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HAPPY SUMMER FROM WYOMING SEMINARY!

Summer is a time for both reflection and anticipation. A short time ago the Class of 2017 crossed the Commencement stage and accepted their diplomas, excited and prepared to attend their college of choice this fall. The absence of students and teachers on campus is a great time to pause and appreciate the accomplishments of the past year, and also look forward to new exciting events on the horizon:

NEW WEBSITE

At the time of this reading, our brand-new website, wyomingseminary.org, will have launched. Over the past year, our senior graphic designer, Corinne Chace, painstakingly built each page on the site to make it more helpful and accessible, implementing many of the suggestions we received from a school-wide website usability survey we sent out in January. The new wyomingseminary.org is beautiful and functional, with content that is easier to find and automatically adjusts itself to any device that it is viewed on. Check it out and let us know what you think!

A MAJOR MILESTONE

Wyoming Seminary's 175th anniversary is just two short years away. Planning has just begun for this amazing landmark that few organizations reach, and the celebration will be epic! Stay tuned for future issues of the Wyoming Seminary Journal and mailings that will have all the details to keep you informed.

BIG STARS

The successful *Sem Presents!* performing arts series just unveiled the talent that will be showcased for its much-anticipated second season: The incomparable Leslie Odom, Jr., Tony Award-winning star of the Broadway smash hit "Hamilton," as well as the fantastic modern dance company Limón, and the delightful children's production of "Mr. Popper's Penguins" all will grace the stage of the Kirby Center for Creative Arts in the coming months. Hurry and get your tickets online before they sell out! Find out more on page 40.

It's going to be a great year!

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AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Words by Kevin Rea

For those of you who have a penchant for a) anything psychological and b) humor, does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

Seriously though...I recently read an interesting article on the work two prominent psychologists have conducted on gratitude. Dr. Robert A. Emmons of the University of California, Davis, and Dr. Michel E. McCullough of the University of Miami have done a great deal of research on what happens to the human mind, body and psyche when individuals practice and remember the importance of gratitude in their lives.

In one study, they asked participants to write a few sentences each week, focusing on particular topics. One group focused on things for which they were grateful which had occurred that week. The other group wrote about all the daily irritations they experienced or about things that upset them. A third group wrote about events with absolutely no focus on those events as positive or negative. After ten weeks, the psychologists found that those subjects who focused on and wrote about gratitude were more optimistic. They felt better about their lives. Interestingly, they also had exercised more and had fewer visits to physicians than those people who focused their minds on what aggravated them.

Another prominent researcher is Dr. Martin E. P. Seligman, a psychologist at the University of Pennsylvania and with whom our very own English teacher Erin Griffin has been working this year as part of her professional development. In his research, he tested the effect which various positive psychology exercises had on 411 people. He compared each of these with a control group. Both wrote about early memories. Their week's assignment was to write and deliver a letter of gratitude to someone whom they had never properly thanked for his or her kindness. Dr. Seligman found that the impact of doing this was tremendous, that subjects experienced huge increases in "happiness scores" which lasted up to a month in many cases. While such studies cannot prove cause and effect, they do establish a very strong correlation between gratitude and well-being.

This spring our Upper School students and faculty engaged in their own exercise in expressing gratitude to each other. Members of the community voluntarily wrote brief and deeply meaningful messages to each other with words of encouragement, kindness and support on colorful sticky labels that adorned the entrance to Sprague Hall in a rainbow of gratitude.



Additionally, this year I have personally enjoyed touring around the country to Seattle, San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Tucson, Dallas, Houston, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Hartford and Boston meeting dozens of alumni. Those gatherings were great fun!

Thank you to those of you who were able to make it to our gatherings all over the country. Your love of Seminary, your fond memories and the gratitude you expressed towards your former teachers sustained me in my travels and added tremendously to my understanding of the richness of Sem's incredible history in the Wyoming Valley and beyond. Welcoming so many of you on the hugely successful Alumni Day (thank you Julie Strzeletz '81, John Shafer '71 and the entire advancement team!) for your reunions also emphasized for me how vibrant and strong our alumni network remains.

The Latin roots of gratitude spring from the word gratia, meaning grace, graciousness or gratefulness. It is good to know that science supports what I have enjoyed experiencing on campus and in my travels this year: acknowledging the warmth and vitality of the Wyoming Seminary community connects us all to each other, to something larger than our individual selves, to something approaching the truth, beauty and goodness of the world we inhabit and the lives we lead. That is our highest power as a community. For that I remain truly grateful.

Thanks to
cleaning staff
for keeping
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clean -Katie

Thanks Mr. &
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better musician.
-Dylan Jolley

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kid 😊
-CAROLINE

Thankyou to
all my teachers
and friends
who helped in my
Freshman year -Gray

Thankful
for my Beautiful
friends who
have changed
my life for
the better



ALUMNI GATHERINGS

- 1 Tucson:** Dee Ruelas, RUTH GATES KELLY '54, PETER JOHNSON '61, Kevin Rea, JOHN SHAFER '71, RAY HOWARD '61.
- 2 Philadelphia:** RYAN COSTA '01, Kevin Rea, OMEED FIROUZI '11, Jason Diperstein, JULIE HOWELL '03, JULIE RIFKIN DIPERSTEIN '02, ALEXIS ANSEMI '02, MATT PACKARD '03, KARIN BALTIMORE SCHWEIGER '89, LUKAS PAVLICEK '99, GIAN VERGNETTI '02.
- 3 Dallas:** Michael Victor, MARGIE SHAFFER VICTOR '65, JIM ROSENTHAL '73, JOHN SHAFER '71, Kevin Rea, NATALYA SHARP CHERRY '94
- 4 Los Angeles:** PAUL COHEN AZER '66, Kevin Rea, MINDY PETRULIS '55, Soraya Petrulis, KIMBERLY CORNELL '90, Casey Stern, JARON STERN '98, TRISHA JOHNSON REECE '68, JOHN SHAFER '71
- 5 Houston:** SABEENA RAHMAN '00, MAHNAZ RAHMAN '03, Kevin Rea, MADDIE KROPP '05, JACKIE DINZEY '99.
- 6 San Francisco:** TARUN PEREIRA '03, BOB ZIMMERMAN '65, PAM JOHNSON '77, Nicolas Thakar, JANE FASSETT THAKAR '80, JUSTIN DELLARIO '06, MARK NELSON '78, ESTELLE ANDREWS '65, Don Lewis, CONNIE YAHARA LEWIS '56, Kevin Rea, MIMI BUNTZ STEELE '67, Jonas Grankvist, RACHEL FISCHBEIN '05, GERRY SCHWARTZBACH '62, ABBY SORDONI '07, JOHN SHAFER '71, FRED FASSETT '65, Renee Fassett
- 7 Phoenix:** Kevin Rea, John Charland, IRA UNGAR '66, Lourdes Charland, Gail Ungar, Denis Ryan, KATHI FAIRMAN '77, BRIDGET HALPIN '87, Audra Lyons, WES CROMPTON '43, Ann Crompton, JOHN SHAFER '71, David Lyons.

ALUMNI GATHERINGS

8 Hartford: Joyce Buckingham, Kathleen Perkins, JOHN PERKINS '58

9 Boca Raton: Jack Basler, CAROLYN GERINGER BASLER '53,



10 Boston: KATHY HOURIGAN LIQUE '63, HELEN JONES '65

11 Boston: ANDREW MILLER '11, PATRICK MCMULLAN '11, EMILY ROGERS '10, JESSICA SWOBODA '11, LAUREN SKUDALSKI '11



12 Vermont Alumni Ski Trip: PATRICK SON '03, CRAIG PHILLIPS '73, JASON NATAUPSKY '03, JULIE MCCARTHY STRZELETZ '81, SARA ROSENBERG MOLITORIS '05, MIKE CRAMTON '87, RYAN MOLOTRIS '06, ALI KORNFELD '05, Reid Jackson

13 San Diego: MADHU ALAGIRI '80, Jane Rosenkranz, HARVEY ROSENKRANZ '62, Kevin Rea, ROGER PAGET '54, Minnet Smith, JACK MACHUN '47, BETH JENNINGS DIACHENKO '77, Thom Diachenko, JOHN SHAFER '71



15 Austin: William Scofield, NANCY BARNES '69, GAIL VONDERHEID '72, Denise Vonderheid, MADDIE KROPP '05, UMAR JAVAID '96, JOHN SHAFER '71

16 Hawaii: JOSEPH GIOVANNINI '94, ELSIE BLOSSOM WANG "GRATITUDE" '64, LEE LORD '79



17 Boca Raton: NINA SLOMOWITZ DAVIDOWITZ '77, BILL LEVINE '65, Judi Wolf

18 Naples: First row, seated from left: JOHN FASSETT '51, CHRIS SHAFER ZARDECKI '64, Adrienne Vincent, JUDY ROBBINS '64, MARTHA WAGNER OSTROWSKI '54.

Second row, standing from left: JULIE McCARTHY STRZELETZ '81, CLAIRE CONLON EVANS '52, LOUISE LOUCKS MOORE '55, BILL VINCENT '66, Kevin Rea, Bill VanSanten, JEFIE FLACK '67, JEANNIE McCARTHY CLEMENTS '77, BOB CLEMENTS '72, SUE KLINE KLUGER '55, ALLAN KLUGER '45, JUDY CASPAR BOHORAD '59, Harald Josepfsen, LINDA BRYAN GOSS '58, GINNY MILLER SCHMIDT '56, BARBARA FASSETT OSKI BEANE '53, George Diehl, Bob Ostrowski, Gloria Fassett, JOHN SHAFER '71.

14 Seattle: ANNA NELSON FEIN '92, Josh Fein, TANNER MCMAHON '11, BEN SHOVAL '95, PAUL SANTARELLI '01, Leslie Santarelli

MUSIC

Notes

Spring Concert features *Brundibár* performance

Words by Alexandra MacNamara '08

On Sunday, April 23, the spring concert titled "How Can I Keep from Singing?" began with a performance by the Wyoming Seminary Chorale. Selections included "There Will Be Rest" by Frank Tichelli, "Anthem for Peace" by Mack Wilberg, and "We Are One" by Allen Pote. All the songs performed were driven by a unifying message of peace, which ultimately served as the perfect prelude to the second part of the performance, *Brundibár*, for which the Chorale, Madrigal Singers, String Ensemble, Orchestra, Drama Department, and select members of the Lower School Choir came together in a collaborative effort.

Composed in 1938 by Hans Krasa, with lyrics by Adolf Hoffmeister, *Brundibár* was originally composed for a children's opera competition and premiered in German-occupied Prague before the score was smuggled into the Terezin concentration camp, where it was performed 55 times during World War II. The Czechoslovakian opera, which was performed in English, tells the tale of two children who must go out and find milk for their sick mother, although they have no money to pay for it.

The children battle against the evil organ-grinder, Brundibár, with the help of a sparrow, a cat, and a dog to come to the aid of their ailing mother. In the end, hope and justice prevail in this timeless tale of good versus evil.

"We were looking for an opportunity for some of our Lower School students to participate at the Upper School in our beautiful new facility," said John Vaida, the production's chorus master and chair of Sem's fine and performing arts department.

"We were challenged by this wonderful story, and historically, its significance and importance. It's a message that I feel that we always have to remember to be telling our audiences," Vaida commented during an interview with ArtScene's ERIKA FUNKE '70. The students and team of creative directors, including JASON SHERRY '91, Lydia Traill, Floyd Bussie, Christine Appenheimer-Vaida, and John Vaida executed the dramatic performance with beauty, reverence and exceptional talent.

At the end of the production, the students all stood behind three different segments of fence, used to symbolize the concentration camp's enclosure. Behind them, a slide show displayed quotes from the original "Cat" cast member, one of the few survivors of the camp. Then, the names of the original cast members and the age at which they died in the camp appears on the screen. One by one, students came forward and, in tribute to the deceased performers, dropped a hat or an apron into the lone, empty spotlight.



