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Reflections on Independent Study and the Importance of the Wooster Network

The very mention of the term Independent Study triggers a flood of emotion from Wooster graduates. As a member of the Class of 1980, the father of a 2013 graduate (Lauren Gilliss), and currently the president of the Alumni Association, I.S. reminds me of one of the many ways in which Wooster distinguishes itself. The opportunity to engage in substantive undergraduate research does more than just allow a student to learn about a particular topic. The process results in a sense of accomplishment and a sense of satisfaction unique to the educational experience. That sense of accomplishment endures throughout life’s journey.

As a political science major and one interested in world politics, I studied and wrote on the reasons for the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. (It is so interesting how we never seem to learn the lessons of history, isn’t it?) That experience—with all of the research and writing that it entailed—readied me for law school and a career as an attorney.

As a father of a Wooster student, I marveled at how my daughter travelled to Senegal in her junior year to study French and came back to college a different person. As an international relations major, Lauren’s mentored undergraduate research project examined the effects of international election monitoring on voters’ confidence levels in Francophone West Africa from 1990-2011. The process of working closely with a professor and producing a significant work has allowed Lauren to gain the confidence to know that despite the complexities and uncertainties in our world, Wooster has prepared her to enter that world ready to contribute in a meaningful way.

And that brings me to the Alumni Association. As president, it has been my goal and that of the Alumni Board to work closely with the College to strengthen the Wooster Network. While the world around us seems to change at an ever faster rate, the one constant is that a professional network remains important to us all. The 25,000 alumni of the College play an important role in helping our graduates transition from college life to the working world. That network and the connections it provides is vital to our young alums. The Alumni Board and I have worked closely with the newly created APEX (Advising, Planning, Experiential Learning), to assist our young grads as they move from Wooster to the working world. You will be fascinated to learn about what the College is doing in APEX at http://www.wooster.edu/academics/apex.

All of us have benefitted from our time at Wooster. I would love for all of us to commit to become active in both the Alumni Association and the Wooster Network. Help us to connect our very talented and committed young people with the world in a way which allows them to put their many and varied talents to good use.

Always Wooster proud,

DAVID GILLIS ‘80
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Sustainability on campus

I was happy to see Wooster magazine give the limelight to sustainability efforts on campus in the last issue and I encourage you to do so more often. But I have two important corrections. First, you reported that the community bike program started in 2009-2010, but it actually started way back in 2001-2002, when Josh Lynch ’02 and others led the effort to establish the first community bike program on campus. Their program may have faded out in the interim, but it was nonetheless an admirable start to bike sharing at Wooster.

Second, you reported that the vegan potluck started three years ago, but in 2001-2003, my housemates at Greenhouse (an on-campus house that supported the recycling program) hosted a weekly vegan potluck, and we inherited the tradition from classmates above us. I am glad to learn that the happy gathering lives on. Initiatives like these are critical for helping students realize that they are part of the natural world rather than separate from it, and I hope that Wooster continues to work towards sustainability on all fronts.

EMILY SCHADLER ’03
MAYNARD, MASS.

“The community bike program started way back in 2001-2002.”
Newest alumni march towards their futures

Three-hundred and thirty-three graduates received their diplomas at the 143rd Commencement ceremony—a sunny but chilly day in the Oak Grove. Speakers included honorary degree recipients John H. Bracey, professor of African American studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and Jacqueline Barton, professor of chemistry at the California Institute of Technology. Speaking for the class were David Freund and Erin Plews-Ogan.

President Grant Cornwell recognized several award winners, including the recipients of the highest academic honor, The Jonas O. Notestein Prize, which was shared by Plews-Ogan, Aimon Dwan, and Lauren Lee, and the Dan F. Lockhart Outstanding Senior Award, which went to Lauren Gilliss.

Student stand-outs recognized

- **Women's lacrosse team member Shawna Ferris '13** was one of 15 named to the Capital One Academic All-America First Team for NCAA Div. III at-large sports. It marks the senior goalkeeper's first Academic All-American award after being a three-time academic all-district selection. Ferris is the first women's lacrosse player in team history to be an Academic All-American, and of the 15 first-team honorees, she was the only lacrosse player. Ferris, a communications major/political science minor, plans to attend either graduate or law school.

- **Music composition major Cara Haxo '13** won the 2013 National Federation of Music Clubs Young Composers Award for "Sonata for the Fall," a composition for cello and piano. The work was composed as part of Haxo's Independent and advised by Jack Gallager, the Olive Williams Kettering Professor of Music. Haxo will begin graduate studies in composition at Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind.

- **The College Democrats of Ohio** awarded Wooster's chapter its "Chapter of the Year," recognizing its voter outreach, educational events, and campus speakers. The chapter's officers include Andrea Patton '14, Rachel Myers '14, and Luke Tonat '15; adviser is Denise Bostdorff, professor of communication.

- **The Concours de la Maison Française** awarded top prizes to Wooster for the 16th consecutive year in its contest for college and university students of French in northeast Ohio. Grand prize winner Joseph Dziedziak and third-prize winner Eowyn Groves made use of their I.S. projects. Dziedziak used a travel memoir and his "Cracks Between the Cobble: France and the World Out There," advised by Carolyn Durham, Inez K. Gaylord Professor of French for his presentation. Groves, advised by Harry Gamble, associate professor of French, researched the equalization of secondary education in France and wrote her entire I.S. in French.

- **Goldwater Scholarships** for distinguished academic achievement were awarded to Zach Harvey '14 (chemistry) and Jonathan Reeves '14 (neuroscience). The two scholars join a group of 271 students chosen from a pool of more than 1,000 applicants nationwide in mathematics, science, and engineering. The scholarships cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of $7,500 per year.

- **The 2013 David L. Carpenter Pre-Law Prize**, given annually to the College's top pre-law student, was awarded to Stephen Perrott '13 (political science major, environmental studies minor). Established by the Figgie Family Foundation in 1999, the Carpenter Prize commemorates the life of the late David Lyle Carpenter '65, who was a nationally recognized tax and corporate lawyer. Perrot was a five-time All-American in team argument, individual oratory skills, and brief writing at the American Collegiate Moot Court Association (ACMA) National Championship Tournaments. He won the 2012 Legal Alumni of Wooster Promising Pre-Law Student Book Prize, was selected as a panelist for the 2012 Pre-Law Seminar held in the chambers of Chief Judge Solomon Oliver '69 of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, and was chosen to present his I.S. (advised by Angie Bos, associate professor of political science) at the 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago. He a peer mentor, an intern with Wooster's Office of Admissions, and a participant in Wooster's campus waste management strategies initiative.
No brag, just fact
By President Grant Cornwell

From our admissions publications and our website to the banners on Beall Avenue and the coffee mug on my desk, we proclaim — boldly and confidently — that Wooster is “America’s premier college for mentored undergraduate research.”

Why do we lay such stress upon that fact? Because undergraduate research is one of a handful of “high-impact practices” that researchers at the Association of American Colleges and Universities and elsewhere have identified as having a dramatic effect on student learning.

But how do we know that Wooster truly stands out for the depth, quality, and impact of our mentored student research experiences, like I.S.? Well, some of my confidence, and that of my colleagues, comes from what our peers at other colleges and universities tell us: that they see Wooster as having the most robust, even inspiring, approach to mentored undergraduate research.

Beyond their expert testimony, we also can point to quite a bit of third-party validation:

For the past 11 years, U.S. News & World Report has asked college presidents and deans to name the schools with the best undergraduate research opportunities and senior capstone programs. Only two have made both lists every year: Wooster and Princeton.

According to the Association of American Colleges and Universities’ AAC&U News, “Wooster’s focus on undergraduate research is unique in that the entire curriculum is designed around the independent study project.”

In a new book, College (Un)bound, that is largely a critique of the ways in which American higher education is broken, author Jeffrey Selingo, an editor at The Chronicle of Higher Education, singles out a few examples of what is working, including Wooster’s approach to undergraduate research, and quotes Heidi Klise ’12 and her I.S. adviser, Hayden Schilling, to reinforce his point.

The Fiske Guide to Colleges says, “The College of Wooster is nationally recognized for its commitment to independent study and its international focus.”

Dr. Mary Crowe, president of the Council on Undergraduate Research, simply says, “What they are doing at Wooster is phenomenal.”

And the 2012 edition of Colleges That Change Lives notes that, “Unlike many places, where opportunities to conduct original research are exclusive to the top performers, Wooster sets the standard high for everyone . . . Because everyone must complete an IS to graduate, professors infuse every course with a set of skills students must master to be successful researchers: They learn to frame questions, identify reliable sources, analyze primary documents, practice methodologies, and write cogently — precisely the skills that are invaluable in the workplace and graduate school.”

So the next time you proudly proclaim that The College of Wooster is America’s premier college for mentored undergraduate research, if someone asks, “Says who?” you’ve got the answer.
New Trustees elected

The College's governing body, the Board of Trustees, elected three new members at a recent meeting. The Board’s 43-members are elected to staggered, three-year terms.

Julia Klein ’83 (politic science) is owner and chairwoman of C.H. Briggs, one of the largest independently owned distributors of specialty building products on the east coast, and one of the nation’s top 100 women-owned businesses. She served on the College’s Alumni Board from 1997 to 2000, and was an entrepreneur-in-residence in 2010. She went on from Wooster to receive a master’s in public policy from the University of Chicago.

John Kneen ’74 (history) is a partner with Beecken Petty O’Keefe & Co., a private equity management firm in Chicago. He served previously on the Board from 2006-2009 and was a member of the Alumni Board from 1983-1986. Kneen went on from Wooster to obtain an MBA from Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management.

Charles Ryan ’86 (chemistry) is vice president and chief intellectual property counsel at Forest Laboratories, Inc., a global pharmaceuticals company headquartered in New York City. He served previously on the Board from 2008-2011 and on the Alumni Board from 1998 - 2000. From Wooster, he went on to receive a doctorate in oral biology and pathology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and a law degree from Western New England University.

Digital scholarship initiative receives grant

The Five Colleges of Ohio, Inc., a higher learning consortium consisting of Denison University, Kenyon College, Oberlin College, Ohio Wesleyan University, and The College of Wooster was awarded a three-year $775,000 grant by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to strengthen the digital capabilities of the libraries and embed the use of digital scholarship practices into the liberal arts curriculum.

The grant continues an earlier grant, which enabled librarians, other faculty members, and students to produce more than 50 digitized projects in a wide range of disciplines. Many of the projects may be seen at http://www.ohio5.org/portal/

The new grant, directed by Mark Christel, Wooster’s director of libraries, focuses on creating digital resources to enhance faculty and student research, teaching, and learning.

Students and mentors present research at national meetings

• Nine faculty members and 21 students from the Department of Chemistry shared their research at the annual national meeting of the American Chemical Society—a record number of participants for the College.

• Five students and two faculty members from the Department of Physics shared their research at the annual American Physical Society meeting.

95th Annual Homecoming

Through the years

The Fighting Scots take on the Oberlin Yeoman in the 80s, 90s, 2004, and 2010.

This year’s homecoming game against Oberlin is scheduled for Sept. 21, 1:00 p.m.

Photos by Matt Dilyard

Return to campus this fall to reconnect with old classmates, friends, and faculty. Visit www.wooster-alumni.org/homecoming2013 for a full schedule of events, register for activities, and see who is planning to attend.
More than 1,000 alumni, family members, and guests celebrated on campus with all the old favorites—the Parade of Classes, Coccia House pizza, banana splits and bluegrass, and Camp Woo for Kids. New events were just as enthusiastically received—a tasting featuring the beer of brew master Andy Tveekrem ’85, a choral reunion concert, and a tour of APEX—the College’s newest program.

Informal talks were presented by faculty and alumni speakers, including Deborah Elwell Arfken ’63, director of University Planning at the University of Tennessee; Sally Patton ’67, former vice president for development and executive director of the Wayne County Community Foundation; and Jim Toedtman ’63, editor of the AARP Bulletin. Rev. William J. Yoder ’63 led the Sunday service at the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Distinguished alumni Jim Clarke ’59, Ken Fischer ’66, and Diane Jorkasky ’73 (featured in the spring Wooster magazine), led the Parade of Classes and were honored at the awards ceremony. Also recognized was Doug Hole ’63, who was named the recipient of the John D. McKee Alumni Volunteer Award.

A cause for major celebration was the Class of 1963’s gift of $5 million to the College, to commemorate their 50th reunion. It was presented to President Cornwell by Clarence “Reggie” Williams, who chaired the fundraising effort. From that amount, $268,000 will be used to endow a Class of 1963 Scholarship Fund, and $104,000 will endow a new student summer research fund. Also designated were gifts for the Scot Center, additional scholarship funds, and significant individual increases in gifts to The Wooster Fund, the College’s annual fund.

**Cause for celebration** With the most class members in attendance and the successful completion of a $5 million class gift campaign, members of the class of 1963 were riding high.

**Sustaining our future**

Doug Hole ’63, recipient of the John D. McKee Alumni Volunteer Award, challenged his fellow alumni, “Tell your Wooster story to someone who’s never heard it before. Spread the word!”
Making memories
Clockwise from left: (1) Choral reunion members rehearsed and presented a concert under the direction of Jack Russell and Lisa Wong, past and present chorus directors. Included in the program was the premiere of “What Wondrous Love,” a work by Quinn Dizon ’11, written especially for the reunion. (2) Jean Malkin Boggs ’48 presented her class’ gift of $65,000 (3) Future Scots dance in the parade (4) Victor Welsch ’15 explains piping to Camp Woo enthusiasts.

Photos by Matt Dilyard and Kaild Crosbie
by KAROL CROSBIE

Our annual coverage of Independent Studies this year features projects that focus on issues distinctive to Ohio.
Like most students of sustainable agriculture, Erika Takeo was well aware of the classic “three-legged stool” definition of sustainability. A sustainable enterprise must be (1) economically viable, (2) environmentally responsible, (3) and socially adaptive. If one leg is missing, the whole structure topples.
But when she studied her passion—urban agriculture—she found deeper, more complex values at work. For example, if a farm is nonprofit and supported by volunteers and grants, can you force it into a traditional economic equation? And as for that environmental “leg”—if space restrictions prevent an urban farmer from being entirely self-sustaining, but it is still organic, is it any less environmentally sound?

Takeo provides background for her study by reviewing the progress of urban farming—from the victory garden to the farmer’s market—and also by tracing the history of Cleveland, ending with today’s segregated food deserts, abandoned lots, unemployment, and racial tensions.

When she interviewed 21 Cleveland farmers regarding the success of their operations, she found that their goals were complex and that success was defined in many ways. Says Takeo, “Only one person said that ‘my goal for success is to turn this farm into a profitable operation.’” While many of the goals involved food (healthier, closer, less expensive), many did not. Additional goals included educating young people, providing jobs, repairing and empowering damaged neighborhoods, and building inclusive relationships.

“In other words,” Takeo concludes, “growing food is not just growing food. It is a means towards achieving a greater goal of justice.”

[above] Takeo, who won the 2013 Independent Study First Place Prize in Sustainability and the Environment, arrived at Wooster from Portland, Ore., with bagpipe skills firmly in place but with no farming experience. The summer after her first year, she received the College’s first urban agriculture internship and lived in Cleveland working as a farm intern with Green Corps. “I totally loved that internship,” she said. “I loved the people; I loved that every day was different.”

She also received the Center for Diversity and Global Engagement’s Azimuth Fellowship to work with Adelante Mujeres (Rise Up, Women) in Forest Grove, Ore., working with Latina women and developing new marketing outlets. Following graduation, she will intern at Dancing Bear Farm in Williams, Ore.
GETTING MORE THAN MEALS ON WHEELS

Report and analysis on the transportation needs of senior citizens in Wooster, Ohio

When Wooster students speak of the “Wooster Bubble”—that self-imposed four years of limited access to The World Outside Campus, they often do so with a shrug and a smile. It is an artificial and temporary condition, after all, interrupted by travel abroad, trips home, and books and studies that transport them.

But what if the isolation were permanent—a function of age, disability, and the inability to travel even within the city limits? Dan Kellman, who cares deeply about democratic access to transportation, decided to take the pulse of the Wooster community by interviewing transportation providers, funders, and the elderly.

The city of Wooster, he found, is a community that is underserving its elderly in the area of subsidized public transportation. The city closed its bus system in the mid-1990s. By 2013, four privately owned taxicab services began operating, offering reduced, tax-subsidized rates to lower income residents. Kellman found a gap in coordination and communication between all constituencies. Some cab companies were not aware of grants and programs available to them; consumers were unaware of some of the benefits of public transit services. For example, company representatives told Kellman that seniors were unaware that taxis would pick up groceries for them.

Two years ago, a new bus system, the Wooster Hospitality Transit, was introduced in town. The bright little shuttles will take residents to major shopping and dining areas, medical facilities, and airports. “But many students don’t know about it,” says Kellman. “I don’t think very many people do.”

Kellman, who worked two summers with the Michigan Transportation Research Institute studying the needs of older rural Native Americans, includes recommendations to Wooster’s city officials. A volunteer driving program, for example, could facilitate ride-share programs in which elders who drive offer rides to those who don’t. The passage of a special income tax hike in mid-May saved the subsidized taxi service, which was on the chopping block without increased revenue. “It would have been hurtful for the community to lose it,” Kellman says. “It’s important.”

[ above ] Following graduation, Dan Kellman will work for Westat Transportation Research in Rockville, Maryland. “I wouldn’t have gotten the job without my I.S. and what I’ve studied at Wooster,” he says. “Everything came together; I am very fortunate.”

PHOTO KAROL CROSBIE
Abby Rider, who studied the interaction between Akron’s declining economy and attitudes towards school busing between 1954 and 1980, shares her motivation for studying “broken” Akron. Her own experience as a first-grader in Akron in the late 1990s, when open enrollment launched white flight from declining schools, in many ways paralleled the climate of failure that took place 40 years earlier.

“I was personally motivated to understand why schools in Akron were so segregated in the first place in order to better understand my first-grade experience decades later.”

— ABIGAIL RIDER

BROKE CITY, BROKE SCHOOLS

Desegregation of public schools and the economic decline of Akron, Ohio
From Broke City, Broke Schools (introduction)

In 1997, the summer before my first-grade year at Fairlawn Elementary School in Akron, Ohio, the Board of Education enacted a policy of open enrollment. Both white and black students attended my school, but more than half were white. Situated in one of the remaining pockets of the city with a significant white population, this neighborhood school had a reputation as one of Akron’s best public elementary schools.

On my first day of first grade, our school was flooded with many more students than were enrolled the previous year. These students came from outside of the neighborhood, and the majority of new students were African American. My class suddenly had more than 10 extra students.

After the school came to terms with the initial chaos of having more students but the same number of teachers and classrooms, it became apparent to me that the new students were not keeping up with my friends who—like me—had attended Fairlawn for kindergarten. In an attempt to occupy those at the top of the class and help those at the bottom, my teachers asked a few of us to tutor our classmates. The girl I tutored, a new arrival and an African American, was repeating first grade and still did not know how to read. While I did not understand why at the time, I—a young white student—saw that even at an early age there was a connection between race, performance, and school.

My parents worked to have an adult volunteer assist in my overcrowded classroom. But when they saw almost no improvement in the quality of teaching, they decided to enroll my younger brother and me in a nearby private school with tuition help from my grandparents. My family was not the only one to opt out of the system. The following year, I saw many of my friends from Fairlawn move to the suburbs and a few others enrolled in a private school.

This latest wave of white flight in Akron made a lasting impression on me. Today, I have an even better understanding of how my relative privilege, in large part due to my race, afforded me much better educational opportunities than those of many of my black peers in my first grade classroom. I was personally motivated to understand why schools in Akron were so segregated in the first place in order to better understand my first-grade experience decades later.

There are some parallels between the desegregation efforts of the 1970s and the open enrollment policy in the late 1990s. While Akron’s economic climate in the 1990s was not teetering on the edge of a disaster like it was in 1976, the city never fully recovered the tax base or population that it enjoyed in the heyday of the rubber industry.

