest endowments of any of the eight Ivy League institutions — only \$160 million — and one that lacks the law, business and other major graduate schools that would attract leading scholars and give it the full stature of a university. A number of scholars and administrators pointed out that the Brown Corporation committee made what was called a "bold choice" in selecting an outspoken Mr. Gregorian, someone who has

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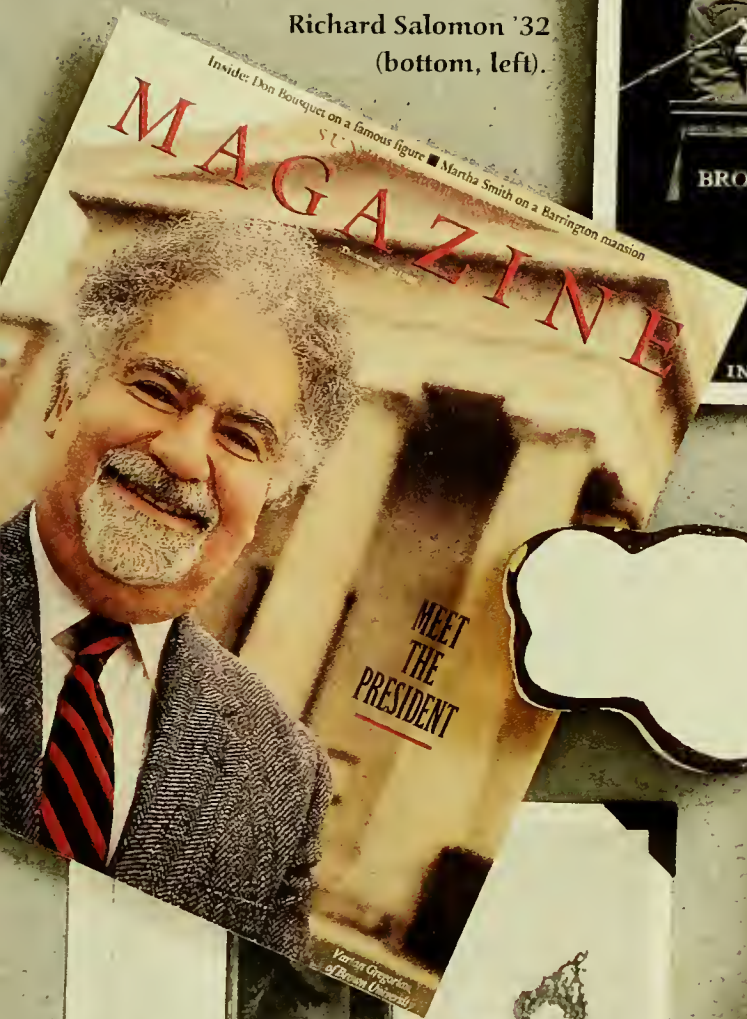
Vartan Gregorian



From day one Vartan Gregorian was a forceful presence on campus. He won over University chancellors past and present: Alva Way '51 (right), Art Joukowsky '55 (bottom, center), and the late Richard Salomon '32 (bottom, left).



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Vartan Gregorian
SIXTEENTH PRESIDENT



With the Talents of a 'Missionary and a Showman'

By JANE GROSS

In his seven years as president of the New York Public Library, Varian Gregorian presided over the physical and financial revival of an institution that had fallen on hard times.

He campaigned tirelessly, with bear hugs and bubbling enthusiasm, raising New York City's consciousness of its abiding role in the lives of both poor and rich.

Gregorian presided over the city's fiscal crisis largely because of his passionate advocacy, said trustees and employees, city officials, educators and authors, who were unanimous yesterday in their praise for the 54-year-old historian who will return to academia as the president of Brown University.

"More than anything else, he has a vision he communicated about the importance of books, history, learning," said Robert F. Wagner Jr., the president of New York City's Board of Education. "He reminded us that there are engines of hope that move people into the middle class and to worlds beyond themselves."

"Talents of a Missionary" "He is a great cultural impresario," said Arthur Schlesinger Jr., the historian and professor, who searched "The Age of Jackson" under the shaded lamps of the Main Reading Room at Fifth Avenue and 42d Street. "He has the talents of a missionary and a showman."

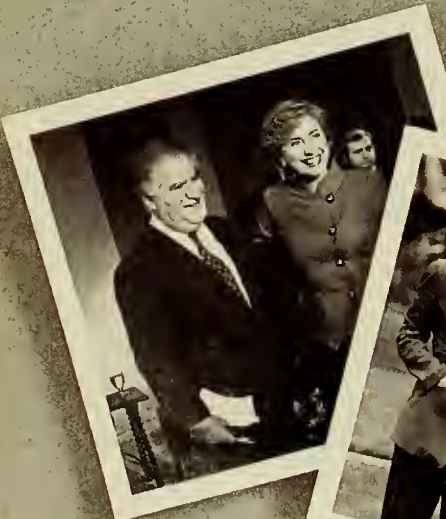
Dr. Gregorian's vision translated into money — \$172 million in donations since 1987.

raised alongside Brooke Astor, the library's honorary chairman, and Andrew Heskel, its chairman, as the trio made the rounds of dinner parties and charitable balls.

"He has a great social gift, which most librarians don't have," said Alfred Kazin, who immortalized the reading room in "New York Jew," his intellectual autobiography. "He interested a lot of richies in doing something for the library. As someone for whom the library is everything, I'm



Proving himself to be a one-man booster club, Gregorian put Brown in the spotlight with the help of luminaries such as Hillary Rodham Clinton, Diane Sawyer, Shimon Peres, and Carly Simon.



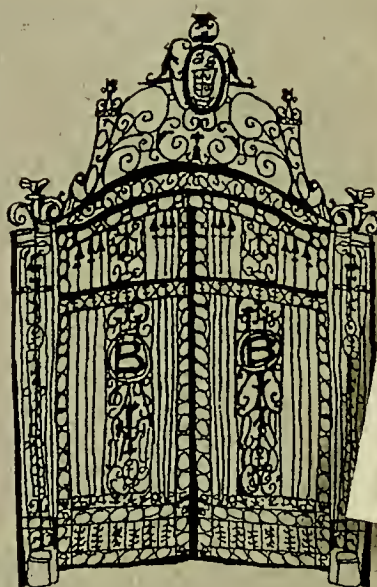


The president
shook thousands
of hands each of
his nine years
on campus, often
taking an extra
moment to make
someone feel
special.





One on one: Gregorian appealed to the young, the old, the benefactors, and the politicians. Among them were the late Thomas Watson Jr. '37 (above) and Providence Mayor Buddy Cianci (under umbrella). The president even charmed sheep.

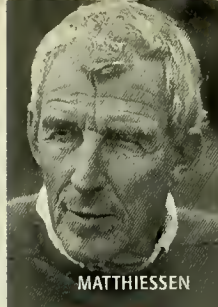


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Clare Gregorian, the president's wife (above, right), was a good sport when her husband expanded his duties to include operating heavy machinery and marching with the Brown band.

AUTHOR AND HUMORIST CALVIN
TRILLIN



ANGELOU



All the Presidents

AUTHOR TOM WOLFE



“Deconstruction is fashionable but fallacious. . . . I have total contempt for the pernicious influence of criticism that distances readers from authors. Who needs ideas about literature? We need literature.”

NATIONAL BOOK AWARD NOMINEE
PETER MATTHIESSEN

On Southwest Florida:

“It is the most unregenerate part of this country. It’s very racist, very narrow. [People there] dislike everyone, especially foreigners – who could be anyone from the next county.”

AUTHOR NORMAN MAILER

On architecture:

“If the building you are in is less agreeable than the building across the street, then the one you are in was put up later.”

NOVELIST AND FORMER *Times*
COLUMNIST ANNA QUINDLEN

“Plot is never what a novel is about. Otherwise *Anna Karenina* would be about a train accident.”

Within a few years of Vartan Gregorian’s arrival on College Hill, a veritable literary hit parade began wending its way to Brown to give free public lectures and readings. Audiences heard Norman Mailer bitterly denounce the “bad spiritual ecology” of plastic; Calvin Trillin poke fun at Bill Clinton’s taste for Goobers; Susan Sontag argue for a stronger U.S. commitment in Bosnia; and Tom Wolfe explore the zeitgeist of the nineties. Since Gregorian established the President’s Lecture Series in 1992, forty

renowned scholars, Pulitzer-winning journalists, National Book Award recipients, Nobel laureates, and others have shared their wit and wisdom with the community.

“Greg really did this himself,” says Robert A. Reichley, secretary of the University and, in his former capacity as executive vice president for University relations, Gregorian’s point man for the series. Brown already had its share of high-powered guest speakers: the Ogden Lectures highlighted foreign affairs, the John Hazen Whites tackled politics, the Meiklejohns

MILFORD



They Came to Brown

1992

Lord Noel G. Annan

1992-93

Maya Angelou
Claire Bloom
Carlos Fuentes

1993-94

E. L. Doctorow
Stanley Elkin
Leslie Gelb
Jamaica Kincaid
David Levering Lewis
Fatima Mernissi
Anna Quindlen
Calvin Trillin
Sir Crispin Tickell

1994-95

J. Fraser Mustard
William Styron
Alfred Kazin
Lord Anthony Quinton
Robert Caro
Peter Matthiessen
John Edgar Wideman
Norman Mailer
Susan Sontag

1995-96

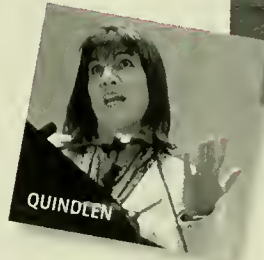
John Ashbery
Nancy Milford
Wilma Mankiller
Cornel West
Edmund White
Hedrick Smith
Eric Rouleau
John Guare
Francine du Plessix Gray
Tom Wolfe

1996-97

Umberto Eco
Carlos Fuentes
Sir John Elliott
Stanley Wolpert
Oliver Sacks
Wole Soyinka
David Halberstam
Ken Burns
Nora Ephron

ent's Friends

*Speakers from
Mailer to Mankiller
have rarefied the
cultural climate
on College Hill*



brought in world-class economists, and the Wayland Collegium focused on interdisciplinary education. But there was a gap when it came to arts and letters. Gregorian's idea, Reichley says, provided Brown with "a missing link."

Gregorian had more than an idea; he had connections. When he headed the New York Public Library in the 1980s, Gregorian and the late Brown Chancellor Richard Salomon '32, a library trustee, helped found the Literary Lions, an annual fund-raising event that

brought in well-known writers for dinner and conversation with benefactors. Lo and behold: many of the Lions soon began popping up at Brown.

They haven't all been household names, but speakers such as Wole Soyinka, Francine du Plessix Gray, Stanley Elkin, and Nora Ephron have woven a colorful, sometimes contentious, tapestry of discussion. Such a lively result is what you'd expect from the University president Arthur Schlesinger Jr. once referred to as "a great cultural impresario." — *Chad Galts*

AUTHOR AND HARVARD PROFESSOR CORNEL WEST

“To talk about race in America is to explore the wilderness inside ourselves and to come to terms with a history that we'd rather conceal.”

PLAYWRIGHT AND SCREENWRITER JOHN GUARE

“If we can have an art that tells the truth, and we can create a hunger in the audience for the truth, then that is art as the ultimate political force.”

POET JOHN ASHBERY, INTRODUCING HIS POEM, “SNOW”:

“I was eating sushi the other day. The wrapper had a short line, then a longer one, then a short one – and so on, with a long sloppy line at the end. I decided to write a poem that looked like that.”

WRITER AND FORMER CHIEF OF THE CHEROKEE NATION WILMA MANKILLER

On Native Americans:

“From the outside you may see all the social indicators of decline, but from the inside I see an extremely tenacious people interested in holding on to their traditions.”

MY FELLOW SENIORS: On many occasions you have heard me warn you to resist the charm of cynicism, the most corrosive of human failings. Cynicism sows suspicion and distrust, demeans hope and debases idealism. It diminishes us all.

I hope you have learned at Brown that education is not to be equated with the intellectual act of clever debunking and the elimination of all beliefs. Education does not advocate the debunking of all myths and moving beyond all values. Its aim is not to promote nihilism, a pathological fear of settled principles, or an incapacity for commitment. Its aim has

never been to destroy everything and conserve nothing. As C.S. Lewis put it so eloquently in his *The Abolition of Man*: "You cannot go 'explaining away' forever, or you will find that you 'explained away' explanation itself. You cannot go on 'seeing through' things forever . . . if you see through everything, then everything is transparent. A wholly transparent world is an invisible world, to 'see through' all things is the same as not to see."

Yes, healthy skepticism is indispensable to distinguish the correct from the false, the lie from the truth. But an exaggeration of the skeptical attitude can lead to cynicism and the disavowal of all values. Educated men and women must build and affirm rather than merely deny and debunk. We must attempt to lead an examined life, not a life of spiritual negation.

Today, as our sense of community is weakened or disintegrating, when we have lost the understanding of the interdependence of the individual and the group — an interdependence that has existed below the level of consciousness in all healthy communities from the beginning of time — our task, your task, is to restore an awareness of that mutual dependence. Individuals have a duty to nurture and constantly renew the community of which they are a part. We must be committed to the continuous rebuilding of society and to the continuous reweaving of the social fabric.

For a nation's greatness is measured not only by its gross national product or its military power, but also by the strength of its devotion to the principles and values that bind its people and define its character. National character depends on, and must be embodied in, the character of our people. This, in turn, is influenced by a sense of who we are as a

*At his final Commencement,
Brown's president
challenges graduates to give
up cynicism for citizenship.*



BY VARTAN GREGORIAN

THE EXAMINED LIFE

nation and what we believe. Our social and cultural institutions can only be as good as the people who serve in them. Policies are only as good as the public servants who implement them. Above all else, remember that we are citizens, citizens in a democracy, citizens of these United States.

Without a sense of citizenship, we become moral isolationists. It is the concept and the essence of citizenship that unites a pluralistic democracy. It is citizenship that makes the social contract a moral transaction, governing not only our behavior toward one another now, but toward generations past and future. We must remember that our society is more than a vast market and that individuals are more than producers, consumers, and entrepreneurs. We are a community of citizens bound by mutual commitment, not by chance and circumstance. For freedom and obligation, liberty and duty, are intertwined. Individual responsibility is at the heart of a true democratic citizenship.



SO MY DEAR SENIORS AND GRADUATES, please do not surrender to the charm of cynicism and cynics. After all, it is cynics who have tried to foist upon you the label of Generation X. Such generalizations are not new. It was Hemingway who, in 1926, borrowed a phrase from Gertrude Stein and gave the Lost Generation its name. That was followed by other facile characterizations, such as the Restive Thirties, the Conformist Forties, the Beat Generation of the fifties, the Unstable Sixties, the Me Generation of the seventies, and the Yuppies of the eighties.

Adlai Stevenson was right when he said, "Nothing so dates a man as to decry the younger generation." I ask that you refuse the title of Generation X and insist on a label that suits your highest ideals and aspirations. I know what those are, for I have witnessed firsthand your idealism, your understanding, the high expectations you have of yourself and your peers, the 50,000 hours of service you give annually to Providence and the Rhode Island community.

Through that public service and in many other ways, you have already affirmed the concept of citizenship as the social and political bond that unites us. You have shown that you understand that it is citizenship that makes the social contract a moral transaction, governing not only our behavior toward one another now, but toward generations past and future.

Therefore, in my opinion, you have the makings of the Compassionate Generation, the one which cares for social justice, the one which will dedicate itself to the unfinished agenda of American democracy. You leave Brown understanding that your liberal education *encourages* – not discourages – the formation of stable ideas and the making of firm commitments.

I am confident that you will do well. I am also confident that you will do *good*. As a valediction, I paraphrase a sage who said, "Every age has its time, every man has his hour. To seize the time, to seize the hour is all." This is your hour and you must seize it with all your strength. ∞

A Voice for Victims

New York City is a long way from Africa or Bosnia, but Mary Diaz bridges the distance. As director of the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, she looks out for people such as Desiderata, a thirteen-year-old in Tanzania. Desiderata had seen her parents killed as they fled Burundi. She turned down foster care in order to stay with her brothers; the children took turns going to school. "Desiderata had such dignity," Diaz says. "She didn't say much, and she asked for nothing."

It is Diaz's job to see that Desiderata and others like her get what they need: food, clothing, health care. Least responsible for the initiation of war, women and children are its most vulnerable victims, making up 80 percent of the world's refugees. The Women's Commission was founded in 1989 by actress Liv Ullman and other activists under the auspices of the International Rescue Committee. As the commission's chief strategist, activist, watchdog, and investigator, Diaz lobbies lawmakers and relief agencies. Her work routinely takes her from meetings in New York and Washington to fact-finding missions in Bosnia, Angola, and Tanzania. Diaz also tours county jails around the United States where asylum-seekers are detained.

The fieldwork can range from uncomfortable to life-threatening. One night on the border of Tanzania and Burundi, Diaz crept outside to sleep, preferring to risk the slight chance of a lion attack rather than stay in her claustrophobic, windowless bunker. "The tsetse flies in Angola were a problem," Diaz adds, "but the land mines were worse." Planted by six different armies, Angolan mines are scattered over large areas. "We were visiting a [refugee] camp along the Zambezi River," Diaz recalls. "It was gorgeous, lush — mangoes everywhere. The villagers asked us to go for a picnic. I said, 'Don't you worry about the mines?' They just laughed." She tried to adopt the villagers' attitude, but Diaz never shook the feeling that death might be a step away.

Minefields and lions were only the beginning of what Diaz and her colleagues faced in Africa. Cultural differences proved every bit as daunting. Unlike Bosnia, where women refugees were vocal and articulate in defining their needs — they did it so well, in fact, that the commission helped inspire a U.S.-supported skills-training program — in Angola the battle was getting to speak with women at all. "Men assumed we were there to talk to them," says Diaz. One husband refused even to let his wife

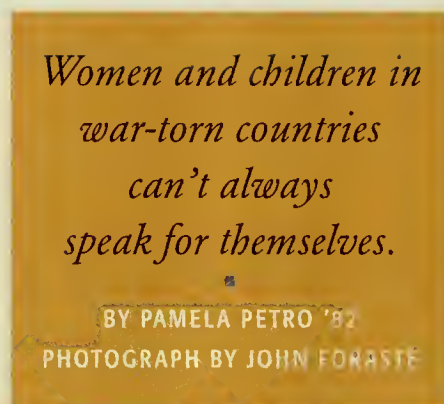
to us. My cousin and I were even reading the same Nancy Drew books."

At Brown Diaz concentrated in international relations, then became a news-writer at a Philadelphia television station. Because she wrote the late news, she had time during the day to take a volunteer job resettling refugees. Gradually the balance in her life shifted. The newsroom was stimulating, but its isolation and objectivity kept Diaz "at arm's length from what was really happening in the world." After earning a master's degree in administration, planning, and social policy at Harvard's Graduate School of Education, in 1988 Diaz became director of refugee and immigration services at Catholic Charities' Boston headquarters. "It was a real lesson in how U.S. policy affected people's lives," she says.

In 1992 the organization provided emergency shelter for 112 Haitian children who had been separated from their families en route to U.S. refugee camps on Guantanamo Bay. The children arrived in Boston on an old military plane with no windows. "The doors opened," Diaz recalls, "and all these kids who'd never flown, had never been away from Haiti before, came streaming out wearing new shoes and waving little U.S. flags. It was surreal." Ultimately Diaz and her Haitian staff reunited each child with their families or placed them in foster care.