STAGE CRAFT



Lydia Traill, seen at left, has been a Sem faculty member since 2007 and the chair of the English Department since 2012. What you may not know about her is that she has been creating costumes for Wyoming Seminary's theatrical productions for more than five years. Traill works out of two rooms on the second floor of the Buckingham Performing Arts Center. Racks of meticulously sewn gowns, suits, and period costumes fill the floor while shelves overstuffed with patterns and bolts of fabric line

the walls. This spring, Traill was asked to create costumes for the Czechoslovakian children's opera, *Brundibár*. Her vision for the production came mostly from her own imagination, but she also decided to incorporate director JASON SHERRY '91's concept that the aid the children receive in the play directly mirrors the entry of the Allied nations into WWII.

In Wyoming Seminary's production of *Brundibár*, PAIGE ALLEN '17 portrayed the sparrow, imagined to represent England. Traill decided to dress Allen in a peasant dress and a feather-accented apron and head piece. She explained that she wanted the characters to subtly wear their animalistic traits, enough so that they could still somewhat blend in with the townspeople. ELLIE ROSENTEL '18 played the Russian Greyhound, naturally representative of Russia. For her costume, she wore a blue-grey jumpsuit, black knee high boots and a grey, faux-fur head and neck piece. ELIZABETH ABRAHAM '17 served as the opera's cat, imagined by Sherry and dressed by Traill as the French ally. She wore a white shirt with a black faux fur bolero and matching tail pinned to the back. As for the rest of the cast, Traill described their wardrobe as that of "fairy tale peasants." The most challenging of the characters was *Brundibár*, himself. Traill found herself doing some historical research for the role. Organ-grinders typically don a bit of flash and flair to get the attention of passersby, so Traill decided to outfit the story's villain, portrayed by DOMINIC WRIGHT '17, in a long, brightly-colored patchwork vest with a jewel and feather accented cap. Garish and gaudy, *Brundibár* successfully stood out in bad taste amongst the rest of the humble townspeople. Against a minimalistic set, Traill's costume designs served to give character depth and context all while allowing the performers' talent and storyline to take center stage.

Lydia Traill stitches together costumes to set the scene

Words by Alexandra MacNamara '08



At right: ERICA FLETCHER '17 models her costume for the April 23, 2017 performance of *Brundibár*, in which she starred as Annette.

WORKS OF ART

A look back at fine and performing arts from spring

Words by Alexandra MacNamara '08

Dance Designs

The Wyoming Seminary Dance Company presented an evening of dances featuring music from ten different Broadway shows and musical selections from student choreographers during its annual spring performance, titled "Dance Designs." "This year several of the Company dancers asked me to do a set of Broadway songs for our show," said Bernardine Vojtko, company director. "Once I got started choosing numbers, it was hard to stop! I am really pleased with our collection and hope the audience enjoyed these dances as much as I did." For the 10th year in a row, Sem's second-grade students performed with the company, presenting a vivacious rendition of "Just Can't Wait to Be King" from "The Lion King."

Fauré Festival

The exciting and diverse music of French composer Gabriel Fauré highlighted Sem's ninth chamber music festival, presented in the Kirby Center for Creative Arts. Sem Madrigal Singers and String Ensemble members, as well as JOHN MICHAEL VAIDA '00 (violin) performed a variety of instrumental and vocal works by Fauré not frequently heard. This festival is generously supported by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and The Pocono Arts Council.

The Nerd

Axel would like Willum to get his life together. Tansy would just like to see him gain some gumption. How far would you go for friendship? For love? Those are some of the questions the Wyoming Seminary Players considered in their performance of the hilarious Larry Shue comedy "The Nerd," presented in April. "As actors we often study the classics, both in class and on stage," said Ellen O'Brien Sherry, show director. "But what about those classic comedies? I chose 'The Nerd' because I think it's never too early for young actors and actresses to hone their comedic timing."

Art Shows

Anyone who visited the Rusty Flack Gallery in the Kirby Center for Creative Arts this past spring was treated to a highly impressive series of art exhibitions, presented by Upper School seniors, Lower School second-graders, and accomplished alumna NINA SLOMOWITZ DAVIDOWITZ '77.

The Senior Art Show featured a wide range of mediums from seniors in AP Art and Design, ceramics and photography classes.

The exhibit provided a level of sophistication and development that is directly reflected in the acceptance letters received by many of these students to the nation's top art and design schools. In addition to ceramics, the two-dimensional works on display included oil paintings, spray paint, water colors, cut paper, pen and ink, acrylic works and photography.

The Second Grade Art Show featured a wide array of colorful paintings, primarily inspired by French Impressionists and the great American artist Georgia O'Keefe. The show reflected the childrens' study of fine art throughout their second grade year.

Nina Davidowitz's show, titled "Here and There, Part II," featured light-filled images of neighborhoods in Pennsylvania, Florida and beyond. Davidowitz notes that her artwork "represents a continued exploration of color, light, and form." She illuminates the beauty of everyday life by transforming photos that she has taken of her neighborhood into luminous images. The exhibit was on display during May, opening with a reception on Friday, May 5, during Alumni Weekend.

Clockwise from top left: YUTING TINA CHENG '18 graces the stage during the Wyoming Seminary Dance Company production of "Dance Designs."

Members of the Wyoming Seminary string ensemble perform during the Fauré Festival weekend.

MAX LIEBETRAU '18 shakes things up in his portrayal of Rick Steadman in *The Nerd*.

ROBERT ZALOGA '20 soars during the Wyoming Seminary Dance Company production of "Dance Designs."

APOLLONIA BRUNO '27 proudly poses with her stunning artwork at the Second Grade Art Show.

From left, Don Hopkins, Dan Krueger (faculty), and Mary Ann Hopkins (former faculty) gather at Nina Davidowitz's art opening in the Kirby Center for Creative Arts.



SEM DM

\$26,000 RAISED FOR CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK!



Words by
Harry Shafer '04

In only six years, Sem's Dance Marathon, known as "SemDM" has become one of the biggest and most exciting events on campus. Run entirely by Sem's Student Government, this year's SemDM, a fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network and Geisinger's Janet Weis Children's Hospital, had quite a high bar to reach: the biggest goal ever with less than a month of planning to accomplish it.

On the morning of SemDM, I thought I'd be a little nervous. Whispers about our largest-ever fundraising total circulated through the students as we prepared for the evening's events. The monumental goal: \$20,000. We had given ourselves a month to do it, but Mother Nature gave us two feet of snow, leaving us with just three weeks.

Yes, I should have been nervous. But I wasn't. When I woke up on Saturday morning, I knew the students would not only hit their goal, but blow it out of the water.

Under the leadership of the Student Government Executive Committee, consisting of seniors GRACE LEAHY, ROY PHILLIPS,

EAMON GIBBONS
and junior SAMANTHA
IMMIDISSETTI, SemDM
2017 was a huge success.

The committee's efforts, which started months before fundraising officially began, sparked enthusiasm in their fellow students and faculty, which resulted in more than 300 people in attendance; our largest crowd.

In the end, that's what made this year's event truly special. While the fundraising is impressive (our dance marathon is the largest single fundraiser of its kind for the Children's Miracle Network in this area, beating out local colleges and universities), the real victory was uniting our entire school behind one purpose.

When the numbers were revealed at the end of the evening, we were shocked to learn that we had raised \$26,630.75, bringing our six-year total to over \$100,000.

I will never forget the energy in the room as we all shared a victory in which each individual had an important part. Together we accomplished something bigger and better than we ever could on our own. That is SemDM. That is Wyoming Seminary.

Pictured above: Upper School Dean JAY HARVEY '80 takes one for the team. He and other administrators auctioned off the opportunity for students to pie them in the face, but all for a good cause! TODD ZHONG '18, at right, is the lucky auction winner.

“Sem Speaks!”

Lecture series highlights global climate change

The economic and ethical aspects of climate change were discussed in a special free public lecture held on April 25 in the Kirby Center for Creative Arts.

The speakers were Professor Donald Brown, a scholar in residence and a professor of sustainability and law at Widener University Commonwealth Law School, and Keith Welks, Esq., deputy state treasurer for fiscal operations in the Pennsylvania Treasury Department.

Brown discussed the topic “On the practical importance of seeing and responding to climate change as a civilization-challenging moral problem,” while Welks explored “The importance of impact financing, particularly public financing, in combating climate change.”

The lecture was the first presentation of Sem Speaks: A Global Topics Lecture Series. The speakers also addressed the Upper School assembly the following morning.

Students named National Merit Scholars

PAIGE ALLEN '17 and CONNOR MCGOWAN '17 have been named recipients of 2017 National Merit Scholarships. They were among 1.6 million students who entered the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program and were chosen from a group of about 15,000 distinguished Finalists nationwide to receive the awards.



Mock Trial team earns awards at state and regional competitions

The Wyoming Seminary Mock Trial team in March concluded a successful mock trial competition season at the 34th Annual Pennsylvania Bar Association Statewide High School Mock Trial Competition in Harrisburg. The team, representing Region 5, finished in third place. This is the sixth time in 10 years that the Blue Knights have advanced to the state level. IMRAN PAKBAZ '17 received three Best Witness Awards, and team co-captain EMILY LAURORE '17 received three Best Advocate Awards. Members of the Mock Trial team also competed in the Princeton University Spring Moot Court Tournament, one of the largest and most prestigious moot court tournaments in the nation, featuring nearly 70 teams from throughout the United States. The Sem team of SAMANTHA IMMIDISSETTI '18 and MEGHNA MELKOTE '18 placed fourth. Melkote and PAIGE ALLEN '17 also were recognized as two of the top six attorneys in the competition, and Allen was one of only two students to receive the top rank in all four of her preliminary trials.



Mock Trial team seated from left: Imran Pakbaz '17, co-captain AVERY CONYNGHAM '17, co-captain Emily Laurore and Paige Allen. Standing, from left: PHILIP OUELLETTE '19, Samantha Immidissetti and Meghna Melkote.

Science Research Group students earn awards at competition

Students in both the Lower School and Upper School Science Research Groups presented their research projects and earned awards at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science State Competition, held at Penn State University this past spring. Upper School students receiving First Awards are: REEYA LELE '17, microbiology; MOYASAR OSMAN '19, biochemistry; NIKOLAI STEFANOV '19, mathematics; and YUNRU ZHENG '18, mathematics. Lower School eighth-grade students receiving awards are: VINCENT BALDASSANO, First Award, biology; ZAHRA CHITTALIA, First Award, biology; BRIDGET TOST, First Award, biology; and KEEFER WU, Second Award, physics.



Upper School SRG students are, from left: ROUNAK LELE '20, Reeya Lele '17, LAUREN FLETCHER '19, Moyasar Osman '19, Yunru Zheng '18, Nikolai Stefanov '19 and JAY PANDE '20.



TRAVIS SHEPARD '25



ALICE KANG '17 (left)
and MEGAN FEHLING '19
Photo by CHING HEI
ADRIAN SUNG '17



PHINEAS RUDERMAN '25 (left)
and THEODORE KRAUS '25



ABIGAIL BUZZA '28 (left) and
ELLIANA ROSS '28



friendly COMPETITION

Students and alumni give it their all during Society Day and Field Day events

This year, Upper School Society Day had an even more competitive edge than usual! While students competed in over 50 events to represent their societies, alumni also participated in the day. Alumni gave gifts to the Annual Giving Campaign in tribute to their society and battled to see which society would come out on top. In the end, the Florentine Society was the winner of the student events and the Oxonian Society reigned supreme in the Annual Giving Challenge.

At the Lower School, the Blue and White student teams challenged each other all school-year long to a friendly rivalry which culminated at Field Day. Throughout the year, teams sought points by participating in academic, athletic and community service events. Both teams completed over 30 community service projects and rounded out the competition during Field Day with fun challenges. This year, the Blue Team, led by HOPE AUSTIN '21 and HEATHER PAGLIA '21, was victorious.