Additionally, both the open enrollment of the 1990s and busing of the 1970s were well-intentioned measures initiated to fix racial disparities. But both policies failed to create school systems that met the needs of children from both races. The response of parents in 1970 and 1990 was the same—remove their children from the schools instead of investing in them. When enough white families left the system, the schools were functionally segregated once again. In both 1970 and 1990, attempted desegregation resulted in perceived or real diminishing educational resources and quality.
Student: Ethan Doherty, biology

Advisers: Laura Sirot, biology; Mary Gardiner, entomology
Ohio nature-lovers are well aware of the appetites and effects of some non-native, invasive species. The Emerald Ash Borer and garlic mustard, for example, hog the headlines.

Not too many people know or care about three tiny insects sharing the same space in Ohio and other Midwestern states. But soybean farmers care, and so does Ethan Doherty. Here are the three protagonists in his study: (1) *Aphis glycines*, or the soybean aphid from Asia, a voracious pest that first began making its presence and appetite known in North American soybean fields in about 2001. (2) *Harmonia axyridis* or multicolored Asian lady beetle, native to Asia and imported to North America to control aphids, including its Asian compatriot, *A. glycines*. (3) *Aphidoletes aphidimyza*, a native North American fly whose favorite diet is aphids. This aphid-eating machine is so successful (they eat almost 70 aphid varieties) that they are commercially raised and used as a biological pest control by soybean farmers.

But what happens when two predators—the Asian lady beetle and the native fly—share the same space and compete for the same aphid meal? Adding to the plot is the fact that the lady beetle also eats the fly. Doherty's Independent Study was a case study in how the prey/predator ecosystem is affected when non-native species are introduced.

Doherty's interest in soybean pests began the summer after his sophomore year, when he worked with Mary Gardiner, assistant professor of entomology, at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), to help quell the invasion of buckthorns on Midwestern farms and became well acquainted with soybeans and their pests.

Using laboratory space provided by Gardiner at the OARDC, Doherty prepared for his experiment by raising soybeans, aphids, and flies. The soybeans were easy to grow, and the lady beetles came as a result of help from the OARDC laboratory and a well-placed “Ladybugs Wanted” ad in Wooster Headline News. (An informant indicated that there was an impressive gathering outside Gault Manor.) But propagating the flies and aphids was more challenging. “My colonies kept collapsing,” says Doherty.

Among Doherty’s conclusions are these: The flies spent less time moving around and ate fewer aphids (perhaps to avoid detection) in the presence of lady beetles. But the effects of the lady beetle on aphid predation depended on whether the lady beetle also ate the fly or not. “Biological control with both predators alive is weaker than with the lady beetle alone,” he concludes.

Doherty, who cares deeply about the conservation of species, hopes to continue studying animal behavior in graduate school. He studied the biology of marine mammals in Ireland for his study abroad experience. A trombonist, guitarist, and pianist, he also played in Wooster’s Jazz Band and composed music for piano. Photo Karol Crosbie.
A runner, cyclist, and lover of natural beauty, Colleen discovered a dearth of magazines devoted to Ohio’s outdoors. And so for her I.S. she created **Switchbacks** (defined as “a sharp turn in a trail”). For her 43-page magazine, O’Neil included features on Ohio’s outdoor adventure hot spots and mountain bike trails, a profile on a Wooster bike builder, a first-person account of the time she spent with the Southeastern Ohio Bigfoot Investigation Society, a how-to for first-time marathon runners, and a report of her interview with an Amish environmentalist on fracking. She designed the magazine and website and took some of the photos.

“People have approached me to tell me how much they liked it—writing, layout, and website.... I think that I’ve definitely done justice to my favorite genre of literature.”

— COLLEEN O’NEIL
My perceptions take a sharp turn

My older brother and I were crammed into the back of the family van, along with all my worldly possessions. I was moving into the dorms for my first week of pre-season cross-country practice. I stared out the window, watching the sun beat down on rows and rows of cornfields and cow pastures. I felt like I hadn't seen a forest since we'd crossed out of Pennsylvania 150 miles ago. Finally we hit Wooster city limits. I spotted a yellow road sign. “HILL” it warned.

“It is so flat,” I groaned. My brother smirked.

“Well,” he said, “have fun running through the cornfields.”

That was my first impression of Wooster and the state of Ohio. Flat, flat, flat, and nothing to do outside but watch the Amish buggies roll past on Beall. How was I going to survive here for four whole years?

Every fall when the leaves started changing and the air got crisp, I would start thinking—Hey, this isn’t so bad. Ohio’s kind of all right. But then fall break would come, and I would go home to beautiful southwestern Pennsylvania, and the rolling hills, on fire with autumn colors, would embrace me like a warm hug. Going back to Wooster was always pretty hard after that.

Then I started mountain biking, and I discovered Vulture’s Knob (rather, Vulture’s Knob discovered another victim). I had to find an easier place to ride, so I started driving further, finding massive state parks in the southern corners of the state. But I couldn’t spend all my time riding bikes if I was still on the cross-country team, so I started trail running, too. I ran long out-and-back runs at Mohican State Park, crunching through the golden autumn leaves. On the trail I’d pass extreme cyclists and ultra-runners out for 50-mile training days. I was shocked. I’d thought people like that only existed in Colorado.

Through the cycling and running community, I met ultra-endurance athlete Melissa Liebling, handmade bicycle builder Rody Walter, and a handful of super-fit, hardcore marathon runners. They’re cool, open-minded people who love being outside in their state and who pointed me to great places to ride, hike, run, do yoga, and even go rock climbing.

After four years, I’ve come to realize that Ohio might actually be an okay place to live, outdoors-wise. You just need to know where to look.
ibby Fackler, who grew up in rural Richland County, Ohio, developed a memoir and look at America’s food culture based on her relationship with her grandmother, who taught her how to cook. The daughter of a farmer, Fackler used poetry, recipes, and critical analysis to examine the US farm and food industry, the role that etiquette plays in the enjoyment of food, how relationships and power dynamics form around food, and how advertising affects relationships with food and meals.

Fackler will attend graduate school in creative writing at Ohio University.

Sonnet to the Wayne County Fair

A dozen donuts from the Wayne County fair!  
Make a toothy, cinnamon-sugar smeared grin,  
yes, Lerch’s and coffee, the perfect pair  
for leaving a frosty glaze upon your invalid chin.

A “fresh” pumpkin donut! The only ring  
that doesn’t need a gem, just a sickly sweet coat.  
Each sugar-gourd bite an elegy your taste buds sing,  
(And you hope your tushie doesn’t bloat.)

Three or six could never be enough!  
As for me, I’ll take twenty-two today.  
Fat America, don’t forget your local produce stuff,  
drop those deep-fried ‘nuts leading you astray.

Do our children even know pumpkins grow in dirt?  
Or do they think their food has always been inert?
On October 16, 2011, the mantra “No Fracking Way” was heard echoing throughout the sunny streets of Byron Bay, Australia, as community members came together for a day of action to protest the extraction of coal seam gas (CSG), a form of natural gas extracted from coal deposits. As a study abroad student participating in an environmental-based program, I found myself eagerly grabbing a protest sign to join the masses in a spirited march to campaign against CSG hydraulic fracturing in Australia.

The crowd was pulsating with enthusiasm, excitement, and passion. Looking around me, I noted the sense of community that had emerged, as people bonded over a shared interest in preserving and protecting their natural surroundings. Homemade signs and musical instruments filled the air as the march progressed from an open parking lot frequently used for local farmers’ markets and craft fairs onto the streets of Byron Bay. Residents and tourists alike paused in their daily activities to watch as the boisterous, nonviolent anti-fracking rally paraded past their wooden balconies and sandy street corners. The masses of protesters filling the roads nearly brought traffic to a standstill. But the inconvenience only seemed to encourage many of the stalled drivers to similarly show their support through friendly honks and thumbs-up gestures.

To further convey the protest’s purpose, the organizers of the event asked that all those involved dress in blue to symbolically represent the community’s drinking water supply. Halfway through the march, a blow horn sounded, signaling the start of the rally’s media stunt, which was referred to as the “Reverse Mexican Wave.” At this point, all the marchers stopped walking, pulled out water bottles, and took a drink from them. Then—like dominoes—one waited until the person in front of them fell to the ground until they, too, keeled over.

The demonstration symbolized the effects that water contamination could have on humanity, highlighting a major concern among activists about the risks associated with hydraulic fracturing. It was in this moment, sitting on the hot pavement and watching as my fellow peers and marchers fell to the ground, that I became aware of just how powerful one’s actions can be in expressing a movement’s objectives.

... I chose to focus my research in the northeast region of the United States—specifically in Ohio—for several reasons. First, for the past four years of my life I have lived in Wooster, Ohio. In discovering that the oil and gas industry is fracking in Ohio, in addition to injecting flow-back fluids (a byproduct of fracking) back into the ground, I feel that the extractive process has the potential to cause direct harm to me, my peers, and land in Ohio—a place which I now call home. Secondly, I wanted to design a project that would allow me to use qualitative methodological approaches, such as participant observation, in-depth interviews, and surveys.
WHEN THE RESEARCH HITS THE ROAD

Overland on the Camino de Santiago

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The Pyrenees stand between the pilgrim and the first night's rest on the route from St. Jean Pied-d’A Port to Santiago de Compostela.
A Wooster history professor walks 500 miles from southwestern France to northwestern Spain, traveling as medieval people would have traveled—“slowly, on foot, to see what might happen when one meets the world at the speed of about three miles an hour.”
I wrote this ribbons-and-whole-cloth verbal image long before I saw the real ribbons tied to this chain link fence separating a runway at the Santiago de Compostela airport from the centuries-old pilgrim trail that passes by it. How long before? It depends on the measure. Technically, it had been about six months since I had included those imaginary floating ribbons in a grant proposal I wrote for the New Directions Initiative sponsored by the Great Lakes Colleges Association. Practically, it was 810 kilometers and 39 days on foot with a backpack between the time I set out in the southwestern corner of France, courtesy of that grant from the GLCA, and the moment those ribbons floated in the wind on the morning of the last day of the long walk to the medieval pilgrim’s destination at Santiago de Compostela in the northwestern corner of Spain. I never expected to see my metaphor turn into real ribbons. It was a bonus. So were the crosses made of sticks woven into the links of the fence. In fact, I never expected anything other than a long slow walk to Santiago. That was part of the purpose of my experimental research on medieval overland routes—just to travel as medieval people would have traveled, slowly, on foot, and see what might happen when one meets the world at the speed of about three miles an hour. So everything, except perhaps the sore feet, was a bonus.

For readers who have seen The Way, a father-and-son film starring Martin Sheen and produced by his son Emilio Estevez, it is important to point out that the movie had nothing to do with the pilgrimage I undertook last fall with my husband, George Vermander, who took the photos featured here. I had already spent several years developing a research project that would allow me to retrace the overland travel routes that once connected medieval Europe, North Africa, and Asia. Imagine the surprise when a beautifully produced Hollywood film with a real star suddenly turns a fairly obscure medieval pilgrim route into a top item on the “bucket list” of would-be adventurers! Oh well, the historian may not have a production crew, but, like an I.S. student, she has a research question: how did the very
process of overland travel create a culture of its own, with travelers becoming more connected by the road they shared than separated by language, ethnicity, religion, or national identity? As a medieval historian, it was time to take the research out of the archives and follow the paths of travelers who never dreamt of planes, trains, or automobiles. After all, we ask our students at The College of Wooster to embrace new ways of learning—so why shouldn’t we ask it of ourselves?

The Camino de Santiago was one of the most important of the paths that medieval travelers followed. Purportedly the burial place of the apostle Saint James the Elder, Santiago de Compostela has attracted sinners and saints-in-waiting to its cathedral for over a thousand years. In the medieval mind, the physical sacrifice of an arduous and often dangerous (read: thieves, bad water, bad weather, illness, injuries, and wild dogs) trek to Santiago was an act guaranteed to earn the blessings of Saint James and some serious time off in purgatory. In modern times the trek is somewhat less dangerous (read: speeding vehicles, bad weather, illness, injuries, and semi-wild dogs) but still arduous, regardless of how much money one spends on lightweight, high-tech hiking gear. In our world, where the expiation of sins is less of a daily concern for most people than it was a thousand years ago, the reasons for walking to Santiago are wide-ranging. St. Jean Pied-de-Port in southwestern France is one of the traditional starting points for the Camino de Santiago. In bars, restaurants, and pilgrim shelters the first night, there is almost a confessional atmosphere. The ritual question: “Why are you walking the Camino?”

Certainly, today there are the “bucket-listers” eager to check the Camino off their things-to-do-before-they-die list. Then there are the athletes, clocking kilometers and seeing little except their own feet as they attempt to “cover” 800 kilometers in as little as 21 days. Currently, a surprising number of lonely hearts are drawn to the Camino, hoping to get over one relationship and start another as they scope out other singles along the way. Others have very specific expectations of Saint James—wanting to have family issues, career issues, and general what-do-I-do-with-my-life issues resolved at the feet of the apostle. But still, there are
a few true believers. Young, healthy, and exuberant with faith, or old, frail, prayerful, and trusting, some are still led to Santiago by a deep belief that pilgrimage will bring them closer to heaven. The rarest of pilgrims are the “true pilgrims,” the ones who travel without money and usually alone, never looking for the nearest Internet connection, wifi, or cell-phone reception. Their faces deeply mapped by exposure to the elements, their bodies strangely both strong and hungry, these soulful travelers don’t just walk to the tomb of Saint James; they keep on walking, to Fatima, to Lourdes, and maybe someday, back home.

With this range of motives and an even greater range of preparedness for the physical demands of the Camino, pilgrims do create their own sub-culture as they snake their way across Spain. While some pilgrims make fast friends at the beginning of the route and stick together for the duration, it is far more common for pilgrims to fall in step and share the road for a relatively brief period, perhaps an hour or two out of a ten- or twelve-hour day of walking, or a day or two out of the long march. The “bucket-listers” tended to be easy temporary neighbors along the way. Usually walking in small groups, they chatted about home, their families, and knees that were taking a beating from the steep descents. The racers to Santiago seldom stopped to talk long, and when they did it was mostly about kilometers, terrain, and tendinitis. The lonely hearts talked about lost love, new love, and sore shoulders. The travelers who had a specific request for Saint James talked earnestly about life-changing events, new directions, and sore hips. Sooner or later, everyone talked about blisters. Which was worse, one large blister with the flesh rubbed raw or many small blisters that stung like bees? Given that the Camino attracts pilgrims from all over the world, it is possible to learn how to say “pain” and “blisters” in many languages.

The “true believers,” both young and old, probably suffered the same bodily aches and pains but perhaps talked about them less. The young were often walking in the name of someone who could not walk, carrying the traditional pilgrim’s stone that represented sins and earthly burdens to be laid upon an ever-growing pile of stones at the base of the Cruz de Ferro, about 230 kilometers outside of Santiago. They seemed to carry other people’s burdens lightly and wore their spirituality on their sleeves. The happiest, a young South Korean woman, brought along her Che Guevara tee-shirt. Inspired by the biographical film on Guevara The Motorcycle Diaries, she was eager to have her commitment to make a difference in the world confirmed by having her picture taken with her Che at the Cruz de Ferro. When we saw her again later that day, in the dark, on a slippery rock surface straight downhill into a ravine, she confessed that she had lost the trail and spent several hours wandering off course before another pilgrim spotted her and put her on the right path. “The best and the worst day of my Camino,” she said with a smile. The next morning, after we all shared the night in a one-
room shelter with mice, one persistent cougher, an inebriated and angry caretaker, and a snorer who actually rattled the bunk-beds, she was still smiling, though her calves were sore and swollen from the extra kilometers she had walked while being lost.

The “true pilgrims” carried their stories in their muscles and sinews, their beards, their resourceful collections of other hikers’ cast-off gear. Some were eager, gregarious, free as the wind under their burdens of sleeping rolls, tarps, and the winter clothes they would need by nightfall. A few had dogs, little dogs with short legs, which slowed them down in the walking but kept them warmer at night. One had been walking for six months and was heading home; another had been walking for two years and had difficulty remembering his home address. One silent walker, tall, purposeful, focused, looked like he had already walked through fire. Oblivious to the wind, the rain, the cold, the punishment of kilometer after kilometer of rocky terrain, he strode where every other traveler merely walked.

Most heartbreaking were the permanent walkers, pilgrims whose journeys had ended abruptly due to the elements, thirst, heatstroke, or heart attack. In recent years, families and friends have been allowed to erect markers in honor of those who have died on the Camino. Sober reminders of the dangers of this long, long walk, these memorials become virtually organic as passing pilgrims offer a stone, some leaves, a broken shoestring, a shell, a rosary, a message scrawled on a scrap of paper or a candy wrapper.

The Camino is both lonely, especially in the colder seasons, and social. Even on the long days of walking alone, the pilgrim feels the company of others, courtesy of a haphazard and ever-changing string of messages left by those who went ahead. Many of these messages are funny; some are genuinely creative; a few are obscene. Cheers of encouragement, carefully anchored in small stones for the stragglers of a group, combined with outbursts of despair, make the Camino a kind of conversational reading experience.

Finally, after one can no longer count the kilometers, the pilgrim’s arrival in Santiago is also deeply coded with messages. A Galician bagpiper is ever present in the archway leading to the cathedral square—perhaps a job opportunity for an enterprising Wooster piper? The doors of the cathedral tell another thousand stories of sin and salvation, as do the beggars who count on the generosity of recently arrived pilgrims. Inside the cathedral, a statue of Saint James receives pilgrims quietly. After all those kilometers, were you expecting him to be bigger? Saint James does not dwarf the pilgrim, and nor does the cathedral, as large as it is. In an odd way, this strange and ornate place is the pilgrim’s home. With pride of place, scruffy, wind-blown pilgrims rest their backpacks against the columns that support the vaulted roof of the cathedral as easily as they rested them against countless barstools and bunks along the way. Most pilgrims will only stay there an hour or so, long enough for the pilgrims’ Mass. Some don’t bother with the Mass; just to sit quietly for a moment is enough. Others rush to the airport to move on to the next item on the bucket list, the next race, or the next search for true love.

Would be walkers beware—the Camino de Santiago is longer and harder than these few words can convey. Six months after those real floating ribbons materialized just outside of Santiago, this pilgrim still has no feeling in three of her toes.
SCOTS
Get Movin’

WOOSTER’S COMMITMENT TO FITNESS IS ON THE FAST TRACK
It’s nothing new, of course. The College’s fitness program for faculty and staff, launched 11 years ago, consistently attracts about 250 people to its formal classes. But the new Scot Center, which opened its doors in January 2012, sent spirits and adrenaline soaring.

- Pilates classes are held in the Andrew Family studios.
- Howard Strauch, director of development from 1968-1993, works out in the retiree class. All fitness classes are free to faculty, staff, spouses, and retirees.
“The Scot Center is very inviting,” says fitness manager Pam Tegtmeier, whose job became fulltime when the management of the Williams Fitness Center was added to her duties. Her office moved from Longbrake Student Wellness Center to the Scot Center, and the change has meant that students frequently stop in to chat.

New classes for beginning yoga and beginning stretching have been added to the old standbys—spinning, Pilates, and fitness for retirees. The new walking track is a popular noon-time draw, and the Williams Fitness Center has been used 53,000 times since last August. Approximately 150 faculty and staff take advantage of free quarterly evaluations that offer baseline measurements of weight, blood pressure, body fat, and the results of sit-ups and step, strength, and flexibility tests, conducted by Tegtmeier.