Since she became director of the Women's Commission in 1994, Diaz's contact with individual refugees has been more limited. Yet every now and then she comes face to face with people who break her heart and renew her dedication. In Angola, when Diaz managed to meet with a group of women without their husbands nearby, she found them incredulous at the notion that their voices counted. "We pray to God for peace," one said. "But if we speak out we will be killed." Not if Diaz can help it. ∞

Pamela Petro is a Providence-based freelance writer.



speak outside his presence. "My job is to find out if women are getting enough food, medical supplies, schooling," Diaz explains. "Most refugee women don't receive basic reproductive health care and supplies, from sanitary napkins to information on family planning. Men can't tell us about this."

A desire to help others is a Diaz family trait. Mary's Filipino father was a doctor, her Pennsylvania-Dutch mother a nurse; her two brothers are doctors, one sister is a children's librarian, and the other teaches in an inner-city school. When Diaz was twelve the family made the first of several trips from their suburban home in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, to visit relatives in the Philippines. "We went to see where my dad was born," she recalls. "We took ferries and jeeps to a tiny village with no electricity and mud everywhere. It was unlike anything I'd ever known, but these people were related





Henry Isé '22 (top) led the old guard through the Van Wickles Gates on Commencement Day. The procession's chief marshal was Charles Watts '47 (left). On Friday, classmates June Miller Wilbur, Fran Richardson Brautigam, an unidentified dormmate, and Carol Seager Fuller (above) pored over photographs at the 50th reunion headquarters on Wriston Quad.

THE CLASSES

EDITED BY CHAD GALTS

1920

Guy White, Pompano Beach, Fla., recently celebrated his 100th birthday. He can be reached at 2632 NE 13th Ave., Pompano Beach 33064.

1924

Myrtle Hodgkins Coe and her husband, John, recently moved to 8106 Highwood Dr., Y204, Bloomington, Minn. 55438.

1927

Dorothy Vanderburgh Waterman sent her Brown class ring to Australia with a member of her church to give it to daughter **Sarah** '61, who hasn't been home in many years. "I haven't heard from her yet to see if it fits," Dorothy writes, "but I think she will be glad to have my long-cherished ring." Dorothy can be reached at 81 Linden Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14610. Sarah can be reached at Singleton Post Office, P.O. Box 648, Postcode 2330, Australia.

1931

Virginia Hunter Jenkins, Gloversville, N.Y., and her husband, Charles, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary in June.

1935

Lillian Hicock Wentworth recently published a booklet with the Braintree Historical Society on Sylvanus Thayer, a Braintree, Mass., native who founded Thayer Academy. Lillian can be reached at 30 Elmwood Ave., South Braintree 02184.

1936

Class President **Robert W. Kenyon** met with his executive board on March 13 to discuss plans for 1997. Board members **Annette Aaronian Baronian**, **Martha Wicks Belisle**, **C. Warren Bubier**, **Gordon E. Cadwgan**, **Marion Hall Goff**, **Zelda Fisher Gourse**, **Beatrice C. Minkins**, **Richard W. Pearce**, **Howard D. Silverman**, and **Ruth Tenenbaum Silverman** voted to continue the recent tradition of minireunions on the Sunday of Commencement weekend, and Robert announced that **W. Chesley Worthington** '23, one of Brown's most dis-

tinguished alumni, agreed to be the speaker this year.

1938

Ruth Banks Froling's daughter, **Barbara Froling Immroth** '64, paid her a visit in March. Ruth can be reached at 2781 S. Fillmore St., Denver 80210.

1941

Men's president **Sanford W. Udis** returned from an extended midwinter vacation in March to announce he had married **Gloria Levis** '44 on Jan. 5. They may be reached at 6 Arbor Way, South Dartmouth, Mass. 02748. Sandy continues as a radiologist at Truesdale Clinic in Fall River, Mass. **Bette Brayton Miller** continues her volunteer work for the Cranston (R.I.) Historical Society, where she writes a monthly newsletter. She is also in charge of tours at the Governor Sprague Mansion in Cranston and is responsible for training docents for the society. Bette is continuing in the tradition of her mother, Gladys Brayton, former curator of the Cranston Historical Society. — *Earl W. Harrington Jr.*

Sophie Schaffer Blistein reports that her granddaughter Emily Blistein, who was to graduate from Brattleboro (Vt.) High School in June, has been accepted early action for the class of 2001. Sophie can be reached at 99 Alumni Ave., Providence 02906.

1944

Howard Baetzhold, Rebecca Clifton Reade Professor of English Emeritus at Butler University, Indianapolis, will publish a paperback version of *The Bible According to Mark Twain* in December with Simon & Schuster. The new volume contains many of Mark Twain's writings, some of them published for the first time. Howard can be reached at hbaetzhold@butler.edu.

Robert S. Brandt was elected chair of the Marin County Mental Health Board last September. He is also housing chair of the board of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill in Marin County, and he chairs the council of past presidents for the Northern California Association of Phi Beta Kappa. Bob can be reached at 1869 Las Gallinas Ave., San Rafael, Calif. 94903.



Classmates pose for their 60th-reunion photograph and the dedication of the '37 class gate (at left) on Saturday.

Phyllis B. Oliver suffered a mild stroke in early January that affected her right side. She underwent five weeks of rehabilitation at Duncaster and is now back home. She and Don are planning a trip to Alaska in May — "a real incentive to work hard on rehab," Phyllis writes. She can be reached at 3 Cadwell Rd., Bloomfield, Conn. 06002.

1947

Ramon Elias is a substitute teacher in the Ashtabula County, Ohio, school district. An accomplished interior designer, former promotion director for the Cleveland Playhouse Square Theater, and art gallery owner, Ramon started teaching three years ago.

Rev. **Richard Morris** has retired to North Carolina, where he is a consultant in church architecture and has a studio for producing ecclesiastical vestments. He also has a new publishing business, Pittsboro Philatelics, specializing in color identification of classic U.S. stamps. Richard can be reached at 1182 River Rd., Pittsboro, N.C. 27312.

1948

Bill Hughes (see Kathleen Hughes Mikaelian '83).

Lotte Van Geldern Povar recently

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@brownm.brown.edu. Deadline for November classnotes: August 15.



The class of 1957 poses for a reunion photograph in the newly refurbished Maddock Alumni Center gardens and walkway.

published *I Married Veterinary Medicine*, a volume of tales about her life as the wife of a veterinarian. Lotte's husband, Morris, shared a twenty-year veterinary practice with his brother in Rhode Island before becoming director of animal care for Brown's medical program in 1968. — *Breiffny Feely Walsh*

Robert Jackson, Wellesley Hills, Mass., helped found an independent orthodox Anglican Episcopal Church, St. Bede's, which holds Sunday services at the Andover-Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Mass. "We hold traditionalist beliefs in Holy Scripture," Robert writes, "a growing trend among the Anglican Episcopal laity and clergy."

1949

Therese Arcand Hughes (see *Kathleen Hughes Mikaelian* '83).



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1950

William Revkin (see *Andy Revkin* '78 and *Diana Revkin* '83).

1952

Glenn Bower (see *Emily Griffiths Bower* '83).

1953

The homecoming minireunion was a great success. Tailgating and the football game were followed by a scrumptious dinner at the Faculty Club. Each year more classmates show up for this event. Homecoming 1997 is on Nov. 1. Plan now to attend. More on this event in our next class newsletter. — *Dr. Eugene M. D'Andrea*

Suzanne Griffiths Bower (see *Emily Griffiths Bower* '83).

David Kramer is joining the firm of Sapir & Frumkin and will continue to practice labor relations law and erisa. David can be reached at 399 Knollwood Rd., Suite 300, White Plains, N.Y. 10603.

Curtis F. Kruger retired as president of EG&G Wright Components in June 1994. He spends most of the year in Pompano Beach, Fla., and summers in East Boothbay, Maine. "Our escape is our sailboat and sailing to and from Maine," Curtis writes. He and his wife also travel to see their children in different parts of the country: Karen is in Sheep-

scot, Maine; **Kurt** '77 lives in San Francisco; Kim is in Buffalo Grove, Ill.; and **Kristin** '83 is in Buffalo, N.Y. Boat work, visits from friends, and home maintenance keep them hustling. Curtis can be reached at 2810 NE 23rd St., Pompano Beach 33062.

Amelia Stern Revkin (see *Andy Revkin* '78 and *Diana Revkin* '83).

Herb Pearlman (see *Perri Peltz* '82).

1954

Alvin I. Gerstein asks, "Why do the Class of '54 notes relentlessly creep to the front of the section? Is there a message to be gotten?" Alvin can be reached at 1123 Hagysford Rd., Penn Valley, Pa. 19072.

Bob Wigod has retired after thirty-three years as an investment banker with Paine Webber. He and Suzy continue to live in Manhattan and on New Jersey's White Meadow Lake. They look forward to volunteering, working out, and traveling. Their son, **Dewey** '84, is vice president of production services at SFM Media Corp. in New York City. Their daughter, **Emily** '88, is a mezzo-soprano who recently sang the role of Dorabella in the Amato Opera production of *Così Fan Tutte* in New York City. Bob and Suzy can be reached at zakelo@aol.com.

1956

Richard E. Buck is still active in his law practice and is chairman of the board of a new \$7 million company. He lives with two of his children and their families. Richard had dinner with **Jerry Lasley** '57 in his new retirement home, "a yacht taking him and Jean nowhere, slowly," he writes. "Dogs dying, kids all settled, grandchildren to amuse us — life is good." Richard can be reached at 546 E. Gravers Ln., Wyndmor, Pa. 19038.

Daniel K. Hardenbergh is helping people with learning disabilities find and keep jobs. "Still learning more from them than they are from me," he writes. Dan's wife, Mary Ann, is helping the elderly on health issues with Boston's ABCD between visits to their seven grandchildren and trips to exotic places. They can be reached at 180 Commonwealth Ave., #32, Boston 02116.

Herbert Rakatansky serves on the American Medical Association's council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs. He was also appointed to the board of overseers of the Brown School of Medicine. Herbert can be reached at 59 Harwich Rd., Providence 02906.

Fred Trost and his wife, Joan, attended

the minireunion held at the home of **Hank and Phebe Vandersip** in January. Fred drove all the way from Rochester, N.Y., to attend the party and to see his four-year roommate from Brown, **Dick Williams**. (This information was left out of an April classnote. The B.A.M. regrets the error.)

1957

Bob Minnerly, Gig Harbor, Wash., joined the Washington State Board of Education in January. He is the private-school representative on the nine-person board.

Michael Stern (see **Andy Revkin '78** and **Diana Revkin '83**).

1958

Alfred L. Fordiani Jr. retired as executive vice president/general counsel for Veterans Memorial Medical Center, Menden, Conn. He is now practicing law, representing institutional health care providers. Alfred would love to hear from old friends at 101 Hotchkiss Grove Rd., #12, Branford, Conn. 06405; mfordiani@juno.com.

1960

Lois Smith Montalbano is a teacher at Family School West, a Montessori school in New York City. She can be reached at 255 Morris Ave., Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570.

1961

Wendell B. Barnes Jr. has traveled to China and made two trips to the Philippines since his thirty-fifth reunion. He has also traveled extensively in Japan, India, Hong Kong, and southern China. In May he planned to vacation in Puerto Rico, Miami, and Washington, D.C. Wendell can be reached at 3201 S.W. 26th St., Gresham, Oreg. 97080.

Michael Davis (see **Daniel Davis '87**).

Douglas M. Hackett is a program manager at GTE in Chantilly, Va. Last year he helped design intelligence communications systems for the Office of Naval Intelligence and for the U.S. Coast Guard. Doug also found time to ski in St. Anton, Austria. He can be reached at 7825 Heatherton Ln., Potomac, Md. 20854; hackett.doug@gtefsd.com.

Sarah Waterman (see **Dorothy Vanderburgh Waterman '27**).

1962

Irene Radauskas Svtelis received an associate's degree in advertising design last May and is now working as a graphic designer. She can be reached at 941 Franklin St., Wyomissing, Pa. 19610.

1964

Nancy Demmler, Sewickley, Pa., married Richard E. Clark (Princeton '56), a cardiothoracic surgeon. After a wedding trip to Australia and New Zealand, Nancy returned to work at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, where she is director of editorial services. Later this year the couple will move to England, where Richard will participate in European clinical trials for an artificial heart pump he has been developing. Nancy will e-mail her new address to friends and hope that some will find time to visit.

Michael Lee Gradison received the ninth annual Wilkins Expression of Thanks Individual Award on Feb. 12 for his work with the Indianapolis African-American community.

James Sutton won the Mellen Poetry Prize for his poem "The Last Samurai." The prize is awarded annually for the best long poem from Great Britain and the United States. A dramatic monologue of 150 Shakespearean sonnets, the poem depicts World War II and the destruction of Hiroshima through the eyes of a Japanese naval officer. "The prize comes with a check," James writes. "Very sincere."

David Westfall was named academic vice president at the University of Nevada at Reno, in March. He had been acting academic vice president since April 1996. During David's fourteen years at the university, he has been recognized as an outstanding teacher four times, and his department has received the Outstanding Basic Science Department award from the medical students in six of the last eight years. In 1996, David, who was chair and professor of the pharmacology department before taking on the role of acting vice president, won the Regents' Research Award for being the top researcher in the statewide system. He is married and has two children.

1965

Saul Burton Korn writes: "In the fall of 1963 I enrolled in Prof. Swartzchild's class, Religious Studies 101, or comparative religions. It was a year before the Civil Rights Act became law; African-American churches were being torched. Last year I was reminded of Rabbi Swartzchild's steady focus on the need for social justice in our society. I was also painfully aware of the free world's silence in the aftermath of 'Kristallnacht,' the night of broken glass (Nov. 9-10, 1938), when 200 synagogues throughout Germany and Austria were dynamited and firebombed by Nazis and their sympathizers. As a member of the board

of directors of the Tampa Bay Holocaust Memorial Museum and Educational Center, I was in a unique position to galvanize the board into action. We created the Kristallnacht Fund in response to the rash of African-American church burnings and have sent checks to two churches." Saul can be reached at 205 20th Ave. N.E., St. Petersburg, Fla. 33704.

Allan Odden, Madison, Wis., has published *Paying Teachers for What They Know and Do: New and Smarter Compensation Strategies to Improve Schools* (Corwin Press), with co-author Carolyn Kelly. Allan offers several ideas about how to restructure teacher compensation to align it with standards-based education reforms, proposals to strengthen teaching as a profession, and new roles for teachers in school management. A professor of educational administration and policy at the University of



Allen Thomas '97, his parents Deborah Allen Thomas '65 and Gordon '65, grandmother Jean Gordon Thomas '38, aunt Patience '71, and grandfather Robert '38 celebrate the family's 150-year legacy at Brown. Benjamin Calley Thomas, class of 1847, got the ball rolling.

Wisconsin at Madison, Allan is codirector of the Consortium for Policy Research in Education. He has authored, edited, or coauthored a dozen books, including *Educational Leadership for America's Schools* and *School Finance: A Policy Perspective*.

1966

Leila Bergen Heckman has been elected to the board of trustees of Polytechnic University (formerly Brooklyn Polytech). She continues as managing director at Smith Barney, heading the global asset allocation area in the research department.



Three generations of Petteruttis at Campus Dance. From left: Joseph Sr. '37, Joseph Jr. '69, and Philip '97.

1967

David S. Fowler is executive vice president and chief administrative officer of Chubb & Soy Inc. "This year will mark a 30th reunion at Brown, thirty years at Chubb, and twenty-five years with my wife, Susan," David writes. They have two boys, 7 and 9. Susan is owner and president of Down and Basks, an upscale down comforter and home decorating business in Red Bank, N.J. David can be reached at 10 William St., Rumson, N.J. 07760.

Barbara Witten has been named director of fund development for Bluegrass Regional Mental Health Board in Lexington, Ky. Previously she was director of prevention services and brought in more than \$5 million in grants for new programs. One of her projects received two national awards: "Outstanding Anti-Drug Coalition of America" from CADCA and "National Award of Merit in Program Innovation - Direct Client/Resident Services" from NAHRO. Barbara will now develop projects related to managed mental health care, telepsychiatry, integrated physical and behavioral health care, and mental health outreach services. She can be reached at bjwitten@kih.net.

1968

Michael A. Barros and his wife, Susan, announce the birth of Anthony II, their fifth child. Michael is director of community development for the city of Denver. He can be reached at P.O. Box 40347, Denver 80204.

Joel P. Bennett represented the plaintiff in the *Woodham v. Secretary of Transportation* case, which awarded Mr. Woodham, an employee of the Federal Aviation Administration, \$300,000 in compensatory damages in a race discrimination and reprisal action brought under Title VII of the Civil Rights

Act of 1964. Joel has represented federal employees in discrimination actions since 1973. He is a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association and the chair of the equal employment opportunity committee of the labor law section of the District of Columbia Bar Association. Joel can be reached at 207 Bristol Downs Dr., Gaithersburg, Md. 20877.

Lynn Andrews Denoia is director of consulting services at Strategic Networks Consulting in Rockland, Mass. "It's wonderful to be doing technical work again," she writes. Lynn can be reached at P.O. Box 1397, Charlestown, R.I. 02813.

Henry Fradkin recently became director of the new patent and technology licensing office for Ford Global Technologies Inc. He is responsible for licensing intellectual property at Ford Motor Co., including patents, copyrights, software, and technical know-how. Henry also will be involved in developing technology strategies for Ford. His older son, Ben, graduated from Lehigh in 1996 and also works at Ford. Andy, Henry's younger son, will start his senior year at Union and is majoring in computer science. Henry and his wife, Susan, can be reached at 310 River Ln., Dearborn, Mich. 48124.

Gerard E. Giannattasio continues to teach as an adjunct in the history department at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. He is also working part-time as a reference librarian at the Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center of Touro College in Huntington, N.Y. During the school year Gerard attends weekly meetings of the NYU legal history colloquium, where he has met a surprising number of Brown alums over the years. He can be reached at 1130 Park Blvd., Massapequa Park, N.Y. 11762.

William F. Miller III and his wife, Cathleen Shortsleeve Miller, recently celebrated their twenty-first wedding anniversary.

Bill is a partner in the Boston office of Eckert, Seamans, Cherin & Mellott, where he concentrates on mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance work. He is a member of the firm's media practice group. Cathy teaches business law at Boston College and Boston University. They have five children, and the oldest, **Kate**, is a member of the class of 1999. Bill can be reached at escm.bos.wfm@escm.com.

Phil Press married Maxine Rodburg, a writer and teacher, last Sept. 15. Phil is founder and director of the intensive studio program at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education, where he teaches painting and drawing. "I would love to hear from any of my former *Brown Jug* colleagues," Phil writes. Especially those "who haven't completely lost their minds or senses of humor." Phil can be reached at 69 Harvey St., #3, Cambridge, Mass. 02140; (617) 441-9259.

Marie Baker Spaulding's husband, Sam, is on active duty in Naples, Italy. Mimsy planned to join him and spend a week in Sicily last February. She can be reached at 4809 N. 2nd St., Arlington, Va. 22203.