SAMANTHA
QUINN '22



YIJIA CHRISTIANA LIU '19 (left) and
CHING HEI ADRIAN SUNG '17
Photo by HANNAH GRAF '19

SPORTS REVIEW

BASEBALL

Head coach: Brian Kaschak

Overall Record: 7-10

MICHAEL ORAVIC '18 was named to the Citizens' Voice All-Star team, and Oravic, JOHN KEHL '17 and SAM SWEITZER '18 were named to the Wyoming Valley Conference Div. 3 All-Star team.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Head Coach: C.J. Kersey '90

Overall Record: 13-9

JEREMY CALLAHAN '20 was named Wyoming Valley Conference Division 3 First Team MVP by the WVC boys basketball coaches and was named to the Times Leader's Boys Basketball All-Star First Team. DIMITRI GNALL '19 was named to the WVC Coaches second team.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Head Coach: Abbey Rodway

Overall Record: 5-17

ALEXANDRA WESNESKI '20 was named to the WVC Division 3 First Team, while MIA RAINERI '19 was named to the Second Team.

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

Head coach: Michael Dennis '04

Overall Record: Prep ice hockey: 14-14-4

High School team ice hockey: 6-11-2

The prep team finished second in MAHL league play. FREDERICK ALLAIRE '17 was named to the All-MAHL second team. Five high school team members were named to the NEPA High School League All-Star Team: COLE ARDOLINE '18, CHARLES LEO '19, KEVIN MEDICO '19, SPENCER STIREWALT '17 and WILL ZEIGLER '19.

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Head coach: Mackey Hemphill

Overall Record: 6-18-1

Insufficient numbers of athletes interested in participating in Sem's girls ice hockey program over the past few years has made the school's sponsorship of the team unsustainable, and the school made the difficult decision to suspend the program at the end of the 2017 winter season.

BOYS & GIRLS SWIMMING

Head coach: Philip Mercatili '03

Overall Record: Boys, 10-0; Girls 13-0

WRESTLING

Head coach: Scott Green

Overall Record: 25-0 in dual meets

The wrestling team earned the state prep title for the 11th consecutive year and took second place at the National Prep tournament in March. Thirteen team members received All-American honors; the Blue Knights concluded the tournament with two champions, three runner-ups and three third place winners. One of many season highlights: The Blue Knights defeated the Blair Buccaneers again at home in January, 31-27.

BOYS TENNIS

Head coach: Allison Joanlanne

Overall Record: 13-1

Swimmers go undefeated, earn gold at district and state competitions



The 2016-17 season was gold-plated for the Wyoming Seminary boys swim team. For the first time in 14 years, the Blue Knights won the Wyoming Valley Conference title and then went on to dominate the field and take home the championship in the District 2 Class 2A meet. At the PIAA state meet, the boys team finished in eighth place with five medals; MARCOS RICO '19's gold-medal finish in the 100-yard breaststroke was the second-fastest time in PIAA history. His time of 57 seconds was a full second faster than the second-place finish, and he is the first swimmer from the WVC to win a state championship in 10 years. The boys team also won medals in the 200 IM, 400 freestyle relay, 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle.

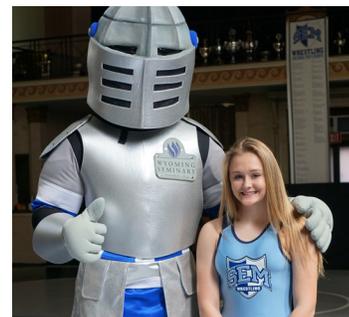
The girls team also was undefeated in WVC competition and finished in third place at districts; they ended state competition in 10th place with four medals. TARA KUPSKY '18 took seventh in the 200 IM and eighth in the 100 butterfly and led the 400 freestyle relay team to a third-place bronze medal; the 200 freestyle relay team came in 10th.

By the end of this remarkable season, the boys and girls set 13 new school records and 29 swimming pool records. Receiving All-State honors are AVA BAUR '19, MATTHEW BEAN '17, Rico, APRIL KUPSKY '20, Tara Kupsky, HALEY THIER '20, YONAH WASIK '18, and STANLEY ZANESKI '17. Tara Kupsky was named the Citizens' Voice Girl Swimmer of the Year for the second consecutive year and Rico was Boys Swimmer of the Year for both the Citizens' Voice and the Times Leader.

New girls wrestling program announces nationally-recognized head coach

Erin Tomeo Vandiver, an assistant national woman's coach for USA Wrestling, will join Wyoming Seminary this fall as head coach of Sem's new pilot girls wrestling program, said Karen Klassner, director of athletics.

Sem's girls wrestling program, first announced in January 2017, will begin as a pilot program this fall and its members will train with the school's nationally-ranked boys wrestling program. The expansion of Sem's wrestling program to include a team for girls reflects the burgeoning nation-wide popularity of the sport, Klassner said.



Vandiver has served on USA's senior women's world team coaching staff since 2009 and helped lead the 2012 and 2016 Olympic women's wrestling teams. She also coached the 2016 Pan American Championship team, served as head coach for the Junior National Team and Cadet National Team and has led the Women's University National team and Women's Junior World Team. As a member of the U.S. Olympic Training Center wrestling coaching staff for resident athletes, she has worked with many U.S. senior women wrestlers who have won World and Olympic medals for the United States.

Scott Green, Sem boys head wrestling coach, told USA Wrestling he believes Sem has a good model in place for success in girls wrestling. "We have a national brand established here and we are in a unique position to really impact girls wrestling at the high school level," he said.



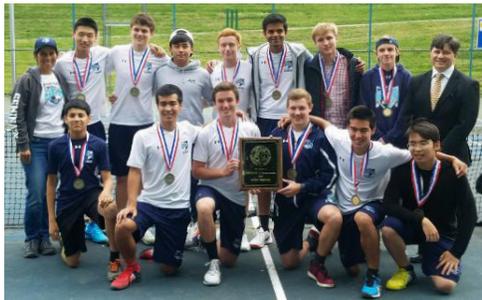
Anderson named head football coach

Jim Anderson, former associate vice president of enrollment management/executive director of admission at King's College, has been named associate director of athletics and head varsity football coach at Sem, beginning May 1. He replaces Kevin Kelly, who was named defensive

coordinator and linebackers coach at Bryant University in January. Anderson, who had an outstanding football career at middle linebacker at Springfield College, previously served as King's defensive coordinator from 1991-2009, and was selected as the NCAA Div. III Defensive Coordinator of the Year in 2002. He also served the previous two seasons as an assistant football coach and assistant defensive coordinator for the Dallas School District football program, and has coached at Springfield College and Lehigh University.

Sem boys tennis wins district titles

This spring the Blue Knights boys tennis team achieved a goal that had eluded them for the past five years: they defeated the Scranton Prep Cavaliers and claimed the District 2 Class 2A Team Championship and the Doubles Championship. Led by seniors EAMON GIBBONS, ANDREW SCHUKRAFT and twins ANDREW and MICHAEL KIM, the team defeated Prep 3-1; Michael Kim and WILL ZIEGLER '19's victory in No. 1 doubles secured the win and snapped Scranton Prep's four consecutive district championship streak. Later the doubles team of Gibbons and Schukraft repeated as champions, defeating Prep 6-1, 6-1. Gibbons took silver in district singles play against Prep.



In PIAA state competition, the team defeated Lancaster Mennonite and Quaker Valley to advance to semifinal play, falling to Lancaster Country Day. Gibbons and Schukraft came up against a powerful Sewickley Academy doubles team in the first round of state competition and did not advance. Gibbons was named the Citizens' Voice Tennis Player of the Year for the third time, and Schukraft and the Kim brothers were named to the paper's All-Stars First Team. Gibbons also received Times Leader Player of the Year honors, Schukraft received All-Star honors and coach Allison Joanlance was named the paper's Coach of the Year.

ROWING

Head coach: Kevin Benz

The Wyoming Seminary rowing team, associated with the Harveys Lake Rowing Club, competed in three spring regattas. TOM WEIL '18 took fourth in his individual race at the City Championship in Philadelphia, just missing an opportunity to compete in the National Championship.

BOYS LACROSSE

Head coach: Andrew Billen

Overall Record: 11-7

In their first year of PIAA play in the Wyoming Valley Conference Div. 1, the Blue Knights went into the conference championship tied with Dallas and Delaware Valley for first place. Sem dropped a heartbreaker to Delaware Valley, 9-8 in overtime, but was considered a top contender and second seed in the District 2 Class 2A tournament. In the district final against Crestwood, the competition was even closer and went to a second overtime before Crestwood struck first and won, 11-10 over the host Blue Knights. DUNCAN BREIG '17 and NICHOLAS GANTER '19 were named to the WVC Lacrosse League's First Team All-Stars, while seniors GEORGIO VAVLAS, GABRIEL PASCAL and QUENTIN NOVINGER were named to the Second Team. Breig, Ganter and Vavlas also were named to the Times Leader's All-Star First Team, while Novinger, Pascal and MAX BARTRON '19 were named to the Second Team.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Head coach: Catherine Kersey

Overall Record: 15-4

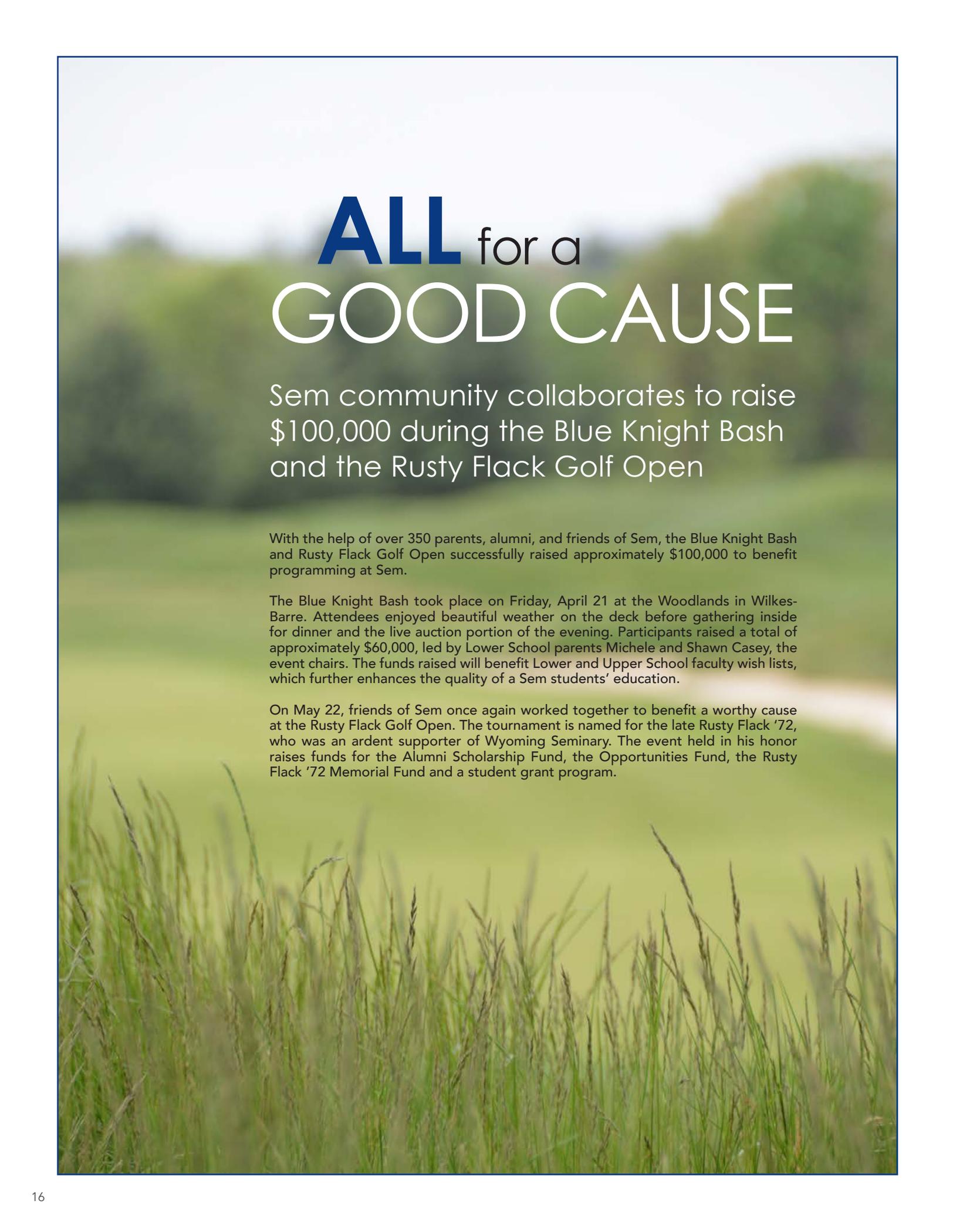
For seven years the WVC District 2 Class 2A has held a district championship and for seven years the Sem Blue Knights girls lacrosse team has won and moved on to states. This year Sem, with a 12-0 undefeated record in conference play, ran past the Lake-Lehman Black Knights, 13-9, to take the gold medal at Klassner Field. The Blue Knights' season came to an end in the first round of state competition, falling 17-5 to Bishop Shanahan, the District 12 runner-up. KATHERINE ROMANOWSKI '17 was named Times Leader Lacrosse Player of the Year for the second consecutive year. ABIGAIL STRAUB '17, CHRISTINA KILYANEK '19 and JULIA GABRIEL '18 were named to the paper's First Team All-Stars, while ALEXIS SOKACH '17 and MIA RAINERI '19 were named to the Second Team. Romanowski was named the WVC Coaches All-Star MVP for 2017, Straub, Kilyanek and Gabriel were named to the First Team, and Sokach and KAITLYN METZ '18 received Second Team honors.