This year, a new initiative—the Fitness Challenge—spearheaded by Angela Johnston, chief of staff and secretary of the College, attracted 53 four-person teams of staff members. The simple eight-week program asked only that participants come in for baseline measurements and report on their exercise, but the results were exciting, say Johnston and Tegtmeier. Teams with names like The Sweatin' Plaid, Mighty COW Destroyer Team, Galpin Goddesses, Inertia, and “We’re Doing What?” sparked both campus competition and camaraderie.
They’re the noon hoopsters, and their game has been a fixture at The College of Wooster for half a century, almost as long as Kauke Hall’s storied Delmar Arch.

Thrice weekly they gather on the hardwood—faculty from English, mathematics, sociology; staff from admissions, athletics, telecommunications—for 60 rigorous minutes (and sometimes longer) in an otherwise quiet and deserted Timken Gymnasium, save for the echoes of their predecessors—guys like Gordon Collins, Dave Gulkin, Don Beane, Floyd Downs, Byron Morris, and Ted Williams, who played many years before them.

The senior member of the crew is longtime admissions counselor Ric “Chico” Martinez ’69 (a.k.a. The Commissioner). With cat-like quickness, impeccable court sense, and a sweet jump shot, he’s the guy no one else wants to guard.

Other veterans include a handful of tenured faculty members who rarely pass up a chance to play: Dan Bourne, professor of English, who is famous for his ability to back in on a helpless defender underneath the basket; Jim Hartman, professor of mathematics, who is renowned for his steady, unselfish play; Nick Kardulias, professor of anthropology, who is known for his defensive tenacity; and David McConnell, professor of sociology, who is widely regarded as the most talented player in the group. The faculty roster also includes Matt Mariola ’98 (environmental studies), Lee McBride (philosophy), Bryan Karazsia (psychology), and Harry Gamble (French and comparative literature).

The most feared player on the court is a 6-6 power forward named Cornwell. A former collegiate athlete at St. Lawrence University and now President of the College, he’s known simply as “Grant” in this league. “That’s what I love about noon hoops,” he says. “It is a great informal venue for faculty, staff, and people in the community. Everyone is on a first-name basis. There’s a lot of collegiality.”

There’s also a lot of good-natured ribbing, particularly when shots fall short of the rim or passes deflect off one’s hand and out of bounds. Nicknames are common as well, including one for the President. They call him the “Black Hole” because when the ball goes inside to him, it never comes back out.

Each December, the President hosts a luncheon for this esteemed group of NBA (Noon Basketball Association) superstars. Awards are distributed, including Most Improved Player, which goes to Jim Hartman every year. Rule changes are also discussed, but few ever pass, even when introduced by the President. “I’ve been trying to introduce the three-pointer, but that is not the traditional way of scoring in this league,” says the President. “Not only am I unable to get a consensus vote, I can’t even get anyone to second my motion.”

No wonder; counting by ones can be a challenge for this collection of intellectuals and professionals,
despite having a senior member of the mathematics department on the floor. Adding twos and threes to the mix would be terribly confusing and burdensome to a group of guys trying to clear their heads over the lunch hour.

Well, actually, it’s not just guys. There is one rather prominent female—Lisa Diment Panepento ’83, a former student standout and now an assistant coach with the women’s basketball team — but she, too, considers herself one of the guys. “It’s like having 10 brothers,” she says of her noon hoops comrades. “But they don’t cut me any slack. I wouldn’t trade the experience for the world.”

And she’s not afraid to shoot. “Lisa has never seen a shot she doesn’t like,” says the President, “but the fact is she drains most of them.”

Another former athlete turned coach, Rich Danch ’89, is also a regular. “It fills in the competition gap for a lot of us,” says the former Scot baseball player, who now coaches golf at Wooster. “I really look forward to it.”

Select community members also participate, including Doug Drushal ’74, son of former Wooster President J. Garber Drushal and an attorney in town, who the President says is notorious for setting moving picks and hacking opponents underneath the basket. “We even have a name for it,” says President Cornwell. “We call it getting ‘drushedaled.’”

Longtime veteran Greg Cantrell, a local veterinarian, has been part of the mix for more than 20 years. “I was fortunate,” says Cantrell. “I was playing at the YMCA with Doc Howard (a retired veterinarian who also still plays), and he told me that they were looking for players at the College. I’ve been coming ever since.”

On any given day, an average of 8-12 players show up—sometimes as many as 16-20, and the format is always full court, full go. Teams are organized informally—five-on-five—with others shooting at side baskets, patiently waiting their turn. On this particular day in mid-February, action gets under way at eleven minutes after noon, and the very first possession ends, not surprisingly, with a turnover. Things pick up when Carl Festa, head men’s lacrosse coach, hits a 12-foot jump shot from the left of the lane. Zach Dennis, assistant football coach, ties it at 1-1 (remember, this group counts by ones) as he elevates effortlessly and glides to the glass for an easy lay-up at the other end.

Eventually, Dennis and his teammates discover that big power forward inside and begin to feed him. The President’s first shot kisses the outside of the rim, but the next two are right on the mark to give his team the lead before he subs out. While on the sideline, he reflects on another rule change he’d like to see: “Winner stays on,” he says, revealing a glimpse of his competitive nature. But despite his stature on campus, he realizes that will never happen. After all, it’s only a game, and on this court, even the President is just one of the guys.
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GRANT CORNWELL, PRESIDENT, THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER

- Defenders can only watch as Black Hole Cornwell enters the “hole” en route to an easy lay up.
- Lisa Panepento: “They don’t cut me any slack.”
- Chico Martinez drives around Carl Festa.
ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Moved by the spirit of the game

Honorable competitiveness. Individual responsibility for graciousness. Mutual respect. The Golden Rule. The phrases might have come from the mission statement of a liberal arts college. But they are straight out of the “Official Rules of Ultimate,” a sport that is one of the fastest growing in the world.

“It’s beautiful, fun, and a great way to get closer to the guys and girls on the respective teams.”

RYAN MCCORMACK ’14, ULTIMATE TEAM MEMBER
Ultimate Frisbee (which is known simply as “Ultimate”) began its U.S. college division in 1984 and today includes 12,000 student-athletes in more than 700 college teams.

The grounding principles of the sport, called the “spirit of the game,” are not theoretical. The sport (played in 42 countries) includes no referees; team members are self-officiating. Because there is no third-party arbitration, it is to everyone’s advantage to avoid unnecessary conflict. Every team member is responsible for keeping the peace. The success of the “spirit” is so dramatic that an organization called Ultimate Peace has been founded to bring together Arab, Jewish, and Palestinian youth to play the game, side by side.

Wooster’s Ultimate teams are some of the most visible and joyful of the College’s club sports. The men’s team began in earnest in 1995 under the tutelage of Jim Foley, dubbed itself Rampant C.O.W. by 1999, and switched to its current name, RamJam, around 2008. The women’s team, Betty Gone Wild, began in 2002, advised by Pam Pierce (professor of mathematics and computer science and married to Foley).

Ultimate alumni gather at least once a year for the coed Poultry Days Ultimate Classic, where about 20 alumni show up for The College of Rooster team, says Emily Hilty ’06. And David Navatril ’99, from the college’s first team, brings the entire family to participate in the Wooster community Ultimate group, led by Jim Foley, his first Ultimate mentor.

Today, both teams attend eight tournaments a year, including a few together as one unit. “The first tournament is a rookie tournament, where we try to get the new players as much playing time as possible,” says team member Ryan McCormack ’14.

The importance of grassroots teaching and learning is what attracted him to the sport, says the women’s new coach, Nick Shaw, visiting assistant professor of chemistry, who also advises (but does not coach) the men’s team. “Both teams are very committed. And it is this organic teaching, with older students teaching younger ones, that makes it work,” he says.

Winter months are spent conditioning in the Scot Center. Over spring break, both teams head for High Tide, Georgia, where the first tournament of the year always takes place. “It’s beautiful, fun, and a great way to get closer to the guys and girls on the respective teams,” says McCormack.
I suppose he's right—without throws and catches the game would never work—but today I feel like it's also a million other things—strength, agility, perfection, brilliant displays of athleticism. Because today we're playing for the Ohio Division III championships. Tournaments last two days—Saturday and Sunday. In this particular tournament we play against women's teams from all over the state. On Saturday we did well, winning three of four games, but today the real pressure is on. We must get second place to be invited into College Series Regionals, put on by USA Ultimate. Our first game of the day is against Ohio Wesleyan University, but our real test will be the second game of the day, Denison University. If we win both of these, we have a shot at moving on.

Although winning today is important to everyone on my team, we all have to keep in mind what attracted us to the sport in the first place—the spirit of the game. We don't play with referees, we don't harass each other on the field (like so many other athletes these days), and we play with teams that we respect. We play because we want to play, not because we want to keep track of how many fouls a girl has committed in a game. We play because we genuinely love the sport and those who play it. Even if we want to win, we act respectfully and have fun with other teams. Without the spirit, Ultimate wouldn't be the sport it is now.

The weather is perfect. It's sunny and warm, unlike most early spring days in Northeastern Ohio. As I look around, I can see at least four other teams peeling off the extra layers they wore in case of bad weather. Everyone on my team is doing the same. We were expecting a bit of rain, but it seems the heavens are smiling on us today. I can't help but think it's a sign predicting our good fortune.
The rest of the day passes in a blur. During the next three games, the wind picks up, the sun is blazing over us, and most of us are sunburned. We are tired, we are sore, but we are all smiling. We won our first two games, something we weren’t sure was possible. I’m not even sure how we did it. Now we are playing for first place, a game I thought I would never get to play in my four years of college.

During the first few points of the game, our coach calls a time-out.

“Ladies, I wasn’t sure whether I wanted to tell you this or not,” Shaw tells us. “But the pressure is off. The other teams left. There is no way we can get a lower ranking than second. We are going to regionals. Now all that’s left to do is have fun.”

I can’t believe what I’m hearing. I never thought this day would come. And suddenly the love I have for the game, the team, and our new coach, all the energy I put into this weekend, and the relief I feel, comes pouring out of me. I can only cry with pure joy. I feel like I could do anything in this moment. Surely, this feeling must be the reason we play Ultimate.

“The golden rule: treat others as you would want to be treated. Spirited games result from mutual respect among opponents.”

2. Control: Spirit of The Game (SOTG) takes real effort. SOTG is not just some abstract principle that everyone adopts and then games run smoothly without effort.

3. Heckling and taunting are different. Ultimate has a long tradition of good-natured heckling.

4. SOTG is compatible with championship play. It is a fallacy to argue that the stakes are so important that some aspect of SOTG can be cast aside.

5. Don’t “give as you got.” There is no “eye for an eye.”

6. Breathe. After a hard foul, close call, or disputed play, take a step back, pause, and take a deep breath.

7. When you do the right thing, people notice. When you turn the other cheek, you know you’ve done the right thing.

8. Be generous with praise. Compliment an opponent on her good catch.

9. Impressions linger. Not only does the realization that your actions will be remembered for a long time serve to curb poor behavior, it can also inspire better conduct.

10. Have fun. All other things being equal, games are far more fun without the antipathy.

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LEAH BROWN ’13, ULTIMATE TEAM MEMBER
Graduation guests uphold a timeless tradition

Young eyes wander from formal commencement ceremonies.

1935
Viola "Vi" Startzman Robertson
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1937
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April 20, 2013. Spring has arrived. The early spring bulbs are in full bloom and the daffodils are showing color. No sign of leaves on trees or bushes yet, but spring chores are under way. Yesterday I pruned the roses and the hydrangeas in the back yard and have had my two reel mowers sharpened ready for the first cutting of the grass.

Three classmates had birthdays recently. My call to Charlotte Beals Tasker brought the news that she is no longer living in her daughter's house. She has an apartment in a memory care facility where she celebrated her 98th birthday. I will no longer be able to talk with her directly.

My contact with Betty Olson Tiller is with her daughter via email. Betty's birthday was celebrated at her daughter's house (Betty lives in an assisted living facility). Because of her hearing problem, we cannot talk directly, but the latest message from her daughter is that Betty still gets about socially and particularly enjoys going out to lunch.

Ruth Lyle Relph's 98th birthday in March was spent in bed recovering from pneumonia, but we had a long talk today and she is back on her usual schedule of going to the dining room for meals, visiting with friends, and attending the frequently offered music programs which she particularly enjoys. (She was a music major at Wooster.) She talks daily by phone with her sister, Jeanne Lyle Kate '38, who lives in North Canton, Ohio.

My birthday call to Blanche Smith Craig in Ohio was answered by her daughter, visiting her from California. Together, they were exploring the possibility of moving Blanche to the assisted living floor in her retirement center, but that move has not yet taken place. I talked with Blanche today and she is waiting for an apartment to be available to accommodate all her "stuff."

I (Mollie) began to be concerned in January by the fact that my driver's license would expire on April 14, my 97th birthday. To prepare for what I assumed would be a traumatic driving test, I got new glasses and new hearing aids, practiced game playing on the computer to prepare for a possible test of peripheral vision, and then was surprised to receive a letter from the Michigan Secretary of State saying that I was eligible to renew my license by mail, so I promptly filled out the application, sent a check, and now carry a license that will expire when I am 101 years old.

Recently I received from Norvin Hein an imposing book published in 2013 by Harvard University Press titled, The Earliest Missionary Grammar of Tamil, Arte Da Lingua Malabar, by his wife Jeanne Hein, accompanied by a note from Norvin. His note and his lovely preface to the book made it clear that in 1982, after years of writing and research, Jeanne and a co-author were on the verge of publishing a groundbreaking book on the Tamil language based on the work of a 16th century Portuguese missionary living on the southeast coast of India. However, as Norvin describes it, "...a thunderbolt struck, with shattering force" – the publication in 1982 of a book by a scholar in Germany on the same subject. Jeanne put her copy of the manuscript away. Then, in 2009, another thunderbolt struck – the first appearance of Jeanne's Alzheimer's disease.
disease. Norvin then describes his discovery of the scattered pages of the manuscript in a cupboard he was clearing out, his determination to reassemble the pages, the review of the manuscript by a visiting professor at Yale (where Norvin is a professor emeritus), and the revelation that there would indeed be current interest in Jeanne's work, for the rival publication in 1982 had not lived up to expectations. So there you have it, proof that Norvin is still active in the academic world, in this case as the author of the preface to his wife's newly published work. Congratulations to Norvin and his wife Jeanne. The copy that I (Evelyn) visited her at Easter, she was attending Vespers, and eating the good food.

1938
From Evelyn Hewett '48:
Dorothy Longwell Tidd wishes she could have come to her 75th reunion. She graduated in 1938 with a major in Latin. She remembers Professor Frank Cowles, her Latin teacher. Her first job was teaching in Brockway, Pa. When she retired, she had been teaching in Boardman, Ohio. Here at Copeland Oaks retirement community she enjoys visiting with friends who visit from the Boardman area, attending Vespers, and eating the good food. When I (Evelyn) visited her at Easter, she was pleased to point to a lovely flower arrangement that a former student had sent her. Her memory is good and she feels "pretty good" for her age. She enjoys receiving cards and letters. Her address is 802 S. 15th St. #9160, Sebring, OH 44672.

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The winter and spring of 2013 left the class of '41 in shock. We barely recovered before hearing of another loss.

Marian Jaffray was known to all of us as the musician of the class. At the time of her death, she had just completed work she was doing with a companion in her chosen field. We all knew her as Marian Smith, the girl with a smiling personality who dated Bob Jaffray. This engaging couple was a familiar one on campus.

After graduation we lost track of each other as we lived our separate lives. But reunions brought us back together. In the last few years, through email, we found we had much in common. Although not able to attend her funeral, I received several notices of the services held from other friends. I was gratified to learn that her burial was in Arlington Cemetery beside her husband. The class extends our sympathy to the family.

On a lighter note, Bob Laubach writes: "I just read the Winter 2013 issue of Wooster, quite a magnificently published magazine!"

Noticing our lack of news last time, he has sent us a few lines. He states that his daughter, Laura, went to Spain in 1986 to teach English. She met a handsome Basque in Pamplona. Laura and her husband, Raymond Ayestar, have a daughter and two boys, 19 and 17. Bob tries to go there every summer and will go again this July.

Bob's life reads like a novel. He and his wife had four children and seven grandchildren. He lost his wife in a 1988 car crash. The last line of his most interesting letter states "I'll be 95 on Oct. 25 and, Lord willing, I'll be back in Wooster for my 75th reunion in 2016."

Margie Ellis sent her usual newsy Christmas letter. As the youngest member of our class, she still lives a very full and exciting life. She keeps active with women's organizations, attending cultural events with her sons and families, and always has two or three books she's reading. She's one of the few people who email regularly. This is much appreciated!

Alfreda Campbell, another faithful correspondent, writes that Margie Dean's daughter, Barbara, has joined the Monday morning "Lunch Bunch" at The Shack. Otherwise, Alfie, as usual, is coming and going at a great rate.

Becky Moore, in a recent call, told me she was chosen as Volunteer of the Year at the Cleveland Music School Settlement. They gave a tea in her honor. We laughed about one little three-year-old boy who looked up intently into her face. Then, very carefully, with his forefinger and thumb of each hand, he touched her glasses, which had slipped down her nose, back in place. He then stood back and said "There!" We decided, no doubt, he would become an optometrist.

Dorrie Hering has us all a bit worried. She was admitted to Cleveland Clinic about a month ago. Still undiagnosed, she has been quite ill, but as of this writing, seems to be recovering. She remains in their care.

Mary Liz Ellis has been very faithful in keeping me informed of Dorrie's progress through this period. We have been practically in daily contact. We all hope for the best for Dorrie.

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Okay, Class of '42, let's get with it! You will have noticed, down through the years, that we have made very few, and often no, contributions to the alumni Class Notes. Time to change that! A list of class members which the Alumni Office issued last year showed that 43 of us were still alive and kicking, age 90 or more—not a bad ratio at all for a graduating class of 1938. So please let me know what you are up to—good, bad, or indifferent—so the other members of our class can hear about it. Email is best. Or phone me at (703) 660-6896.

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Class of 1944 appears to be operating on alternating currents these days. We get a good number of reports for one issue of Wooster and then only two or three for the next issue. This, as you'll soon discover if you haven't already, is about to be a low turnout issue.

Let's start with Don Coates, one of our regulars. He's happily ensconced in southwestern Florida having successfully dodged the 2012-2013 winter weather. The snowbirds have now flown his area and a new multi-million dollar theater of the arts has opened with "Miss Saigon." Needless to say, Don was in attendance. The preceding week he saw "Harvey" at a different playhouse. And the following week, at a 1THIRD playhouse he'll see a British farce mystery with the intriguing title, "A Little Murder Never Hurt Anyone." In this manner he has been able to maintain what he calls his status of being "artistically solvent." Ever think of starting a playbook collection, Don?

Bill and Pat '46 Foxx were also practicing some winter avoidance. Their method was to fly from their retirement community in the middle of Amish farm country in southeastern Pennsylvania to Southern California. There in the village of La Jolla, during the coldest months, they have been enjoying a significantly more pleasant lifestyle. They walk the nearby cliff, check out the Harbor Seals that have taken over the "Children's Beach," and watch visitors pretending they are having a
good time in the icy waters of the “Cove.” They are professional at doing "nothing much," including watching TV, reading the morning paper, grocery shopping, walking or going to the gym to walk on the treadmill, eating out, and sleeping. Now the seasons have changed and the Foxes have returned to a beautiful daffodil-filled spring with cherry blossoms and magnolias in full bloom. The preceding week they hitched a ride to Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac from Washington D.C.’s Cherry Blossom Festival. It was their first really warm day and it was a wonderful experience. They found the gravesites of relatives, some distant in time and memory, and others near and dear to their hearts.