William B. Spillman Jr., Charlotte, Vt., has been elected a fellow of the International Society of Optical Engineering.

1969

Cynthia Breitberg Cohen was appointed to a four-year term on the Board of Bar Overseers by the Massachusetts Supreme Court in April. Cynthia is a principal and co-founder of the Boston firm Meehan, Boyle & Cohen P.C. A fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, she is a member of the American, Massachusetts, Boston, and Women's bar associations.

Lowell C. P. Haugen retired from teaching chemistry and physics in the Baraboo (Wis.) schools to travel in the United States and Europe. He can be reached at 508 Fourth St., Baraboo, Wis. 53913.

Tom Lemire and his wife, Kathi, enjoy the comforts of Southern California, but they will travel to South Bend, Ind., where his daughter has accepted a softball scholarship at Notre Dame. "Hooray for women's sports!" Tom writes. He can be reached at 17100 Gillette Ave., Irvine, Calif. 92614.

Bob Powers is consulting for banks and other financial institutions throughout the Northeast. "My firm, COMPASS Consulting Group Inc., celebrated its tenth anniversary last year," Bob writes. "My wife, Sandy, is director of outpatient services at CODAC, a substance-abuse agency in Rhode Island. Our two sons are grown up and we will be 'empty-nesters' next year. Steve is a junior at Columbia majoring in U.S. history and planing a career in

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international relations. He played on Columbia's varsity golf team the past two years (he, unlike his Dad, can hit them straight). Scott was recently named a high school All-American soccer player by *Panade* magazine. He is looking forward to attending Brown in the fall." Bob can be reached at 5 Ridgewood Rd., Barrington, R.I. 02806; rpowers@compasscg.com.

1970

David Fox (see **Perri Peltz** '82).

Joan Jones lives in Gloucester, Mass., and works in a research and development lab for speech recognition software. "Anyone wishing to try out this exciting technology should call me," she writes. Joan can be reached at work, (800) 853-2039, or home, (508) 921-2700.

Jane C. Sisto Long writes: "Wow! What a surprise to get my December *BAM* and find I am going to Roanoke College and that I got a Ph.D. in art history from Columbia." (This information applies to **Jane Long** '80. The *BAM* regrets the error.) In fact, Jane earned a Ph.D. in mineral science and mining engineering from Berkeley in 1984 and has recently been appointed dean of the Mackay School of Mines at the University of Nevada at Reno. This month she will leave Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, where she has worked for the last twenty years on high-level nuclear waste storage, geothermal energy, petroleum reservoir characterization, and environmental remediation. Last spring Jane's husband, **Charles** '69, left his job as city manager of Fairfield, Calif., and is now consulting on health care issues, fiscal management, land use, and redevelopment. He has also been working on military base closures. Their son, Matt, is a junior at Tufts in environmental engineering, and their daughter Jenny, a junior in high school, is applying to Brown. Jane can be reached at Mackay School of Mines, University of Nevada, Reno 89755; (702) 784-6987; fax, (702) 784-1766; jcslong@mines.unr.edu, or jcslong@lbl.gov.

1971

Faith Mason Fraser's son is Erik, not Eric as it was misspelled in the February *BAM*. Faith can be reached at 1947 Maddux Dr., Redwood City, Calif. 94061.

Paul R. Gregutt married Kristina Case in May. They planned to honeymoon in Scotland this month. Paul's book *Northwest Hines* (Sasquatch Books, \$11.95) was reviewed positively in both *Wine Spectator* and *Food & Wine* and spent several weeks on the regional distributor's top-ten list. His interactive mystery series, "The Cypher," which has won several major awards, will premiere on the Microsoft Network in September. "On Oct. 2, I celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of my arrival in Seattle," Paul writes. "I came cross country in 1972 with **Moe Shore** '72 to



Alumni from 1972 reminisce over old photos during the Saturday reunion dinner at Roger Williams Park Casino.

join WBRU alums **Tom Corddry** '70, **Jon Kertzer** '72, and **Dave Corry** '71 at KOL-FM, a short-lived but wonderful 'underground' FM station that laid the groundwork for more successful efforts at commercializing unformatted radio. Many of us are still in the area, long out of radio and living interesting lives." Paul can be reached at mdelible@aol.com.

Carolyn R. Smith was visited by **Linda Schwartz**, who came from Spain, in March. Carolyn can be reached at 358 Starling Rd., Mill Valley, Calif. 94941.

Scott Thomson is on the master's basketball team at the Olympic Club in San Francisco. The team's first away game was in Seattle against the Washington Athletic Club. "How does an aging hoopster still run the lines after four decades playing the game?" Scott asks. "Cross-training, ibuprofen, ice packs, and ankle braces." He has lived in Mill Valley, Calif., for ten years with his wife, Alana. Scott can be reached at 305 Lowell Ave., Mill Valley 94941.

1972

Jonathan L. Bigelow was named executive vice president and chief operating officer of Cliggott Publishing Co., a leading publisher of medical journals and continuing education programs, in March. Cliggott's editorial director since 1991 and senior vice president since 1993, Jonathan was managing editor of *Patient Care* magazine and program editor of the Physicians Radio Network before joining Cliggott. He and his wife, Mariann, and son, James, 5, live in Wilton, Conn.

James E. Rynar is an associate professor of periodontics at the University of Medicine

and Dentistry in New Jersey. He maintains a practice in periodontics in Florham Park, N.J., where he lives with his wife, Susan, and sons Zachary, 12, and Jacob, 8. Jim can be reached at (201) 377-3131; periojim@aol.com.

1973

Beverly J. Burke was recently named head of human resources in the office of the general counsel at Washington Gas Light Co. in Washington, D.C. She is responsible for all legal matters related to labor, employment, and human resources. Beverly lives in the District of Columbia with her husband, Gregory S. Saunders, and sons Nathaniel, 11, and Benjamin, 7. She would love to hear from old friends at hburke@washgas.com.

Hon. **Lillian Y. Lim**, Bonita, Calif., writes: "I was excited to learn that Kim DiDomenico, daughter of **Andi DiDomenico** and **Van Miller** '72, was admitted to the eight-year medical program. I have three stepsons in college in California, but I hope one of the last two boys still at home will go to Brown. Then we can add a Brown banner to the Stanford and UC banners in our family room."

Steve Pollock met up with Professor of Theater, Speech, and Dance John R. Lucas at the United States Institute for Theater Technology Conference in Pittsburgh in March. After catching up on alums and departmental goings-on, Steve participated in an international theater-design charrette and moderated a panel on being a theater consultant. Steve is partner and theater-design principal at Auerbach + Associates in San Francisco and New York. Their current projects include renovations for the Santa Fe Opera, Philadelphia Academy of Music, and the San Francisco Opera; and new construction for Hard Rock Cafe's Coliseum of Rock and Roll at Universal Studios in Orlando, the Juilliard School and

the Hayden Planetarium in New York City, and a new 26,000-seat Assembly Building for the Church of Latter-Day Saints in Salt Lake City. Steve can be reached at pollockstv@aol.com.

Eric Schrier (see **Perri Peltz** '82).

1974

Richard P. Barth and his wife, Nancy, have two children, James, 14, and Catrina, 12. A reluctant but faithful soccer and skating dad, Richard is also the Hutto Patterson Professor at the School of Social Welfare, UC-Berkeley. He can be reached at 735 The Alameda, Berkeley, Calif. 94707.

Perry Premdas has been named senior vice president and chief financial officer of Hoechst Celanese Corp. Perry was previously vice president and treasurer of a \$7-billion affiliate of Hoechst AG, a global pharmaceutical and chemical concern. He can be reached at 73631.1470@compuserve.com.

Jay Tierney and his wife, Kate, announce the birth of John William on Feb. 26. "Weighing in at a strapping eight pounds, five ounces, he already has the look of a future oarsman," Jay writes. They can be reached at 1106 Woods Crossing Rd., Greenville, S.C. 29607.

1975

Richard F. Callahan has relocated to upstate New York after twenty-one years in Norwalk, Conn. He remains a senior vice president in community banking with Fleet Bank. Richard, his wife, and their three kids were visited by **Paul Farrell** and his family in the fall and went to the Brown-Colgate football game. "Not a memorable game," Richard writes, "but the company of a fellow Phi Psi was great." Richard invites friends to write him at 4349 Indianfield Rd., Clinton, N.Y. 13323; (315) 859-5918.

Ashley Warner Gottlieb writes, "We have had a crazy year. Five kids in five different schools going in all different directions with soccer, scouts, music, art, and ballet." Ashley is spending July and August at the family homestead farm in Northfield, N.H., with kids Armand, 12, Isabel, 10, Orli, 6, Rachel, 4, and Sophia, 2. Ashley's husband, Jourdon, will commute from Seattle. They can be reached at Knowles Farm, 80 Knowles Farm Rd., Northfield 03276; (603) 286-9377.

Susan Connors Helland has lived in Seattle for ten years with her husband and son. She teaches acting and works at the library. Susan would love to hear from friends at friends@spl.org.

Frederick D. Massie, Warren, R.I., was named director of marketing for Tuition Management Systems in April. He directs the company's national marketing and communications efforts and media relations. Previously Frederick was director of communications and education at Save the Bay.

After twelve-and-a-half years with Rhone-Poulenc, **Richard Morford** has joined DSM Fine Chemicals Inc. as president. "The job is great, although my Garden State Parkway commute is not fun," he writes. Daughters Lindsay, 15, Kirsten, 10, and Gillian, 10, are involved in tennis, swimming, softball, and other activities. Richard can be reached at 309 Jersey Ave., Spring Lake, N.J. 07762.

Timothy E. Smith (see **Perri Peltz** '82).

John S. Thorne is rebuilding the motor on his airplane, a Cassutt Formula One Pylon Racer. The plane's wingspan is only fifteen feet, but John has flown it up to 300 m.p.h. "I quit drinking a few years ago," he writes. He can be reached at (818) 884-8957.



Wendy Strothman '72 schmoozes at a Friday reception hosted by **Vartan and Clare Gregorian**.

1976

John Berylson lives in Wellesley Hills, Mass., with his wife, Amy, and children Jennifer, 17, James, 15, and Elizabeth, 11. Jennifer, a senior in high school, is headed to Williams College next fall. "Amy and I are very grateful for the concerns that were expressed over Amy's health during the past year by Brown friends," John writes. "She appears to have recovered completely." John works at GCC Investments and travels overseas two to three times a month. "Fortunately, my foreign-language skills are much improved since my days at Brown," he adds. He can be reached at 38 Highgate Rd., Wellesley Hills 02181.

Tim Forbes (see **Perri Peltz** '82).

Lynn Philipp John writes, "In addition to being the taxi driver for my children, Christopher, 10, and Kate, 13, I am president of the Glen Ridge, N.J., board of education. Fortunately, my husband is home in the evenings to help with homework. I am often out at meetings, interviewing people, or involved in the education-funding debate. My

family is looking forward to having me home after my term ends next April." Lynn can be reached at 96 Forest Ave., Glen Ridge, N.J. 07028; (201) 743-6187.

Barbara E. Kittay has moved from the criminal division of the U.S. Department of Justice to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. "This breaks up the '76 trio of myself, **Claudia J. Flynn**, and **Julie E. Samuels** that previously ran the main justice criminal division, along with the associate deputy attorney general, **David Margolis** '61." Barbara can be reached at 5707 Balsam Grove Ct., North Bethesda, Md. 20852.

Louis Miller (see **George B. Deckey** '84).

David Carl Olson met with friends during the second week of April to remember his partner, Dionicio Santos Urena, who died of AIDS one year ago. David will receive a master's in divinity next May from Andover Newton Theological School, where he is an associate in the Institute for Theology and the Arts. He continues as Sunday service facilitator and administrator at the Community Church of Boston, and he volunteers with Pastors for Peace in its campaign to change U.S. foreign policy toward Cuba. David has been on sabbatical from his position as artistic director at Little Flags Theater in Cambridge. He would love to hear from classmates, ministers, activists, gay folk, AIDS-affected people, and friends at olsonco@aol.com.

Sandy Posa has been named executive vice president and general manager of Polaroid Corp.'s consumer imaging business. Previously he was senior vice president for business development at Kraft Foods North America. This note was sent in by **Daniel Harrop**.

Ann E. Van Dyke '79 M.D., and her husband, Frederick Bashour, Leverett, Mass., announce the birth of Emelyn Taylor Bashour on Nov. 18. Emelyn joins big sister Gabrielle.

1977

Lorraine Ricard Alfred announces the birth of Daniel John on Sept. 4. Daniel joins Katie, 5. **Janice Tatarka** is his godmother. After eighteen years in software engineering and management at Digital Equipment Corp., Lorraine has joined a start-up company, BEA Systems. She can be reached at 17 Shadowbrook Dr., Nashua, N.H. 03062.

Patricia Chao has published her first novel, *Monkey King* (HarperCollins). The book is about a young woman's troubled childhood as the daughter of Chinese immigrants. Patricia teaches at Sarah Lawrence College and lives in New York City.

Charlotte Crystal, a senior news writer in the public relations office at the University of Virginia, has been included in *Who's Who in the South and Southwest 1997-98*. Charlotte has written more than 1,000 newspaper articles over the past decade and appears in the upcoming issue of *Who's Who in Media and Communications*.

Kurt Kruger (see **Curtis F. Kruger** '53).
Barry J. Nagelberg, Cherry Hill, N.J., is a computer designer at Sarnoff Real Time Corp. in Princeton, N.J. He can be reached at 410 Morris Dr., Cherry Hill 08003.

Susan Sampliner is associate general manager for the Broadway companies of *Chicago*, *Grease*, and *Play On*, and the national tours of *Damn Yankees*, *Grease*, and *Chicago*. In her spare time, Susan is cochair of the board of the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence project. She can be reached at 320 Riverside Dr., #14F, New York City 10025.

The December obituary for **Timothy**

Stryker included an incorrect address for his wife, Christine, and four children. They can be reached at 6115 S. Heughns, Canyon Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84121.

1978

Richard L. Brown '81 M.D., a tenured associate professor of family medicine at the University of Wisconsin, and Rozan Stone Brown have survived their seventh winter in Madison. Rich is studying physicians' decisions to prescribe potentially addictive medi-

cations and is developing a CD-ROM educational program on substance abuse for health care professionals. Later this year he will assume the presidency of the Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse, whose central office is located at Brown. Rozan has nearly completed her training as a piano tuner and has started her own business. They continue to enjoy their daughters, Elissa and Shari, 9, who believe that cows are more common than pigeons. They can be reached at 26 Chequamegon Bay, Madison, Wis. 53719.

Diane Heller, Los Angeles, writes: "A circa-1960s Bentwood chair from Sharpe Refectory was delivered to me at a recent Brown Club of Greater Los Angeles event. A surprise door prize, the chair was presented in Hollywood style by actresses **Bess Armstrong** '75 and **JoBeth Williams** '70. It is endowed with one small wad of gum, of a beige color, tidily centered on the underside of the seat. Waiting official documentation of provenance, the chair has been signed by Vartan Gregorian. Fellow alums are invited to stop by Diane's studio to refresh their Ratty memories. She plans to tie a helium balloon to the back of the chair for special occasions, as was part of her job as a party decorator in the Ratty from 1975 to 1978."

Susan K. Jacobson has published *Conserving Wildlife: International Education and Communication Approaches* (Columbia University Press). Susan can be reached at 14929 SW 79th St., Archer, Fla. 32618.

Paul Marantz '81 M.D. (see **Paul Quick** '83).

Andy Revkin and Lisa Mechaley (Central Connecticut State University '82), an elementary school science teacher, were married Oct. 19 in Cold Spring, N.Y. Plenty of Brown family and friends attended the ceremony, including the groom's parents, **William** '50 and **Amelia Stern Revkin** '53, brother **Jim** '81 M.D., sister **Diana** '83, and uncle **Michael Stern** '57. Andy's son, Daniel, served as ring-bearer. Andy is a reporter for the *New York Times* covering environmental issues and music. (See also **Diana Revkin** '83).

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Vicki Richman '81

Chad Sutton married Tatyana Makarova (Moscow State University '85), whom he met while ice skating in Central Park. "During our whirlwind romance we had a little civil wedding at the Supreme Court, thanks to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg," Chad writes. "We're planning a religious affirmation in Brooklyn on June 14." Classmates and friends are encouraged to contact them at 150 Jerusalem St., #12H, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201.

1979

Sarah Berger and her husband, Gavin Miles, belatedly announce the arrival of Benjamin Berger Miles on July 10, 1995. Benjamin enjoys spending time with his cousin, Elizabeth Berger Gutierrez, his aunt **Emily Berger** '76, and uncle José Gutierrez. They all live in the same neighborhood of Park Slope, Brooklyn. Sarah and Gavin can be reached at 230 Park Place, #3F, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11238.

Carl M. Berkowitz and **Carla M. Norvell** '81 recently celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary. They live in San Antonio, Tex., with Chelsea, 5, and Nathan, 2. Carl is in private practice, specializing in infectious diseases. Carla is doing marketing consulting while staying home with the kids. They can be reached at 13283 Hunters Lark, San Antonio, Tex. 78230; carlberk@flash.net.

Carolyn Wade Blackett was appointed the first African-American female criminal-court judge in Tennessee. Carolyn and her children, Philip and Aarica, invite alumni to visit Beale Street, eat some Southern barbecue, and rock and roll with Elvis. Carolyn lives at 2594 Lannick Cove, Memphis 38119.

Lisa Kane DeVitto practiced law for several years in Sarasota, Fla., and served as staff attorney for the Charlotte County, Fla., sheriff. She has given up the practice of law to relocate to Tampa, Fla., where her husband, Ralph, is in charge of government relations for the American Cancer Society, Florida division. Lisa is now a legal assistant to a state senator and is active with the Tampa Brown Club. You can contact Lisa at 4800 S. Westshore Blvd., #407, Tampa 33611; (813) 805-0190.

Cathleen Sloan Hood '82 M.D. and her husband, Tucker, announce the birth of Timothy Sloan Hood on June 30, 1996. He joins brother William Tucker and sister Alice Harrington Hood. Tucker is with Financial Institutions Consulting, based in New York City, and Cathy is seeing patients in family medicine in Westport, Mass., four days a week. She can be reached at 39 High St., South Dartmouth, Mass. 02748.

Lino S. Lipinsky divides his time between Washington, D.C., and Denver, following the election of his wife, Diana DeGette, to the U.S. House of Representatives from the First District of Colorado. Diana previously served as assistant minority leader in the Colorado House of Representatives. Lino has joined the Washington, D.C., and Denver

offices of McKenna & Cuneo, where he practices commercial litigation, emphasizing real estate, creditors' rights, and contract law. Lino, Diana, and children Raphaela, 7, and Francesca, 3, plan to spend most of their time in the Washington area while Congress is in session, returning to Denver during school holidays and congressional recesses. Lino can be reached at lino_lipinsky@mckennacuneo.com.

David Tell has joined Campbell-Ewald Communications as editor in the publishing group. Previously he was a project editor at RWD Technologies and had worked for Engineering Technology Publishing, SCN Communications Group, and the *Daily Telegram and Telegram and Gazette* in Worcester, Mass.

Julie Iselin Turjoman married Anthony Turjoman on Feb. 22. Julie's daughter Rachel, 5½, was the flower girl. They reside at 5 Fairmount Ave., Upper Montclair, N.J. 07043.