SOFTBALL

Head coach: Steve Mytych

Overall Record: 11-8

AUBREY MYTYCH '19 and DELANEY ROMANCHICK '20 were named to the Wyoming Valley Conference Coaches All-Star Second Team.



ALL for a GOOD CAUSE

Sem community collaborates to raise \$100,000 during the Blue Knight Bash and the Rusty Flack Golf Open

With the help of over 350 parents, alumni, and friends of Sem, the Blue Knight Bash and Rusty Flack Golf Open successfully raised approximately \$100,000 to benefit programming at Sem.

The Blue Knight Bash took place on Friday, April 21 at the Woodlands in Wilkes-Barre. Attendees enjoyed beautiful weather on the deck before gathering inside for dinner and the live auction portion of the evening. Participants raised a total of approximately \$60,000, led by Lower School parents Michele and Shawn Casey, the event chairs. The funds raised will benefit Lower and Upper School faculty wish lists, which further enhances the quality of a Sem students' education.

On May 22, friends of Sem once again worked together to benefit a worthy cause at the Rusty Flack Golf Open. The tournament is named for the late Rusty Flack '72, who was an ardent supporter of Wyoming Seminary. The event held in his honor raises funds for the Alumni Scholarship Fund, the Opportunities Fund, the Rusty Flack '72 Memorial Fund and a student grant program.



1 **Winners of the 2017 Rusty Flack Golf Open tournament:** DAVE JANERICH '05, ROSS BROWN '05, JON JANERICH '07, and ROB BRESNAHAN '08

2 **At the Rusty Flack Golf Open:** CHRIS SIEGEL '88, Jonathan Comitz, JOANNA SIEGEL GOVER '91

3 **At the Blue Knight Bash:** CJ KERSEY '90, Catie Kersey, KATIE CALLAHAN '88

4 **At the Blue Knight Bash:** Stephen Sokach, Jerriann Sokach, Leo Gilroy, Lynn Grilli

5 **At the Blue Knight Bash:** Martha Miller Bamkin, Tonya Shepard, Kathy Platt, Gina Kuloszewski

6 **At the Blue Knight Bash:** SARA ROSENBERG MOLITORIS '05, Jane Slaff





Eighth Grade GRADUATION

MAY 30, 2017



1: The fifty graduates of the Eighth Grade Class gather at the front entrance of the Lower School for their class photo.

2: Natalie Granger received the Frances and Louis Maslow Lower School Award for Excellence in Teaching

3: From left: Ronald Hromisin, EVAN HROMISIN '21, Nadine Hromisin and KYLE HROMISIN '19.

4: Legacy families, first row, from left: CHARLES "CJ" BUFALINO '78, AVA BUFALINO '21, TYLER SHEDLOCK '21, JONELL MAINWARING SHEDLOCK '86, ABIGAIL SANTO '21 and JENNIFER BANKS SANTO '87.

Second row: BERNARD BANKS '53, DAKOTA BANKS '21 and BERNARD BANKS III '80.

Not present: KIMBERLY MORROW GONZALES '90 and PARKER GONZALES '21.

5: From left: CHRISTINA KASPAR '21; Clark Switzer, Grade 8 teacher; and ZAHRA CHITTALIA '21.

6: JULIA BURG '21 celebrates at the reception following the graduation ceremony.

7: From left, Maureen Bufalino, AVA BUFALINO '21 and ARIANNA BUFALINO '18.



Upper School COMMENCEMENT



1: JOSEPH CLEMENTE '17



2: From left: GRACE ROSS '17 and WANSHUANG ZHENG '19



3: From left: EMILY LAURORE '17 and CASSIE KIZIS '17

4: GRACE LEAHY '17 gives the student address.

5: From left: IMRAN PAKBAZ '17 with teacher Chris Pons.

6: QUANG PHAN '17

7: ANNA IVASYSHYNA '17 (second from right) with her family.

8: Patty DeViva received the John D. Mueller Award for outstanding contributions to school life

9: Jill Stretanski received the Frances and Louis Maslow Upper School Award for Excellence in Teaching



10: Legacy families, from left: NINA MAGNOTTA '17, DYLAN JOLLEY '17, SUE DANTONA JOLLEY '82, GEORGE CONYNGHAM '75, AVERY CONYNGHAM '17, GREG BANKS '84, and JOSEPH BANKS '17. Not pictured: JOANNE FERRARO BERRETINI '58, grandmother of NINA MAGNOTTA '17 and JOSEPH BANKS '49 (deceased), grandfather of JOSEPH BANKS '17.





ALUMNI WEEKEND

MAY 5-7, 2017



50th Reunion for the Class of 1967

First row (from left): Rick Askerberg, Nancy Nichols Rudiger, Deborah Patton, Janet "Jefie" Flack, Carol Morris, Barbara Goldstein Kline, Elly Francis Bolar

Second row (from left): Ira Goldstein, Jeff Thielen, Jonathan Dyson, Shelley Rosen Chamberlain, Sheldon Berger, Mark Chamberlain, Jon Jaye

Third row (from left): Eric Walter, Andrew Buc, Phil Santarelli, Jim Cutler, Scott Borowsky, Michael Katz, Jackson Koffman, Jeff Grogan



At left, top:

Debra Jaye and JON JAYE '67 enjoy a walk through front campus in full bloom.



At left, center:

The Wyoming Seminary Alumni Association Award is presented each year to one person in recognition of outstanding service to the school. This year's award winner is CAROLE "SIS" SCHALM ERTLEY '62, pictured with Wyoming Seminary President Kevin Rea.



At left, below:

Catherine Berger, SHELDON BERGER '67, and RICK ASKERBERG '67 celebrate during a reception at the home of Wyoming Seminary President Kevin Rea.



Class of 1947:

John Machun

Class of 1952: Front row (from left): Barbara Bauman O'Hanlon, Robert Morgan, Marvin Metzgar, John Magagna

Second row (from left): Nancy VonArx Merrill, Ruth Graeflin Dilts, Dick Ide, Helen Miller Davis

Class of 1957:

Front row (from left): Burt Karmiel, Nick Quackenbush, Judy Alinikoff Weltman, Elaine Leandri Balderson, Juliet Howells Fawbush-Fluke, Bonny Cochran, Serena Fishof Domolky Howlett

Second row (from left): Claire Trethaway Oldham, Linda Myers German, Judy Decker Geraets, Robert Jones

Third row (from left): Fred Eister, Ellen Shaffer Meyer, Dorothy Memolo Bheddah

Fourth row (from left): Mike Greenwald, Dorothy Edwards Young

Class of 1962:

Front row (from left): Beth Tribler Corrigan, Sis Schalm Ertley, Flora Franconi, Ruth Shaffer Chariton

Second row (from left): Chris Lacy, Joel Pearlman, Tony Carey, Barry Mertz





Class of 1962:

Front row (from left): Ruth Shaffer Chariton, Carol Silberman Nelson Dembert, Millie Kaiser Fleetwood, Sis Schalm Ertley

Second row (from left): Barry Mertz, Tony Carey, Beth Tribler Corrigan, Joel Pearlman

Class of 1972:

Front row (from left): John Mosca, Bob McGahee, Dorothy Smith, Rosa Lane Williamson, Rachel Miller

Second row (from left): Bob Clements, Paul Griesmer, Joe Shedlawski, Gail Vonderheid, Rod Kaiser, Joe Ryncavage, Barry Schub

Class of 1977:

Front row (from left): Barbara Lumia Rogers, Jeannie McCarthy Clements, Kathi Fairman, Rebecca Harris

Second row (from left): Charlie Isaacs, Joan Roth Kleinman, Gigi Lopatto, Bob Wise, Nina Slomowitz Davidowitz, Jim Rogers, Ginny Spohrer Wright, Tim Evans

Class of 1982:

Front row (from left): Anne Hegeman, Melanie Maslow Kern, Gaye Gustitus, Polly Spohrer Bliss, Sue Dantona Jolley

Second row (from left): Valerie Simons-Teekema, Bill Hinko, Payton Hawks, Elaine Elbich



Class of 1987:

Front row (from left): Mike Cramton, Meg Bevevino Cramton, Dawn Lombardo Gaudino, Todd Vonderheid

Class of 1967:

First row (from left): Doris Ann Cresko, Ruth Karp Mierzwa, Shelley Rosen Chamberlain, Deborah Patton, Doreen John Tewksbury, Ellen Francis Bolar, Carol Giering McDonald, Barbara Goldstein Kline, Jeff Grogan, Ellyn Harris-Hesli, Rob Burnside

Second Row (from left): Sheldon Berger, Phil Santarelli, Jonathan Dyson, Jim McDonald, Rick Askerberg, Jeff Thielen, Jon Jaye, Nancy Nichols Rudiger, Andrew Buc, Carol Morris, Jackson Koffman, Janet "Jefie" Flack, Michael Katz, Ira Goldstein, Ralph Edwards, Susan Salsburg, Scott Borowsky, Eric Walter, Lewis Thayne

Donchess Service Award Winners

Below, at right: pictured in the front row (from left) Jack Moriarity, SUSAN WAYNE '56, John Metz

Second row (from left): DICK GOLDBERG '55, CORNY CONYNGHAM ROMANOWSKI '75, Kevin Rea

Below:

Kathy Anselmi, PHIL SANTARELLI '67 and SUE DANTONA JOLLEY '82





Memorial Service Speakers:

At left, top: First row (from left): SERENA FISHOF DOMOLKY HOWLETT '57, SHELLEY ROSEN CHAMBERLAIN '67, SIS SCHALM ERTLEY '62, JEANNE "GIGI" LOPATTO '77

Second row (from left): JACK MACHUN '47, BILL HINKO '82, DICK IDE '52, GAIL VONDERHEID '72.

At left, center:

ROSA LANE WILLIAMSON '72, RACHEL MILLER '72, Jim Kersey, DOROTHY SMITH '72

Below, left:

BARBARA BAUMAN O'HANLON '52 and DICK IDE '52

Below:

JEFF METZ '28 and JOHN MACHUN '47, the youngest and eldest attendees of Alumni Weekend, toast the event.







Let us
Entertain
you!

*Celebrating 50 Years of the
Wyoming Seminary Players*

Words by Patty DeViva

Last fall, the Wyoming Seminary Players presented “Once Upon A Mattress.” For three performances, packed houses enjoyed a professional-level production. The costumes, sound, lighting, orchestra, actors—and facility—were all stellar, and far surpassed the average high school musical.