Senior Resource Group (SRG), the company that manages Park Lane, the California retirement community where Don (Red) Layton lives, has instituted an interactive program for employees called SynRGy, the objective being to boost employee/resident relations. They recently held an essay contest for residents. The impressive first prize was to be a luncheon for two at the Sardine Factory, a FIVE-STAR restaurant near Cannery Row. At the most recent town hall meeting it was announced that the winner of the Park Lane competition was Donald M. Layton! (Applause, applause.) A group of about 15 employees and supervisors lined up and Don was called up to have his picture taken with the staff members. Not only that, Don was a member of one of the teams competing for an Iron Chef award at the Park Lane. Potential chefs from a local cooking school were each teamed up with a resident for the preparation of a dish. Don’s team prepared a risotto and Don’s function was to do the chopping. The judges were a local chef, the editor of a food magazine and the writer of the food column in a local paper. Don’s team finished second in preparation and won the prize for best teamwork. One of Don’s contributions was finding a way to remove the onion odor from his fingers after chopping. His solution was to chop garlic right after chopping the onion. Don, you have a whole new career waiting for you if you’d like to start everything over again.

Jim Smucker says he is still hanging around in Seattle, Wash. He turned 91 on April 6 and lives at Horizon House. He finds life good; he reads a lot and has many good friends, who, he says, unfortunately have a habit of dying on him! Four wonderful daughters and eight grandchildren all make him very happy. One of his daughters is getting married this summer and Jim’s family is excited about that. He invites classmates to “come visit any time or send email or cards.” His address is 900 University St #324 Seattle WA 98101.

Eloise Van Niel is about to try group living in June, not in her home state of Hawaii, but in Boston. Its primary attraction is the presence of her son and grandchildren. So from May 30 to June 30 she will be in Waltham, Mass. She’s hoping for Hawaii-type weather. Good luck on that one, Eloise! But we’ll be rooting for it to turn out that way. Some significant news from our secretary, Russ Haley, for a change. Hey, that’s me. My granddaughter, Jocelyn Haley, has a wedding planned for Sept. 1. It’s to be held in Meredith, N.H., on Lake Winnipesaukee. This will be the first of my three grandchildren to marry. I can already imagine the patter of the little great-grandchildren feet! <grin> Otherwise, my walker, my puppy, and I are all doing reasonably well. As for how I’m spending my time these days, it’s mostly reading, playing with my computer, playing with my pooch, and playing with the food on my plate, the food that my retirement community, Medford Leas, dishes up for me daily. I’m a little older and a little slower now but that’s no surprise to anyone, except maybe to me.

Ginny Miller reports that she’s currently doing “very well”. She’s very enthusiastic about the retirement community in which she is now located, especially appreciating the freedom to do “just about anything you would like to do.” As you might expect one of the things Ginny wants to do is volunteer work. And so she is. She fondly remembers her Wooster friends—was one of the original members of the Round Robin, a chain letter of about a dozen women classmates who resolved to stay in touch with each other, no matter what. That circulating letter remained active for over 65 years, though our advancing ages have made it inactive recently. Quite an accomplishment! She and I share the experience of having the first of our grandchildren marrying. She was able to attend the marriage ceremony of her granddaughter and calls it a wonderful event. Mine is to follow in September, as noted elsewhere in these notes. Ginny’s voice remains full, clear and strong. I take that to be a very good sign.

1945

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It’s time for the April news report from your secretary, “Swanee.” Spring seems to be taking its time coming — we even have a bit of snow today! I always get a lot of news at Christmas and after that not much news comes in.

I received a wonderful letter from Margy Rath Stauffer, which included a great picture of her and Dwight’s family at a reunion in 2011. Twenty-two of the 29 in the family were there. A new great-grandson, Kellen Rath Stauffer, has since been added. He is the son
of Alison and Brandon MacLeod, and grandson of Paul and Debby Rath. A grandson-in-law of Margy and Dwight’s is Army Sergeant serving a three-year tour in Germany. He has completed two tours in Iraq. Margy says she and Dwight “are still here, mostly vertical, and participating in life.” Margy’s eyesight is getting worse and Dwight has a congestive heart condition, but they love visits and family celebrations, going to church and participating in Breckenridge Village programs from bus outings to hymn sings (with Margy on the piano—she adds that she needs MUCH practice). Their Cleveland area families take loving care of them for which they are grateful. They enjoy watching their oldest grandson (six foot six inches in ninth grade) play basketball for his school team, beating his opponents by 30-40 points. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last July. Congratulations, Margy and Dwight!

I received a St. Patrick’s Day card from Wayne Cliffe. He commented on the wonderful winter issue of Wooster magazine and its fascinating accounts.

An email from Ruth Whiston “Whisty” Roberts Upshall says she has enjoyed reading our class news and decided it was about time for her to update us on her life. A week after graduation she ‘married Chaplain Bruce Roberts and had three lovely children and 33 happy years together before he died of cancer in 1978. In the following years I was caregiver for my parents and married Bruce Upshall from Toronto in 1986. He died three years later and I continued care of my father until he was 99 years old.” In 1991 she moved to Sarasota, Fla., and became involved with the peace and justice group there. In the summers she returns to her home in South Portland, Maine. In addition to teaching elementary school, she enjoys photography and has been a flower show judge and active on various church committees. In 2011, she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and is getting treatment in Portland. Her children live nearby and are very attentive. She would love to hear from classmates at whisty24@gmail.com. It’s great to hear from you, Whisty and I hope your treatment is going well.

I, Swanee, had a 90th birthday on April 14. I’m sure many of our class have reached that milestone. Our daughter, Barb, said they would bring dinner to me Sunday at noon so she came over on Saturday morning to set the table and get out the dishes for the 14 who would be here. On Saturday afternoon I had Skype calls from our daughter, Liz, and her family in Amsterdam, a call from a grandson and his family in Dublin, Ireland, and from another grandson and his wife in the Kansas City area. At about four o’clock there was a knock on the door, and when I opened it, there was my whole family—33 of them had come for dinner! The kids had been planning it for months. Some came from Ohio, from Long Island, Minneapolis and LaCrosse, Wis. It was a big surprise. We had a wonderful time recalling old times that evening. The next day they surprised me by all being at church and serving cake and punch for the congregation after the service. We had a lunch together that noon. That afternoon I had four more calls from grandchildren in New Haven, Conn.; San Diego, Calif.; Tucson, Ariz.; and Mankato, Minn. So I saw or heard from all 58 of Gordon’s and my descendants. It was a weekend I’ll never forget. I’m amazed that even the little great-grandchildren didn’t let the secret out.

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A newsy letter from Scotty (Jane) McIntosh Pearce said their Christmases in Ottawa, Canada was really a white Christmas. In 2012 Scotty had some health problems requiring surgery. But with recovery, support from friends and family, and a return home, she is doing well and feeling better. The unusual hot summer found them enjoying their pool. The year 2013 looks better with the birth of their first great-grandchild, a girl in early February, and with her granddaughter, Caryn, planning a unique August wedding combining Hindu and Canadian wedding customs.

Speaking of unique wedding ceremonies, this is becoming a “One World.” In 2012 we (Hewetts) had a grandson, Jason, who married a Chinese American girl, Alicia Lao. In June they had a traditional American wedding in San Francisco followed by a traditional Chinese ceremony a few months later.

copeland Oaks, where we Hewetts now live, keeps uncovering more Wooster grads. Dorothy Longwell Tild has lived here for 12 years. Her news will be found in the 1938 column.

I visited still another Wooster grad here at Copeland Oaks—Pat Bryant Hill ’46. You may find some news in her 1946 column. That makes eight Wooster people here on campus.

Howard R. Smith had a very happy 95th birthday in February. His daughter, Brenda Smith Wakeham ’71, her husband, Stuart Wakeham ’70 and their family came from Georgia to help Howard celebrate. In April, the Georgia couple will become grandparents, and Howard and his wife, Sarah, will become great-grandparents. Howard and Sarah have lived in a Villa at Copeland Oaks for 11 years and continue to enjoy reasonably good health.

News was recently received about the death of Betty Tinkey Balzly on May 3, 2012 in Navarre, Ohio. Another death reported is that of Caroline Isabelle “Izzie” Hartman on March 17, 2012 in Newark, N.Y.

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Betsy Jones Hayba has written a book, The Traveling Corpse, a murder mystery romp through a retirement park with four senior citizens couples. Betsy says, “Advice frequently given to writers: Write about what you know. I don’t have any first-hand experience with murder, but I do know a lot about being old!”

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Right after mailing my spring column I took off for Florida and a mini COW reunion! I delighted in the nice weather in the "lower 48" visiting "Ike" Betty Evans Anderson at her timeshare on Sanibel Island. We walked the beach every day and had lunch with Bob ’51 and Barb Hough Shafer who came over from Ft. Myers one day. When you read this they will probably be at their mountain getaway up north. Yes, we southern dwellers have our own version of a snowbird! We decided that we were all in pretty good shape “for our age” and thankful to be so!

A recent letter from Mary Lou Van Kirk Mertz, who has lived in Sarasota for many years, shared that she enjoys her life in a retirement community there. Her husband, Dick, is in a dementia unit nearby but is always happy when she visits. Mary Lou and her son spent
nine weeks at Chautauqua in 2012 and had a great time in a place where she and Dick had spent 30 summers before selling their home in 2000.

Jack Eaton who lives in Arizona, wrote to share news of Florida classmates also. Jack took a Panama Canal cruise with his daughter in March. It started in Fort Lauderdale but he flew in a few days early so that he could visit them. First were Don Fisher and wife, Mary, in Sarasota where they spend six months, splitting their year with six months in Columbus. The second stop was in Venice to see Ralph and Joan Jekel Wagner ‘51. Ralph is the retired pastor of a Venice church. Then he caught up with Carol Musson Creviston ‘49 in Naples who was maid of honor when Jack married Mary Anderson ‘49 in 1951! Jack says every time he is able to scratch something accomplished off his bucket list he is inspired to add an item or two. Keep at it, Jack!

My bucket list includes an Alaskan cruise. Maybe in 2014—this summer I’ll be attending a grandchild’s wedding. Betsy Jones Hayba ‘49 recently fulfilled a bucket list wish by writing a murder mystery. She and Frank were neighbors and friends of Bill’s and mine in the 50s and her book, based in a Florida retirement community, is next on my reading list. Betsy has been a storyteller and writer of one-act plays for decades and lives in central Florida.

Another classmate writer is Nancy Herbst Monroe Schrest. I hope that you enjoyed her work in the winter issue of Wooster. It was excerpts from a 10 volume annotated collection of letters of her mother, Thea Zimmerman ’18 and father, Robert Herst ’15. The differences between then and our time on campus are as numerous as our days are from current campus life. One special difference came to mind as I wrote this column when Jack Eaton mentioned waiting tables at Babcock. The days of dorm dining are long gone, replaced by Lowry Center and Kittredge. But the campus is as well-used as ever!

Our hearts go out to the family of Patrick “Pat” Mulligan who passed away in January.

Published authors in our class, of which I am sure there are more, are to be saluted but “your faithful correspondent” is eternally grateful for those mates who share their news with her. One such note received recently came from Min Mochizuki in Colorado where winter snows were continuing into April. Min and June moved into a senior residence in Denver in March and he was looking forward to playing with his ukulele group at a festival soon: “Firsts and lasts; please continue to share your lives — keep writing!”

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A note arrived recently from Nancy Herbst Monroe Schrest ‘50. While Nancy is a bona fide class of ’50 alum, we can claim her a bit also. For in 1950, when Nancy returned to Wooster after recovering her health she was placed in Babcock with the ’51 girls. Nancy and Bill Monroe ‘50 had three sons whose progeny keep Nancy busy. Nancy also has an extended family. She writes “Last summer’s getaway was a family gathering in Montana where we spent a volunteer week at the Blackfeet reservation followed by a long weekend at Glacier National Park, which was memorable for family time, glorious park land and many rewards of the reservation experience.”

Both Art and I appreciate the encouraging email from former class secretary, Max Selby. He and Janet Evans Smith, his co-secretary, planned to meet when Max was near Perrysburg, Janet’s hometown, while he was visiting a grandson.

Recently, I’ve had phone conversations with Peg Johnston Gurney, Flo Reeder Morrison, president Priscilla Miller Hart, and Helen Gurley Heinmiller. I’m happy to report that all (and mates) are in age
appropriate good health. Priscilla urges everyone to email or write your secretaries. As Pris said, “We may not be able to do what we used to but all should still be able to write.”

Helen is in contact with Nancy White Kauffman and she and Alan stand ready to help Nancy if she needs assistance. Nancy has our condolences on the loss of classmate Bruce Kauffman. We were also saddened to hear of the passing of Bill Voelkel.

Florence Reeder Morrison and husband, Elliot, keep busy travelling from their home in Northern Michigan. Their trips sometime boggle the mind. Flo writes of one such trip last year that lasted from April 30 to July 1. Here she writes of the Alaskan part of her itinerary: “The two of us and the camper sailed on the Alaska Marine Highway to Skagway and then on to Anchorage for several days with Paul (son) and family. Next it was to Fairbanks and the mail plane to Rampart on the Yukon where we were picked up by boat by Robin (daughter), Charlie and Tori for several days at fish camp. A seven-hour boat ride to main camp followed. After two days we were dropped off in Manley Hot Springs for the five-hour bus ride back to Fairbanks and the camper. Ten days later we returned home via the Alaska Highway.

**1952**

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From Pete Sprague: “Not a lot of exciting things happen in southern Ohio but occasionally we have a reportable event. On Thursday, March 14, 2013, I who live with my wife Mary Lou in Bristol Village in Waverly, Ohio, met Beth Eaton Swartz, who lives over near Bainbridge, Ohio, for a long lunch. We had not seen Beth all winter and had a great visit. Beth has stayed on the farm that she and Roscoe Swartz, now deceased, have owned for many years. Beth has a son who is a clergyman in northern Ohio and a daughter, wife of a doctor, in central Ohio. Her other children live on the east coast and west coast. She is doing art projects all of the time, including four days a week in the local prison as an instructor. Right now she has some of her work in the annual spring show of the Chillicothe Art Society. Beth’s daughter from the west coast spent six weeks with her here after the holidays this year. They were able in that time to visit the other three siblings. Beth is planning her usual summer: eight weeks in Michigan with family.

Mary Lou and I are well planted here in Bristol Village where we have lived for the last six years. If there is a problem with life for us it is on how to say no; right now we do not have time enough to take on another activity. I do a lot of things, including sewing lap quilts for nursing homes with a group and being secretary for the Bristol Women’s Group for Mary Lou. I have been secretary for several active groups (thankfully there is now spell check) and right now am a member of the Sunday Evening Vespers Committee. I have actually worn my dress suit four times this past year. I will be Paddy O’Sprague as the MC at our block party on Monday evening. The Sprague family live in several places in western New York State and southern Virginia. We will visit them when the weather is warmer and nicer.”

Diantha White Horton writes: “Bill and I were part of a three-family reunion on St. George Island in the Gulf of Mexico for a week between Christmas and New Year’s. Members came from Anchorage, Montreal, Washington state and Washington, D.C., Minnesota, Michigan, New York, Michigan, and Georgia. The 39 people involved ranged in age from nine months to 84 years. It was wild and wonderful.”

Gene and Joan Pritchard report: “As you may know, in the last few years the Pritchards have done more than the average amount of relocating. In fact, one of our best friends asked “when and how did you decide to periodically move to a new home instead of taking vacations?” With that question in mind: Since we moved again last fall, it occurred to us that..."
some of our friends and relatives might not be current about where we are...and how to reach us.

If this is news to you, here’s what happened: After a year in Laguna Woods (a perfectly fine community of 19,000 seniors) we found that nearly every day we were driving at least once, often twice, and sometimes three times to Newport Beach (a 30-minute drive each way). We did this because most of our friends, doctors, favorite restaurants, stores, and theaters were in the Newport area. So frankly, it did not take a lot of thought to decide ‘let’s move there’

Luckily, when we first went looking for a new place to live, we immediately found a wonderful condo in the heart of Newport Beach, and we moved ‘back home’ last October. Since then, we love being here...and how to respond, to reach out and plan, exercise accountability, and keep up with classmates, especially now that we have time to sit and have long, meaningful conversations.

Christmas 2012 found John Seaman ’84 and Carolyn Buderger Seaman ’86 welcoming Bob Seaman ’57 and wife Nina, and David and Margo Scruggs Seaman ’86 to their apartment in Recife, Brazil. Carolyn (a professor at the University of Maryland) is on sabbatical with husband John. Bob and Nina visited in December; David and Margo and daughters Lydia and Kate spent several days around Christmas at a beach resort. Bob and Nina live in Plainsboro, N.J., are active in the Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, and spend five months of the year on Bell Island, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia.

Alice (Cris) Cunningham’s new email address is crisc714@gmail.com. My old freshman-year roommate, John Sharick, has been busy. He reports, “Since my retirement as a denominational executive in 2001, I’ve been available as a consultant to congregations around the country. My selfish reason for doing so is trying to prevent my mind from going to seed by having to anticipate and plan, exercise accountability, and keep reading and thinking. So far that’s working!’ The benevolent purpose is to use the experience acquired in 35 years of being a denominational administrator and bureaucrat to benefit congregations with particular needs. This has taken me all over the country, responding to requests for help with conflict management, church revitalization, discerning the future, staff compatibility and cooperation, and restoring relevancy of a church’s culture and the social context in which it’s ministering. Most of my remaining time has been spent visiting my son (Albuquerque, N.M.), daughter (Marysville, Ohio), and traveling here and there, most recently to Switzerland for a last time. Previously I had partnered with a denominational worker leading a lay-clergy seminar at the Ecumenical Center in Geneva, after which some of the participants traveled...”

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Wow! Y’all are out there! Thanks for responding so profusely.

Terry Bard reports: “Gretchen and I went to Columbus to celebrate the chartering of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church 50 years ago, where I had been the founding pastor. I was extremely young then, so I could easily totter back for the celebration. We could see the future of that congregation is bright. And they enjoyed my stories of their beginnings!

We’re making plans to sell our lake house and move to Traverse City to be near our daughter and her family with a fresh appreciation for the help and joy a family can provide at this stage in life.”

Kay Demmon Cilmingburg went to lunch recently with Moses Jones-Lewis, who works with Cleveland’s West Side Alumni for the Office of Development. She says, “This, plus talking with Marge, Selma, Pretzel, and seeing faces on Facebook, helps me to feel connected. Looking forward to being on campus this spring for our niece’s lacrosse games.

Virginia Blair Relf sends greetings to ’57 classmates from southern California. “Bill Relf ’59, my husband of 55 years, and I have retired from teaching and moved to a retirement community. We’re enjoying this relaxing, but stimulating environment very much. Two children and four grandchildren live nearby in Orange County.

We appreciate more than ever our excellent education at Wooster. We’d welcome visits from classmates, especially now that we have time to sit and have long, meaningful conversations.”
with me by train visiting special venues and historic centers."

From Peg Stoops: "I have worked several sessions with a professional organizer who helps me cope with clutter. Much of it is dealing with incoming mail and email as it arrives. I'm still waiting for inspiration to attack old files. I flew to Oklahoma in February for the wedding of a granddaughter, then to Tampa, Fla., for a visit with brother Tom and his wife. Next trip is to California for a retreat and catching up with old friends. I joined the local Presbyterian Church last fall after visiting 12 years. Now I'm singing in the choir and serving with incoming mail and email as it arrives. Much of it is dealing with clutter. I'm still waiting for inspiration to attack old files.

Anne Kelso Johnson

Jean Strojan joined Anne Kelso Johnson and her husband, Dr. Ken Johnson, at the celebration of their 50th anniversary the end of July 2012. Family and friends gathered at the Ohio State Park of Huston Woods in southwest Ohio for a weekend of hiking, swimming, dinner, and camaraderie with their children and grandchildren. They were married on Aug. 4 1962. Anne and Ken look great!

Edwin Smith was originally in the Class of '55, dropped out to serve in the Airborne infantry in Korea, and reentered as a '57. After Wooster, he went into the insurance business in South Bend, then spent three years in banking, and finally settled for 43 happy years in real estate. He served as president of his city council for four years, and now lives in Florida. He and his wife of 25 years, Barbara, have a blended family of seven children. "I have had a wonderful life with normal difficulties," he writes.