1980

Patty Niemi Mitropoulos lives in Douglaston, N.Y., with her husband, Philip Mitropoulos (RISD '80), son Elvis, 5, and daughter Sophia, 2. Patty has been head of the fashion office at Liz Claiborne for five years.

Angie Fa recently completed a term on the San Francisco School Board. She was the first Asian-American woman to serve and the first lesbian of color to be elected to the board. Her son, Kilian, is 2. Angie teaches at City College of San Francisco and chairs the department of Asian-American studies. In her spare time she is working on her dissertation. She can be reached at 271 Bartlett St., San Francisco 94110.

Alan Hecht was elected president of the Rhode Island Software Association. Twins Hillary and Daniel just turned 5, and Andrew is 2. Alan can be reached at 85 Fairhaven Rd., Cumberland, R.I. 02864.

Jane Long (see **Jane C. Sisto Long** '70).

1981

Laila Mehdi Hilfinger and her husband, John, announce the birth of John VanArsdale on Nov. 20. Baby Jack joins brother Grant William, 2. They recently relocated from New Jersey to the Seattle area and would love to hear from old friends at 8417 NE 10th St., Medina, Wash. 98039; (206) 455-1902.

Thomas J. Kenney and his wife, Andi (Duke '84), announce the birth of their first child, Samuel Richard, in January. "Life is fine in Deerfield," Thomas writes, "especially because of random sightings of Chicago Bulls players and coaches." They can be reached at 1700 Mountain Ct., Deerfield, Ill. 60015; thomas_kenney@msn.com.

Marian Salzman writes: "I survived my first year of being perpetually foreign. I continue to be based in Amsterdam, though my Dutch is nonexistent and I travel constantly. I am still a futurist for TBWA (Chiat/Day)

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Beth Tuttle lives in Alexandria, Va., with her husband, Bob Carragher, and children Maggie, 6, and Jimmy, 3½. Beth spent last year heading up marketing and communication for the April launch of the Newseum, the world's first interactive news museum, located in Arlington, Va. The family can be reached at 17 W. Walnut St., Alexandria 22301.

Jane De Winter lives in Kensington, Md., with husband Fred Joutz and children Andre, 8, Marguerite, 4, and Dimitri, 1. Fred teaches at George Washington University. Jane has been doing some consulting and serves as PTA copresident at her son's elementary school. She can be reached at 11112 Stillwater Ave., Kensington 20895.

medical marketing communications agency. Previously Lisa was vice president and group manager at PResence/EURO RSCG in New York City. Drawing on thirteen years of experience in health communications, she has developed strategic medical public relations programs for pharmaceutical manufacturers and other health care service clients.

Michele Goyette-Ewing and Michael welcomed Benjamin Philip on Jan. 14. He joins Grace, 5. They can be reached at 20 Old Still Rd., Woodbridge, Conn. 06525.

Howard S. Hirsch '86 M.D. was named a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons on Feb. 13. Howard was one of 654 new fellows inducted into the largest medical association for musculoskeletal specialists. Howard and his wife, **Marcia Lipkind Hirsch**, live in Pawtucket, R.I.

David Margulis is cofounder of the Jewish rock band Even Sh'siyah, which has

is an assistant professor of plastic surgery at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, having completed his residency at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and fellowships at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery at NYU Medical Center. Elizabeth works for the New Jersey Department of Health and manages its substance-abuse prevention program. Philip can be reached at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Division of Plastic Surgery, One Robert Wood Johnson Place, CN-19, New Brunswick, N.J. 08901; (908) 235-7863; weypd@umdnj.edu.

Marcia K. Wong is on foreign-service assignment in Moscow trying to figure out Russia's economic agenda. Her husband, Tom Navratil (Haverford '82), is also a foreign service officer and covers political events. Entertainment is provided by their 16-month-old son Luke (a.k.a. Spike), cross-country skiing, and long, vodka-fueled discussions with Russians. They would like to hear from friends at U.S. Embassy Moscow, PS 77 ECON. APO AE 09721; nav1wong@aol.com.

John Zlatich and his wife, Karen, recently celebrated their tenth year in San Diego, where they run a holistic health care practice. They were expecting their third child this past spring. John may be reached at jonnyzee@aol.com.



1982

Robin W. Asher '85 M.D. has relocated to San Francisco from Boston with her husband, Jeff, and children Madeline, 4, and Amanda, 1. Robin hopes to continue practicing child psychiatry as soon as they are settled. They welcome contact from fellow alumni at 564 Mission St., Box 623, San Francisco 94105.

Lisa Baldauf's artwork was part of the "Be Mine, Valentine! Tea Conversation" Valentine auction benefiting the art gallery at Sonoma State University on Feb. 8. Lisa lives in San Francisco.

Bill Frank announces the birth of Marissa in November. Bill is on the board of advisors of United Payers and United Providers, a publicly traded health care company. He is also on the board of directors of Dental Plus of America, which manages networks of dentists. He can be reached at 95 Brandy Hill Rd., Vernon, Conn. 06066.

Lisa Poniatowski Easley has been named president of LMInformation, the public- and professional-relations group of Lehman Millet Inc., a Boston-based global

Members of the class of 1982 pose with their kids at Alumni Field Day on Saturday.

released its debut album . . . *through your gates, Jerusalem*. He and his wife, Staci, live in Chicago with their children Avital, Shoshana, Akiva, and Ayelet.

Perri Peltz is the host of *Ushuaia*, a new nonfiction television series to be broadcast on CNBC. The series was a prime-time hit in France and highlights the adventures of French naturalist-explorer Nicolas Hulot. Unapix is producing the series. Unapix's chairman is **Herb Pearlman** '53, and its president and CEO is **David Fox** '70. **Ellen Windemuth**, based in Amsterdam, will be spearheading the European sales effort of *Ushuaia*. The head of production at Unapix is **Timothy E. Smith** '75 (who sent this note). Unapix is also producing *Great Minds of Business* with *Forbes* magazine (and **Tim Forbes** '76) and *Great Minds of Health* with *Health* magazine (and **Eric Schrier** '73).

Philip D. Wey '86 M.D. and **Elizabeth Lies Wey** '87, Princeton, announce the arrival of Nicholas Philip on Nov. 27. Philip

1983

Emily Griffiths Bower married Simon La Haye of Montreal on Sept. 1 at Karne Choling, Barnet, Vt. The ceremony was performed by Brown Professor of Medicine Mitchell Levy, and a number of Brown alumni attended, including the bride's parents, **Suzanne Griffiths Bower** '53 and **Glenn** '52.

David Bristol and his wife, Marcie, announce the birth of Louisa Christine on Jan. 7. "Marcie, Louisa, and big sister Isabelle are doing fine," David writes, "just a little deprived of sleep." He can be reached at dbristol@sentineltrust.com.

Michael R. Clarke and his wife, Pamela, announce the arrival of Cameron Davis on Sept. 30, 1995. He joined big brother Malcolm. Michael won his first medical malpractice/wrongful death defense in January. Friends can reach him at Shanley & Fisher; (201) 285-1000; mclarke@shanley.com.

Robin Ellis Driscoll lives in Los Angeles with her husband, a TV writer, and three children. They can be reached at 2153 Kress St., Los Angeles 90046.

Ellen Hilsinger '87 M.D. and **Brendan Magauran** '82, '87 M.D., have moved to Lexington, Mass., with their kids, Brendan, 7½, Dean 5, and Kate, 2. Brendan practices emergency medicine, and Ellen is in psychopharmacology part-time. They can be reached at 21 Saddle Club Rd., Lexington 02173; (617) 860-7270; maghil@msn.com.

Kristin Kruger (see **Curtis F. Kruger** '53).



Brown trustee and former NFL star Steve Jordan '82 (right) mixes it up with classmates on Friday night.

Kathleen Hughes Mikaelian writes: "I've been rather busy since the last reunion: I started law school at the University of Connecticut; retired from the work world; married Vahan Mikaelian; had a baby, and then had two more! Twins Meredith Clare and Leah Hope were born Dec. 30. They join big brother Tavit, 14 months; and sisters Sarah, 10, and Lauren, 9. Now I'm a full-time mom and part-time law student, hoping to graduate someday. All this would not be possible without the help of the delighted grandparents, **Bill '48** and **Therese Arcand Hughes '49**. They retired just in time to take up caring for the little ones." Kathleen would love to hear from friends at aleholding@worldnet.att.com.

Alexandra Pruner moved to Houston in November with her husband, David, and children Dagney, 7, and Collier, 2. "David's job brought us here, and I was able to get a part-time job as director of investor relations for an independent oil and gas producer," Alexandra writes. "We're looking forward to heading to New York this April for the wedding of my sister, **Sammy Garber '90**, to **Scott Adams '90**." Alexandra can be reached at 6437 Belmont St., Houston 77005.

Paul Quick (RUE '93) graduated from the UC-Davis medical school in June and will do his residency in internal medicine at the Cambridge Hospital in Cambridge, Mass. "**Lorca Rossman '92** is in my graduating class," Paul writes. "He is going on to emergency medicine at Highland Hospital in Oakland, Calif. While on the interview trail, I stayed with **Todd Telle '93** at NYU Medical School, **Pam Wilmot '82** and **Steve Clinkenbeard** in Boston, and was interviewed by **Paul Marantz '78**, '81 M.D. at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx." Paul can be reached at the Department of Medicine, the Cambridge Hospital, 1493 Cambridge St., Cambridge 02139; pdquick@earthlink.net.

Diana Revkin and Yair Svorai (Harvard GSD '79) were married on June 8 at Caffè

Bondi in Manhattan. Plenty of Brown family were in attendance, including the bride's parents, **Amelia Stern Revkin '53** and **William '50**; brothers **Andy '78** and **Jim '81** M.D.; and the bride's uncle, **Michael Stern '57**. Diana is director of store design for Federated Department Stores. Diana and Yair can be reached at yjs@interport.net. (See also **Andy Revkin '78**.)

1984

Alison Murray Alpert and husband Matthew (UVA '82) announce the birth of Katherine Rose on March 5. Alison is an anesthesiologist and Matt is a regional vice president of the Life Insurance Co. of Virginia. They can be reached at murraymh@shu.edu.

Deborah J. Cooney writes: "My life is finally becoming what I want. I have been a professional musician for almost three years, though I was rejected by the orchestra at Brown. I am a signer-pianist performing under the stage name Celeste, acquired at the Brown observatory. Last year I performed in Japan for three months, on the Greek island of Crete for two months, and on Bourbon Street in New Orleans for two months during Mardi Gras. I recently released a CD, *Dedicated to You*, with five original and ten classic songs, including "I Feel Lucky" by **Mary Chapin Carpenter '81**." Deborah can be reached at 1825 W. 11th St., Austin, Tex. 78703; (512) 499-0958.

Amy L. Davidson and **Marc A. Schliesman** would like to extend their thanks to the 10th reunion committee for hosting the weekend. As a result of meeting there, Amy and Marc are pleased to announce their wedding on April 6. Amy is a senior director of Platinum Card Services at American Express in New York City. Marc has recently transferred to the New York City office of Andersen Consulting, where he is a manager in the financial services division. They would enjoy

hearing from classmates at (212) 517-9536.

George B. Deckey announces the birth of Benjamin Eli last July 2. "He adds to our streak of boys: Davey is 5, and Alex is 2½," George writes. "I am busy in my general surgery practice and will soon be joined in the next office by **Louis Miller '76**, who moved to Yuma, Ariz., shortly after I arrived. Lou and I grew up five miles apart in Rhode Island and attended Moses Brown School as well as Brown, though we never knew each other in R.I. We plan to start an unofficial alumni club." George would like to hear from classmates at gowdec@aol.com.

Susan Fendrick is coming back to Brown to direct Hillel's Visions for Change program, coordinating a network of student-run programs in community service, social action, and social change. Sue was ordained a rabbi at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1995 and has been the Hillel director/Jewish chaplain at American University in Washington, D.C. In January she officiated at the baby-naming ceremony for Klail, daughter of rabbis **Deborah '86** and **David Glanzberg-Krainin**. Sue can be reached at sfendric@capaccess.org.

Rick Sacra, wife Debbie, and sons Max, 5, and Jared, 3, evacuated from Monrovia, Liberia, in April when fighting broke out in the seven-year civil war. Rick was working at a Christian mission hospital. They welcomed another son, Caleb, in January, and planned to return to Africa to work among Liberian refugees in Côte D'Ivoire. They can be reached c/o SIM, BP48, Man, Côte D'Ivoire; rsacra@juno.com.

Michael J. Sweeney has been promoted to the new position of vice president of sales at Performance Polymers Inc. in Leominster, Mass., the largest independent distributor of resins in the country. Michael joined the company in 1989 and was the regional sales manager for the mid-Atlantic region, based in Wyomissing, Pa.

Nora Taylor has finished her Ph.D. in Vietnamese art history at Cornell. Last year she was appointed resident director of the CIEE program in Hanoi, Vietnam. She is editing a book of essays on Southeast Asian art to be published by Cornell University Press. She is looking for jobs and has no idea where her search will take her in 1998. Nora can be reached at Cornell University, History of Art Dept., Ithaca, N.Y. 14850.

Dewey Wigod (see **Bob Wigod '54**).

Keith Yamaguchi and wife Laura love parenthood and are busy with their son, Benjamin Reid, born Oct. 9, 1995. The Yamaguchis moved from Connecticut to Chicago in 1994 and are now living in Wilmette. Keith can be reached at (312) 345-3000.

1985

Chris Beck was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in November and is currently serving in Salem. "I am working on school funding and environmental issues."



The class of 1987 poses at Alumni Field Day.

he writes. "It's an uphill battle, since the antigovernment forces are the majority party. I have been working as a project manager for the Trust for Public Land since 1991, and I continue in a part-time capacity during the legislative session. I'm still single and looking." Chris can be reached at mthoodr@aol.com.

Lauris Davies and her husband, Dave Dellarco, were joined by Jonas Michael Dellarco on Jan. 10. Lauris took a five-month leave until June 1 from the U.S. EPA regional office in Seattle, where she manages the groundwater protection program. "By the time this is published, we hope to have Jonas in the pack and on the trail in the Olympic and Cascade mountains," Lauris writes. She'd love to hear from friends passing through the Seattle area at davies.lauris@epamail.epa.gov.

Rachel Marcus Farrell and **Edward Farrell** announce the birth of Eva Paloma on Sept. 21. The family is living in Geneva, and Edward and Rachel are working on their skiing and sailing. Friends passing through can reach them at 41-22-349-1468; 215 Route de Malagnou, ch1224 Chene-Bougeries, Switzerland; rachel.farrell@bankertrust.com.

Mark Ferris writes: "I've never gotten around to announcing my marriage or the birth of my kids. My wife of eight-and-a-half years, Cheryl, and I have four children: Shanna, Dean, James, and Rebekah." Mark can be reached at 146 SW Seminole Dr.,

Aloha, Oreg. 97006; mdf@teleport.com.

Lisa Foderaro is a reporter on the Metro staff at the *New York Times*. She lives on the Upper West Side of Manhattan with her husband, Don Pollard (Grinnell College '81), a freelance photographer. She was sorry to miss the last reunion, but being on crutches from a broken foot, she thought it would be hard to navigate College Hill. She looks forward to 2000, and can be reached at (212) 749-3228; 400 Central Park West, #12V, New York City 10025.

Michael Kavanau and his wife, Kelly, announce the birth of Victoria Sarah on Jan. 24 in Boca Raton, Fla. She joins sister Alexandra, 5, and brother Nicholas, 2½. Michael is a director with the mortgage banking company Holliday Fenoglio.

Michaela Meehan married Tom Michael (Colgate '74) in 1990. Their son, James Peter Michael, was born July 14, 1994. After several years in Chicago, Tom is a portfolio manager in Washington, D.C. Michaela is a policy analyst with the Bureau of International Labor Affairs at the U.S. Department of Labor. They can be reached at 625 Pickford Place, NE, Washington, D.C. 20002.

Marjorie Buff Murphy '88 M.D. and **John Murphy** '87, '90 M.D. announce the arrival of Christopher Andrew on Sept. 21. He joins brother Michael, 3. Margie and John are heading back to Rhode Island this month after John finishes his cardiology fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis. He will join a private practice in Narragansett, and

Margie will be director of neuro-ophthalmology at Rhode Island Hospital.

Steve Press has successfully argued his first case in front of the Minnesota Court of Appeals. He also published an article on collections law in a local legal periodical, the *Hennepin Lawyer*. Friends can reach Steve and his wife, Judy, at 810 Thornton St., SE, #601, Minneapolis 55414.

Mimsie Robinson, a science teacher at New York City's Unity High School, was named the 1997 New York State Teacher of the Year. At Unity he developed a biology class dealing with moral and ethical issues, featuring topics such as science fiction, technology, the Internet, and genetic engineering. Mimsie and his wife, Beverly, a choral teacher at Middle School 54, live in Harlem with Michelle, 6, and David, 4. They are active in church and community affairs.

Vincent Rougeau was awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor at Loyola University in Chicago in March. In 1997-98 he will be a visiting associate professor of law at Notre Dame. His wife, Robin, practices pediatrics with the Loyola Primary Care Group in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill. Son Christian will be 3 in August, and Alexander, who shares a birthday with Vincent's brother John '91, turned 1 on March 19. John is an attorney for the city of Chicago. Vincent can be reached at 3917 Wolf Rd., Western Springs, Ill. 60558; vrougea@luc.edu.

Elisabeth A. Waymire and Brad Davirro announce the arrival of Alexandra Jo on May

6. She joins Natalie, 3. They can be reached at 132 Colton Ave., San Carlos, Calif. 94070.

1986

Vikram Airi married Laura Khaw Tin Hooi of Malaysia at an Indian ceremony in the United States in November, and at a Chinese ceremony in Malaysia two months later. They now live in Singapore, where Vikram does project financing for a Canadian investment bank. He would love to hear from old friends: 201 Tanjong Rhu Rd., #06-16 Parkshore, Singapore 436917; vikramairi@inbox2.singnet.com.sg.

Alison Fink Deutsch and her husband, Jesse (Wharton '86), announce the birth of Hannah Molly on Jan. 16. Alison is a marketing manager at Pepsi-Cola, and Jesse is a manager of planning for Philip Morris. They can be reached at 390 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua, N.Y. 10514.

Gloria Gonzalez, La Coruña, Spain, writes: "I am finally connected at home and I am trying to find **Ian Todreas**. Where are you?" Gloria can be reached at Manuel Murguía 12, 3129, 15011 La Coruña, Spain; ggd@mx2.redestb.es.

Leon L. Haley Jr. and wife Carla (Penn State '86) announce the birth of Wesley Robert on Feb. 20. He joins Grant Dennis, 14 months. Leon completed his master's in health service administration at the University of Michigan last fall. He is now medical codirector of the emergency care center of Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta and an assistant professor of emergency medicine at Emory. Carla also joined the Emory faculty as an assistant professor of medicine and pediatrics. She will practice at Emory-Adventist Hospital in Smyrna, Ga. They are in temporary quarters until their house is completed, but they can be reached at (770) 971-4988.