Because of this production, and so many others over the years, the theater program at Wyoming Seminary has a well-earned reputation for excellence. Sem has staged diverse productions from the intimate drama workshops in black box format, to contemporary drama, to large-scale musicals with huge casts and full pit orchestras. This wasn’t always the case, however. While many talented individuals have helped the theater program grow, it took the inspiration and creativity of two very unique individuals to make the program what it is today.

At left: The Kirby Center for Creative Arts, constructed in 2014, houses Wyoming Seminary’s vibrant performing arts program.

At left: DYLAN JOLLEY ‘17 and ERICA FLETCHER ‘17 in “Once Upon a Mattress.”



LOUISE LOUCKS MOORE '55

As a student in the 1950s, Louise Loucks Moore remembers that the only theater productions available for students to participate in at Seminary were in the basement of Sprague Hall. "We had these inter-society plays on a little stage in the basement of Sprague Hall, with the societies pitted against the other, and we only had one show a year," said Moore. These student-led productions were voted upon and garnered points for the societies.

Moore participated in the society plays, but upon graduation from Sem she wanted more exposure to theater, which she loved. At the University of Miami, she took a double major of speech and drama and elementary education. "It wasn't my goal to be an actress; I always wanted to be a teacher. The two are really a combination, though. If you're teaching, you're performing," said Moore.

During the summers of her college years she pursued her passion for the arts by attending the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City, acting in summer stock, and participating in productions at the Coconut Grove Playhouse, where she learned not only about acting, but also the technical aspects

in the Wilkes-Barre City schools. She also was active in the Little Theater of Wilkes-Barre, starring in productions of "Mame," "Under the Yum Yum Tree," and "Carousel." It was at the Little Theater that she met up with a fellow alum from Sem who asked her a question that would change her life. "Would I be interested in teaching at Seminary, he asked, because he heard that veteran teacher Dorothy Edwards was retiring and he thought I would be perfect for the job," she said. She was thrilled at the prospect of working with her former teachers that she loved so much, including Leroy Bugbee. "I thought he walked on water. I always worked so hard because I wanted Prof Bugbee to be proud of me," Moore said. After an interview, then-president Dr. Hal Buckingham offered her the job.

So, in the fall of 1966, Moore returned to Sem, this time as a teacher. She taught English and public speaking, and oversaw all of the intersociety contests: the oratorical contest, the intersociety debate, the declamation contest, and two drama productions per year. She also had wonderful plans to bring contemporary musical theater to Sem, the lack of a proper facility to house the production notwithstanding. She determined that the Pettebone Gymnasium would serve nicely, and soon she was staging and directing *Pillow Talk* with the school's very first ensemble of "The Wyoming Seminary Players," a name she was first to coin.

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of theatrical productions. "I did summer stock where I was doing a play, rehearsing a play and working backstage all at the same time. I rarely slept and was exhausted. But I learned so much," she said.

After college Moore was married briefly, and returned home with her two children to the Wyoming Valley, where she was hired to teach for the gifted program

Moore's broad experience in theater production came in handy since at the time Sem had neither a budget nor any theater equipment to stage her productions. "I had no one to help me other than the kids, for lighting, set design, makeup and everything else," she said. "Luckily there were kids that could rig lighting, do set design and mechanical drawing and all of that." She also was always on the lookout for props as well.



Above: Many productions were staged in the basement of Sprague Hall, as this one was in 1930.

From the 1967 yearbook...

"Through the expanded activity of the drama club this year, Seminary students have become more aware of the theater. There is greater interest and urge to participate in school productions. Not only has the student body shown more enthusiasm towards the plays which are presented in the Student Union, an increased portion of the audience has consisted of people from nearby communities.

"Under the guidance of Louise Loucks Jennings '55, faculty-advisor to the drama club, the members have added to their knowledge of acting and backstage work. They had had the opportunity to learn such things as the application of theatrical cosmetics and experience in using them. Among the achievements of this group the success of the student productions "Pillow Talk" and "Stardust" must not be overlooked. Although all who participated in the plays did not belong to the drama club, the comedies were projects sponsored by and mainly the result of the members of the organization. The accomplishments of this activity certainly suggest an optimistic view of the future of the club."

"It wasn't my goal to be an actress; I always wanted to be a teacher. The two are really a combination, though. If you're teaching, you're performing."

"I would scrounge around for costumes. At cocktail parties I'd get a top hat or a parasol, all sorts of things. I even used my own bridal gown for 'Plaza Suite,' she laughed. "It was a challenge but it made me be very creative, and it was fun."

Unfortunately, it was a disaster that ultimately served as the catalyst to bring Sem's theater program to the next level. The Agnes Flood in June, 1972 devastated the campus, and her 'theater,' the Pettebone Gym, had to be demolished. Once again, she used creative thinking to sustain her fledgling theater program. "I had to improvise because I didn't want theater to die," she said. "We did 'Blythe Spirit' in the Church of Christ Uniting, 'You're a Good Man Charlie Brown' at the Lower School, and we did 'Anything Goes' as dinner theater in Fleck Hall." Moore's tenacity helped sustain the theater program, and she was thrilled to find out that part of the post-flood reconstruction of Wyoming Seminary would include a new theater.

By that time, Sem legends, the late Carver Collins, English teacher and theater director, and John Vaida, music program director, were on board with Moore, creating a powerful arts team for the new facility. "The three of us got along so beautifully," she said. The three of them worked closely with the architects to add what each needed to modify the theater. When the brand-new Buckingham Performing Arts Center (BPAC) was opened in the fall of 1977, the arts finally had had a home at Sem. "I loved my performing arts center," she said. That year, the Wyoming Seminary

Players presented "Bye Bye Birdie," the first musical on the BPAC's stage. It was more than just a theater, though. It was a place to gather all students and faculty, following the demolition of the Nelson Chapel. There were classrooms, practice rooms, and a sound and lighting booth, and student musicians, actors and singers all finally had a place to perform.

With all the successful shows made possible under Moore's direction, and the building of the new performing arts center, the memories she holds most dear are of the many students that she had in class and that graced her stage, many of whom remain close to this day. Former student Steven Stettler '70, now the Producing Artistic Director of the Weston Playhouse in Weston, Vermont, counts Moore as a mentor and friend. "We were all in love with Louise Moore," said Stettler. "She was fun, but no nonsense, and her love of theater and gifts for teaching and directing were backed by professional experience and contacts that made her a true mentor. Sem was lucky to have her, and we who learned and played under her tutelage have stayed in touch with her and, yes, in love with her to this day."

Moore continued teaching and directing at the Upper School until 1980, when she shifted gears and locations and went to the Lower School to teach second grade. "I loved kids of all ages," she said. "I think what I appreciate most is when they come back and say to me 'you know you made all the difference.' That's the most rewarding thing and I think every single teacher feels the same way."



1950s

Prior to an official theater program at Sem, inter-society plays are performed in the basement of Sprague Hall.



1960s

The Wyoming Seminary Players is created, and the first production is "Pillow Talk" in the Pettebone Gymnasium.



1970s

After the Agnes Flood, Buckingham Performing Arts Center is built in '76 and a year-long dedication series features stars Celeste Holm, Pat Paulsen and William Windom.



JASON SHERRY '90

Six years after Mrs. Moore left the Upper School, a student who would have a significant impact on Sem's theater program arrived on campus as a freshman. Jason Sherry '90, having come from a much smaller school, participated in acting

when he could at the Little Theater of Wilkes-Barre, summer camp and other small venues. So when he arrived at Sem, with its drama and musical productions, and theater-based electives that focused on set design and directing, he immediately gravitated toward the drama department, and Carver Collins.

Collins served as mentor to many young actors at Sem, including Sherry. "I was involved with nearly every production in my four years at Sem, and so I spent a lot of time with Carver," said Sherry. "At one point, I had him for AP history, seminar (for two bells a day), and I also had him for two theater electives. At one point he said to me 'you know, you spend about as much time with me as I can stand to spend with myself,'" he remembered, laughing.

Sherry learned all aspects of theater under Collins' tutelage. "I was involved in every show from the winter

of my freshman year straight through the spring of my senior year," he said. "My experience here was a good mix of some classical, some contemporary theater, musicals, and drawing-room comedies and old chestnuts that Carver loved." One of those chestnuts would change the trajectory of Sherry's future. "It was the middle of my senior year, and Carver asked me to student-direct "The Skin of Our Teeth" by Thornton Wilder (see 'From the Archives" on page 53). He just handed over this big play to me, and it was a lot of responsibility. I had to block and stage all of these complicated scenes that included faculty and students, and I guess I should have been intimidated, but I wasn't really." Although he didn't know it at the time, directing would become a big part of his future.

After Sem, Sherry followed his passion by studying both theater and film at Ithaca College. After graduation he found acting gigs in summer stock, performed at the Pocono Playhouse and Buck's County Playhouse, scored some off-Broadway roles, ran some summer camps, taught theater in performing arts schools, and did a lot of auditioning. It was while auditioning that a chance encounter, at Sem of all places, would change his fate. "I came to campus to shoot an audition video for the reality show Survivor," he said. "The show's location was the Australian Outback, and I put on my Indiana Jones hat and shot the video next to the Whittler on front campus. As I was shooting I just kept



1980s & 90s

Carver Collins becomes the drama director, brings Shakespeare to the stage, and mentors many young thespians.



2000s

Jason Sherry takes over as drama director, ushering in an era of cutting-edge theater, and adds film studies to the curriculum.



2010s

The Kirby Center for Creative Arts is unveiled in 2014, bringing an unprecedented level of professionalism to the theater department.

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getting interrupted because I hadn’t been back to campus in a while. One of the people I spoke to was Bill Summerhill, who was the academic dean at the time.” That encounter must have made an impression, because a few months later Summerhill called Sherry and asked him if he would be interested in interviewing for the director of drama and full-time English teacher position. “It was summer, and I was planning to move to L.A. to join a screenwriter friend of mine. I thought if I got the job at Sem I could teach for a year, save up some money, and still move to L.A.”

That “one year at Sem” has turned into 17. He remembers thinking when he was a student that it would be cool to come back to do some teaching at Sem — some day. “I spent so much time with Carver when I went to school here that I would always think maybe I’ll come back and teach — but I thought that would be in my 50s, and it would be my retirement career.” By becoming the director of drama at 27, Sherry ushered Sem’s theater program into a fresh, cutting-edge and contemporary modern era. “I wanted to do more immediate and relevant plays, and that also went along with updating the technology,” he said. Over the years, Sherry has not only modernized the lighting and sound, both of which hadn’t been updated since 1976, but he also incorporated the study of film to Sem’s curriculum, which hadn’t been done before.

“I think first of all my focus was definitely to do more contemporary works and aiming for relevancy,” he said. “I would really try to find things to show students that theater is a vital and viable art form.”

And after all of his years at Sem and all of the improvements made to facilities, to him it’s still all

about the students. “The thing about theater is that plays change, but the purpose of theater as an art form really hasn’t in a lot of ways. And I think what students get out of theater hasn’t changed either,” he said. “Everything you need to do in life is basically built into it. When you’re in a production, you learn how to handle a stressful environment and how to deal with all of the varied personalities around you. You also learn time management, memorization, public speaking, organizational skills, and human resources all built into one activity. And whether my students go on to be actors, or lawyers, or manage a company, it’s all the same thing. Everyone can benefit from it.”

One of the scores of students that has benefited from Sherry’s teachings is current student and theater devotee Richie Kraus ’18. “Mr. Sherry took a big risk casting me as a lead role my freshman year, and it’s completely transformed who I am. His skills as a director have not only helped me grow as an actor, but also as a person,” Kraus said.



Above: Richie Kraus '18 during his freshman year, performing the role of Jack in the 2015 production of *Into the Woods*.

Opposite page: Jason Sherry’s mentor, W. Carver Collins, at left, pictured alongside John M. Vaida, comedian Pat Paulsen, Louise Loucks Moore and Dr. Wallace F. Stettler for the BPAC dedication series in 1977.