Gene Phlegar has had a problem, but takes the light view: "Nothing to report at the moment, unless you want the details from my latest (mild, thank goodness!) bout with gout. As they say, 'Growing older is not for wimps!'"

Ron Gould sent me news of our classmate Don Metz's death, along with a description of his service to celebrate his life.

Marilyn Cogan Eisenhardt writes: "Some years back Sylvia Martin Hoffmeier and I found each other at a Wooster alumni event. We've been having a lovely time together ever since. We see a lot of movies, go to theater, and attend events of an international woman's group to which we belong. We went to the last two reunions together. I see Anne Eubank Jolliff almost every year, and have spent two New Years Days at 'The Ranch.' (She lives in Waco, but still has her dad's ranch.) I was sad to learn of Bill Kieffer's death. He and Elaine had been my good and faithful friends ever since my days at Wooster.

Leslie Towle Thompson had lunch with Marge Yoder Mitchell in April. "We hadn't seen each other for six years and the giggles and talks about Ma Golder to new graduates not knowing what Sections were, were lots of fun. I've also seen Pat Wise Strickler and her husband at the Harrisburg Symphony. I've been working for a foreign exchange agency for almost 20 years now and love it. I now know people around the world and have traveled to visit many in their home countries. I took writing classes at the local community college, have had poems and short stories published, and am three-quarters of the way through a book about losing your spouse. I have two children: Scott, a dentist in Shelburne, Vt., and Laurel who works in HR as national manager. I have three grandchildren. Life has been good to me!"

Life continues peaceful here in Vermont, and Ida and I (Will) are fine. I left home in a snowstorm on April 15 for a week of filming in Cuba, got back to find the coltsfoot rioting all over the place. My phoebes are back; they're checking out the new nesting platform I built for them high on the barn gable. Les Towle is right: Life's been good. But in New England we always add...so far.

1958

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It's April as Dennis and I (Nana) write you. Dennis leads off: "I had a nice chat not long ago with Bob Watson, my sophomore year roommate in Andrews Hall, about how we are doing and what an unlikely duo we had been initially. He and Jan Moser Watson had both been struggling in recent years with medical problems and had moved to Columbia, Md., to be closer to their daughters. Some of you may remember Jan at the 50th reunion with her "vacuum cleaner" backpack to assist breathing. On April 12, I heard from the Watson family that Jan had passed on peacefully the day before, at home with her family. I knew her as a beautiful, adamently outspoken liberal who was skeptical about many conventions and fun to be with. She told me often that she disagreed with most of my politics but more important to her, she thought I was funny. She was Bob's greatest blessing and sometimes challenge; they were great together. Bob is coping with his loss. He can be reached at home at 410-740-2363."

Chuck (now "HC") and Susan Kayser live in Richland, Wash., with their children and grandchildren nearby. Chuck continues his
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Class Notes

WEDDING OF AMANDA DAHLIN ’07 AND DANNY KAVKA ’07, AUG. 11, 2012 IN THE OAK GROVE
Wendy Barlow ’74, Nancy Hull ’76, Doug Buchanan ’06, Kelly Gesch Buchanan ’06, John Hull ’75, Brandon Holman ’05, Stacey Decker ’05, Jeremy Orosz ’05, Meg Sackett Menon ’05, Alexa Roggenkamp ’10, Jon Courtney ’07, Betsy Malloy ’02, Jessica Wollett ’03, Amanda Dahlin ’07, Nino Miragliuolo ’03, Danny Kavka ’07, Karen Pearson ’05, Sarah Valade ’05, Matt Wagner ’03, Courtney White ’01, Anna White ’06, Nia Indelicato ’04, Tom Hull ’07, Philip McLeod ’09.

fascination with sports cars, especially Porsches, having bought an immaculate ’94 968 last summer to add to his fleet that includes a ’59 Porsche 356 Cabriolet and a BMW Isetta, up for sale. He even had a garage constructed for his acquisition, which doesn’t put him in the same league as Jay Leno, but he can dream. He still likes woodworking and is proud he retains all his digits.

Ron and Nancy Rehner live actively in Elmira, N.Y., both busy in their church and in AARP affairs—Nancy guides their local chapter, and Ron is the chapter’s legislative advocate. He is also on the advisory board of the Department of Aging, so they are both busy with age-appropriate services. Last year his garden was on the Elmira Garden Tour.

Ron shared his recent experience with some students and faculty he knew during his teaching experience in Tanzania in 1961-63. “I was overwhelmed when one of my Mawenzi secondary students found me on the Internet about a year ago. He (Martijn Kaal from the Netherlands) organized a 50th reunion of five Mawenzi students here in Elmira. This was a fantastic get-together not only for the Mawenzi kids but also for our families. We reviewed my old slides that brought back many memories and enjoyed the beauty of Kilimanjaro. In an interview with our local senior television program, Martijn pulled out his geography notebook from my class!”

Back to Nana: For months I’ve wanted to include this photo of Sandy Sanders Breuer, taken when she was working as a cigarette girl at the Copacabana Club in Manhattan. She said, “I did the Copa job because it was a night job and I was going to Hunter College days to get my MSED, which N.Y.C. was requiring for a permanent teaching license. Meanwhile, I had no income because I’d been teaching on a temporary license with no summer pay. I’d work at the Copa, sleep three hours, go to school, sleep three hours. I propped an index card on my alarm clock that said ‘Work’ on one side and ‘School’ on the other so that I could remember where I was supposed to be going when I woke up. I was young and full of energy. I couldn’t do that now.” Nowadays, Sandy edits books and writes romance novels as Lindsay Hall, http://www.lindsayhallromance.com. Sandy, do you read “Mary Worth?” Writing romance novels figures big in the strip’s current episode.

From Roger Hall: “My wife, Carol Whitacre ’63, and I will be at the reunion. Carol is on the committee for her 50th reunion! We spend five months a year in Middleburg Heights (Cleveland) and five months in Folsom, Calif., as we have grandchildren in both places. We spend the remaining two months traveling. We go on three mission trips and travel abroad as tourists. We have been to more than 40 countries, and we plan to keep this up as long as our health permits.”

From Janet Gabrielsen Ehlers: “Bob and I are anticipating a visit from relatives in Norway. They will drive to Cleveland after seeing Niagara Falls. When we were sophomores, Nancy Curry McSweeney sailed with her mother on the Royal Viking Sky. My cousin was captain. It is his daughter who will be visiting us. Nancy worked for the College and contacted me on their return. I went to their home many times for dinner, and we stayed in touch for several years. Several students in our class knew Nancy from work or living at the lovely home on Quinby.”

From Anne Gieser and Bruce Hunt: “The Hunts are members of Lincoln Park Village, an organization based on an experiment that originated on Beacon Hill in Boston. Aging members of that community decided they wanted to ‘stay in place’ in their homes and put together a support system that allowed them to do so. There is a likelihood of 90+ groups opening throughout the country. The Village not only offers services such as transportation to appointments, help with taxes, and connections to people who can fix things, but it also provides many opportunities for socializing (plays, dinners, games, trips). We both write for the Village newsletter. I recently wrote about the course I took at the Chicago Botanic Garden on healing and therapeutic garden design. Bruce and I are both members of Village memoir writing groups. He just finished a piece about his friendship with David Dungan. My most recent one was ‘The Year I was 25.’ Mary Rigdon (Bruce Rigdon’s wife) is in his memoir group, and she and I are in the same book group. We enjoy occasional lunches with them and hearing about their many travels. They are currently in Norway.

“Great visit with Murray and Judy Vixsebose Blackadar a few months ago when they came for a reunion with old friends and a week of programs offered at the Humanities Festival.

“We continue to enjoy our three-generation living with our daughter, Mary Prekop ’89, her husband, and two daughters. Our daughter Lisa and her husband are a mile away. Their daughter, Erin (Denison), is a Chicago public school teacher, and our son Elliott (Lawrence) is a ‘genius’ at the Apple store. We will go to California for our grandson Dylan’s graduation from Pomona. We’re very proud of them all!”

Elwin Vanderland ’58 called into the Alumni Office to report that his wife Diane Kingsley Vanderland had a severe cerebral hemorrhage and was not expected to make it. But she survived and is getting stronger every day.”
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Our congratulations to James T. Clark on receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award on Alumni Weekend 2013.

Mimi (Norem) Fernyak writes that she just returned to her home in San Diego from a wonderful visit to San Francisco with Susanne Fox for a few days and then topped it off with a half-day visit with Nancy Wells. Susanne had flown to Oakland for an art workshop and they spent extra days of sightseeing in San Francisco. They enjoyed playing tourists at the Museum of Modern Art, the Golden Gate Park with the fabulous de Young Museum, dinner in China Town, and riding the cable cars. The weather was amazingly free of that famous fog layer as they were treated to blue skies and brisk sunshiny breezes. After Susanne left for her return flight to Pittsburgh, Nancy took the BART train into the city from her home in Walnut Creek and they enjoyed lunch together and wandering through the Yerba Buena Gardens with the impressive memorial to Martin Luther King Jr., where they pondered his quotations etched on the wall while being serenaded by the crashing sound of a magnificent waterfall above. What a city this is! Her trip was too brief, but the most wonderful treat of all was connecting with two dear Wooster roommates from more than fifty years ago as they shared memories and updates of their families today. What a blessing it is to be able to keep old friendships alive.

David and Peggy (Lenderking) Hale spent three weeks in paradise in January on St. Lucia, a beautiful but impoverished island in the Caribbean. For two weeks they worked with a team of Global Volunteers, a service organization with programs across the world. The Hales had previously participated in Global Volunteers programs in X’ian, China, and Queretaro, Mexico, helping English teachers. On St. Lucia the team of fifteen worked in the small village of Anse-la-Raye (Stingray Cove, population about 1,600) doing a variety of things. David and another volunteer tutored remedial students at the primary school, grades three–six. It had been a while since he subtracted fractions, but it came back. Peggy and another woman worked with Earth Boxes, self-watering containers in which the people can grow their own vegetables.

Mary (Minor) Evans writes that it has been a busy year for her as president of our university for seniors. Last spring, she and Bob took a class on India and became the bride and groom for the final wedding class. This winter they traveled to London for 10 days and loved the pubs, the Olympic areas, the museums, the parks and the friends they met. She has one more year as the president of the Duluth Woman’s Club. She says, “I think I am about as busy as I was when I was at Wooster.”

Rob Peters writes that last November he went back to part-time parish ministry as the interim minister at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Cambridge, Md., on the Delmarva Peninsula. Immanuel will probably have completed its search for an interim pastor by the time this goes to press. He also keeps busy with a committee of the Central Atlantic Conference of the UCC. Rob and Ginny “retired” last year from the all-volunteer United States Coast Guard Auxiliary after 21 years of service. Five growing grandchildren keep them young.

Our condolences to Roger Garst who lost his wife Jan. 2 to HLIH syndrome. There were over 300 at the memorial service.

I (Phil) found out in early April that I have T-cell prolymphocytic leukemia. We are now trying to sort out the implications of the disease and treatment options. It certainly makes one examine his faith more carefully.

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Although this is the summer issue, I thought I would share with you some more of the interesting news I received in holiday newsletters sent to me in December.

Carol Galloway Lamberger and Paul, ’59, had another year of terrifically rich experiences. For 10 weeks they attended the town of Kettering’s civilian police academy, at which they not only attended lectures, they also radared and lasered traffic, saw motorcycle slow speed and maneuvering tests, had a SWAT team flash bang show and a chase and drug sniff demo with two canine patrol dogs. Last and most fun, they got to shoot a Glock. Carol shot off the target’s earlobe on her first shot and killed him in the chest with the remaining five shots!

Their big trip was to the rainforests in eastern Peru, where they joined a primo birding group of 10 with two excellent leaders. They were in areas between the Andes and the Amazon basin. Carola was able to add 312 new birds to her life list. Most were amazingly multi-colored and included five kinds of macaws and 35 different kinds of hummingbirds. Their lodgings were comfortable and had full baths attached, but no electricity. An adventure that Paul especially enjoyed was climbing up a fire tower ladder to a tree platform 100 feet above the ground. They also experienced two-hour and seven-hour boat trips on wide tributaries of the Amazon in motorized dugout canoes. The lodges they stayed in were inaccessible by road and were in the Manu Wildlife Preserve where the TV show “Survivor” was taped. Another highlight of the trip was visiting Machu Picchu, the ancient Incan ruins of the Andes. Their Incan guide taught them a great deal about Peru’s ancient and modern history. On the last lap of their trip, they took a gorgeous train ride down a steep river gorge to Cusco and ended their stay in Lima.

Judy Gunder and husband Bill had a wealth of hiking and biking experiences last year. They started out with trips to Las Vegas and Anaheim, where they visited friends and hiked, then headed for the Santa Monica Mountains, where they biked for five days with friends. They also toured and hiked in Death Valley.

During the summer they took an extensive biking and hiking trip in Europe. It began with a stop in the Netherlands, where they biked and walked through the beautiful countryside with another couple they were visiting. From there, the four of them joined five other couples for a two-week guided hiking tour in the Picos de Europa in Northern Spain. They loved the old stone houses in the villages, the rugged mountains, and the rich cultural experience. The trip ended in Santiago de Compostella, where The Way of St. James, the famous pilgrim walk beginning in France and extending clear across northern Spain, ends.

From Spain they traveled to the exquisite mountainous Tyrolian and Pongau regions of Austria, where they undertook a couple of 13-mile hikes and enjoyed the Austrian “Gemütlichkeit.” They continued their alpine experience in the Dolomite Mountains in northern Italy. A special treat was enjoying a choir festival with choirs coming from all over the world. Three Italian choirs enthusiastically sang gospel music.

Nancy Brown (Brownie) Tyburski reports that her son David became engaged this spring at age 43. Her daughter Stacey, who works in England, came to a meeting in
Angene (Hopkins) Wilson wrote to tell me that she and husband Jack were in Myanmar (now called Burma by the BBC) for two weeks last March participating in a study group led by one of her Ohio State professors from 40 years ago. They noted that Aung Sung Suu Yi’s portrait was in village homes and that her political party convention was in progress while they were there. She says that the country is beautiful with many pagodas. She also said that Peace Corps Writers has just published her new book, Africa on My Mind: Educating Americans for Fifty Years, Living Peace Corps’ Third Goal.

Janice (McBroom) Stockton has been traveling with her friend, Kathy (both recently widowed), from her home in North Carolina to new states. She plans to visit L.A., several of the west’s national parks, relatives who live in western states who she has not seen in years, and who knows what else! While at home, she is editing a Turkish history written by a friend in London and plans to attend her granddaughter’s senior recital from the Royal School of Music in London. She says that when the name of soprano Meghan Taylor flits across the credits from some Wagnerian performance somewhere, someday, cheer with her!

Last January, Jina (Kearns-Preston) Ford had an encounter with what we northerners know as "black ice." Her note says: "I started to slide into oncoming traffic on black ice, overcorrected on the third try and spun out and off into a ditch. When the car dropped a few feet, I received a compression fracture in my first lumbar vertebra. If you have to have a vertebra compressed, this is a good choice, as few nerves exit the spinal cord. I have had no nerve damage, and am making good progress toward recovery. I discover that I am much more patient with others than I am with myself. I really want to get back to normal activity." Back in 2004, Jina and her husband went on a trip to Turkey studying first century Christianity, and Dick and Jane (Trout) Clippinger were on the same trip. Dick is finishing a book on the Parables, and it should be in print within a year.

If you remember studying the Book of Job during lib studies in our freshman year at Wooster, you might be able to sympathize with Ann (McEathron) Kuebeler. She writes that last February she went to the hospital for what was supposed to be a simple hip replacement. However, both her hip and pelvis shattered during the surgery. As of April, she had finished home health care, was walking with a walker, and was learning how to use a cane. She finished her note by saying: "If you know of any other things that could go wrong, they probably will, given time!"

After 30 years, Trudy (Patterson) Colflesh is re-publishing her book, Too Precious to Die, the story of her daughter’s illness and death with leukemia, and the healing presence of the Lord through it all. After Karen’s death, she and her husband, George '59 were guests on national TV (CBN) and Trudy traveled and spoke throughout the country encouraging people to trust in God, regardless of the circumstances. Information on ordering this and other books by Trudy can be found at www.hopeforthewoundedsoul.com.

In Aug. 2012, Karl Hilgert and wife Judy moved to the Pilgrim Place (PP) retirement community in Claremont, Calif. PP is a community of about 320 people who have spent 15+ years in church and/or community service work who commit to live together in continuing service to each other, the surrounding community, the country and world. They can live in independent individual houses and apartments, assisted living apartments or Health Service units for the rest of their days. They are each involved in half dozen volunteer endeavors with students and in social justice issues. The largest of these is the annual PP Festival booths (Judy in Fabrications handiwork; Karl as the new Santa Claus). This two-day event raises $180,000-$200,000 each year to be used to assure that no one will have to leave because
of exhausting financial resources. Karl is in an intergenerational class, "Religion, Ethics and Social Practice" with nine other Pilgrims and 14 students from the five Claremont colleges. They have each found college and seminary intergenerational class, "Religion, Ethics and Social Practice," with nine other Pilgrims and 14 students from the five Claremont colleges. They have each found college and seminary progress. It was in-and-out surgery to remove a cataract. Talk about how things have changed! I recently had a cataract removed. Talk about how things have changed! I recently had a cataract removed. Talk about how things have changed! I recently had a cataract removed. Talk about how things have changed! I recently had a cataract removed. Talk about how things have changed! I recently had a cataract removed. Talk about how things have changed! I recently had a cataract removed. Talk about how things have changed! I recently had a cataract removed. 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THE WEDDING OF LIBBY WAKEFIELD '09 AND NATHAN KAMPS, JULY 24, 2010.
Back: Dr. Jack Russell, Rev. Susan H. Russell, Mitch Storar ’09, Lindsey Dorko ’09, Grace Lynch ’09, Ezra Raekas ’09; Front: Katie Long ’10, Brittany Pitrone Pelak ’09, Annie Boyd ’09, Robin Konscak Nau ’09, Sarah Tarbell Storar ’09, Denise Youngblood Labaj ’74, groom, bride.

We started taking the grandchildren on trips when they turned 10, and only have three left to do. Two of them we’re taking on an Elderhostel trip to Hawaii this summer. When we finish with the grandkids, then I hope to travel with the kids to their place of choice – if health and money hold out. Here we both are very active in church – Don as an elder and I doing spiritual direction and discipling. I spend the summers in Maine and kayaking there is probably my most favorite activity. I spend the summers in Maine and kayaking there is probably my most favorite activity.

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Jim Sundberg is now serving on the Langley, WA City Council. He did a great job extolling the attractions of Whidbey Island to me when I told him I would like to visit there someday for bird watching. Jim won’t be able to attend the 50th reunion because he will be helping his daughter locate a college in the San Francisco area.

Two of our classmates have received honors. Reggie Minton was scheduled to receive the Greater Bridgeport Connecticut Athletic Association’s Al Bike Outstanding Sportsmen Award in May. After a career that included 20 years in the U.S. Air Force and many years coaching college basketball at Dartmouth and the Air Force Academy, Reggie has been deputy executive director of the National Association of Basketball Coaches since 2004. Reggie Williams received three accolades. The San Antonio Foundation, where he served as executive director, named its resource room in his honor. The Alamo Black Chamber of Commerce gave him a Lifetime Achievement Award, and Reggie has been deputy executive director of the National Association of Basketball Coaches since 2004. Reggie Williams received three accolades. The San Antonio Foundation, where he served as executive director, named its resource room in his honor.

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Robert Abel won the 1989 Flannery O’Connor Award for short fiction with a collection of stories titled “Ghost Traps.” It was recently reprinted. Go to http://www.ugapress.org/index.php/books/ghost_traps. Bob’s latest novel, Riding a Tiger was published in Hong Kong in 1998. He is finishing a trilogy of novels set in Beijing and is shopping around a number of screenplays. Bob also makes screen prints which can be viewed at www.roberthabel.com.