Karen McMullen Homer and her husband, Ronald, announce the birth of Avery Soleil on Nov. 25. Karen is a dialogue editor on feature films. "Stick around and read the credits!" she writes. "I'd love to hear from Sute Sweeties, Hope Ho's, and other long past pals." Karen can be reached at 15 7th Ave., #4, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217; (718) 398-8091.

Richard Taylor and his wife, Kelli (University of Oregon '86), announce the birth of Elijah Robinson on Nov. 15 in Washington, D.C. Elijah joins big sister Madison. Rich and Kelli are accepting donations to the Send Elijah to College Fund at 975 North Madison St., Arlington, Va. 22205; (703) 241-7496; rtaylor@mpaa.org.

1987

Debbie Bercovitz and her partner, Kris Thomson (RISD '89), have joined the lesbian and gay parenting community in Durham, N.C., with the birth of Espy Hannah Bercovitz Thomson on Feb. 10. Debbie is on leave

from her job as a research analyst at Research Triangle Institute, while Kris continues to work as the owner of Finishing Touch Painting. They hope to move back to New England. They can be reached at (919) 490-1706.

Daniel Davis and **Lisa Fagin Davis** '88, Los Angeles, announce the birth of Marc Philip on Jan. 13. The grandson of **Michael Davis** '61, Marc made his Brown debut with big sister Zoi at Dan's 10th reunion. The couple can be reached at ldavis6450@aol.com.

Randall C. Dunn was named senior master at Landon School's middle school, a Bethesda, Md., all-boys day school, in March. He will lead and direct the middle school's 150 students, its faculty, and its staff. Previously, Randall served as upper-school head at Derby Academy in Hingham, Mass.

Edward J. Goddard, Warwick, R.I., has cofounded the law practice of Kenney & Goddard in Boston. The firm will specialize in litigation, employment, labor, construction, insurance, personal injury, real estate, and business law. Edward can be reached at 92 State St., Boston 02109; (617) 367-3500.

Emily Bernstein Gerber married David Gerber (Washington University '78, NYCOM '82) in April 1995. **Cindy Weinbaum** and **Caryn Wertheimer** were in the bridal party. "Cindy can't deny it," Emily writes. "I have pictures." Emily is in training at ICON Clinical Research Inc. in Norristown, Pa., and would love to hear from friends at 229 Derwen Rd., Merion, Pa. 19066; gerbere@iconus.com.

Alexandra Handago married Andrew Rudzinski in October. They met in grad school at Penn, where they both received their master's in city planning. They have bought a house in Philadelphia and have two rambunctious beagles. Alex is a real estate portfolio manager for Montauk Inc., and Andrew is a research director with Grubb and Ellis. In their free time, Alex does ceramics and is involved in community theater, and Andrew plays golf. They can be reached at 6439 Woodcrest Ave., Philadelphia 19151; (215) 878-0223; alex2andy@aol.com.

Michele deVezin Olivier married David Alexander Laird (Sewanee '85) in January 1994. Michele is an international development consultant working for Abt Associates Inc. David works for Fannie Mae. Friends are welcome to visit or write at 919 Westminister St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.

David Newfeld has finished his third year of teaching English in Japan. This summer he hopes to find a job in Tokyo in a multimedia- or Internet-related field. "I'm not relishing the idea of living in the world's largest city," David writes, "but at least I'll have the privilege of seeing movies for \$16." He can be reached at Shimosanagura 530-1, Tateyama Chiba 294, Japan; newfeld@awa.or.jp.

Janet Rickershauser, San Francisco, is slowly recovering from a neuropathy resulting from an accident in France two years ago.

She's resumed work on her Ph.D. on Pascal, Montaigne, and St. Augustine. **Jose Estabil** '84 is director of marketing at Tencor. Janet and Jose can be reached at jose.estabil@tencor.com.

Micah Solomon is president of Oasis CD & Cassette Duplication, which manufactures CDs, CD-ROMs, and cassettes for musicians, record labels, and software companies. Oasis also promotes its music clients nationwide on the OasisSampler™ CD series. Recent projects include *Live at the Iron Horse* with **Mary Chapin Carpenter** '81 and others. Micah reports he is in the process of moving his company to rural Virginia, near Shenandoah National Park. "We're buying a large Victorian on Main Street and rezoning it," he writes. "It has made the front page of the local paper—I guess I'm learning about 'small ponds.'" Micah can be reached at Box 128, Washington, Va. 22747; (800) 697-5734; micah@oasiscd.com.

Peter Weyler and **Jennifer Wick Weyler** announce the birth of Audrey Lynn, born at home in Worcester, Mass., on Feb. 17. Attending the birth were Dr. **Anita Kostecki** and Audrey's sister Allison, 3, whose home-birth experience included Dr. **Kathy Rosenfeld** '83.

Elizabeth Lies Wey (see Philip D. Wey '82).

1988

Jacqueline Berman has been awarded the Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Grant in women's studies for her proposed dissertation, "Engendering Transition: Polish Women, Democratization, and International Relations." Jacqueline is studying international relations at Arizona State University.

Robert Caron Byrnes, chief speech writer to Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld from 1992 to 1995, is in his second year at Stanford Law School. "Never going back East," he writes. "Madly in love with Dawn Ebert (Harvard '92)." Robert can be reached at rbyrnes@leland.stanford.edu.

Andrew Coon and Heather Kelly (Bucknell '91), New York City, announce the birth of Aidan Kelly Coon on Jan. 3. Andrew is a bond analyst at Standard & Poor's Corp., and Heather teaches classics at Trinity School in Manhattan. They would love to hear from friends at (212) 865-6563; acoon@mcgraw-hill.com.

Anne Ehresman has moved from San Francisco to Tallahassee, Fla. "After two months in my 1982 Honda Accord and 10,000 miles on the road," she writes, "I was very pleased to arrive in Florida. Kip Harkness and I visited lots of Brown friends across country. We plan to marry in August. I'm working as an advocate on hunger and poverty issues while he completes his degree in urban and regional planning." Anne can be reached at 515½ E. Carolina St., Tallahassee 32303; ehresman@freenet.tlh.fl.us.

Milisa M. Galazzi writes: "I gave birth to Daniel Stefan Michel on Feb. 10, just four days after writing the last sentence of my RISD graduate thesis. I love being a mom, working as an adjunct professor at RISD, and directing the Brewster Day Camp on Cape Cod. I'm always looking for good camp staff." Milisa can be reached at (401) 461-4647.

Bonnie Hillman extends greetings from Down Under, where she lives in a little house by the sea, acts, and studies naturopathy (herbal medicine, homeopathy, massage). She would love to hear from friends at 9 St. Thomas St., Bronte N.S.W. 2024, Australia; bdh@talent.com.au.

Audrey Kang '92 M.D. married Thomas Tesaro (Georgia Tech '90, Vanderbilt '94 M.D.) on Sept. 7 in Memphis. Bridesmaids included Audrey's sisters, **Cynthia Kang-Rotondo** '81, '85 M.D., and **Edith Kang David** '84; and her maid of honor was **Paula Abdalas**. Many other alumni attended the ceremony. Audrey finished her residency in ob-gyn at Vanderbilt and is currently completing a fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine there. She can be reached at audrey.kang@mcmail.vanderbilt.edu.

Jeremy B. Straughn is a doctoral candidate in sociology at the University of Chicago. He has been a visiting scientist at the Max Planck Institute for Education Research in Berlin since September. Beginning in August, he can be reached at 2441 S. Western Ave. #4, Chicago 60608; strau@cicero.spc.uchicago.edu.

Steven Tapper is an associate at Harben & Hartley in Gainesville, Ga., specializing in school and education law. He would like to hear from friends at (770) 935-9020.

Monique Valcour and her husband, Dan, announce the birth of Sophie Chantal on Nov. 4. She joins Madeleine, 2. The Valcours are moving to Ithaca, N.Y., where Monique is starting a Ph.D. program in organizational behavior at Cornell's School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

Emily Wigod (see **Bob Wigod** '54).

John R. Winther married Heather Pearson (SMU '89) on March 8 in San Francisco. Plenty of classmates attended the wedding. John is a vice president with Spieker Properties in Emeryville, Calif.

Ken Wong is back at work for the New York City public relations firm Burson-Marsteller, after a yearlong Olympics-related assignment in Atlanta. "Now, I just have to figure out a way to get assigned to Sydney in time for the Summer Games in 2000," he writes. Ken was delighted to catch up with **Alex Rein** '96 and other alums of the Brown Fencing Team at this year's Intercollegiate Fencing Association Championship in Queens. Ken can be reached at P.O. Box 541, New York City 10159; kenneth-bmny_wong@bm.com

1989

Peter G. Crane, Newton, Mass., has pub-

lished *Mutual Fund Investing on the Internet: The Ultimate Guide to Mutual Fund Trading and Information Online*. The book offers readers investment strategies and helps them navigate the online world. Peter is an editor and Webmaster at IBC Financial Data, a mutual fund data provider. Previously he was editor of two investment newsletters. Since 1991 he has written his own newsletter, *Investing for the Masses*.

Jim McKinney and **Nina Lewis McKinney** '90 announce the birth of Samuel John on Nov. 1. Jim and Nina can be reached at 201 South Emerson St., Denver 80209.

Michael Natkin announces his engagement to Kathleen Therese Dineen. The wed-

ding is planned for Sept. 7 in Milwaukee. Michael can be reached at 1870 N. Arlington Pl. #3, Milwaukee 53202; mjn@sgi.com.



Daughter Eliza and wife Rachel stay busy while Benjamin Filene '87 hobnobs at Field Day.

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Rachel Weber Ortiz and **Alejandro Ortiz** (Berkeley '85, UCLA '93) announce the birth of Isabel Weber on Oct. 2. They would love to hear from friends at 2300 Las Flores Canyon Rd., Malibu, Calif. 90265.

Kathy Coskren Parks and her husband, Andrew, announce the birth of Sarah Emily on Jan. 10. Auntie **Karen Coskren** '91 is the godmother. Kathy can be reached at 319 Clason Ct., Somerset, N.J. 08873.

Sonya Stevens and **Michael Watts** announce the birth of their first child, Nicholas Lyman Miller Watts, on Sept. 19. Sonya is in her second year of pediatric residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She can be reached at 60 Foxbridge Village Rd., Branford, Conn. 06405.

Philip Stockwell married **Sue Cosen-tino** '90 on Sept. 7 in their hometown of Farmington, Conn. Philip and Sue honeymooned in Hawaii. She recently completed a master's in Spanish at NYU and works as an editor of English-as-a-second-language textbooks for Simon & Schuster. Philip is chief

office of student life at Wheaton College. She can be reached at dbergner@wheatonma.edu.

Eric Golden married Rebecca Walker (Georgetown '91) on April 12 at the Brooklyn, N.Y., Botanic Garden. Eric and Rebecca met in their first year at Harvard Law. The wedding party included **Chris Lemley**, **Alex Harwitz**, **Bart Lautenbach**, **Julian Petrillo** '91, **Eric Chaikin** '89, and **Rich Greenberg** '88. **Rona Gomel** was a reader during the ceremony. Eric works at Stillman & Friedman, a firm that specializes in white-collar criminal defense in New York City. He can be reached at goldeneric@aol.com.

Brian Kaye and his wife, Wendy (UNH '89), have purchased a house. Brian is now working for the federal sales division of Computer Associates. They can be reached at 5310 N. 27th St., Arlington, Va. 22207; (703) 536-7559; kaybro1@aol.com.

Amir Mehran has moved from San Francisco to New Jersey. He is finishing his surgery residency and can be reached at 842 Bloomfield Ave., #8, Montclair, N.J. 07042.

Kristin E. Nesburn earned her M.D. from Penn and is now a first-year ophthalmology resident at UC-San Francisco. She spends

her free time Rollerblading in Golden Gate Park and hanging out with fellow Brunonians. Kristin can be reached at knesbur@itsa.ucsf.edu.

Gabriela Recio married Pablo Cotler on Dec. 14 in Ixtapa, Mexico. Witnesses included **Paola Tempesti**. Gabriela and Pablo are now living in Mexico City, where they teach economics at the university.

Mark E. Walter writes: "After grad school and a post-doc in Germany, I'm an assistant professor of engineering mechanics at Ohio State University. I recently caught up with **Rob West**, who is finishing his Ph.D. at Washington University. He still has some M.D. requirements, and after that it's on to residency somewhere." Mark can be reached at (614) 292-6081; walter.80@osu.edu; <http://hcg1.eng.ohio-state.edu/~walter>.

1991

Claudia Aguero would like to hear from friends at Rua Tenente Max Wolf Filho, 242, Curitiba, PR 80.240-090, Brazil; aaguera@qualityware.com.br.

David Smith Allyn received a Ph.D. in history from Harvard in November and is teaching in the history department at Princeton. His dissertation on the sexual revolution of the 1960s will be published by Little, Brown in 1998. **Jennifer Wilcha Allyn** '90 is a senior associate at Catalyst Inc., a New York City consulting firm working to dismantle the glass ceiling in business. They can be reached at (609) 279-0980.

Bill Evans teaches mathematics and coaches football, wrestling, and strength training at Brentwood Academy in Brentwood, Tenn. He can be reached at 935 Evans Rd., Nashville 37204; (615) 383-9630.

After five years of a D.C.-based financial consulting firm, **Jen Mayer** has moved to San Francisco to work for the Federal Highway Administration's Western finance center. When she's not traveling on business to Honolulu, Myrtle Beach, or Boise (Idaho), Jen is exploring bookstores in the Mission and feeling the alienation of being a federal worker in a city that boasts more herbalists than bureaucrats. She welcomes contact at 925 Guerrero, #12, San Francisco 94110; (415) 282-4085; jennifer.mayer@fhwa.dot.gov.

Neil McGaraghan and **Amy Roberts** '92 moved to San Francisco last summer. Neil is in his first year of law school at UCSF-Hastings, and Amy is an intern in obstetrics and gynecology at UCSF. They were planning a wedding on Martha's Vineyard in June. They can be reached at (415) 861-7346; amyrobe@itsa.ucsf.edu.

Rollyn Ornstein graduated from NYU medical school and is completing her first-year residency in pediatrics at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. Her husband, **Albert Sipzener** '92, works for Lehman Brothers and will attend Columbia's business school in the fall.



Hank Richter '80 (right) of the Rhode Island Brown Club was a Field Day organizer.

1992

Elyse Dashew married Todd Beveridge on Dec. 28 in Santa Monica, Calif. Many Brunonians attended the wedding. Todd and Elyse would love to hear from friends at 12635 Delman Ln., Pineville, N.C.; eds@earthlink.net.

Elliott R. Haut and **Jayne S. Gerson** are engaged. Elliott popped the question on the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Jayne, a Ph.D. candidate in biological anthropology and anatomy at Duke, is doing field research on lemur social behavior in Madagascar with funding from the National Geographic Society. Elliott graduated from Penn medical school last year and is a surgical resident at Pennsylvania Hospital. They would love to hear from friends: Jayne Gerson, Poste Mitsinjo 417, Mahajanga 401, Madagascar; Elliott Haut, 241 S. 6th St., #1709, Philadelphia 19106; (215) 829-9492.

Deborah Hirsch and her husband, Lenny, announce the birth of Ariella Pearl on Dec. 10. Deborah, who has finished her master's in comparative literature at UNC, is now home full-time. She would love to hear from friends at 5312 McConnick Road, Durham, N.C. 27713; (919) 405-2388; drgrowl@email.unc.edu.

Kim Jones and Peter Scott (Rochester '91, Kellogg '96 M.B.A.) will marry in September. They live in Chicago's Lincoln Park with their dog, Nellie. Kim is a manager with First Consulting Group in Chicago, specializing in health care information systems. Kim keeps in touch with several friends from Brown, including **Lori Bluvas** '91, **Kara Forman** '93, **Catherine Bank** '93, **John Rountree** '90, **Matt Borghesani**, and **Roger Coulter**. She can be reached at kjones@fcgnet.com.

Lorca Rossman (see **Paul Quick** '83).

1993

Class secretary **Kyle Hackett Smith** reminds you to submit news to the B.A.M. and to her for inclusion in the class newsletter. She can be reached at 19 Kahikatea St., Inglewood, Taranaki, New Zealand; eksmith@voyager.co.nz.

Jennifer Carr has left Andersen Consulting to become a senior health care analyst at Gartner Group, a technology advisory services firm. Jenn keeps in touch with Boston-based Brown roommates **Devon Pike** and **Alex Klickstein Glazier**. Devon is a men's clothing buyer for Filene's department stores, and Alex is an attorney at Ropes & Gray. **Dave Lindstrom** has relocated from Chicago to New York City and is a sales representative for U.S. Robotics. Jenn can be reached at jennifer.carr@gartner.com.

Ethan Michael Flaherty, Boston, joined the law firm of Peabody & Brown as an associate in April. He will focus on mergers and acquisitions, public and private financing, joint ventures, and other business agreements. Ethan is a member of the American and Boston bar associations and the Massachusetts Interactive Media Council.

Ruth S. Kanef married Alan S. Bash (Georgetown '93) on Aug. 11 in Wadcliff Lake, N.J. Ruth's brother, **Matthew** '89, was an usher, and **Tracy Elias** was a bridesmaid. Many other Brown friends were in attendance. The couple lives in New York City, where Ruth is an organizational performance coordinator at Maimonides Medical Center and Alan writes for *USA Today*.

Tania Lozansky writes: "After a summer of saving tigers in the Russian Far East, I am now at the Stanford business school. I am also getting married to a future rock star in Siberia this summer. Everyone who knows me is invited! Please check out my Web page for details and an online RSVP at <http://www.leland.stanford.edu/~tania/>." Tania can also be reached at tania@leland.stanford.edu.

Paul Quick (see '83).

Todd Telle (see **Paul Quick** '83).

Stephanie Wank and **Ilya Kofman** were married last Aug. 18 in New York City. They honeymooned in Thailand. Many alums attended the wedding, including nine members of Alpha Delta Phi. Stephanie graduated from Harvard Law in May and is clerking for a federal district judge. Ilya is working toward a Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Maryland, College Park. They live in Baltimore and can be reached at ikofman@math.umd.edu.

1994

Joseph Y. Allen writes: "On April 3 I became engaged to my high-school sweetheart, Amy Dinkins. We expect to be married in early April 1998. My roommate, **George Younis**, and I only have one year left at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School."

Joseph can be reached at 4313 Gilbert Ave., Dallas 75219; allen.joseph@tumora.swmed.edu.

Erica Forssen took a weeklong jaunt in England with **Michael Paulson**. The two made their way through every bookstore and bus station from Bristol to Bath and caught the *Merry Wives of Windsor* at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-Upon-Avon. Erica works for New England Research Institutes, a public-health research firm in Boston. She can be reached at 338 Ferry St., #3, Malden, Mass. 02148; erica@neri.org.

Portia Hall finished her M.A.T. at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oreg., last August. After a semester as a substitute, she is now a full-time teacher at her old high school. During spring break Portia went to Redlands, Calif., to visit **Kerri Flanagan** and **Bryan Norman** '96. "Everyone seems to be moving to Portland except people from Brown," Portia writes. "I have a guest room in my house that is always open for visits." She can be reached at phall@pps.k12.or.us.

Kathy Hannon is in a master's program in product design, a fusion of engineering and art, at Stanford. She lives in Fremont, Calif., with her fiancé, Chris Davies, and their two cats, Sam and Felony. Their wedding is planned for Aug. 9. Kathy can be reached at 309 Pearl Dr., Livermore, Calif. 94550.