Of all the things Sherry has done, he loves directing more than anything else. "The thing I really like the most about theater is directing, and directing students in particular," he said. "There's something about the openness that students bring to the process when they know they don't know enough yet and are hungry for it. I enjoy that process of helping a student figure out whether they need to climb over the wall, get around the wall, or break through the wall to find success. That's the process for me."

So where does Sherry see the Sem theater program going from here? "I think with the Kirby Center for Creative Arts we finally have the quality structure on the outside that reflects what's on the inside. You really can judge this book by its cover," he said. "I don't think people realize that at Sem you absolutely get the best academic experience, but you can also have this amazing arts experience that not only includes theater, but dance and music as well. We have it all."

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STAR POWER!

Jessie Hooker '06 shines on the stage

Words by Alexandra MacNamara '08

When Jessie Hooker graduated from Wyoming Seminary in 2006, her classmates, as reported in the yearbook, voted her "most likely to end up on Broadway." That certainly seems to be where she is headed.

Hooker is now touring the country with the theatrical adaptation of the movie "Freaky Friday." The tour began at the La Jolla Playhouse in La Jolla, California, and concludes in Houston, Texas. Somehow, in the midst of her hectic touring schedule, she has found the time to plan her November wedding. "The challenge every day is to stay in the moment and stay present," she says.

Instead of becoming swept up in a whirlwind of tasks and responsibilities, however, she remains true to the passion that has driven her since she was seven years old.

Hooker has always loved performing and remembers doing anything she could to sing, act and perform. Just before her

ninth-grade year at GAR, she attended a Performing Arts Institute (PAI) production of "Les Misérables" at the Kirby Center, and her dream of acting in the theater began to come into sharper focus.

She knew immediately she wanted to attend PAI. "I remember auditioning for Nancy Sanderson in the Great Hall and I was so nervous, but she told me right then and there that she wanted me to apply for the scholarship to do the summer program," she says.

In 2003, Hooker attended PAI again and performed in the ensemble in "Cabaret." "I loved that I could eat, sleep and breathe musical theater for six weeks in the summer," she says.

During her time at PAI, she fell in love with Sem. She realized she belonged at the Upper School when she saw a familiar face, JASON SHERRY '91, during a campus tour. She had performed with him in her first show, "Annie," at the Music Box in

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“It would be awesome if girls who look like me can see me and feel like ‘Oh, I can do it too!’”



Swoyersville. Hearing that the school musical that year would be “Into the Woods” finalized her decision to enroll at Sem as a sophomore. Her considerable acting and singing talents won her the coveted role of The Witch in that production, and to this day, “Into the Woods” is her favorite musical.

Soon after earning a bachelor of fine arts degree in musical theater at Shenandoah Conservatory, she was thrilled to land a role in the national tour of “Legally Blonde.” She says performing in Pennsylvania in front of hometown family and friends at the Scranton Cultural Center was an experience she will never forget.

In “Freaky Friday,” Hooker plays a high school “mean girl,” an unfamiliar yet fun role. Because the role she performs is

relatively new, she works with the show’s creative team to mold the character’s persona. It’s a dream come true to create something new, she says, and she loves both the show’s focus on empathy and the audience’s response to the themes presented in the production.

Hooker now sees more and more women of diverse races playing a wider array of roles and she “would like to follow that path of trailblazers. What motivates me is being able to inspire little girls that look like me, because I didn’t see too many doing what I love to do while I was growing up,” she says. “It would be awesome if girls who look like me can see me and feel like ‘Oh, I can do it too!’”

Below: JESSIE HOOKER '06 stars as Savannah in the theatrical adaptation of Disney’s movie “Freaky Friday” at the La Jolla Playhouse in La Jolla, California.



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Class Notes

These class notes include those received in the Alumni and Development Office as of April 13, 2017.

1941

VIRGINIA PRICE FAUX, Peoria, Ariz., wrote, "What wonderful progress Wyoming Seminary has made over the years. I'm now 94 and can't even remember the names of my teachers in the Dean School of Business in 1940 and 1941, except one was Anna (something) who taught Gregg Short Hand. Today that is really passe."

1950

JOEL GOLDSTEIN, Bryn Mawr, is a clinical professor of child and adolescent psychiatry at Drexel University. His wife, Debby, is retired, and their son, Paul, works as an entomologist at the Smithsonian Institution.

1952

RUTH GRAEFLIN DILTS, Burke, Va., wrote, "My husband died several years ago but I still continue to travel (mostly Europe), teach, and have fun. Travel several times a year in the States to teach and work at needlework-related trade shows. I figure love life as long as you can. My daughter is a shelter vet with her own practice, and my son is in the animation field as a background designer."

1953

LIESEL VON STORCH HICKS, Auburn, Calif., wrote, "My 1953 yearbook says I was vice-president of the Adelphians. I have no memory of the purpose statement of the society or of any business transacted or any social events sponsored by the societies. Probably for me, these meetings were my introduction to Roberts Rules of Order which has served me well along with that senior speech class that prepared me to deliver the dreaded senior oration. I have since led and orated fearlessly, and it must have been effectively because even as an octogenarian I have served as team play captain in golf and captain of a tennis league of senior women. I still use my experience in development to work on committees advising development within my gated community in California. Thanks Wyoming Seminary for so much more than academics."



1957

NICK QUACKENBUSH, The Villages, Fla., as part of his and Alicia's holiday message, wrote, "Looking back, we recall when the year 2000 and age sixty looked light years away. Now with sixty a dot in the rearview mirror, the moving finger continues to write and moves on. Other than for a bump or hiccup here and there, our lives have been and continue to be a great, long, and wonderful adventure. The dawn of 2017 will find us well into in our seventies, but thanks to a loving God who provided us with deep love for each other, good genes, and good fortune, we are still open to new adventures."



1958

JACK PRITCHARD, Nokomis, Fla., chanced to meet BARBARA PARENTE SHUE '70 and CYNTHIA PRITCHARD '81 in Staunton, Va. Jack was a math instructor at Sem from 1962-'66 and 1971-'75.



1960

JAY WEINBERG, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., had lunch with Sem President Kevin Rea at Pacifica Del Mar restaurant in Del Mar, Calif. on February 17. Due to the impending bad weather for the San Diego gathering that evening, Jay met with Kevin and JOHN SHAFER '71 earlier that day.

1961

RICHARD MINKER, Fort Worth, Texas, wrote, "Just returned from a one-week trip to Cuba for an incredible and eye-opening experience. Heading to D.C. to take the East Coast kids and grandkids to see one of the last performances of Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus. A week later, heading to join West Coast kids and grandkids for spring break week. Working (quasi) full-time and enjoying life to the fullest."

1962

EDWARD JENKINS, Reading, wrote, "Currently working for Coldwell Banker as a regional vice president for central Pa. Previously owned multi-office real estate firm franchised as GMAC/Berkshire Network for 20 years. Director/secretary of Berkshire Bank, sold to Customers Bank. President/owner of Jenmoc Corp., a development/building company. Built an office building, 112 townhouses, owned and operated two Arby's Restaurants and sold them in Berks County. Prior to real estate I was a programmer/analyst for 11 years. My interests are martial arts (2nd degree black belt), playing guitar, and computers/technology. Spend time visiting with family."

NANCY HOWARD ROBINSON, South Pasadena, Fla., wrote, "Don and I retired in June 2016 and moved to our condo in Florida. We have been busy traveling and remodeling our home. We have also been enjoying being able to see our grandkids on a more regular basis. They live in Colorado and North Carolina. We have also enjoyed our first winter of not shoveling snow! So sorry to miss the reunion!"

ALUMNI BOOKSHELF

The Wyoming Seminary Alumni Bookshelf highlights alumni who have published works. Have a book to share on the shelf? Contact jstrzeletz@wyomingseminary.org.

"Journey Back to the Sea: How we can find peace in the ancestral heart of the sea," by MARILYN HUGHES BROOKHART LCSW '59, August, 2016; paperback published by CreateSpace Independent Publishing and sold by Amazon.com.

"Iced Under," by BARBARA ROSS '71, December 2016; published by Kensington and sold by Amazon.com. This is the fifth book in her Maine Clambake Mystery series.

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1965

BOB ANTON, Montgomery Village, Md., wrote, "My wife, Lynn, and I just got back from Asia, spending three days in Singapore and 10 days in Cambodia. Visiting the ancient city of Angkor Wat was truly an amazing experience. We were also in Phnom Penh for a few days and spent time on the coast at the beach. Cambodia is truly a wonderful place."

DARRYL WILBUR, Middletown, N.Y. Darryl retired from teaching English to seventh graders for 37 years in 2010. His love of basketball continued and he coached several levels. He formed a guitar club at the school which evolved into a full performance, involving the jazz and violin students and selling out the 1100 seat high school theatre. The club is 22 years old and he now volunteers, helping with performance preparation. He is married to Nancy, who is from Italy, for 27 years now. He has two children from a previous marriage (Bret, 37 and Sara, 38). He plays guitar and harmonica with a band of mostly relatives, and they play classic folk and light rock. He teaches beginning guitar at the local community college to young children as part of a "Young Saturdays" program. His in-laws are all living in Italy so he has travelled several times to Italy, touring a lot of the country.

1967

JIM CUTLER, Bainbridge Island, Wash., sent in this photo of him with his four daughters and three sons-in-law, taken at Chacko's Bowling in Wilkes-Barre during a Thanksgiving trip to the Valley in 2016.



1969

ROBERT KLUGER, Nashua, N.H., wrote to say that his son, Sam, was accepted at Loyola College, but has chosen to attend Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island.

KATHARINE LOVELAND has been living in Southern California since the beginning of November to care for her new grandson. In addition to the grandson, Kathy has a three-year-old granddaughter. They are the joys of her life. In May, Kathy returns to Milwaukee, where she normally lives, by way of State College, Pa. In May, her nephew (son of JENNIFER LOVELAND-CURTZE '75) graduates from Penn State with honors. Then it is back to Milwaukee to see sister AMY LOVELAND FRITZ '71, friends, her son, her house, and to volunteer at the public Montessori school where she used to teach.

NETTIE HOURIGAN MAGUIRE, Gainesville, Fla. This picture (top right of this page) was taken in Doylestown, Pa. where the Troup girls gathered for their aunt Anne's 90th birthday in August 2016. Besides visiting friends, Nettie's life includes many trips to Raleigh, North Carolina to see her grandchildren. From left are Georgia LaMair, Jane Troup's daughter; ANNE TROUP CAPACETE '78; NETTIE HOURIGAN MAGUIRE '69; JANE TROUP '71; DIANE TROUP '73; LINDA TROUP PENCE '69; RUTH GRAHAM CONAGHAN '73.

1973

FRANK MAGUIRE, St. Paul, Minn, will be a retired physician on July 1, 2017.



1974

JENNI RODDA, Mamaroneck, N.Y. wrote, "I am now the head of IT and digital media at the Institute of Fine Arts, NYU's graduate program in art history, architectural history, and the conservation and technology of works of art. I've been at NYU for 30 years."



1976

MARK HILDEBRAND, Meredith, N.H., wrote, "Last year I sold my very successful lumber business in NH and retired. As a small business owner, having taken only four weeks vacation over 11 years, I am now enjoying the opportunity to stop and smell the roses. Aside from enjoying life on the most beautiful lake in the world, I have become a world traveler. The best trip of the seven I took in 2016 was meeting up with my son Gunnar - now teaching English in Saigon - for a week at Oktoberfest in Munich. This year he and I will be meeting up again for two weeks in Israel, Jordan and Prague. Now that I have the time, I sometimes look back at my 13 years (Payne Pettebone-12) at Wyoming Seminary and realize how grateful I am to

my teachers and coaches for recognizing the necessity to be so tough on me, to the lifelong friends I made over 13 years, but most of all to my parents for realizing the sacrifice they needed to make to send me to Seminary vs. public school. I have come to the conclusion that no matter where you go in life or what you decide to do, your years at Wyoming Seminary WILL make you successful. I know he's retired, but could Dean Lull please consider commuting the 40 hours of detention I still owe to 'time served'?"