Connie (Bartlett) Schulz retired in February from the South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra after 28 years as a tenured musician. She continues her work as Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the history department of the University of South Carolina in Columbia. The University of Virginia Press published her “born digital” scholarly edition of The Papers of Eliza Lucas Pinckney and Harriott Pinckney Horry (1739-1830) last year as part of their “American Founding Era Collection.”

Robert Beckman, accomplished studio artist and muralist, returned to Las Vegas after an eight-year hiatus in Oregon. Bob is more publicly known in the area for his murals which grace the walls of major resorts, banks, government buildings and McCarran International Airport. An exhibition of old and new studio works, titled “House and Home,” opens May 4 at Vast Spaces Project in Henderson Nevada. There’s a great article about Bob’s work that was in the April issue of Nevada Public Radio’s publication, “Desert Companion.” See it at http://issuu.com/nvpr/docs/desert_companion_2013apr.

Claudia (Robinson) and John Boatright completed a two-week trip to southeast Asia in January with one of John’s colleagues in the Quinlan School of Business, Loyola University Chicago, and 22 Loyola M.B.A. marketing students. They visited Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand, with stays in Ho Chi Minh City, Siem Reap, and Bangkok. In Bangkok, Claudia re-united with her Claremont Graduate University apartment mate. Pictures from their trip are posted on the Class of ’64 Facebook page.

Judy (Cornell) McFarland celebrated her 70th birthday by taking the train to the Izaak Walton Inn in Essex, Mont., with daughter Colleen McFarland Rademaker ’92 and her husband, Bob. In January, Judy had cataract surgery and now only needs glasses for reading. Judy notes, “It seems like a miracle to be able to see so well without the glasses that I had worn since I was nine years old!”

After Wooster, David Haines attended Ohio State and Iowa State. He moved to Maine where he recently completed a career as professor of mathematics at Bates College. At Bates he had the opportunity to work with Wooster’s Don Harward, both as his acting dean of faculty and on strategic planning and...
faculty leadership development. David also helped to establish and taught at the Colby-Bates-Bowdoin Office-Campus Study Center in Quito, Ecuador. He and his wife are settled at the same Maine 1820 farmstead he purchased four decades ago. Retirement includes tending the farm, writing, international birding, yoga, juggling, and regaining piano skills. He’s also helping his wife set up a free medical clinic to serve Somali immigrants and others in their community.

Sid Leech and Bob Leigh organized a fun gathering of Fifth Section classmates in April. It was held at the beautiful Harbourtowne Golf Resort in St. Michaels, Md. and attended by “Delts” Guy DiCicco, Joe Ferrante ’65, Scott Geller, Bill McCullough and Charlie Tindall, and their spouses. Carol (Stromberg) Pancoast also attended, honoring the memory of her late husband Dave Pancoast. Doug Hole ’63 and she joined us for Saturday dinner, driving over from Annapolis. Doug was the top entertainer of the evening with his smooth and silky renditions of some old standards on the saxophone. See photos at the Class of ’64 Facebook page.

Mary (Martin) Kilpatrick returned in April from three weeks in South Africa with members of her church. They focused on apartheid and reconciliation historic sites, but also went on a three-day safari in Kruger National Park. Other highlights included the Stellenbosch grape-growing region, Table Mountain, the Cape of Good Hope, and Victoria Falls. Mary retired from Wooster’s chemistry department last summer. She still directs Wooster’s B-WISER Science Camp for middle school. She and her husband live on a farm in Warren, Ohio, and it sounds like they are moving into some serious wine-making activity.

Pat (Morley) Griffes has spent the past 45 years in northern California now living in Citrus Heights. Following Wooster, she obtained a master’s degree in education from Goucher College, married Jim Griffes ’62, raised three children, and taught and mentored elementary school teachers for 30 years. Now retired, Pat is remodeling her home and spending lots of time with her grandchildren. Pat hopes to attend the 50th reunion in 2014. Her sister, Peggy Morley, and brother, Joe will attend their 50th and 45th in Wooster this June.

Jane (Welton) and Russell Yamazaki look forward to a 10-day trip to Kyoto and Tokyo Japan in May with nine of Jane’s students from an honors college course she is teaching on urban Japan at Oakland University (Rochester, Mich.). Russell retired three years ago from teaching, research, and administration (32-years in the department of pharmacology) at the Wayne State University School of Medicine. Jane and Russell continue to sing in two choirs that do major choral works and a competition choir. In February they visited with class president, Nancy Braunh Boruch, in Santa Fe. A photo from this trip can be viewed at the Class of ’64 Facebook page.

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(Elm44@99main.com) is living in Mystic, Conn., where she is a church organist, teaches many piano students, and also has a small practice of massage therapy. Her daughters are both married with children. It was especially enjoyable to reconnect with Elizabeth since she was the organist at Lill and Chuck’s wedding in Fredericksburg, Ohio, in 1967.

Daniel Mitchell (d3mitchell@aol.com) reported that after graduating from Wooster he received a Ph.D. in experimental psychology from the University of Iowa where he met his wife, Gwen. He worked for 35 years at Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, Texas, from which he retired in 2007. Both he and Gwen are instrument-rated pilots. They fly for fun, for travel, and in support of Grace Flight medical humanitarian missions. They are making tentative plans for a meandering circuit by personal aircraft, perhaps to our 50th Wooster reunion and then back to Texas. Dan shared that he had returned to Wooster to attend the retirement ceremonies for Dr. Gordon Collins, professor of psychology, a close friend and mentor.

Pete Flourney (ph@pacbell.net) shares that he spent part of December in Manilla on business, and the other part in Akumal, Mexico (near Cancun), visiting family and friends. For the past ten years, he and his wife have been getting together about once a year with Steve Campbell (sr8090@gmail.com), Ted Mathewson (tdmathewson@gmail.com), and their wives. They were all in Fourth Section, and during our freshman year they all lived on the first floor of Douglass Hall.

Betty (Odell) Gibson (bgibson@fscj.edu) and her husband enjoyed a 15-day Panama Canal cruise, San Diego to Ft. Lauderdale. Betty is still at Florida State College Jacksonville and is active in the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. They moved from Orange Park, Fla., to The Villages, Fla. Lydia (Roberts) Brown (lrbrown797@gmail.com) shared that they have moved from New York City to Towson, Md., which is close to her daughter and family. Lydia completed her 14th year at the Rockefeller Brothers Fund in January, where she was involved in grant-making to environmental organizations, particularly those working on climate change and renewable energy issues.

Susan (Lewis) Nasrani (suenas@verizon.net) and Dennis Morris live in the Wilkes-Barre, Pa. area. After Wooster, Susan taught high school English briefly, then became a social worker, and has been a counselor in a variety of settings. She is currently active in the local Rails to Trails program. She and Dennis love to travel, sometimes as far as
Thailand or to N.Y.C. twice a month to babysit two grandsons.

Connie (Poranski) Dieterich (cpdieterich@aol.com) has retired from the Cleveland Music School Settlement to Lakeside, Ohio, a Chautauqua community on Lake Erie where she has taught for many summers.

Quentin Wilson (qwilson@nmh.edu) shares, “I retired in May 2010, from Northern New Mexico College after 15 years of teaching adobe construction. That followed 25 years of building adobe homes, most of which were passive solar and in rural, northern New Mexico.”

Jim Rucker (jimrucker@comcast.net) writes, “I was a physics major at Wooster when it occurred to me that engineers didn’t have to study any harder than physics majors and I decided to become an engineer. I have flown a Cessna for many years, but retirement has allowed me the time to actually build my own plane. I have recently completed initial test flights and am enjoying every chance I get to fly it. When not playing with little airplanes, my wife Susan and I enjoy travel, often by cruise ship with several close friends.”

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Vietnam, worked on the NASA moon mission, earned a Ph.D. from Michigan State and taught at Notre Dame for thirty years, including thirteen years as director of ND's Ph.D. program in economics. More recently he taught econometrics in the University of Chicago's M.B.A. program. After retiring from ND, Larry and his wife, Jan, moved from South Bend to Kansas City where Larry joined the internet startup company, Adknowledge, which runs a second-bid auction for keywords to connect advertisers with publishers. As head of analytics and statistical targeting, Larry devised algorithms that send billions of banner ads to Internet websites. In his spare time he enjoys writing columns for the online edition of the Kansas City Star. In 2012 he wrote two journal articles for the Presidential Studies Quarterly and advised bond traders and hedge fund managers on stock market strategies. In 2013 Larry's fun project has been creating and running a neighbor-to-neighbor online network, similar to Facebook, in his Red Bridge neighborhood in Kansas City using software from the San Francisco Internet startup Nextdoor. Larry and Jan spend a couple of weeks each year at their family cottage in Popham Beach, Maine, where they have been able to meet up with Jim and Carol Allison and other Wooster alumni. Larry says he is looking forward to our 50th Wooster reunion in four years.

We are saddened to report that classmate, Johnson Jato, passed away in June, 2012. At Wooster, Johnson majored in chemistry and went on to earn his M.S. and Ph.D. in pharmacology. Johnson returned to Cameroon and became a professor at the University Center for Health Sciences. Later he was a Fulbright scholar, a researcher and consultant for the National Cancer Institute in Maryland. He researched HIV and AIDS, which led to the publication of more than 50 articles. We send our condolences to Johnson's family. A full obituary is available on the Wooster website.

The website can be a good way to keep up with classmates – if we just make use of it. After accessing the alumni tab, click on “Class Notes” at the bottom of the page. You can then search for items posted by classmates or post an item yourself. Your secretaries would also be thrilled to hear from you via the email addresses above.

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Rob (used to be Bob) Muir writes: “I am still practicing advertising and architectural photography as first inspired by the art department’s traveling Ansel Adams exhibit and the teaching of Dr. Donald McKenzie. I later studied with Adams in California, and he visited with me in Houston. Judy has continued in education with many different tangents. She places over 130 senior upper school students into internships each year. Her private college counseling practice is international and her master’s degree from Harvard has lead to her commuting and teaching once a week there. Judy’s book, Live Wires, has just come out about the teenage brain and the stresses from getting into colleges these days. With three grown children and eight grandchildren ages 5-11, Judy wrote the book as much for them as for the public. Judy is on the board for the Fiske College Guide; her network is expansive. I, as the spouse, help out with her public presentations and am very proud of her. As I have proofread her book six times my Wooster English courses have come to light.”

“As an old Wooster Sailing Club member, I still ‘mess around’ in small boats, mostly wooden, sailing in Houston and Long Island Sound out of Greenwich. I have too many, so any buyers out there?”

From Judy Muir: “Thanks for keeping us informed about our classmates. My website is www.educationalplan.com – it has a link for my new book that has just rolled off the presses and is available on Amazon. I have an Ed.M. from Harvard in mind, brain, and education and I commute to Boston each Tuesday where I am a teaching fellow for a graduate class in educational neuroscience at Harvard’s Graduate School of Education.

I was at Harvard last Wednesday for a Meet-the-Author presentation and then to sign my books for the official release of Live Wires. I am both shocked and saddened by the events surrounding the Boston Marathon. I had both colleagues and students who were there. Clearly, brain research is a very timely topic. These teens are the most stressed generation in our history. The advent of both the information explosion and transformative technology issue new challenges for educators and for parents. The digital revolution has changed everything. It is not the same world where we grew up. Neuroscience offers us hope, confirming that environment matters—and that we can, indeed, shape the environments that nurture our children. Rob copied me on his email to you. He is very under-stated. Here is his website: http://www.robumuirphotography.com/biography.html”

Mary Louise (Mills) Schecter writes: “My husband Bob and I recently completed a
$35,000 fundraising effort, associated with Rotary International, to scale up a computer literacy program for disadvantaged middle school students in Lusaka, Zambia. Bob lived in Zambia from 1968–72 collecting oral traditions for his doctoral dissertation. We’ve also visited old friends there and undertaken other projects there in 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2010. Our other joint fundraising efforts in Zambia have led to a new roof for Special School students in Lusaka, Zambia. Bob lived in Zambia from 1968–72 collecting oral traditions for his doctoral dissertation. We’ve also visited old friends there and undertaken other projects there in 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2010. Our other joint fundraising efforts in Zambia have led to a new roof for Special Collections at the University of Zambia Library, school supplies and blackboards for a primary school near the source of the Zambezi in northwest Zambia, and medical equipment and a water tank for a rural government clinic associated with a Franciscan mission.

David Clark ’70 wrote: “I note with sadness the passing of Ron Wirick. I never met Ron, but he has been in my thoughts ever since he followed his conscience to Canada to protest the war in Vietnam shortly after his graduation. He continued to make his life in Canada until his recent passing. They don’t make ‘em like they used to. Rest in peace, Ron Wirick.”

John Van Bolt writes: “Well, I didn’t see any Class of ’68 classmates at Alumni Weekend last June — OK, so I was a year early — my sister Margaret and I accompanied our mother, Martha Van Bolt, to Wooster for her Class of 1937 reunion, their 75th! I suggest we all start some serious training. I did see a few familiar faces from the Class of ’67 and actually enjoyed spending the night in Andrews Hall a few doors down from my room sophomore year. There are indeed some changes on campus — most for the better — but in terms of nostalgia, I couldn’t help but feel the loss of the old chapel, which for me is associated with late afternoon choir rehearsals, preparing a Bach chorale every week with Professor John Carruth, and evening rehearsals with Professor Richard Gore. Our performance of the Beethoven “Missa Solemnis” with members of the Cleveland Orchestra was the first time I had experienced speechless exhilaration after a performance. Continuing on the chorus theme, I see classmate Ann Robertson Orwin every Monday night at rehearsals with the Choral Union at the University of Michigan — she’s a soprano. I’m in the geezer row of the bass section. I keep coming back for “Messiah” (I joined the chorus in 1974) and big choral works with the Detroit Symphony and visiting orchestras. The “9th Symphony” with Kurt Mazur and the Leipzig Orchestra, the “Berlioz Requiem” with the Philadelphia Orchestra and Robert Shaw or the final movement of the “Mahler 8th” with just about anybody — there’s some exhilaration for you — but I think the calming routine of weekly rehearsals on the campus may be the incentive to re-up every year. Kind of like the routine of late afternoons every Wednesday with J.S. Bach and John Carruth in the old chapel.” Email John at vanbolt@hotmail.com.

1969

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Rodney Earl Walton writes to announce the publication of his first book: “The title is Big Guns, Brave Men: Mobile Artillery Observers and the Battle for Okinawa. This is an oral history based on the experiences of U.S. Army forward observers in America’s last and largest battle of the Pacific War. The publisher — Naval Institute Press — is scheduled to release the book on May 15, 2013, but it is now available for pre-order online at the Amazon and Barnes & Noble websites. Following graduation from Wooster in 1969 with a degree in economics and history, I served four years in the U.S. Army. After attending Officer Candidate School, I received a lieutenant’s commission in the Military Intelligence Corps. I served in Vietnam from 1972–1973. I was awarded a Bronze Star. Following my military service, I attended Cornell Law School and graduated in 1976. I was admitted to the Florida Bar the same year. I practiced law for 21 years in South Florida, primarily as an admiralty litigation attorney. Carnival Cruise Lines was one of my clients. Although I continue to keep my law license current, I have not actively practiced law since 1997. In 1998 I decided to pursue a degree in history. I received a master’s degree in 2001 and a Ph.D. in 2009 from Florida International University. My Okinawa book described above is based on my Ph.D. dissertation. Since 2001, I have periodically taught part-time at Florida International as an adjunct instructor. In 2012 I taught U.S. military history and history of the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2013 I am scheduled to teach a course on WWII in the summer and perhaps a European history course in the fall.”

1970

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This is
news to Tom Claftin. Our apologies to both men. Tom reported that he was training for the Boston Marathon. Braxton reported thusly: “Greetings from Tampa, Florida. I completed another successful year aboard the sailboat Copesetic. We were first overall in our class, winning all three series. I’m still working at Publix part-time and antiquing and flea-marketing. Turned 65 this January and started collecting social security. Still dabble in rare books, selling from time to time. Hope everyone has a happy, healthy and safe New Year.”

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Terry Barrett reports: “Regarding the kind remarks about me in our Summer 2012 magazine, I’d like to extend my thanks to my friend, Paul Becka, and to Coach Jack Lengyel for writing such kind words about my research. Their friendship, along with that of our classmate, Eric Walz, continues to be a most welcome support in my life. They each provided much in the exploration of honor and bravery. To all of you who have been in contact with me after reading the book — or not reading it — I have enjoyed hearing from you. You are the proof that forty plus years does not dim friendship. Best regards to all.”

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Ann Miller is the interim associate provost at Simpson University in northern California, where they have traditional undergraduate studies and several graduate programs. After living in Hawaii for 20 years, Ann and her husband moved to California. They love the wonderful national parks there known for their hiking, boating and fishing. She would love to touch base with some old friends from Wooster. Send email to amiller@simpson.edu.

Libby Leonard Siegmund is retired from elementary school teaching. She has two grown children and spend several months a year in northern Michigan. She hopes to see old friends at our 40th reunion.

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Mary Bucher would like to let everyone know that there will be a Westminster 1971-74 reunion during Homecoming Weekend, on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 11:00 a.m. She encourages folks from those years to consider coming to campus. She says, “We really would like to see any Westminsterites from those years who are in Wooster for Homecoming!”

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Alpha Alexander was recently selected to receive the Honor Award from the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport. She was presented the award on April 26 at the Convention Center in Charlotte, N.C during the Rachel Bryant Memorial Lecture. She responded to her award by saying, “It is truly an honor to have been chosen to receive the 2013 NAGWS Honor Award. When I look at past award winners, I give thanks, knowing how blessed I am to be in such highly esteemed company: First Lady Michelle Obama, Pat Summit and Billie Jean King.” Alpha has also previously received the Nell Jackson Award, the Billie Jean King Award, the NCAA Silver Anniversary Award, as well as our Distinguished Alumni Award, among a number of other honors from a variety of organizations. Congratulations, Alpha!

Dana Vandenberg Murphy (dmurphy1@sbcglobal.net) writes: “It was 38 years ago that we were beginning our senior year at Wooster. Join me in looking back, courtesy of an online search of The Wooster Voice. Kieffer House was in its first year as the environmental program house. Lewis House offered the Friendly Visitor program at the county home, and Myers DREC was in its third year as a community resource for substance abuse. Alpha Alexander was making her mark on the basketball court. Niall Slater, movie critic for the campus paper, offered reviews of “Barry Lyndon” (he loved it) and “Dirty Harry” (loathsome). Glenn Forbes explained what we got for our $4,000 comprehensive fee that year. Meanwhile, a student committee met to protest the $2 an hour pay that student workers received. Federal minimum wage was $2.20.

An article by Sue Tew reported a practical joke gone bad in front of Babcock Hall. By midyear, we had learned that President J. Garber Drushal was planning to retire. Voice columnist D.V. Yeates (the pseudonym for Doug Murphy and Carl Ketchum), whose usual reports concerned the merits and pitfalls of local watering holes, had a dire warning: “The future of small colleges is in a state of turgid influx.” (Must have been written after a few 35-cent Blatz beers at Bea and Nupps.) Memories, memories. Take a look at old papers at http://dmc.wooster.edu/handle/2374.COLLLW/11600.”

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Roderick Kennedy is the chief judge of the New Mexico Court of Appeals and was
recently elected to the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences at its annual meeting in Washington D.C. to represent its jurisprudence section. During Presidents' Week, Roderick also presented a continuing education lecture on the admissibility of scientific evidence to the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' midwinter meeting. He assisted an AAFS workshop on trial practice for forensic scientists and presented a breakfast seminar titled "They Really Are Out to Kill You: The Inconvenience of Lawyers to the Forensic Sciences." He also was admitted to the bar of the US Supreme Court. Roderick has also been a Fellow in the Academy of Forensic Sciences for over a decade.