Michael Hurt received a Peter Ohm Scholarship to study Korean at Yonsei University this summer. He has a Web page, <http://home.earthlink.net/~michaellhurt/>. Michael can also be reached at 76202.2165@compuserve.com.

Melisa Lai '99 M.D. writes: "It's not that I know more Brown alumni getting married – I just write about them. After going home to New York City, where his mother gave him her engagement ring to give to his future wife, **Andrew Kalinsky** '95, '99 M.D. proposed to **Jenny Souther** '95, '99 M.D. over Easter weekend. The class is wondering whether Andrew and Jenny are considering a June 9 wedding (the day before our National Boards) – we'd all be there! Andrew and Jenny can be reached at andrew_kalinsky@brown.edu and jennifer_souther@brown.edu." Melisa can be reached at melisa_lai@brown.edu.

Jennifer Lloyd, Austin, Tex., can be reached at jenny.lloyd@mail.utexas.edu.

Sarah Lloyd has resigned from the Siberian Forests Protection Project in San Francisco, where she worked since graduation with Russian environmentalists, scientists, and citizens to protect the taiga of Siberia and the Russian Far East. Sarah plans to spend time on the family farm in Wisconsin before heading to Scandinavia for hike touring, berry picking, and studying boreal forest ecology. She can be reached via her parents at 2516 36th St., Rock Island, Ill. 61201.

Chuck Magee has been appointed the Ringwood Scholar in Earth Sciences at Australia National University. He is working on a Ph.D. in geochemistry and can be reached at 19 Lenehan St., Giralang A.C.T. 2607, Australia; charles.magee@anu.edu.au.



Sina-Aurelia Pleasant '97 and her band, Downchild, won a senior-class battle of the bands for the Lincoln Field gig at Campus Dance.

Jacquelin Nicewarner married Jeffrey Landsman on Dec. 15 in Columbia, Md. Several alumni attended the small ceremony. Jeff is a resident in family practice at the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore. Jacki got a master's in physical therapy from the University of Maryland in May. The couple would love to hear from friends at 7365 E. Weatherworn Way, Columbia 21046.

Jesse Poole, New York City, works for Liberty Travel. He has been living with **Matt Schulz** '95, but Matt will be leaving for law school in the near future. "I have seen many Brownies lately," Jesse writes, "especially at Dowdy Smack concerts. We're all bummed about Vart's departure, and wish him well. Cheers, Vartan!" Jesse can be reached at 145 West 58th St., #4A, New York City 10019.

Scott Raposa writes: "My old roommate, **David Hannallah**, has a great set of Web pages at <http://medicine.wustl.edu/~hannalld/usa>. They are all about his cross-

country bike trip." Scott can be reached at raposa@gsidnet.danet.com.

Kurt Reisenberg and **Jake Garcia**, Washington, D.C., work for the Advisory Board Company, a private-sector research and consulting firm. Their funk band, Momo, which includes **Andy Castonguay** '92 on vocals, is touring the D.C. club scene. "With the arrival of **Dave 'Vito' Cardegna** in early spring (after two sordid postgraduate years in the Bay Area)," Kurt writes, "the old gang will be almost entirely based on the East Coast. **Mike Pomerantz** is in Philadelphia at Temple Law School; **Gus Schepens** '95 works in Boston; and **Russell Delacour**, **Chad Royce**, **Andrew Gillies**, and **Scott Mann** '95 live in New York City. Only **Earl Bethel**, who is working in L.A., and **John Melfi**, who is pursuing a law degree in Oregon, remain holdouts." Kurt can be reached at reisenbergk@advisory.com.

Greg Retsinas writes: "After two year-

long stints at daily newspapers in Oklahoma and Pennsylvania. I am now a reporter for the Sarasota (Fla.) *Herald-Tribune*. I get to enjoy nightly sunsets over the Gulf with my fiancée, Meredith (University of Alabama '94)." They can be reached at 1050 Capri Isles Blvd., Apt. G-103, Venice, Fla. 34292; (941) 485-0163; hulkster94@aol.com.

Jon Richter and **Karen Wintraub** announce their engagement. Jon lives in New Orleans and attends Tulane law school. Karen has finished her second year of law school at the University of Toronto. Their wedding is scheduled for May 24, 1998, in Toronto.

Daniel C. Rosenberg interned at the White House and then worked for President Clinton's pollsters, Penn & Schuen Associates, where he did corporate market research and traveled to Asia many times to meet clients. Daniel is now at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, where he joins **Rachel Teisch**, **Sabrina Su**, **Michael Goldstein**, and **Geoffrey Kirkman**. Daniel can be reached at (212) 249-3349; rosenbe@ksg.harvard.edu.

Daisy Whitney was recently engaged to Jeff Brooks of Denver. Jeff is a producer with Fox News, and Daisy writes for a variety of Denver publications, including the *Denver Post* and the *Denver Business Journal*. They plan a fall wedding in Key West, Fla. Daisy would love to hear from alumni in the Denver area at pepr@worldnet.att.net.

1995

Clio Chafee and **Michael Reznick** '94 have lived in the Westwood area of Los Angeles for more than a year. Mike is a consultant at KPMG Peat Marwick. Clio is studying graphic design at Otis College of Art and had a video piece accepted to a group show at the Los Angeles Center for Photographic Studies. They see a lot of **Brent Curtis** '91, **Chris Crossman** '91, **Joanna White** '93, **Brian Madden** '93, **Derek Matsura**, **Chandler Evans**, **Susanah Dunn**, and **Suzi Lieberman**. Over Christmas in Providence, Clio was thrilled to see **Michelle Geller** '92, **Christian Abuelo** '91, and **Caitlin Riley** '92.

Aysha Somasundaram planned to visit Clio and Michael in transit from Minneapolis to India in May. Clio and Michael can be reached at 10950 Massachusetts Ave., Los Angeles 90024; (310) 477-9506; nreznick@kpmg.com.

Laurel Galgano can be reached at thales@cris.com.

Joseph K. Grant has finished his second year of law school at Duke. This summer he will work at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, and Calfee, Halter & Griswold in Cleveland. Joseph can be reached at his permanent address, 10902 Wade Park Ave., Cleveland 44106; (216) 721-3606; or during the school year at 201 Alexander Ave., Apt. E, Durham, N.C. 27705; (919) 613-1985; jg2826@student.law.duke.edu.

Noemi Kubiak interned for the U.N. in Kenya and then worked out of New York

City as a tour manager for educational trips on ships in the Mediterranean. Last summer she settled in Poland, working at Ogilvy & Mather. Noemi would love to hear from friends at Zgoda 9 m 25, 00-018 Warsaw; 48-22-8271761; noemik@omp.com.pl.

Karl Lozanne is teaching biology and physiology at a Providence public high school and has finished interviewing for medical schools. He recently spent a weekend with **Shani King**, who is at Harvard Law, **Eugene Smith**, who is at Boston College Law, and **Stephen Smith** '96.

Ruth Neighbors's company moved her to Beijing, China, where she worked as a television production manager in a media co-production company until October. Primarily the producer of a prime-time weekly international sports program, she made logistical arrangements and accompanied crews shooting sports events in Italy, Malaysia, England, and South Korea. "My WBRU news experience came in handy," she writes. "In Italy, I knocked down another cameraman to get the prize interview." Ruth recently moved to Taipei, where she is studying Chinese and looking for a job in public relations or journalism. She can be reached c/o AIT-Taipei (CIS), Dept. of State, Washington, D.C. 20521; ruth@mail.ait.org.tw.

Jill A. Portugal writes: "I've quit radio for good. I now work at a CBS affiliate in Portland, Oreg., writing TV news, and I started my own T-shirt company, One Angry Girl Designs. Ms. magazine was allegedly going to feature me in the March/April issue." Jill can be reached at 2225 NW Hoyt St., Portland 97210; (503) 243-7988.

David Schoplar writes: "I will be living in my bamboo hut until June 1998, though I am craving a Silver Truck fried-egg super. Alas, here in the Philippines, rice and fish three times a day must suffice. Despite the lack of gourmet food (or electricity), I love my life as a Peace Corps volunteer. Mail is a big event, so let me hear from classmates." David can be reached at San Andres, 4810 Catanduanes, Philippines.

1996

Stephane Erard can be reached at 224 E. 74th St., Apt. 10, New York City 10021.

Shabnam Noghrey can be reached at 10 E. Ontario, #2805, Chicago 60611; s-noghrey@nwu.edu.

Meg Quinlisk is in the National Civilian Community Corps (AmeriCorps), stationed in Charleston, S.C. So far she's cleared land for the Palmetto Trail, decorated Charleston for Christmas, and gone to Arkansas on assignment. She can be reached at P.O. Box 287; Wheeling, W.Va. 26003.

Kirsten Linford and **Joshua Steinfeld** were married last July 13 by Payette Lake in McCall, Idaho. It was a beautiful day, and several alumni joined them for the ceremony. Josh is coordinating clinical drug trials for

pharmaceutical companies and loves white-water kayaking. Kirsten is working for a local church preaching, coordinating youth programming, attending meetings, and contemplating seminary. She was to travel to Nicaragua in April on a mission to build a "humble dwelling" at a farm outside Managua. Kirsten and Joshua would love to hear from friends at 3364 N. Lakeharbor Ln., P107, Boise, Idaho 83703.

Jean Wong and **J.P. Fonseca** live in Austin, Tex., with their dog, Pete Wong, and their cat, Mao. Jean is attending law school at the University of Texas, and J.P. is an account executive for a small advertising agency. They have been joined in Austin by **Josh Spector**, who intends to lead the bohemian life of a rock star. Jean and J.P. can be reached at 1114 Camino LaCosta, #2088, Austin 78752; nourzads@io.com.

Jennifer Wu is working at the Dallas Visual Art Center and is interested in contacting alums in the area. She can be reached at 505 Durango Circle N., Irving, Tex. 75062; (214) 821-2522.

GS

Spencer Lehmann '41 Ph.D. would like to know the whereabouts of his classmates. "By this time all chemists probably have an e-mail address," he writes, "even the old ones." Lehmann can be reached at slehmann@alumni.stanford.org.

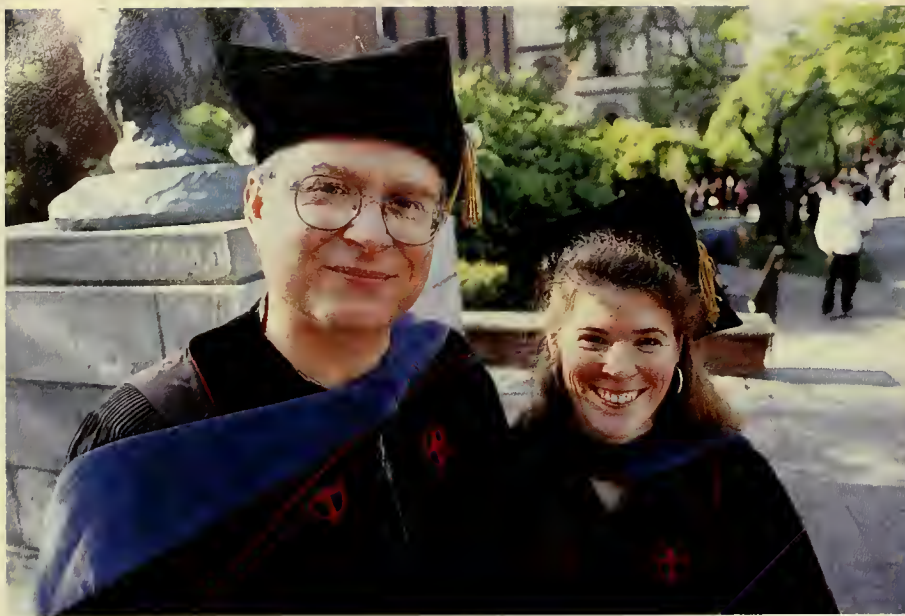
Rabbi Nathan Taragin '42 A.M., Bronx, N.Y., was honored with a Centennial Award plaque by the Rabbi Isaac Elehanan Theological Seminary at its centennial anniversary celebration on March 31. The award was given in recognition of his role as a distinguished ordained rabbi and for enriching Jewish life throughout the world.

Robert A. Tucker '51 A.M., Glen Gardner, N.J., was elected a trustee of The Seeing Eye, the nation's pioneer guide-dog school. Tucker retired as chief financial officer of Beneficial Corp. in 1985. He is president of the Beneficial Foundation; a trustee of the New Jersey Sires Stakes, Morristown Memorial Hospital, and Hunterdon Health System; and a former member of the state board of agriculture.

Sara Hoskinson Frommer '61 A.M. has published *Murder & Sullivan* (St. Martin's Press). Frommer's third Joan Spencer mystery, the book tells the story of a tornado that sweeps through the small town of Oliver, Indiana, and its unanticipated aftereffects.

Phil Zarlengo '65 A.M. was named executive director of the Northeast and Islands Regional Education Laboratory at Brown (IAB), one of ten research and development laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Acting executive director since 1996, Zarlengo has been LAB's director of programs and service since 1995. Previously he was a schoolteacher and administrator.

Ruth Sherry '68 Ph.D. has been at the



New Ph.D.s Josef Glowa (German) and Susan Harley-Glowa (music) were overjoyed when they were both admitted to the Graduate School. Since then they have produced two dissertations – and two children.

University of Trondheim (NTNU), Norway, since 1969 and is now a professor of English literature. "This semester I have a grant at the university's Centre for Women's Studies," she writes. "I've moved into Irish studies since leaving Brown, and I now spend part of every year in Ireland." Sherry can be reached at Gamle Kongevei 68, N-7043 Trondheim, Norway; ruth.sherry@hf.ntnu.no.

Laurence A. Goldstein '70 Ph.D. has published his twelfth book, *The Movies: Texts, Receptions, Exposures* (University of Michigan Press). He is celebrating his twentieth year as editor of the scholarly and literary journal, *Michigan Quarterly Review*. Goldstein can be reached at the University of Michigan, Department of English, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48109.

Edward McCrorie '70 Ph.D. has published a new translation of *The Aeneid* (University of Michigan Press). He is a professor of English at Providence College.

Martha Birnbaum '72 Ph.D., a former research scientist in speech recognition at Bell Labs, N.J., now works in technology development at Fidelity Investments in Boston. She lives in Cambridge and is singing in area musical theater. Birnbaum can be reached at 7 Hancock Pl., Cambridge 02139.

Debendra Kumar Das '74 Sc.M., Fairbanks, Alaska, received the Professor of the Year award from the student section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, for the 1995-96 academic year.

Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence '79 Ph.D. has published *Hunting the Wren: Transformation of Bird to Symbol* (University of Tennessee Press). Lawrence is a professor of environmental studies at Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine, where she teaches and does research on human-animal relationships. She is a veterinarian as well as an anthropologist and has published three earlier books. She can be reached at P.O. Box 35, Adamsville, R.I. 02801.

Peter Balakian '80 Ph.D. has published

Black Dog of Fate (Basic Books), a memoir about growing up in a family haunted by a frightening past. The book is set in the affluent New Jersey suburbs where Peter, the firstborn son, must confront his forebears' trauma – the Ottoman Turkish government's extermination of more than a million Armenians in 1915. Balakian is a professor of English at Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y.

Jenni Rodda '81 A.M. has been elected president of the Visual Resources Association, a professional organization representing image archivists, slide and photograph curators, publishers, and computer imaging specialists. Her first book, a technical manual titled *Guide to Copy Photography for Visual Resources Professionals*, coauthored with Christa Blackwood and illustrated by Stan Shockey, was published in 1996 by the Visual Resources Association. Jenni can be reached at roddaj@is2.nyu.edu.

Susan Danly '83 Ph.D., Montague, Mass., has published *Language as Object: Emily Dickinson and Contemporary Art* (University of Massachusetts Press). Danly explores the impact of Dickinson's persona and poetry on art in America. She is curator of American art at Amherst College.

Carolyn Beard Whitlow '84 A.M. was one of ten North Carolina poets invited to appear on *Poetry Live*, a program designed to introduce contemporary poetry to a wider community, produced by the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television. Whitlow is associate professor of English and coordinator of the African-American studies concentration at Guilford College. She is a poet and scholar of African-American literature and the Harlem Renaissance.

Ann Harleman '88 A.M. had her story, "The Angel of Entropy," included in the Spring issue of *Shenandoah*, the Washington and Lee University review. Harleman is a visiting scholar at Brown. Her collection of stories, *Happiness*, won the 1993 Iowa Prize, and

her novel, *Bitter Lake*, was published by Southern Methodist University.

Lydia Kruse Tietz '89 A.M. and **Ward Tietz** '89 A.M. announce the birth of Carolyn Jane and Grace Elizabeth on Jan. 23. Lydia and Ward live in Nyon, Switzerland, where Lydia works at the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO as a budget officer. Ward teaches at a local university and is working on a dissertation in comparative literature at the University of Geneva. They'd love to hear from old friends at 100723.3166@compuserve.com.

Larissa Taylor '90 Ph.D., assistant professor of history at Colby College, has been appointed book review editor of the *Sixteenth Century Journal*. In April she gave a talk at Harvard on "Images of Mary Magdalene in the Preaching and Art of the Late Middle Ages." Taylor received a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to study images of Mary Magdalene from the late Middle Ages in France, Germany, and Italy. Taylor can be reached at Department of History, Colby College, Waterville, Maine 04901; (207) 872-3267; ltaylor@colby.edu.

Jacki Lentini '92 A.M. is studying law at Chicago-Kent. She welcomes news from friends in the area at jlentini@kentlaw.edu; (312) 902-3506.

David S. Collins '93 Ph.D. and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of Alec Joshua on Jan. 30. They can be reached at 19 Harte Circle, Williston, Vt. 05495; adcollin@together.net.

James Wronsoki '94 M.F.A., Ardmore, Pa., has published *Knaves in Boyland* (Merwood Books), his first novel. The book is a satire of college life in the 1980s. His next project, a collection of short stories, is scheduled to be published this fall.

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Ann E. Van Dyke '79 (see '76).

Paul Marantz '81 (see **Paul Quick** '83).

Jim Revkin '81 (see **Andy Revkin** '78 and **Diana Revkin** '83).

Cathleen Sloan Hood '82 (see '79).

Jeffrey Bloom '84 and **Christina Shaw** (California Polytechnic '94) were married last July 7. They met in Jeff's Lindy Hop swing class, which they still teach weekly in San Luis Obispo, Calif. They've bought a home and can be reached at jmb4u2c@aol.com.

Cynthia Kang-Rotondo '85 (see **Audrey Kang** '88).

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Boom or Bust

A special report from
the Brown/*Providence Journal*
Public Affairs Conference



During each of the last seventeen winters, Brown and the *Providence Journal* have jointly hosted a campus conference aimed at launching a national conversation about a pressing issue in American life. By assembling leading thinkers from around the country – and in some cases, from around the world – past conferences have tackled crime, aging, and urban decline, while bringing to Providence such luminaries Betty

Freidan, Bill Bradley, Kenneth Starr, and Doris Kearns Goodwin.

This year the Brown/*Providence Journal* Public Affairs Conference took aim at the seeming paradoxes in today's economy: Jobs are increasing, but so is worker anxiety. The stock market is a galloping bull, but living standards for most people are running in place. The job market is changing so rapidly – no Help WANTEDs ten years ago contained listings for “Webmaster” or “Virtual Banker” – that a crystal ball can seem a useful backup to a college degree.