1977

JODIE LYONS ELYACHAR, New York, N.Y. is pictured (opposite page, top) with her five grandchildren in a photo sent in by her mom, GLORIA FRIEDMAN HALPERIN '54.

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1979

RUSS DARR, Homer, N.Y., sent in this photo below of him fly fishing the Yellowstone River in Paradise Valley, Mont., with daughter, HANNAH DARR '13 in the summer of 2016. "Family vacations are the best!"



1980

DAVID SCHWAGER, Kingston, has been appointed chair of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania effective April 1, 2017. Schwager, who has practiced law for 28 years and is a partner at the law firm of Chariton, Schwager & Malak in Wilkes-Barre, has served on the board since 2012, most recently as vice chair. The Disciplinary Board was created by the Supreme Court in 1972 to review conduct and assure compliance by all attorneys to the Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct. The board assists the Supreme Court in the licensing and discipline of attorneys in Pennsylvania. Its mission is to protect the general public, maintain a high standard of integrity in the legal profession and safeguard the reputation of the courts of Pennsylvania.

Schwager is a past president of the Jewish Community Center of Wyoming Valley, Temple Israel of Wilkes-Barre, the S.J. Strauss Lodge of B'nai B'rith and the Wyoming Seminary Alumni Association. He served as chair of the United Hebrew Institute School Board and the Jewish Federation campaign. He has been named a "Pennsylvania Super Lawyer" by Philadelphia Magazine every year since 2010.

Schwager is a graduate of Lafayette College and Penn State Dickinson Law. He is admitted to practice law in of Pennsylvania as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Middle and Eastern Districts of Pennsylvania, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. (From a press release from Pa. Courts)

1988

JEFF METZ, Dallas, President and CEO of Metz Culinary Management, has been named a 2017 Silver Plate Award winner by International Foodservice Man-

ufacturers Association (IFMA). Jeff is one of eight honorees to receive this prestigious award for individual excellence in the foodservice industry at the National Restaurant Association Show held in Chicago in May. This designation is particularly exciting for the Metz family as Jeff is the third member of the family to receive IFMA awards - John C. Metz, Sr. receiving the Silver Plate Award in 1979, and his brother, JOHN METZ, JR. '86 receiving both the Silver and Gold Plate Awards in 2013.

1997

P.J. WASKIEWICZ, Portland, Ore. wrote, "My company was acquired a year ago in a successful exit of our startup, and I'm now leading the technical side of Platform Engineering for the SolidFire division within NetApp. Most recently I presented a published technical paper at NetDev 1.2 in Tokyo, Japan in October 2016. Outside of work, I'm excited that race season is starting again for superbikes in the Pacific NW. I'm also looking forward to our 20-year class reunion this year!"

2008

ROBERT BRESNAHAN, JR., Shavertown, was the corporate chairman for Bowl for Kids' Sake 2017. The annual event, which serves as the largest annual fundraiser for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bridge program, took place March 25 in Wilkes-Barre. Rob is the chief financial officer of Kuharchik Construction, Inc., Exeter.

2010

IRIS OUELLETTE, Pittston, wrote, "I'm currently pursuing my master's degree in creative writing with a concentration in fiction at Wilkes University. This program gives me the opportunity to work closely with authors and publishers like Kaylir Jones, Beverly D'Onofrio, Oliver de la Paz, and Cecilia Galante. My hopes after the program are to pursue an academic career and work with at-risk youth using writing as therapy."

2012

VICTORIA BOST, Brooklyn, N.Y., wrote, "I've been doing an Off Broadway show called 'Truffles Murder Mystery' at Swing 46 in NYC, and I was recently cast in another show, but that can't be officially announced until some i's are dotted and t's are crossed."

2015

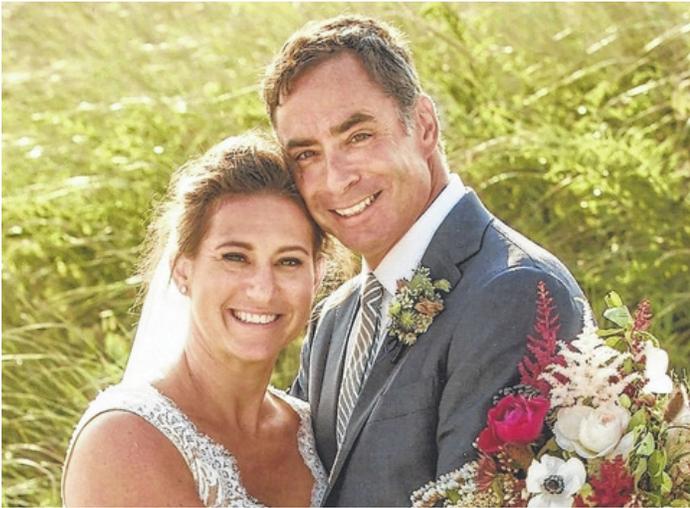
JOSHUA MCLUCAS is continuing to work as a software engineer and theater artist in Philadelphia. His latest production, "My Name is Asher Lev," premiered at South Camden Theatre Company in Camden, N.J. May 5.

2018

THOMAS HARTEN, Heidelberg, Germany, emailed John Vaida, "Greetings from Heidelberg! I hope all of you are doing well! A few weeks ago, I travelled to Hamburg, where I had the wonderful opportunity to meet up with Sem and ASSIST alumna CONSTANZE HUENTING '12. It was great to exchange some memories about our time at Sem and funny to see that her activities at Sem overlapped with mine almost exactly, especially in the Music Department."



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WEDDINGS

1996

SARAH GREENWALD, Tarrytown, N.Y., married Jonathan Abraham on Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 4, 2016, on Nantucket Island. The weekend festivities were kicked off by a beach party for family and friends and was hosted by Jon's parents, Richard and Judy Abraham; and Sarah's uncle and aunt, BRUCE '76 and Melissa Saidman. A rehearsal dinner was held at Bartlett's Farm and hosted by Sarah's parents, Carol and David Greenwald. Sarah and Jon chose Labor Day weekend because, to them, the ocean and beach are essential to any time spent in Nantucket. Tropical Storm Hermine prevented the ceremony from taking place on the beach. Instead, Sarah and Jon were married near the beach at The White Elephant Resorts. Cantor Ahron Abraham officiated. Sarah was the fourth Greenwald sister to be married on the island: RACHEL GREENWALD SKAISTIS '88, HANNAH GREENWALD ROSS '91, and NAOMI GREENWALD BERGERON '98.



BIRTHS

2002

LAUREN POWLEY, Mountain Top, welcomed twins (pictured above) on February 15, 2017 at 3:32 and 3:40 a.m. "Ethan was born first weighing 4.6 pounds while Otis was second weighing 4.9 pounds," Lauren wrote. "They are identical twins, which is more rare than fraternal. Ways we can tell them apart now is that Otis has a bigger head and Ethan has a little red dot on his nose!"



2004

HARRY SHAFER and Meredith, Kingston, welcomed their second child, Jameson Edward (pictured above left) on November 5, 2016. He weighed 8 pounds, 6.5 ounces and was 21.25 inches long. Jameson joins big sister Madeline.

2006

Hinata Isabella Marsit (pictured above right) was born January 25, 2017 to AOI SUZUKI MARSIT '06 and Matthew Marsit.



Remember your society?

Societies were an enormous part of campus life at Sem for generations. In the early years, the four "literary" societies were organized by boarder-girl (Plattonian), day-girl (Adelphian), boarder-boy (Independent), and day-boy (Amphictyon). In the early 1960s, the societies morphed into their current form: the diverse student body divided amongst Alexandrian, Athenian, Florentine and Oxonian. There was a hiatus from 1992 to 2005 when societies fell by the wayside, but they were revived in 2005 through the efforts of Amber Skye Noyes '05. Today, Society Day in May is one of the most anticipated all-school events at Sem. School administrators still work diligently to make sure family members are placed in the same society!

We would love to be able to contact members of individual societies, so, if you haven't already, send an email to Julie McCarthy Strzeletz '81 letting her know your society: jstrzeletz@wyomingseminary.org.

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OBITUARIES

1937

HENRY JOHNSON, Pittston, December 29, 2016. Born Feb. 8, 1918, in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late M. Stanley and Anne Cranston Johnson. He was preceded in death by a brother, MALCOLM '40, and his beloved partner of 50 years, David Hughes.

He and his family owned and operated the Henry C. Johnson Company, Luzerne, a lumber and hardware business for almost 100 years. Henry was a direct descendant of Luke Swetland, one of the early settlers in the Wyoming Valley. His great-great-grandfather, James Hughes, married Hannah Swetland.

He attended Bucknell Junior College (Wilkes University). He was a World War II U.S. Army Air Force veteran. His grandfather, Henry C. Johnson, was one of the founders of the Luzerne National Bank on whose board Henry served for 26 years. He was a member of the St. Clement and St. Peter Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre. Henry served on the board of the Luzerne County Historical Society.

1938

E. PARKER COLBORN, St. Augustine, Fla., March 25, 2017. He is survived by his wife of almost 71 years, Miriam Lee Colborn, and two sons, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Parker was born March 31, 1920, in Ashley, the son of Earl Wesley Colborn and Irma Collitt Colborn. As a youngster, Parker worked in the family business, Colborn's Drug Store on N. Main St. in Ashley which was operated for many years by his father and grandfather (William T.) He graduated from Ashley High School in 1937, attended Wyoming Seminary in 1938, and Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. in 1939 and 1940. In 1942 he joined the US Army Air Corps and served in the ground echelon in North Africa, Sicily, England, France and Germany until he was honorably discharged in 1945.

On April 13, 1946 he married Miriam Elizabeth Lee of Carbondale, the daughter of Henry S. Lee and Lela Hankinson Lee. Shortly thereafter, he received his Chartered Life Underwriter designation and joined Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company in Wilkes-Barre as an agent. In 1954 he was promoted to General Agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life office in Syracuse, N.Y. where he remained until 1976. In 1976 he moved to Palm Beach County, Fla. where he continued as Emeritus Agent until he retired in 2005, after 59 years with the Northwestern Mutual. In 2006 the Colborns moved to the Glenmoor Retirement Community at the World Village of Golf, in St. Augustine, Fla. Mr. Colborn was always an active member of his community wherever he lived. In Ashley, he was the Charter President of the Lions Club. In Syracuse, he was the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals of Dewitt, N.Y. He was a member of the Westmoreland Club of Wilkes-Barre and the Onondaga Golf and Country Club in Syracuse. In Florida, he was a member of the Delray Dunes Golf and Country Club in Boynton Beach where he chaired the Membership and Security Committees for many years. He was a lifelong member of the Ashley Methodist Church in Ashley, where he was baptized and attended faithfully.

1939

WILLIAM DRUGASH, Winter Haven, Fla., February 22, 2017. Born Dec. 4, 1920, in Edwardsville, he was the son to the late Jacob and Gabriella (Mudrak) Drugach. After graduation, he proudly served our country in the United States Army during the Second World War. After his military service, he furthered his education by attaining a degree from Lafayette College in Easton. He held various business positions throughout his career as a metallurgist beginning with a paper manufacturer in Jacksonville, Fla., and later as the proprietor of a restaurant in North Plainfield, N.J., before returning to Florida where he remained an avid tennis player, as he had throughout his youth. He was preceded in death by his wife of many years, the former Millicent (Fowler) Drugash, and a brother, MICHAEL DRUGACH '25.

ROBERT VANDENBERG, Carbondale, February 21, 2017. Born in Albany, N.Y., son of the late Charles B. and Mina Frank Vandenberg, he was a lifelong resident of Carbondale, graduating from Benjamin Franklin High School in 1938 and Wyoming Seminary in 1939. He attended Lafayette College and graduated in 1943. Bob joined the Navy in 1943 and attended officers training at Notre Dame University and further Naval officer training at Harvard University. Bob was employed by Hendrick

Manufacturing Co., Carbondale in the sales department and was later the sales manager for the mining products division. He retired in 1983 after 36 years. He was very civic-minded and served on several boards, and was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Carbondale.