Richard Davies reports that he was sorry to miss our 35th reunion and hopes to make our 40th. Richard wanted to thank all of those who supported him and/or donated to his chosen charity, Up Side of Downs, in the Marathon des Sables run last April in Morocco. Unfortunately, he had to abandon the race before the finish due to heat exhaustion, dehydration, low blood pressure, and large blisters. In spite of this, he really enjoyed himself, met a lot of new friends from all over the world, and raised a considerable sum for his charity. He is planning to run the 30th edition of the race in 2015. He states, "For those of you seeking a real adventure, consider challenging the Toughest Footrace on Earth."

Since our graduation in 1977, Tom Hubbard has worked at the Hubbard Company, a family-owned commercial printing and office supply business located in Defiance, Ohio. In 2012, they celebrated 50 years in business. Tom is proud to have his son Eric be part of The College of Wooster Class of 2016. Eric is enjoying being a member of the Scot Band, Pipe Band, and Symphonic Band.

Douglas Peterson has been living in Houston and working in the gas and oil industry since 1979. Recently, he has become very involved in a charity called "Grampy's and Christopher's Haven Boston" (Christophershaven.org). They are currently working on getting a Christopher's Haven opened in Houston.

We heard that in June 2011 Brian Heater retired as a band/strings/orchestra educator in the public and DoDD schools. Maueve Kinch Heater will retire from Christian education this June. This summer, they plan to travel to Paris, where Brian lived in the early 60s and to Germany, where they both lived from 1989-1993. Their son, Arle, is a senior at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. Brian and Maueve keep in touch with several COW friends. Recently, they spent several days with Jackson and Cynthia Todd Brown. Brian's brothers were all former students at COW. Currently, Mark '74 lives in Houston, Bruce '76 resides in Canberra, Australia, and Miles' home is in Elliot City, Md.

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Lynn Withers Cameron has moved to the Washington D.C. area and taken a new position as assistant to the director of philanthropy at the Smithsonian Institution. They manage 10 museums. She formerly worked 29 years at the Cleveland Museum of Art; then four years as assistant to the director of the Speed Art Museum in Louisville, Ky. She is currently living with her son and his family, P. Brian and Danielle Cameron and two grandsons, Jeffrey and Alex. Her address is 25971 Krebs Lane, Chantilly, Va. 20152.

1979

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Keith Herklotz (keith@dtepottery.com) is still working as a potter in Blue Hill, Maine, enjoying life on the coast, and making things by hand. Check out Keith's great pottery at Down to Earth Pottery at dtepottery.com.

Mary Atkins (matkins57@gmail.com) reports that her twins graduated from the University School of Nashville in May and are heading to New England for college in September.

Nancy Dryden (nancy.dryden@library.unc.edu) writes “All three of my children are getting degrees in the next couple of months; I guess it’s safe to report them. (I hope that I don’t jinx anyone!) They are all the children of Jonathan Gillies and me. Jonathan has been living in Ann Arbor for a few years (we are waiting to hear if the girls will get residency status – prayers are welcome), so that is why they are drawn to Michigan. I haven’t talked to any classmates lately – sorry to say!”

Lynn Keeling Scott posted on Facebook on April 17: “We found out last night that we are moving to Pittsburgh, Pa. Brett will be working with a client there. It is so bittersweet because we love living in Arlington, Va., and will miss our friends here so much! It will be great to be close to our family and friends. We will only be an hour and a half from Akron. So we begin a new adventure. Excited to see what the Lord has in store for us in Pa!”

St. Clare Gerald (stclaireg@aol.com) has been back in New York for the last few months and doesn’t miss the drive down the New Jersey turnpike to Washington and Reston, Va., where he was working on a 10-month supply chain project for the U.S. Air Force. Currently, he is teaching an undergraduate class in materials management at St. John’s University in New York and winding down the semester. Also, he returned from a weeklong trip to Shanghai, China, where he taught two seminars on warehousing and 3PL partnerships under Harambee Solutions consulting practice. He says, “It was a great experience despite the five-hour flight delay in Toronto and I look forward to going back to Shanghai again next year.”

Shelly Griewahn writes: "All’s well with our family. Our daughter, Jessamine Griewahn-Okita graduated Madeira School in May and is enrolled at Smith College, Class of 2017. My husband Pat and I love the town of Northampton, Mass., where Smith is located, so road trips are planned. Would love to hear from any Wooster friends in the Pioneer Valley. Cindy Mache ’78, Carol Bowers and I live near one another and still get together several times a year."

And finally, rumor has it that Jen Jones is going to try to track down every classmate this year! Write her at xojones@aol.com.

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Dave Sanders and his wife recently returned to the Indianapolis area. They actually live near Leslie Davis Hiner and her husband. While, they were living in Columbus, Ohio, Dave and his wife started a cookie bakery called Poppy & Sweetpea Cookies, some of which we thoroughly
enjoyed at our last reunion. Once they get settled in the new home, they hope to find a building where they were will be able to establish their bakery.

Sally Weeks Morgan and her husband John visited the campus while on a college trip with their youngest son, Peter. They were all impressed by the welcome they received, the new Scot Center, and how gorgeous the campus looks overall. Their eldest son, Thomas, is now 25–working, coaching lacrosse, and loving life in Reston, Va. Their daughter Julia, 23, is living in an adorable old brick rowhouse in Richmond, Va., where she works and carouses with her three housemates. John works as vice president of insurance for O.P.I.C., the U.S. Agency Overseas Private Investment Corp. His work takes him around the world, whereas Sally commutes five minutes to a local high school. She has travel envy, but no jet lag. Sally teaches three levels of French and loves her job, her students, and taking the students on trips to France. Though she dislikes grading papers. Oh well, c'est la vie!

His work takes him around the world, and loves her job, her students, and taking those letters and emails!

I am having a blast! I was on the dais during College of Wooster Alumni Association, and hearing from classmates. Please keep sending those letters and emails!

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Margot Watson reports, “I am busy working as a full-time gynecologist (I stopped doing OB a few years ago) and I am currently the chair of the department of ob/gyn at my hospital. My mom, Janice Watson ’58, passed away last week. My parents met at Wooster and married the summer after graduation, so they had 54 wonderful years together. My daughter Emily LeCompte ’15 and my niece Elise Gifford ’15 are both juniors at Wooster and having a great time. I am volunteering at my church and playing with my rescue Shih Tzu to stay happy.”

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Dave Gilliss writes: “I am in the second of my two-year term as president of the College of Wooster Alumni Association, and I am having a blast! I was on the dais during graduation in May as my daughter Lauren ’13 and nephew Tom ’13 graduated from the College. I now await the decision of my son, Ryan ’18 regarding whether he will choose to be a Scot. (Fingers crossed!) If you have not been back to campus in a while, why not plan to attend our next reunion? You will be so proud to see the new facilities the College has built. You will also be delighted to see the same beautiful campus, you remember from years back. Several years ago, I left a large Baltimore law firm to establish my own firm, where I practice construction and surety law, and together with four other attorneys represent general contractors and surety companies. Karen Wilson Gilliss ’81 and I enjoy vacationing in Eagles Mere, Pa., a small lake community in the mountains north of central Penn. This summer was our 22nd consecutive summer of going to the lake. When you are next in the Baltimore area, please give me a shout. Always Wooster proud!”

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Susan Kramer Mills and husband Harmut are facing empty-nesting this coming autumn when their youngest daughter leaves for college (American University, Washington, D.C.). Susan is thrilled because their youngest will be studying what Susan studied at Wooster—international relations. Other news is that Susan has stepped down as the part-time pastor at First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, while she is being employed by the church’s nonprofit organization, called the Town Clock Community Development Corporation. The organization is tasked to oversee the refurbishing of the church’s sanctuary. The plans include: a new worship center, community meeting space, and 10 apartments, which will be permanent, affordable, and support housing for women victims of domestic violence. This is a huge project, for which over three million dollars needs to be raised.

Good luck with the fundraising Susan!

David Hadzinsky has been the director of environmental, safety and health for PCC Airfoils for the past 23 years. David reports, “It’s been a great profession and for those of you with kids in college, a very good field for opportunities upon graduation. I have had the opportunity to travel around the globe and, due to a plant location in northern England, make an annual pilgrimage to St. Andrew’s, Scotland with Jeff Berichon. We are enjoying watching our five-year-old granddaughter grow and she will have her first dance recital in June. I have been able to put golf clubs in her hands and take her out in the back yard to take a few swings. Hopefully she will be in the Wooster Class of 2030!”

John C. Thibodeau (Thibs) sent the following greeting: “Not sure I will make it for the reunion, as Maine is a long way from Wooster. Nevertheless, I’m part of the 17 percent that gave to the Wooster fund, ostensibly in recognition of my fellow ’83 Phi Sigma Alpha brothers: Billy Clifton (Clif), Randy Benefield (RB), Bobby Rettinger (Rhett), Bob Wall (Wally), Pete Meyers, Pat Collins (Rosman), Bill McKitchie (bailed after sophomore year — wimp) and Tom Hebble (Hebs). Many of us get together annually in Put-In Bay with other Sig Alums and Sig Alum wannabees. Incredibly, we are all successful or at least not taking food stamps from the government. We are all grateful that Wooster brought us together and helped prepare us for the “real” world. Best to all our ’83 classmates. (Many of whom I’m sure miss us throwing beer on them if they walked through Sixth Section!)” Ah yes, the glory days of Sixth Section in Bissman! We’ve grown up (sort of).”

Margaret Fuguitt (Elder), sent the following news. “I’ve been experiencing pangs of nostalgia this spring as our oldest son, Gus, is about to wrap up his college experience at Wooster. We’ll be back to Ohio on the 13th for his graduation! He has had just a wonderful time at Wooster. We recently had a lot of fun
Class Notes

THE WEDDING OF STEPHANIE SANDMEYER '06 AND TONY HALL, JUNE 23, 2012.
Kelly Brannan Trail '06, Sarah Koskinen Petrella '06, bride, groom, Alice Dorman Mullis '06, Emily Foreman '06, and Vanessa Lange '06. Not pictured: Erin Barnes '06.

attending the I.S. Monday celebration in our hometown of Madison, Wis. We attended, even though I can't recall experiencing half of the current I.S. hoopla when I completed my I.S. 30 years ago! We were the oldest attendees, by far, but the small group of alumni was really inspiring! (When you're a parent, NOTHING is better than to spend time with alums just a few years older than your child and ALL gainfully employed, many enjoying some of the most coveted jobs in the community!)

I (David) would like to close this class update by thanking ALL of you who contributed to the Wooster Fund, on this 30th year since graduation. As Thibs pointed out in his update, as we reflect on our years at Wooster, we gain further insight into how our education shaped our perspectives and prepared us for what life would give us. A lot has happened in the last 30 years. One thing is the advancement of social media (Facebook). If you want to be added to the Class of 1983 Facebook page, send me an email and I will add you to site. It is a closed site, meaning you can't open it up, we can.

As I type this, I do not know our final numbers for our participation, but thank you again to everyone who made the effort.

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Vassar College Visiting Associate Professor of English David Means is among the 175 scholars, artists and scientists from the United States and Canada recently selected by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation for its fellowships, which assist research and artistic creation. Guggenheim Fellows are selected on the basis of prior achievement and exceptional promise.

1985
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Welcome! Pull up a chair, find a cozy booth or table by a window, and let me pour you a freshly ground, flavorful cup of Class Notes.

As I write this in mid-April, my much better half, Katie Hopper (kshop@aol.com), is enduring a long bus ride from Madrid to Granada, Spain. She is on a 10-day school trip with eighth graders and faculty of Washington Episcopal School, where she teaches English. The pageantry of a soccer game in which Real Madrid scored a last-second goal to win was an early highlight. “At the Museo Reina Sofia, I stood in front of Picasso’s Guernica, various famous works by Goya, and Las Meninas by Velasquez,” says the art history major. “I’ve seen some beautiful architecture. It’s funny; everything here is bright white, yellow, or even pink — so different from England and Scotland.”

Suddenly a real jet setter, Katie is referring to our family spring break trip — with son Aaron (15) — just two weeks earlier to London and Edinburgh. Our daughter, Emma (20), a sophomore at Oberlin, was studying in London spring semester, so why not fly over for a visit and whisk her off to Scotland? While it was cold and windy, the castles, palaces, cathedrals, theaters and museums of both cities delighted us.

The Class of ’85 continues to send offspring to our alma mater. Sometimes two kids at one time! Last spring Betsy Atkins McGrath (bemcgrath@gmail.com), her husband, and their teenage daughter and son left Boston to visit colleges, including Wooster. “The whole family seemed to favor Wooster,” she reports. “I had to temper my delight but it was not lost upon me that of all the colleges, our children only purchased clothing at the Wilson Bookstore.” Fast forward one year, and both children, accepted to Wooster, wanted one more look-see about the place. “Departing Boston the morning after the Marathon bombing, obviously none of us were in a forward-looking mindset,” says Betsy. “But when we arrived on campus it was a gorgeous spring day and both kids reaffirmed their choice. They look forward to being members of the class of 2017.”

Paul Miller’s oldest son just finished his first year at Wooster. “He had a political theory class from Professor Mark Weaver — who I had for political theory,” writes Paul, a professor himself, teaching English at Davidson College. “I have a new plan to sail around the world,” he reports. “Bought a 15-foot boat and managed to sail it in the Gulf of Mexico without drowning. Step one complete!” Contact Paul at pamiller@davidson.edu.

Laura Davis (laura@advocatesforyouth.org) and Deb Earley ’84 have a son, Byron, who is a rising junior at the College. Their other son, Garrison, recently graduated from Emory University and is working at the Emory’s School of Public Health and hoping to head to medical school next year. But listen to this family vacation: “Just last week we decided on Peru for a family trip in May,” writes Laura, who works in the Washington D.C. area for Advocates for Youth, an organization that helps young people make informed, responsible decisions about reproductive and sexual health. “I climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in 2011, which was amazing,” says Laura. “And I will be climbing the Himalayas in October, so Machu Picchu will be good practice.” If that isn’t cool enough, in February and March, Laura lived on “a pristine island in South
teaches sociology and comparative religion at D'Youville College in Buffalo where she tuned. "Lynn is an adjunct professor at School of Medicine, lives in Norwich, Vt., and New York City." Carla still finds time to travel, garden, and "occasionally keep in touch with my only 'Woomate,' Liz Garber Miller." Carla would love to hear from her other Wooster friends at charlie1981@gmail.com.

Bill Pazos (wapazos@me.com) sends a quick update from Singapore: "I started a new company financing renewable energy projects in Asia called Kuber Energy — named after the Lord of wealth and the god-king of the semi-divine Yaksas in Hindu mythology. After graduating from Boston University, Bill's oldest son, Andres, will be joining the Peace Corps in the fall. The family went on a diving trip to Malaysia in the spring where Bill's wife Shelby and daughter Morgan (11) received their PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) certification. "I have a wedding to attend in Ohio this summer," adds Bill, "so I am really looking forward to showing off the campus to my family. I haven't been back in years!"

Barbara Curren Garbaccio (barbara_garbaccio@yahoo.com) and her daughter Mia share the same birthday. But this past April 20 not only was Barbara turning 50 (and Mia 17) but they were together at the VEX World Robotics Championships in Anaheim, Calif., "Mia's team, COBALT, comprised of herself and her friend Sue is coached by my husband Gene," explains Barbara. "They won several awards including the Design Engineering award four times, and a spot at Worlds where they competed against more than 20 other countries." Gene confronted his 50th by buying a fully acrobatic airplane! "After I saw the delivery of aviation oil for stunts, I knew that I probably would not be going for a ride any time soon." Barbara tutors English at the Dominican Literacy project and continues to "hold down the fort in the western burbs of Chicago."

And finally... How many jobs have you had since graduation? According to a 2012 Bureau of Labor Statistics survey of workers who are now ages 46 to 54, the average member of that group has had 11.3 jobs in his or her lifetime. So congratulations to Dean Hunt (deanhunt1763@hotmail.com)! On April 13th, he celebrated his 20th year of employment with Schoenbøf's Foreign Books in Cambridge, Mass.

And that's the way it is.

1986

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Glen Roebuck shares, "I have recently assumed the position of executive director for senior services and strategy at Genesis Health System in Davenport, Iowa. In addition to working directly with a comprehensive health system to address cutting edge changes in health care, I am also off the road for the first time in nearly 20 years. Thus, I have dinner most evenings at home, see my wife and kids more, and have much better balance. As for the family, Diane and I have been married 25 years. Our oldest daughter will be a senior at Wooster friends at charlie1981@gmail.com.

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Grinnell next year, and we are in the home stretch of the selection process for our youngest daughter to select her college. While she will not be Wooster bound, there is high likelihood that we may meet dear Woo friends Kevin Weeks and Cynthia Burns Weeks on move-in day somewhere in Minnesota."

This update comes from our classmate, Bernice L. Walker: “After more than 12 years of managing the Small Business Program for Hamilton County, Ohio, on April 1 (no fooling), I started working at Duke Energy as the Midwest supplier diversity specialist. For the past twelve years, Bernice has served as the director of Small Business Development for Hamilton County, Ohio. She managed a program designed to increase the participation of small businesses working on County projects and served as a resource to diverse suppliers. Prior employment included private law practice and former adjunct professor at Northern Kentucky University, Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Bernice graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the College of Wooster and a Juris Doctor from the Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law. In her free time, Bernice enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, walking, and dancing." Wonderful news! My book just went over 500,000 copies,” writes classmate Dara Behzadi. Bill continues, “My next book, Yes You Can!: How To Be A Success No Matter Who You Are Or Where You're From, will graduate from Mt. Carmel this May. Bill continues, “My next book, Roadmap to Success, co-authored with Dr. Deepak Chopra and Ken Blanchard should be out early May.” Congratulations to Bill!

Dara Behzadi writes, “I have been teaching theology at Mt. Carmel High School in Chicago for the past 15 years. My son, Octavius, will graduate from Mt. Carmel this year and my other son, Nicholas, will begin his freshman year in high school this fall. After a long time living in Chicago, my wife Mercedes and I moved to Harbor Country in southwest Michigan seven years ago. We are raising our three children (Lucas, soon to be six; Jacqueline, age three and Matteo, age six months) in beautiful New Buffalo, Mich. We feel like we live on vacation, especially during the summer months! I would love to hear from any classmates, especially if you want to join us for a day at the beach.” Reach out to Dara at dbehzadi@mchs.org.

1987

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“We all have varied memories of and appreciation for our days at the College. This past March 25 was I.S. Day and many alumni shared I.S. memories from back in the day. Daniel Rozmiarek shared the following heartfelt memory: “On this I.S. day, I remember to give a special thanks to Professor Karen Taylor (history). After the untimely passing of Professor James Turner during the summer of 1986, she took me on as an advisee for both junior and senior I.S. during my senior year. She accepted my academic difficulties and taught me in a way that worked for me. Without her, I never would have graduated. I have been able to be that kind of teacher for many of my own students over the past 26 years.”

If you are on Facebook, please look us up on the group page named College of Wooster 87. Class members there are reconnecting, networking, reminiscing… we’d love to see you there too! If you have updates, please send them my way.

1988

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Graham Rayman writes: While I am proud of the giant American eagle tattoo on my back, I am more excited about the publication of my first book, out in August, titled, “The NYPD Tapes,” from Palgrave MacMillan. My older son William is now six foot five and growing, yikes!

William Geddes has a new dog, Django (as in Reinhardt NOT unchained).

Tiffany Reichert reports that her husband’s sister, her husband and their two teenage boys have now also immigrated to Sydney. The population of Mexicans in Australia has officially doubled!

Maura Salinas Greenman writes: “These past five years, in addition to stay-at-home-motherhood, I’ve volunteered as a coach for my daughter’s volleyball team and have become involved with our school’s parent organization. As a class of 1987 alumna, I recently met with our class advisor, Professor Karen Taylor, to discuss our class reunion plans for 2023. She accepted my academic difficulties and taught me in a way that worked for me. Without her, I never would have graduated. I have been able to be that kind of teacher for many of my own students over the past 26 years.”