So what is the story with this economy? Are these the best of times – low inflation, high employment, and record corporate profits – or the worst of times – plagued by income inequality, downsize-driven layoffs, long hours at work for stagnant wages? Here's what the experts had to say.

The New Economy: What Is It and Where Is It Taking Us?

Conflicting views on our economy were evident right from the conference start. In his keynote address, economics writer Robert Kuttner sounded a warning against an economy organized around “You, Inc:” each man and woman driven by self-interest in an increasingly entrepreneurial world. Kuttner, the author of the recent book *Everything for Sale*, the Virtues and Limits of Markets, argued that an overemphasis on the economic survival of the fittest ultimately compromises the greater social good; do parents, for example, want their children’s teacher to be a one-person business focused primarily on profits and career advancement? “In a market economy,” Kuttner asserts, “every transaction is a spot transaction, every price is negotiable.”



Half Empty...

“In this economy, you are either king of the road, or you are road-kill.” – *Robert Kuttner, economic commentator*



Or Half Full?

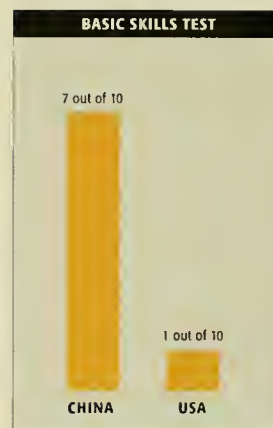
“Just as there was a huge productivity surge in the 1920s, maybe we are on the cusp of one right now.” – *Claudia Goldin, Harvard economics professor*

Harvard economist Claudia Goldin, on the other hand, gave the same advice about the economy that New England visitors are offered about the weather: if you don’t like it, wait a minute. Using wage and productivity data from the last 100 years, she argued that “workers can draw confidence from economic and technological victories of the past.” There is typically a lag between the discovery of a new technology and the application of its full potential, she explained, and such rapid advancements inevitably bring some growing pains. Goldin concluded that, while the economic anxiety many people feel – “late 20th-century angst,” she called it – is understandable, history tells us that, in this case at least, we can expect a happy ending.

How to Survive the New Economy

Dr. Goldin may be right – greater prosperity may be just around the next bend – but a poll conducted for the conference indicates that most Americans don’t feel particularly prosperous and are pessimistic about what’s in store.

So how does a working family weather the bumps in the road? The answer, said representatives from industry, government, and policy institutes, is education. A panel discussion on “Finding Tomorrow’s Workers” led by Cathy Minehan, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, brought together experts with differing biases but the same disturbing conclusion: A mismatch has developed between the needs of industry and qual-



Number of Motorola applicants – China vs. U.S. – who pass a basic skills test.

ifications of workers. Education, the experts said, must better prepare students for tomorrow’s world of work.

Even that may not be enough. Jim Burge, a retired Motorola executive, stressed flexibility and creativity. Companies, he said must help workers with “lifelong learning” by making continuous investments in training and retraining to help workers adapt to changing products and processes. Marc Tucker ’57, president of the National Center for Education and the Economy, said a student’s best hope for a high-wage job is a college degree. Schools, he said, must orient their teaching to ensure that most kids will reach that goal. Says Tucker: “Faced with the alternative of continuing to run a system on the expectation that most kids will fail... it makes a lot more sense to assume that most kids can succeed.”

The Speakers

ROB ATKINSON, executive director, R.I. Economic Policy Council

BARRY BLUESTONE, UMass-Boston (moderator)

JAMES BURGE, former corporate vice president, Motorola

GARY BURTLESS, senior fellow, Brookings Institution

SUSAN DENTZER, chief economics correspondent, *U.S. News and World Report* (moderator)

WILLIAM DUNKELBERG, professor, Temple University

MICHAEL DYSON, professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

AARON FEUERSTEIN, president and CEO, Malden Mills Industries

CLAUDIA GOLDIN, professor, Harvard University

CAROL GRANT, vice president of human resources, Textron Inc.

MARK GREEN, public advocate, City of New York

HENRY KELLY, associate director for technology, Office of Science & Technology Policy

ROBERT KUTTNER, co-editor, *The American Prospect*

SUSAN LEE, senior editor, *Forbes*

ROBERT LERMAN, director of Human Resources Policy Center, Urban Institute

MICHAEL LEVY ’69, professor, Georgetown School of Business

GLENN LOURY, professor, Boston University

ROGER MANDLE, president, Rhode Island School of Design

ELEANOR MCMAHON ’54, visiting professor, Brown University (moderator)

Companies and Workers: Who's to Blame?

As companies lament that U.S. workers are increasingly outpaced by computers and outclassed by cheaper workers overseas, the question arises: What can corporations expect from their employees, and what do they owe them in return?

Paul Solman, economics correspondent for the *News Hour with Jim Lehrer*, put that question to an eight-person roundtable of government officials, a labor leader, a lobbyist for small-businesses, a CEO, and an economics writer. Not surprisingly, Solman got eight different answers.

Salmon asked about the fate of "22nd Century Enterprise," a mythical Massachusetts-based high-tech firm considering a move to Texas for cheaper labor and lower operating costs. Susan Lee, a senior writer

Susan Lee, *Forbes*, and Aaron Feuerstein held opposing definitions of corporate citizenship.



at *Forbes* who was cast as 22nd Century's CEO, said she was beholden to her stockholders first and foremost; as far as she was concerned, Massachusetts workers and Texas workers were interchangeable. An economist from the Reagan Administration, cast as the company's CFO, applauded her thinking and urged the move; John Sweeney, head of the AFL-CIO (cast as himself) called it an example of all that is wrong with corporate America: the line workers who built 22nd Century from the ground up being tossed aside to line the pockets of the executives at the top.

Michael Levy '69, former Deputy Secretary of Treasury and a professor of business ethics at Georgetown Law School, was cast as a member of 22nd Century's Board of Directors. His view: "I want to explore why we can't do as well in Massachusetts as we could in Texas, and until I'm satisfied, I'm reluctant to lay off the workers and move the plant." Still, he pointed out, if Texas makes the most business sense, he has a fiduciary responsibility to support the move. "Staying in Massachusetts can't be social work," he said.

Social work is what some might call the business decisions of Aaron Feuerstein, CEO of Malden Mills, who argued that taking care of your employees is good business, pure and simple. Feuerstein gained national attention after Malden Mills, his Massachusetts textile plant, was

destroyed by fire, and he chose to keep all his employees on the payroll while the plant was rebuilt. "The employees will pay you back tenfold," he said, describing the huge productivity leap at Malden Mills that he attributes to increased employee morale.

Other conference sessions focused on the role of government in economic policy, the growing divide between America's rich and poor, and the challenges and opportunities facing the Rhode Island economy. So which is it: are happy days here again, or does instability reign? Is it time to polish up the old resume, or can most of us feel reasonably secure in our jobs? As Claudia Goldin said, "No economist can predict the future," but the dim outlines of the tomorrow's economy are becoming visible. As speakers at the eight-day conference made clear, there are certain things – better, more relevant education in the schools, ongoing training at the workplace, greater flexibility from both company and worker – that individuals and society can do to make sure that, as the economy of the 21st century arrives, as many of us as possible will be ready to greet it.



Carol Grant, *Textron*, and George Nee, *AFL-CIO*, discuss "The Jobs Equation."

CATHY MINEHAN, president
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
(moderator)

JOSEPH MINARIK, associate
director for economic policy, Office
of Management and Budget

JAMES MEDOFF '69, professor,
Harvard University

STEPHEN MOORE, director of
fiscal policy studies, Cato Institute

GEORGE NEE, secretary-treasurer,
R.I. AFL-CIO

WILLIAM NISKANEN, chairman,
Cato Institute

WILLIAM REILLY, former Adminis-
trator, Environmental Protection
Agency

ROBERT REISCHAUER, senior
fellow, Brookings Institution

GARY SASSE, executive director,
R.I. Public Expenditure Council
(moderator)

TERRY SCANLON, president,
Capital Research Center

MERRILL SHERMAN, president
and CEO, Bank Rhode Island

PAUL SOLMAN, business and
economics correspondent, *News
Hour with Jim Lehrer* (moderator)

KEITH STOKES, executive director,
Newport County Chamber of
Commerce

JOHN SWEENEY, president
AFL-CIO

MARC TUCKER '61, president,
National Center on Education and
the Economy

MARCEL VALOIS, executive
director, R.I. Economic Develop-
ment Corporation

Poll finds mixed message on jobs, economy, politics of tomorrow

To measure how most Americans feel about their jobs, their economic well-being, and their confidence in future prosperity, the *Providence Journal* and Brown commissioned a nationwide poll on views about the economy, the work-force, and the roles of government and industry in helping working Americans get ahead.

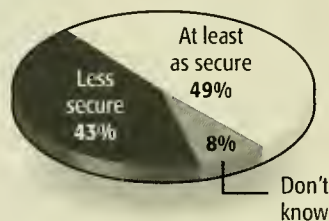
The poll captured the anxiety many are feeling about their future and their children's future, driven in part by the sense that companies value workers less than they once did. "There's a lot of concern that companies have rewritten the social contract with workers," said Darrell M. West, a Brown political scientist who supervised the poll, "that chief executives are getting richer and laying off workers at the same time."

Other findings:

- One out of five people surveyed work out of their home, either in a home-based business or as a so-called "tele-commuter."
- 39% of those surveyed receive no benefits from the workplace.
- 28% say they expect to be in a different type of career or job five years from now.
- 62% said they'd be willing to pay higher taxes to increase the quality of public education.

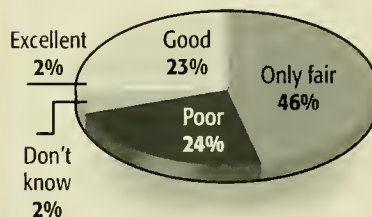
Today's Work Force

Q: How financially secure do you think your retirement will be compared to that of your parents?



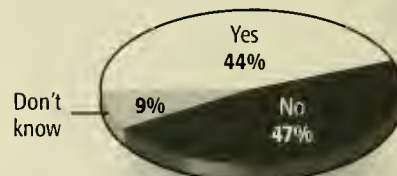
Preparing for Change

Q: How would you rate how high schools in the United States are training students for the future?



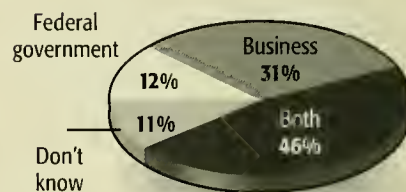
Economic Progress

Q: All indicators point to a strong U.S. economy. Have you benefited from that economy?



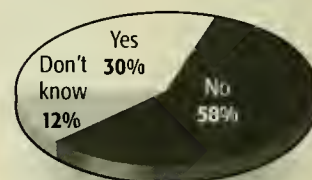
Funding entitlements

Q: Is it the federal government's or business's responsibility to provide medical insurance, retirement funds and job training?



Company Loyalty

Q: In general are employees sharing in the success and profits that their companies are making today?



Poll finds mixed message on jobs, economy,

TODAY'S WORK FORCE

Q: Are you
Employed full-time by a company 40%
Self-employed 9%
Part-time employee 6%
Temporarily out of work 8%
Not in the market for work at all 5%
Don't know or no answer

Q: If you are currently out of work, how long have you been unemployed?
One month 21%
Two months 2%
Three months 11%
Four months 4%
Five months 15%
Six months 5%
Seven months 12%
Nine months or more 2%
No answer

Q: (If working) Do you:
Work in an office or company facility 74%
Work from home via computers 4%
Work out of your home in a home-based business 15%
Don't know or no answer 7%

Q: How long have you worked for your present company?
Less than one year 14%
2 to 5 years 29%
6 to 10 years 24%
11 to 15 years 12%
16 to 20 years 12%
21 or more years 3%

Q: In the past year, have you or someone in your household been laid off or unable to find work?
Yes 23%
No 76%
Don't know or no answer 1%

Q: In the past year, have you or someone in your household had to take on an extra job to make ends meet?
Yes 27%
No 71%
Don't know or no answer 2%

Q: In the past year, has your pay:
Stayed the same 28%
Been reduced 13%
Gone up 48%
Don't know or no answer 11%

Q: Do you receive benefits?
Yes 54%
No 39%
Don't know or no answer 7%

Q: (If so) In the past year, have your benefits:
Stayed the same 63%
Been reduced 6%
Gone up 27%
Don't know or no answer 4%

Preparing for Change

Q: (If not in the market for a new job) How would you rate how high schools in the United States are training students for the future?
Excellent 2%
Good 23%
Only fair 46%
Poor 24%
Don't know 2%

Q: Do you think that young people entering the job market today with the same education you have will face more career obstacles and competition than you did, fewer obstacles and competition or about the same level of obstacles and competition?
More 9%
Same 3%
Fewer 9%
Don't know or no answer 3%

Q: How adequate was your formal education in preparing you for your job?
Very adequate 27%
Somewhat adequate 71%
Not very adequate 2%
Don't know or no answer

Q: How would you rate how colleges and universities in the United States are training students for the future?
Excellent 8%
Good 40%
Only fair 34%
Poor 5%
Don't know or no answer 13%

Q: Do you think U.S. companies should stay in the United States even if that means higher prices for their products?
Yes 69%
No 24%
Don't know 7%

Company Loyalty

Q: In general are employees sharing in the success and profits that their companies are making today?
Yes 30%
No 58%
Don't know 12%

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Robin W. Asher '85 (see '82).
Howard S. Hirsch '86 (see '82).
Ellen Hilsinger '87 and **Brendan Magauran** '87 (see '83).
Laura Gallup-Hotchkiss '87 and her husband, Bruce, announce the birth of their third child, Ryan Andrew, on Jan. 28. Laura will be leaving the U.S. Air Force in October to join a private radiology practice in Columbus, Ga. She can be reached at 9330 Jorwoods Dr., San Antonio, Tex. 78250.
Marjorie Buff Murphy '88 and **John Murphy** '90 (see '85).
Audrey Kang '92 (see '88).
Melisa Lai '99 (see '95).
Andrew Kalinsky '99 (see **Melisa Lai** '95).
Jenny Souther '99 (see **Melisa Lai** '95).

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Holt Simons '20, Pawtucket, R.I.; March 16. Active in the Episcopal church, she was a director of Pittsfield (Mass.) General Hospital. Mrs. Simons served eight terms as alumnae class president. Phi Beta Kappa. She is survived by three daughters, including Barbara Compton, 64 Bradcliff Rd., Wellesley, Mass. 02181.

John E. Pierce '22, Fla.; May 7, 1990.

Noyes C. Stickney '23, Findlay, Ohio; Jan. 19. He was a retired school superintendent. He is survived by his wife, Rosamond, 2101 Greendale Ave., Findlay 45840.

Arthur E. Kilpatrick '25, Ansonia, Conn.; Jan. 28.

William J. Turtle '26, Bedford, Mass.; Jan. 21. He graduated from Harvard medical school in 1933 and was a pediatrician in the Boston area for thirty-three years. After retiring, he taught at Harvard and MIT and hosted a PBS television series to prepare expectant parents for their babies' first year. He and his wife, Lydia, wrote a book, *Dr. Turtle's Babies*. At Brown he was captain of the baseball team. He is survived by Lydia, 100 Old Billerica Rd., Bedford 01730; and three children, including **John** '60.

Charles Youngstein '29, Carlsbad, Calif.; Jan. 11. He is survived by his wife, Rae, 2306 Altisma Way, #215, Carlsbad 92009.

Percy M. Phelps '30, Schenectady, N.Y.; May 29, 1996.

Anna Mary Bucci Conti '31, Providence; March 22. She was a Latin and Greek teacher

in Providence and Akron, Ohio, schools, retiring in 1972. She is survived by two sons and a daughter; and two sisters, including **Madeline Bucci Zahorjan** '46, 14 Timber Lake Dr., Orchard Park, N.Y. 14127.

William P. Feiten '31, Los Altos, Calif.; Feb. 25. He was retired from United Airlines after forty-one years. Early in his career, he and two other men ran the Cleveland airport. He is survived by his wife, Anne, 380 San Domingo Way, Los Altos 94022; and two children, including **Paul** '57.

Hester Hastings '31, Lynchburg, Va.; March 20. She was a retired professor of Romance languages at Randolph-Macon Women's College. She is survived by a cousin, **Henry C. Hastings** '44, 23 Clinton Ave., P.O. Box 702, Bergen, N.Y. 14416.

George F. Lawton '32, Middletown, R.I.; Feb. 19. He worked at New England Telephone for thirty-two years, retiring in 1967. Mr. Lawton played football, basketball, and varsity lacrosse at Brown. He is survived by his wife, Eileen, 436 Purgatory Rd., Middletown 02842; and two sons.

Margaret Bates Magruder '32, Paducah, Ky.; March 11. She was a physician specializing in pathology, practicing in Massachusetts and Kentucky until retiring in 1976. She taught at Tufts University School of Medicine from 1944 to 1971 and served on the staffs of New England Medical Center Hospital, Boston Floating Hospital, and Boston Dispensary. After moving to Paducah in 1971, she served on the staffs of Western Baptist Hospital and Lourdes Hospital. She was a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara H. Magruder, 95 Anderer Ln., #5, Boston 02132.

Edward F. Bodurtha '33, Plainview, Minn.; Dec. 19. A retired librarian, he was a U.S. Army infantry and Air Corps veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, Jean Krema Bodurtha, 140 6th St. NW, Plainview 55964.

Alice Grossman Sher '33, Copiague, N.Y.; Feb. 19, 1994. She was a retired social work consultant.

Philip T. Gidley '34, Fairhaven, Mass.; Dec. 26, 1995. A consulting chemist and chemical engineer, he was founder and owner of Gidley Laboratories Inc., which designed, invented, manufactured, and exported industrial machinery, chemicals, and laboratory instruments. He founded Gidley Research Institute, a graduate school of industrial chemistry and technology in Fairhaven. A lecturer in both English and Spanish, he was the author of *La Tecnología y la química de la industria*. Mr. Gidley was elected a Life Fellow of both the American Institute of Chemists and the American Association for the Advancement

of Science. In 1981 he received the Honor Award of the Soil Conservation Society of America (Southern New England chapter) for research on groundwater pollution control. He is survived by his wife, Ellen, 96 Raymond St., Fairhaven 02719; and two sons.

John M. Gross '34, Jamestown, R.I.; March 9. A yacht broker for many years before retiring, he was past commodore of the Bristol Yacht Club. He is survived by two daughters, including Caroline Gregory, 48 Wilsondale St., Dover, Mass. 02030; and two sons.

Daniel S. Anthony '35, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Feb. 19, of congestive heart failure. A great-nephew of Susan B. Anthony, he was a well-known handwriting analyst. A teacher and lecturer, he was the author of numerous articles and publications on handwriting. He and his late wife, Florence, taught the only fully accredited college graphology program, at the New School of Social Research. They were expert forensic witnesses for such cases as Watergate, the Sharon Tate murder investigation, and the Son of Sam trial. After Brown, Mr. Anthony spent six years as a U.S. Army classification specialist, then directed the Muncie, Ind., Middletown Project for educating the middle and upper classes about the trade union movement. In 1948 he became the New Jersey director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He coached highschool swimming and won many medals in master's swimming events. He is survived by his sister; two nieces and two nephews; and a friend, Ali Crosslin.

Grace M. Glynn '36, Providence; Feb. 20. She was a retired associate commissioner of the Rhode Island Department of Education. She is survived by a niece and a nephew.

Frederick Hellman '37, Providence; March 19. He was a writer for the McCann Erickson Co., an advertising firm in New York City, for many years. Phi Beta Kappa. He is survived by a sister.

Charles E. Colbert '38, Lake Forest, Ill.; Jan. 5. He was a retired fire-loss director at Allstate Insurance Co. Previously he was a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force and was awarded a Commendation Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Medal.

Frederick Tirrell Allen '38, Stamford, Conn.; March 7. He was chair of the board and CEO of Pitney Bowes, where he worked from 1938 until retiring in 1982. He was a trustee of the Stamford Hospital and the University of Bridgeport and a consultant for the National Executive Service Corps. He received honorary doctorate from the College of Saint Rose and the University of Bridgeport. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte-Ann, 338 Stanwich Rd., Greenwich, Conn. 06830; three sons; and a daughter.

Kennerh Wright '38, West Hartford, Conn.; April 1. He was an assistant comptroller for Travelers Insurance Co. from 1938 until his retirement in 1974. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Pacific theater in World War II. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, 53 Briarwood Rd., West Hartford, Conn. 06107; two sons, including **John** '72; and a daughter.

Arthur S. Gurney '39, East Brunswick, N.J.; April 4. After serving in the special engineering detachment of the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos, N.M., he remained at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory until 1951. He then worked as a chemical engineer in New Jersey, mainly in the field of air-pollution control. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, 28 Fairview Ave., East Brunswick 08816; a daughter, **Ellen** '75; and a son.

George L. Larkowich '39, Providence; March 28. He was a retired supervisor of the U.S. Navy's Air Rework Facility in Quonset Point, R.I. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941 and joined the Navy's V-7 program in 1942. A varsity football and basketball player, he was inducted into the Brown Athletic Hall of Fame in 1983. He is survived by his daughter, Ann M. Spence, 3 Ogden St., Providence 02906; and two sons.

Justin Robinson '39, Warwick, R.I.; Feb. 11, while skiing in New Hampshire. He was president of the former Tabulex Co. for thirty years, retiring in 1993. He was a captain in the U.S. Army Air Force in Alaska during World War II. In 1947 he joined the accounting firm of Robinson & Robinson before founding his own business, one of the first accounting companies in Rhode Island. He is survived by his wife, Evelynne, P.O. Box 720, Bethlehem, Pa. 03574; a daughter and a son; and three sisters, including **Elaine Robinson Kaufman** '43 and **Glenna Robinson Mazel** '49.

James S. Currier '40, Fairfield, Conn.; Feb. 17. A teacher until retiring in 1978, he began his career with Billard Academy, New London, Conn. In 1953 he joined the Fairfield Country Day School, where he became chair of the mathematics department. During World War II, he was a U.S. Coast Guard officer on the Greenland Patrol and in the Mediterranean. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, 142 Gay Bowers Rd., Fairfield 06430; four sons; and three daughters.

Harry Platt '40, Warwick, R.I.; April 6. He was a salesman for C.J. Fox Co. for thirty-six years before retiring in 1995. During World War II he was a physical education instructor for the U. S. Army Air Force. After the war he ran a sporting-goods store in Cranston, R.I., and coached the Bryant College basketball team. He was an instructor for the Brown Community for Learning in Retirement. A member of the Brown basketball team, he played pro basketball in Philadelphia, Rochester, N.Y., and Pittsfield, Mass., after graduation.

His single-game Brown scoring record still stands, and he was inducted into the Brown Athletic Hall of Fame in 1979. He is survived by his son, Peter, 12028 Ballantine, Overland Park, Kans. 66213.

John Occhiello '41, San Diego; March 7, of cancer. He was an insurance salesman for National Life & Accident Insurance Co. During World War II he was a U.S. Navy pilot and a flight instructor in Texas. He was also stationed in Hawaii and Japan. He was recalled to active duty in the Korean War as a lieutenant commander. A member of the varsity football team, he turned down a tryout with the Los Angeles Rams in 1947. He is survived by his wife, Stella, 5215 East Falls View Dr., San Diego 92115; a son; and a daughter.

John E. Kenton '41, Santa Maria, Calif.; Jan. 16, of cancer. He was a veteran newsman whose career took him around the world until he retired in 1988. He worked at the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, McGraw Hill Publications, and the Electric Power Research Institute. His coverage of the military and civilian nuclear industry earned him three Jesse Neal Journalism Awards and a post covering the U.N. Conference on Atomic Energy in Geneva. He co-wrote *A Guide to Nuclear Power Technology*, which won the 1984 Association of American Publishers award for best technical book. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army's O.S.S. in Washington, Italy, and China. After the war, he studied at the Sorbonne on a Fulbright Scholarship. He won the Toastmaster of the Year award from Toastmasters International in 1982. He is survived by his wife, Jean, 420 Calle Bonita, Santa Maria 93455; four children; and a brother, **Peter** '49.

Arthur L. McLaughlin '41, Warwick, R.I.; March 1, 1996. He was a retired security manager of New England Telephone Co. He is survived by his brother, Richard McLaughlin, 77 Bryant Rd., Cranston, R.I. 02910.

Leonard M. Sweet '42, Warwick, R.I.; March 30. He was a retired underwriting officer of Amica Mutual. A lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve, he served in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters during World War II and was awarded three battle stars and a Japanese Occupation Medal. He is survived by his wife, Marcia, 51 Saint George Ct., Warwick 02888; and two sons.

Donald K. O'Hanian '44, Warwick, R.I.; March 12. He practiced internal medicine in Warwick from 1953 to 1988 and was on the staffs of Kent County Memorial Hospital, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, and Rhode Island Hospital. He was a past president of the Kent County Medical Society. Dr. O'Hanian served in the U.S. Navy from 1945 to 1953. He is survived by his wife, Willene, 41 Homestead Ave., Warwick 02889; three sons; and a daughter.

Eugene M. Scofield '44, San Rafael, Calif.; Nov. 5. He was a retired account executive for Lloyd Thomas Coats and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite, 41 Salvador Way, San Rafael 94903; and two sons.

Hugh B. Allison '46, Cumberland, R.I.; March 5. He was associate director of the Brown Annual Fund and its planned giving division from 1979 to 1994. He was president and chairman of the board of Chemical Products Corp., where he worked for twenty-seven years before retiring in 1975. From 1976 to 1979, he was dean of public affairs at Dean Junior College in Franklin, Mass. He volunteered for the Rhode Island Arts Council, the R.I. Philharmonic, Trinity Repertory Co., the Narragansett Council Boy Scouts of America, and the United Way. A life member of the Providence Art Club, he was also an honorary life member of the University Glee Club of Providence. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Allison served as a class agent, class treasurer, and a member of the Associated Alumni board of directors. Phi Beta Kappa. He is survived by his wife, Lee, 735 Nate Whipple Highway, Cumberland 02864; two daughters; and two sons.

Herbert R. Beck '47, Dec. 1, 1995. He is survived by his son, **Richard** '84, 48 Providence Boulevard, Kendall Park, N.J. 08824.

W. Ranger Farrell '47, Mystic, Conn.; Feb. 16. An acoustical architect, he founded Ranger Farrell & Associates. He was known for inventing an acoustical fabric. Mr. Farrell taught courses at Yale, Cooper Union, Rhode Island School of Design, and Parsons School of Design. He joined the U.S. Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps in 1943 and was assigned to Brown. He is survived by two daughters.

Howell K. Cargile '48, Fort Myers, Fla.; Jan. 23. He was Eastern regional manager of American Locomotive Co. before retiring. He served as a motor machinist mate in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946. A lifelong baseball enthusiast, he was inducted into the Brown Athletic Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Priscilla, 282 Las Palmas Blvd., North Fort Myers 33903; two daughters; and a son, **J. Scott** '81.

A. Carl Westbom '49, Falmouth, Mass.; Feb. 14, from a brain hemorrhage. He was a retired manager and co-owner of Westbom Custom Printing. He is survived by his wife, E. Virginia, 65 Peterson Rd., Falmouth, 02540; and four sons.

Richard W. Meckly '50, Muncy, Pa.; Dec. 25. He was a retired engineer. He is survived by his wife, Jennie, 133 East Water St., Muncy 17756; and a brother, **Eugene** '49.

Antonio S. Tente '50, Lancaster, Pa.; Aug. 10. He was retired from the U.S. Department of Defense. He is survived by his wife, Louise, 462 Haverhill Rd., Lancaster 17601.

Joseph E. Fazzano '51, Bloomfield, Conn.; March 16, of lung cancer complications. He was a partner in the law firm of Fazzano, Tomaszewicz & Dewey, which he started in the early 1960s. Immediately following the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Army as an attorney and retired as captain. He is survived by his wife, Martha, and a daughter.

Robert B. Toolin '51 A.M., Centerville, Mass.; Sept. 12. He was a research physicist in atmospheric optics at the U.S. Air Force Geophysics Laboratory in Bedford for thirty-two years, retiring in 1979. After retirement he was a physics teacher at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass., until 1990. He is survived by his wife, Mary, 298 Nye Rd., Centerville 02632; three daughters; and a son.

William J. Meagher '52, Seattle; Aug. 22, of stroke-related health problems. He is survived by his daughter, Buffi Meagher-Bloom, P.O. Box 125, Chehalis, Wash. 98532.

Post Fordon '53, Grosse Pointe, Mich.; Feb. 7. He was a retired stockbroker with First of Michigan Corp. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn, 647 Hidden Ln., Grosse Pointe 48236; three daughters; and a brother, **Fred** '55.

Ralph K. Rosenbaum Jr. '53, Mequon, Wis.; April 1, of a heart attack. He was an attorney and a member of Hever Byrne & Rosenbaum. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, 10261 N. Westport Circle, Mequon 53092; three daughters; and a son.

Clifford J. Ryding '53, Norwood, Mass.; March 12. He was a sales representative of Clifford J. Ryding Associates. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Mary, 11 Leyton Rd., Norwood 02062; four daughters; and two sons.

Walter M. Cook '54, West Roxbury, Mass.; Jan. 30. He is survived by a daughter, Melanie.

Augusta Pollack Finkelstein '57 A.M., New York City; March 2. She was a public education advocate and a major supporter of the University of Rhode Island, which awarded her an honorary doctorate in 1995. She operated Jack & Jill Nursery School, Woonsocket, R.I., and was a substitute teacher in the Woonsocket public schools. In the 1950s and 1960s, she lobbied the state school system for high-quality textbooks, open meetings of public boards, and increased state aid. A member of the New York and Rhode Island chapters of the American Civil Liberties Union, she was a charter member of Americans United, an organization dedicated to preserving the separation of church and state. She is survived by a son and daughter.

J. Peter Bird '58, Estero, Fla.; May 14, 1996. He was director of analysis at National Communications System. He is survived by his wife, Jean, 22355 Fountain Lakes Blvd., Estero 33928.

Peggy Brooks Evans '59, Concord, Mass.; March 2. She was chair of middle school guidance for the Concord public schools in the 1980s. She is survived by a son and a daughter.

Donald R. Brown '60, Hartford, Conn.; Feb. 17. He was an accomplished pilot and a former member of Search and Rescue, Civil Air Patrol. A certified general appraiser, he was a commercial properties fee appraiser for Philip A. Goodsell Inc. since 1984. Mr. Brown was a member of the Society of Real Estate Appraisers and was qualified as an expert witness before the Connecticut Superior Court. He was a coach of youth basketball. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, 29 Blueberry Hill, Wethersfield, Conn. 06109; two daughters; a son; and a brother, **David** '56.

Michael P. Barron '62, Richmond, Ky.; Feb. 15, of severe chronic lung disease. He was a physician/internist in Kentucky. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, 103 Forest Hill Dr., Richmond 40475.

Joseph P. King '63, Beverly Hills, Calif.; Nov. 6, of cancer. He was CFO of Krofft Entertainment and of Sid and Marty Krofft Pictures since 1990. In 1978 he joined Smith Barney Real Estate Corp. as senior VP and CFO. During the following twelve years, he served as a CFO for various institutions. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

Judith Brenner Delman '64, Cambridge, Mass.; Feb. 24. She is survived by her husband, Alan, 232 Brattle St., Cambridge 02138; two daughters; and two sons, including **Michael** '89.

Carl J. Young '67, Acton, Mass.; Feb. 28, of a heart attack. He was president of Open Data Corp. He is survived by his wife, **Mary** '66, 338 Nagog Hill Rd., Acton 01720; a daughter; a son, **Michael** '94; and a niece, **Susan W. Dana** '85.

Henry A. Christian III '68 Ph.D., Millburn, N.J.; April 4. A professor of English at Rutgers since 1962, he served three terms as chairman of the English department. In 1989 he became the first director of the Rutgers-Newark graduate liberal studies program. He published *Louis Adamic: A Checklist* (Kent State University Press), and in 1993 the Republic of Slovenia awarded him the Zavalala Certificate for his work on Adamic. A Fulbright Fellow in Denmark for the 1958-59 academic year, he received a Department of Health and Education Citation for his work there. He is survived by two daughters.

Rhoda Farrand Haynes '69 M.A.T., Providence; Jan. 8.

Laurie N. Davison '70, Minneapolis; Jan. 16, of pancreatic cancer. A litigation director for Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance, she argued cases on behalf of the poor, the aged, the sick, and the abused. In the 1980s she won changes in federal policy to protect aging and disabled veterans. She led successful legal actions on behalf of homeless people, American Indian children, and people who needed chemical dependency recognized as a disability. She is survived by her husband, **Scott Dyer** '69, 3841 York Ave. S., Minneapolis 55410; and two sons.

George S. Burr '73, Sudbury, Mass.; Feb. 6. He was a landscape architect with Sasaki Associates Inc. in Watertown, Mass. In 1992 he was project manager for the firm's work on Reston Town Center in Virginia, one of seven projects to receive a 1992 Urban Design Award from the American Institute of Architects. He is survived by his wife, Shari, 25 Singletary Ln., Sudbury 01776; and a son.

Dorothy A. Darrigan-Wilcox '82, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.; Feb. 23. She is survived by her husband, Richard Wilcox, P.O. Box 691, Rancho Santa Fe 92067.

Lt. Jack Bush '86, Laguna Beach, Calif.; Feb. 26. He was commissioned a U.S. Navy ensign in 1989 after attending Aviation Officer Candidate School at NAS Pensacola, Fla. After earning his wings in 1991, he served overseas aboard the U.S.S. *Kennedy* and U.S.S. *Eisenhower*. He joined the VMFAT-101 Sharpshooters in 1995. He was awarded the Air Medal (1st Strike), the National Defense Service Medal, U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps achievement medals, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, a NATO Service Medal, and two Sea Service Deployment ribbons. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, 305 St. Tropez, Laguna Beach 92651.

N. Raju Ramakrishnan '93, Cambridge, Mass.; Dec. 7, of cardiac arrest. He was a software engineer for BBN Corp. while studying for a master's degree in electrical engineering at Boston University. He was a volunteer at Fenway Middle College High School, Boston. He is survived by his fiancée, Angela N. Romans; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tarakad Ramakrishnan, 72 Duxbury Dr., Holden, Mass. 01520; and two brothers, **Karthick** '96 and **Sunder** '98.

Timory Hyde '98, Providence; April 19, of injuries suffered in an accidental fall from an apartment window. A music concentrator, she played the flute, guitar, and piano, and wrote folk songs. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hyde, 7220 S.E. Reed College Place, Portland, Ore. 97202; and a brother. ☞

Beyond Ambition

Graduation day, May 31, 1996. Half asleep, I wander to Lincoln Field and find myself in a line. Someone is chanting way too loud, and someone is crying. My friends and I are too sad, too excited, too dazed to speak. We make our way through hordes of flashing cameras, professors in mufti, and amazed onlookers, trying to get our minds around the arrival of this day. We doff our caps and, overwhelmed with dizziness and pride, feel we're on top of the world. Surrounded by dozens of roses, we sleep away the afternoon and wake without a clue as to what we're supposed to do now.

July 1, 1996. Half asleep, I wander into the kitchen and find three messages from employers who cannot use my Ivy-cultivated talents. After a month in New York City, the wait for "the phone call that will change my life" has become Chinese water torture. My ex-roommates all have jobs. Fifteen interviews after my arrival in the big city, my search is going nowhere. Nevertheless, I put on my interview suit for the sixteenth time, do up my "hire me" hair, and hit the pavement.

July 2, 1996. At home, I eat Goobers and flip from talk show to talk show. I learn from Ricki and Jenny and Rolanda that it's all relative: at least my boyfriend hasn't tried to take my face off with a ten-inch knife. At least I'm not thinking about how to qualify as "Ricki's sexiest guest." Somehow, though, this is not comforting. A high school friend calls to say she has just sold a screenplay in Hollywood.

August 1, 1996. I get my first job — production assistant at MSNBC. I dance around, hooting, and make a thousand phone calls. I think about how this is the "it" that everyone talks about when they say, "And then that was it." I try on my work outfits twice and buy two more. Two weeks later, I move into my first apartment in Park Slope, decorate, coo,

and have people over for dinner. I prepare to start my career as a media mogul.

August 15, 1996. My third day on the job. MSNBC is my personal version of hell. After six half-hour segments, my fourth cup of coffee, the third hour of my stress headache, and a bag of pretzels that I called lunch, I grab a grapefruit juice and head up to graphics for another lecture on why I don't understand the art of graphic design. At seven I sit down to watch the fruits of my labor: the four top stories of the day replayed over and over again. Then, there it is — the map of Iraq that I named and fed into the computer. My head pounds. I feel sure, absolutely sure, that this is nowhere near what I want to be doing with my days or my life. I contemplate moving to France or marrying a young Jewish investment banker. I have an elaborate fantasy about being a housewife.

September 3, 1996. Desperate, I call my childhood school between news segments to see if there's a teaching job open. Lo and behold, someone has opted out at the last minute in favor of a publishing job. Two hours later, I find myself a third-grade teacher. Safe at home.

September 5, 1996. I spend the day congratulating myself for rejecting the corporate world. I create an elaborate five-year plan including Harvard graduate

school and reinventing U.S. education. I repeat my new mantra with glee: do what you love and never settle for less.

New Year's Eve, 1996. What am I doing with my life? *Get serious*, I scribble on my list of resolutions. I revise my plan: I'm going to be a writer. I thrive on stress and long hours, I explain to my ex-roommates over a beer. My friends laugh and call me "so Brown."

March 1997. I send letters to important magazine editors and begin the wait again. This time will be different, I tell myself. This is the point where all my talents converge. Now I will be a writer. I recast teaching as a year off from life, a year to gather my thoughts before the *real* work begins.

Summer 1997. I have learned to laugh at myself whenever I think I know anything. I have learned that the stories you construct about yourself are probably only fantasies. I have grown up a little: I pay the rent on time, get up at six-thirty, and limit my use of the word *like*. I have learned that beyond the Van Winkle Gates lies another series of decisions that plague you until you make one. And as long as you hold on to your sense of humor, everything is pretty okay. ☺

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