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Mary Cox Barclay writes: “We have had quite a year, with several medical issues (for me) behind us and a broken pinky requiring a surgery and a six-week recovery/hiatus for our son Connor. He plays viola in the school orchestra and is the only guitarist in one the four jazz bands at his high school. A very tough break, but he is recovered now. This weekend, in fact, we are all looking forward to hearing him perform with his jazz ensemble at a special event at the high school called Jazz a la Mode, featuring great jazz and...and pie! Jonathan began a new job in August and is now a finance director at the School of Family Medicine at IUPUI (Indiana University
Per the family front, Camilo (10) will be soon ready for free and fair trade, marketing, political marketing and colleague on a course they taught called "Globalization," in a second piece is on "Developing a Pedagogy of gender equity and women's rights policies. A story of the first female "presidenta" in Chile on a volcano hike, and ice field hike and ice climb." February trip to Iceland where we will be doing miles on my bike preparing and training for a boarding. That said, I have been logging many knee at the top of Whistler Blackcomb mountain in British Columbia while snowboarding. That said, I have been logging many miles on my bike preparing and training for a February trip to Iceland where we will be doing a volcano hike, and ice field hike and ice climb.

Linda Stevenson reported that she had a banner year publishing — a bit of a miracle when teaching 4-4 and raising two kids. One piece is on the "Bachelet Effect" in the Journal on Latin American Perspectives, on the impact of the first female "presidenta" in Chile on gender equity and women's rights policies. A second piece is on "Developing a Pedagogy of Globalization," in Journal of Teaching in International Business, co-authored with a marketing colleague on a course they taught on free and fair trade, marketing, political economy, with a special focus on coffee and its production in Nicaragua. She cited Kathleen Smythe's work in the article! And there are a few other articles in that infamous "pipeline." Per the family front, Camilo (10) will be soon being performed in the band (trumpet) and chorus spring concerts at his elementary school, Miguel (seven) is excelling on his Little League baseball team this season, and Esteban has taken up swimming.

Miatta Wilson writes: "Last Thanksgiving (Nov. 2012) a group of '88ers as well as a few '87 and '89 folks gathered for our 25th Wooster Thanksgiving Celebration. Our common Wooster ties were through living at Westminster House and Ida Sue School volunteering. A big group first ate a Thanksgiving meal together at Wooster in 1987. Now 25 years later at least some part of that original group gathers together somewhere around the U.S. at someone's house. This year I hosted the group at the Hopkins Farm (my family) west of Wooster. Those attending included Kathleen Smythe and John Fanslow '87 and two kids, Dean Johnston and family, Sally (Closser) and Kevin Maxwell and kids, Tanya Arbogast '89 and Chanel Copeland, Ray Inkel, David Sick, and myself. It was a wonderful weekend of food, conversation, games, and storytelling as we remembered our days at Wooster with those who were not able to make the gathering. Also, Ray Inkel just recently started a new job as production manager at the Alley Theatre in Houston, Texas. This is a move from Utah Shakespeare Festival. His email is rinkel@aol.com.

Shareen Hertel continues as an associate professor of political science and human rights work in the article! And there are a few more. It is a long-time dream of mine to teach and do amazing things with our two teenagers.

1989

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Deb Estry writes that she is an associate professor in the psychology department at Baldwin-Wallace University in Berea, Ohio, but lives in Wooster. At BWU for seven years now, Deb has worked with Dale Grubb ’85. In addition to teaching, Deb does private practice work one day a week in Fairview Park, Ohio. She has one son, Colin.

Deb also reports: "Betsy Frost Collins—yes, she is married to Dr. Gordon Collins’ son—moved back from Atlanta to LeRoy, N.Y., in 2007 to live on her family’s apple and Christmas tree farm. Betsy currently is in her sixth year of teaching universal pre-kindergarten class at Pavilion Elementary School in Pavilion, N.Y. She has one daughter, Megan.”

Thanks, Deb, also for the update on Hilary French who lives in Swarthmore, Pa. Hilary is the director of benefits and payroll for Society European Satellite, a Luxembourg company that designs, oversees the building of, and flies satellites that deliver HBO, CNN etc. to cable providers. She has two daughters, Katie and Elizabeth.

I (Daphne) will be moving back to Glencoe, Ill. in Aug. 2013 to resume my duties as rector of St. Elisabeth’s Episcopal Church. The school year 2012-13 found me back in Nantes, France, where my husband Jason Cody ’91 did his third yearlong research stint at the university (the other times we were here were 1996 and 2004). This time we got to see and do amazing things with our two teenagers. Thank you, Wooster faculty, for inspiring us to take sabbaticals.

My email will stay the same, so drop me a line with your news. Soon I’ll be starting to
work with our class co-presidents Libby Black Yoskovitz and Beth Kampmeier Palmer to organize our 25th Reunion in 2014!

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Kristen Franzon Rankovic writes that she is moving to Austin, Texas this summer with her family and would love to connect with any Woo alumni living in the area. Please email her at kwede21@yahoo.com.

Amy Lawrence Bozza writes, “I am enjoying the success of my first published work. I had an essay on motherhood published in the book “I Just Want to Pee Alone.” It is an anthology on motherhood with a humorous twist, and within weeks of its release, rose to the top of the charts on Amazon, Kindle and itunes. This success has inspired me to continue to pursue publication of my first novel and I’ve recently started another. I continue to write my blog at http://annvreal-life.com and teach eighth grade world history. My husband and I are still living in New Jersey with our four children, and I’d love to hear from any of my classmates!”

Chris Brown writes, “After 15 years in Washington D.C. we moved in the summer of 2010 to southern New Jersey/Philadelphia for a job opportunity for Katie, and I lobbied for an organization in Trenton. As luck would have it, at about the time we got the last of the moving boxes unpacked, Katie got a fabulous job opportunity in New York City so we moved again. We now live in Berkeley Heights, N.J., and really like it. I left my lobbying position to start a small consulting practice where I work with clients in the areas of government affairs and non-profit manage-

ment. It keeps me busy, and I get to spend time with my children when they are still young. My long-term plan is to apply to the Ph.D. program in public administration at Rutgers University and will hopefully begin in the fall of 2014.”

Hitesh Toolsidas writes, “Aparna and I got married this March in Brindavan, India, a holy place near Agra. We were blessed to have many friends and family come to celebrate with us. Our company, SometimesY, is a graphic design solutions company. We do a wide variety of work, from brochures to web site designing, to professional photography and video. We have done several international assignments, including work with P&G, USA. You can find more details about what we do on our web site www.sometimesy.biz.”

Sandy and I (Steve) are doing well and still living in Wooster. We had a great time attending the wedding ceremony of Hitesh Toolsidas in India in March and getting together with our classmates Tara Burgyn Wells, Melissa Barnes Thomas, and Jeff McDowell. Make sure to look for the picture of the group in the magazine.

We are within a year of our 20th anniversary and it would be great to have this column full of updates as our reunion approaches. Please send your updates, pictures, and fun stories to me or the class notes email account at class_notes@wooster.edu. Have a great summer!

1995
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Lisa Hannan reports that she was hired as director of the pharmaceuticals counsel for Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, providing legal counsel on various labor and employment matters. She writes, “The job is a great fit for me and I am loving it. My daughter and I are looking forward to moving to Boonton Township, N.J., over the summer to be closer to work, family and friends.”

Our fearless Class President Rob Kugler reported that he is still living in northern Virginia. He writes that all three of his kids are in school, “which has freed me up to work part-time at historic Mount Vernon. It’s a very interesting place to work and still allows me the flexibility to remain primarily a stay-at-home dad.” His wife Heidi Schultz’s ’96 job with the Bureau of Prisons is also going well. He writes that he got together with fellow class of ’95-ers Brandon Kutz and Steve Young, as well as class of ’96-ers, Ben Alcorn and Chris Butler, over St. Patrick’s Day weekend in
sunny Cleveland. Rob is also about to start training for his first triathlon after doing multiple 5K races this past year, but says that first he needs to buy a bike!

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We incorrectly reported Courtney Caswell-Peyton’s email in the last issue. Note that it is lionhearted138@yahoo.com.

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Amanda Lattavo Berkeley writes: “I remarried in May 2011 to Doug Berkeley and we live in Canton, Ohio. I am the finance planning and analysis specialist for the Steel Group at the Timken Company and we recently celebrated the birth of our first child, Samantha Joy, on Dec. 20, 2012. I can be reached at amanda.berkeley2011@gmail.com and would love to hear from classmates.

I hope all is well—I miss COW and still hold my dream of teaching there close to my heart, should I ever gain the strength to go after a Ph.D. in accounting. I stopped with two master’s degrees.”

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1999
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Heidi Cloughly Bird reported on her new job as student success center manager at Carrington College California at the Pomona campus. She’s also wrapping up work on her master’s in learning technologies at Pepperdine University.

Our Wooster family got a little bigger when Sheana Balasuriya Hamill and husband Greg welcomed twin sons Kellan Clark and Kieran William on April 3, 2013. Send congratulations and reconnect with Sheana at sheanahamill@gmail.com.

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Marg Foot Reid checks in from Minnesota. “My husband, two kids (five and three) and I are enjoying life in the suburbs of Minneapolis. I continue to run my own voice and piano studio. We also enjoy seeing Krishna Sarbadhikari Rodemerk and her husband Dave who are in the area. It’s nice to have Woo folks so close!”

Harriet Carvell Reid was born April 23 at 11:08 a.m. joining brother Warner, 5 and sister Hazel, 3.”

Joan Amaretti has been one busy woman since leaving Wooster. “I’ve spent the last nine years in San Jose, Calif.—six of those working in development with Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, and seven of those being housemates with Leslie (Hammer) Luck ’97. I moved to Eugene, Ore., in January for an opportunity to work as development officer with Planned Parenthood of southwestern Oregon. By chance, I found out that Adam Budd also lives in Eugene, and it’s been great fun reconnecting. In December, I’ll be moving to Ashland, Ore., to continue my role with PPSO as their regional management representative. For the past three years, Amanda Couture and I have gone on a girls’ adventure weekend around Labor Day—the first year spending several blazing hot days in Las Vegas, and the next summer spending some time in Arizona’s heat. Last year we decided a cooler climate was in order and spent some time in southern Oregon and adventured down the California coastline. Cheryl Farney, Crystal (Miller) Forbes ’01, Rayanne Hawkins ’01, and Gourang Wakade ’02 have all made the trek to the west coast to visit in Eugene, and I’m always happy to welcome other Wooer grads to my home. You can email me at joanamaratti@gmail.com.”

Heather Trupee Brown and Racine welcomed with joy Rolton Racine Brown on July 14, 2012. He’s starting off on the right foot with his Fighting Scots grid and onsie. “We’re still in Tampa, Fla., so if any Wooster alumni are in the area let us know” at htrubee@hotmail.com.

Congratulations to Ryan Pedon who has joined the staff at Illinois in the role of special assistant to the head men’s basketball coach. Pedon is a 13-year veteran of the coaching profession, serving the last three seasons as assistant coach at Toledo.

Mia Rapier shares, “I had my first baby girl, Erin Grey, last August and I am happier than ever. I am still working for myself as a personal trainer/fitness instructor at RAIPER/Conditioning in Washington D.C.”

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Thanks to everyone who has liked The College of Wooster Class of 2001 Facebook page. I apologize that I haven’t been too active on it myself, which leads to my big news. My wife Emily and I welcomed our first child, Violet Abigail, on Feb. 11. She’s great and keeping us busy!

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Meredith S. Simpson was awarded a Fulbright scholarship.

Shabad Thadani writes, “After working in finance in N.Y.C. for seven years I am quitting my job and traveling the world for seven months with my girlfriend. Destinations unknown, Europe for four months, Asia for three.”

Patti Ross lives in Washington D.C. and works for democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, as a policy advisor.
Evan Watson recently released a new album called “Midnight Oil,” a record filled with stories and the sounds of blues and American roots. As his first full-length album since 2009’s “A Town Called Blue,” “Midnight Oil” has been receiving positive reviews and is sure to catch attention. Check it out!

Margaret Butko received her Ph.D. in biomedical sciences from UCSD in Sept. 2012. She and her husband moved to San Francisco where he is an engineer at Google and she is a postdoc at Genentech.


Amanda reported that the following other Wooster couples have also recently married: Nancy and John Hull, Stacey Decker and Jeremy Orosz, Jessica Wollett and Nino Miraglulio (who just had twin girls!), and Courtney and Anna White (who just had a son!).

Jessica Hark and her best friend and high-school sweetheart, Matt Flojancic, got engaged on Feb. 19, 2013. They don’t know many details yet, but are very happy and looking forward to planning their futures together.

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IN MEMORIAM

'33 John E. Hartzer, Ashland, Ohio, January 25, 2013. John received a degree in history from the College, where he was also a member of the basketball team and the music club. John is survived by his two daughters, six grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

'38 Theodore Evan Davies, Hudson, Ohio, March 6, 2013. While at Wooster, Ted majored in philosophy and was a member of the Index staff, drama club, and second section. He later served as a member of the reunion committee. His favorite Wooster memories were of Howard Lowry lectures. Ted is survived by two sons, two daughters, two sons-in-law, five grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

'42 Lawrence H. Ostrye, Martinsburg, W.V., March 30, 2013. Lawrence is survived by five children, his sister, 12 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

'47 Janis Gladden Baus, Weeki Wachee, Fla., March 11, 2013. While at Wooster, Janis enjoyed having fun in Westminster Dorm and drinking cherry cokes at the Shack. She continued to be involved in Wooster activities by exercising trotters at the Wooster fairgrounds and working in Beulah Rechtel’s dress shop. Janis is survived by her husband, three daughters, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

'48 Robert W. Gish, Pickerington, Ohio, March 14, 2013. Robert was a psychology major at Wooster. He generously donated to the Class of 1948 Scholarship Fund. Robert is survived by his wife, Jean C. Gish ’50, three children, and four grandchildren.

'48 Caroline Isabelle Hartman, Newark, N.Y., March 17, 2013. Izzie graduated from Wooster with a degree in mathematics. Izzie is survived by nieces and nephews.

'49 Robert E. Trueslen, Wallingford, Vt., March 31, 2013. While at Wooster, Roger earned his degree in chemistry after serving in the US Army during WWII. Roger is survived by his daughter, three sons, and two grandchildren.

'49 Jean G. Gangsei, Scottsdale, Ariz., March 25, 2013. At Wooster, Jean graduated cum laude as a psychology major. She took part in the Y.W.C.A. Cabinet, the Big Four Cabinet, French Club, Freshman Forum, Freshman Apprentices, Psychology Club, and Sociology Club. Jean is survived by her husband, three children, six grandchildren, and a sister.

'49 Lois Hoak Hoffman, Matairie, La., March 31, 2013. Lois attended Wooster for two years and made many friends. Lois is survived by her husband, William Hoffman ’49, two daughters, a son, three sisters, a brother, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

'49 Dorothy S. Outzs, Escondido, Calif., April 2, 2013. At Wooster, Dorothy received her degree in chemistry. While at the College, she was on the swim, tennis, basketball, and volleyball teams. She was also an alumni-admissions representative for a time later in life. Dorothy is survived by her husband and sister.

'49 Elizabeth W. Weiss, Berryville, Va., Dec. 9, 2012. Betty received degrees in music and English from Wooster. She was a member of Eon Club and participated in Red Cross drives. Betty is survived by four children, including David S. Weiss ’86; her sister, Martha W. Close ’53; her great niece, Leah C. Thompson ’07; and six grandchildren.

'50 Marian Johnston, Silver Spring, Md., April 9, 2013. At Wooster, Marian was a chemistry major. She took part in choir, Girls Chorus, Dominoes, the Self-Government Association, the Westminster Fellowship, Kappa Mu Epsilon, Chemistry Club, the Judicial Board, and she was president of WAA. Marian is survived by her husband, William V. Johnston ’50 and two children, David S. Johnston ’75 and Carol L. Beckwith ’82.

'50 Elaine Vandebosch Schneider, Lancaster, Penn., April 14, 2013. While at Wooster, Elaine majored in geology. Elaine is survived by her husband, George Schneider ’49, two daughters, a son, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

'53 David Mellon, Ormond Beach, Fla., March 26, 2013. David was a political science major and was involved in intramural sports and 4th Section. He was also a member of the German Club, Band, Men’s Glee Club, Symphony Orchestra, and Westminster Choir. David is survived by his wife, Nancy O. Mellon ’56, son, daughter, and four grandchildren.

'56 Dorothy A. Everts, Sarasota, Fla., March 12, 2013. At Wooster, Dorothy was a sociology major and took part in Sociology Club and Young Democrats. Dorothy is survived by her husband and her brother, Arthur R. Hook ’53.

'58 Derrill J. Smith, Bedford, N.Y., February 4, 2013. Derrill was an economics major and a member of the German Club, THE Corporation, 7th Section, and “W” Association. Derrill is survived by his wife, son Richard Smith ’82, nephews Timothy ’94 and Daniel Smith ’97, and ex-wife, Evelyn Smith ’57.

'58 David A. Seyler, Alexandria, Va., February 9, 2011. During his time at Wooster, David was interested in history. He was also involved in play appearances, Varsity Debate, Congressional Club, and the Young Republicans Club. David is survived by his wife.

'58 Janice D. Watson, Columbia, Md., April 11, 2013. At Wooster, Janice was a history major. She participated in Imps, Student Senate, the History Honorary Society, and worked on the Voice staff. Janice is survived by her husband, Robert F. Watson ’58; three children, including Margot Watson ’83; and two grandchildren, Elise W. Gifford ’14 and Emily K. Lecompte ’14.

'63 W. Michael Losinger, Albany, N.Y., April 17, 2013. While at Wooster, Michael took part in THE Corporation, Westminster Choir, the Student Christian Association, and the Young Democrats. Michael is survived by his partner and three sisters.

'67 Ronald G. Wirick, London Ontario, Canada, June 10, 2012. Ronald was a mathematics and economics double major, a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society, on the Voice staff, and a member of the Young Republicans. Ronald’s wife, four daughters, three stepchildren, ex-wife, Cathy Wirick ’67, and eleven grandchildren survive him.

'71 Julia Riddle Ehle, Johnstown, N.Y., May 2, 2013. Julia was a religion major and a member of Peanuts social club while at Wooster. Julia is survived by her husband, Daniel Ehle ’71, two daughters, her father, sister, and two brothers, including Paul Riddle ’74.

'76 Thomas A. Kinne Jr., Burlington, Ky., August 30, 2012. While at Wooster, Thomas majored in physical education and was a member of the football team.

'79 John J. Yankello Jr., Wooster, Ohio, April 24, 2013. John was a history major at Wooster and was involved in a career planning placement house and the film committee. John is survived by two brothers, including Steven Yankello ’83, and five sisters.

'83 David E. Geiger, Media, Penn., April 19, 2013. David was a communication studies major and a member of the varsity football team at Wooster. He also volunteered for Wooster’s Boy Village. David is survived by his parents, son, daughter, brother, sister, Rebecca Geiger ’88, fiancé, cousins, Benjamin Geiger ’95 and Joel Geiger ’91, and his ex-wife Sara McCullough ’83.
Honoring our Past, Sustaining our Future

Letter from the cover of summer 1988 Wooster magazine, the first annual I.S. issue.

The day of the 2013 Senior Research Symposium dawned sunny and mild. As has become tradition, classes were cancelled and faculty, staff, and students attended lectures, poster sessions, performances, and demonstrations.

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In Closing

A Wooster Moment

The College of Wooster values its neighbors, including the largest settlement of Amish in the world, living in nearby Holmes County. The spirit of trust between Wooster faculty and members of the Amish community has resulted in research and teaching opportunities. Classes about Ohio’s Amish are offered regularly, and the first book about the Holmes County Amish was authored by Wooster’s David McConnell, professor of anthropology, and Charles Hurst, retired professor of sociology.

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