1940

JUNE BLAKESLEE JONES, Shavertown, February 5, 2017. Born in Lee Park, Wilkes-Barre, on Dec. 29, 1922, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Beryl (Pritchard) Blakeslee. Mrs. Jones was a graduate of Hanover High School, class of 1939, and the Wyoming Seminary Dean's School of Business. She was a member of Shavertown United Methodist Church.

JOHN ROBINSON, Spring Mills, February 25, 2017. Born in Wilkes-Barre on Sept. 3, 1925, he was the son of Colonel John M. Robinson and Edith (Craig) Nicholson. He spent several years at Sem, then graduated from Mercersburg Academy and, after serving his country in the Navy aboard a minesweeper during World War II, graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He went on to design and build bridges for the B.G. Coon and Sordoni construction companies. He was active in his community as a Mason, a Shriner and a Rotarian. He loved music, dancing, and his dogs and was a voracious reader. He attributed his long life to the consumption of gin and donuts. He is survived by his six children, MARCY (SCOTTIE) ROBINSON '69, of Barrington, N.H., AMY ROBINSON '71, of Hammondsport, N.Y., JANE ROBINSON BREY '76, of Ambler, MARJORIE ROBINSON FOLTZER '77, of Lewisburg, John Robinson, of Dallas, Leigh Anthony, of Larksville; three stepchildren, 12 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 24 years, Ruth G. Robinson; a stepdaughter, Ruth M. Aikens; and an infant daughter, Lindsay Robinson.

MARY JETER TRAUIG, Sarasota, Fla., January 3, 2017. She was the daughter of Edith Lauderbaugh and Capt. John T. Jeter V, born in Dallas, Pa., coming to Sarasota in 1990. She had previously lived as a winter resident in Bay Hill, Orlando and Palm Aire Country Club. She had been a resident of Lake House West since 2014. Survivors include three children, James B. Davies III, Penny P. Steck, and Frank E. Parkhurst V; her husband of 26 beautiful loving years, Donald A. Traurig; five grandchildren; six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husbands JAMES DAVIES '39, Frank Parkhurst and Gordon Dietterick. Mary attended Mansfield University, Marywood College, and held a Masters Degree in Sociology from College Misericordia. She was Social Service Director at Valley Crest, Luzerne County Home, retiring after 23 years. She was the founder and editor of the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Hospital newspaper, "The Coal Cracker," and was active in these organizations: Wilkes-Barre March of Dimes Association, Luzerne County Mental Health Association, Luzerne Mental Health Association, Pennsylvania Mental Health Association, Wyoming Valley Hospital Auxilliary, Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center Women's Auxilliary, Step-by-Step, Inc., among others in Florida and Pennsylvania.

MARY TEMPLIN REESE, Dallas, February 3, 2017. She attended the W.S. Dean School of Business and worked for the Eureka Casualty Company in Wilkes-Barre. She also worked many years for Dr. Irvin Jacobs, Dallas Family Practice and the Wyoming Valley Health Care System.

1943

HOMER GRAHAM, Salisbury, Md., February 24, 2017. Born in Wilkes-Barre, on Dec. 10, 1925, he was the son of the late Homer E. and Lucy (Kern) Graham. He attended Lafayette College, Easton, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Upon discharge, he entered the family funeral business established by his grandfather, John B. Graham, in 1874, and carried on by his father, Homer E. Graham. He was a graduate of Eckels College of Mortuary Science and the National Foundation of Funeral Service School of Management. Mr. Graham later purchased the George J. Yeager Funeral Home, Mountain Top, making it a branch of the Homer E. Graham Funeral Homes.

1944

THOR BAHRMAN, Hanover Township, March 4, 2017. He was the loving husband of Millie (Nosal) Bahrman, with whom he shared over 62 years of marriage. Born

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in Atlantic City, N.J., Thor was the son of the late Ellsworth V. and Mary (Miller) Bahrman. After high school, he proudly served in the US Navy during WWII as a machinist's mate, serving in the Pacific Theater aboard the USS Duluth. He then attended Wyoming Seminary, and then graduated from Widener University. He was the owner of Ellsworth V. Bahrman, Inc. in Bethlehem, serving the automotive and light industrial equipment markets. Thor was an avid golfer, was a member of Saucon Valley Country Club, and also served as president of Brookside Country Club. He loved the water, and greatly enjoyed boating and going deep sea fishing. Thor was also a great fan of the Philadelphia Eagles. He was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and also of the Free and Accepted Masons, Atlantic Lodge #221 in Absecon, N.J.

NANCY REYNOLDS GRIFFITHS, Carbondale, January 8, 2017. She was the widow of Emerson T. Griffiths, who died in 2006. The couple had been married for 57 years. Born in Carbondale, daughter of the late Rexford W. and Margaret Booth Reynolds, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale, where she was a former president of the Women's Association. She was a graduate of Beaver College. She was the former co-owner of Griff's Corner Restaurant, Carbondale, and the retired owner and operator of Reynolds Gift Shop, Carbondale, after taking over ownership from her parents. Surviving are three children, SUSAN GRIFFITHS GARDNER '68 and her husband, Bill, Easton; Rick Griffiths and wife, Marion, Carbondale; and GARY GRIFFITHS '79 and wife, Colleen, Forest City; nine grandchildren, including TIM GRIER '92 and RYAN GRIER '93; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

1947

CARMEN EVANS CULP, Malvern, November 6, 2016 following a lengthy illness. She was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a graduate of Hanover Area High School and the Dean School of Business. Carmen's distinguished career as an educator is hallmarked by excellence in teaching, prolific authorship, and unwavering service. A graduate of West Chester State Teachers College with a bachelor of science in music education and a master's of education in music, she earned numerous local, state, and national awards. The Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's recognized her career by awarding her a place in the organization's Hall of Fame.

JOSEPH GAFFNEY, Sugar Notch, August 21, 2016. Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late John and Rose Caffrey Gaffney. After serving in the Civilian Conservation Corp, Joe served in the United States Army during World War II with the 82nd Airborne Division in North Africa and Europe. He was employed by the Tobyhanna Army Depot as a security guard. He attended the Dean School of Business.

JAMES HOGG, Nashville, Tenn., August 27, 2016. A Pennsylvania native, he was a very proud 1953 graduate of West Point. Jim served as a lieutenant for several years in the U.S. Army before entering the business world in 1957. He was former owner/CEO of Anchor Wire in Goodlettsville, where he successfully patented 13 devices which are still being used today. He was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed fishing at his beloved Daufuskee retreat and hunting with his bird dog, Patch. Jim was a long time member of First Presbyterian Church, Kiwanis Club of Nashville, and the U.S. Foreign Relations Committee in D.C. Jim also supported numerous other charities throughout his lifetime.

THOMAS KLETT, Park Ridge, Ill., December 7, 2015. U.S. Marine Corps Veteran. Beloved husband of Helen Patricia and the late Rosemary; loving father of Thomas (Sharon) Klett, Jr., Mary (Karl) Johnson and the late Kevin Klett; dear brother of the late EDWARD KLETT '44; fond uncle of nieces and nephews. He was an avid golfer with a golf scholarship to Notre Dame, and played competitively with Club Pros.

ROBERT LIBENSON, Shavertown, March 28, 2017. Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Jacob and Sarah (Patz) Libenson and was a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College where he earned his bachelor's degree. Robert was partner and vice president of Union Paper and Supply Company and served his country proudly in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Temple Israel, Jewish War Veterans, the Irem Temple, the Kiwanis, the Jewish Community Center and other civic and religious organizations in the Wyoming Valley, prior to moving to Florida. Mr. Libenson was preceded in death, in addition to his parents, by his loving

wife, Nona Libenson; and brother, Arnold Libenson. He is survived by his son, Steven Libenson and his wife, Iris, Shavertown; daughter, Margo Reiss and her husband, Dr. Robert Reiss, Yorktown Heights, N.Y.; three grandchildren; sister, JOAN LIBENSON SCHEINHOLTZ '48, Pittsburgh; and brother, Jerome Libenson and his wife, Harriett, San Diego, Calif.

MURRAY MILKMAN, Media, November 20, 2016. Murray earned his LLB from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1954 and his bachelor's degree from Temple University in 1951. He was the Assistant General Counsel for PP&L in Allentown for more than 25 years until his retirement. Survivors: Sons, Harry Milkman and his wife Katie of Chester, Vt. and Sam Milkman and his wife Jodie of Lafayette Hill; brother, Robert L. Milkman; and five grandchildren.

CAROLINE MORELLI MILLER, Wilkes-Barre, June 30, 2015. She was born in Pringle, a daughter of the late Frank and Matilda Bini Morelli, and was a graduate of Luzerne High School, class of 1944, and the Wyoming Seminary Dean School of Business. She was a member of St. Anthony Church, Exeter, and the Thursday Girl's Bowling League, Dallas. Caroline was a secretary at Penn State University, Lehman, and Tobyhanna Army Depot. One of Caroline's favorite hobbies was singing. She also enjoyed her trips to the Atlantic City casinos and bingo trips. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Miller, in 1975. Surviving are her daughter, Francine Miller, Wilkes-Barre; sister, Edith Evans; and sister-in-law, Veronica Miller; several nieces and nephews.

LOUISE SKEOCH PHILLIPS, Baton Rouge, La., July 7, 2006. She was born on Aug. 10, 1928, in Scranton, Pa., and was a longtime resident of both Clinton and Baton Rouge. She was a retired nurse and homemaker. In her retirement, she did volunteer work for the Baton Rouge Foundation Area. She is survived by her three loving daughters; sons-in-law; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. James R. Skeoch; and her husband, William "Bill" Phillips.

ANNE JANUSZEWSKI WILLIAMSON, West Pittston, November 28, 2002. She was a graduate of the Dean School of Business. Born July 27, 1922, in Exeter, she was a daughter of the late Adolf and Helen (Lapinski) Januszewski. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, West Pittston. She was employed at General Cigar Co., West Pittston and was a U.S. Women's Army veteran.

LEONARD VOYTUSH, Nanticoke, November 30, 2012. Leonard graduated from Nanticoke High School in 1943, where he was a basketball star. Two days after graduating, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and went on to serve in the U.S. Army Battery C 283rd Field Artillery Battalion until January 26, 1946. Len served as a "canoneer" in Europe during WWII from May 1944 thru August 1945 and saw action in the Normandy Hedgerow Battles, Battle of Cologne and Battle of the Bulge. He attended Sem's Dean School of Business as a veteran. Len was a customer service director for McGregor-Doniger Sportswear in Dover for 20 years, and later served in the same capacity with Block Industries in New York City until his retirement in 1991.

1948

RUTH ANN WOLFE BORDLEY, Ashland, Va., February 19, 2016. Ruth Ann was the daughter of Violet Ruth Eckert and Dr. John Bloss Wolfe, raised alongside her three brothers: JACK '40, ROBERT '41, and EDWARD '45. Ruth Ann and her brothers attended the Wilkes-Barre Day School. She loved her children, traveling, and the thrill of casinos - not necessarily in that order. An amazingly optimistic and loving woman, Ruth Ann touched all who knew her with a spark of encouragement, acceptance, sweetness and grace.

CAROL KURLANCHEEK BURNSTEIN-SCHULMAN, Pompano Beach, Fla., November 5, 2016. Born on August 27, 1931, in Wilkes-Barre, she is survived by her husband Melvin Schulman, as well as two sons (Marlow and Monty Smulowitz). Carol has many additional extended family members from previous marriages. She was a woman who loved to travel, was creative, and was an inspiration to all who knew her.

CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL, Pittston, February 4, 2008. Born on Dec. 8, 1927, in Pittston, he was the son of the late Earl and Catherine Campbell. He served honorably in the Army. He was a graduate of St. John's High School and Fordham University,

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where he was the captain of the football team. He was employed for 36 years by AccuRay Corp., Columbus, Ohio. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, William Campbell. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Anne McHale Campbell, and their legacy: sons, Deacon Christopher Jr. (Anne); Martin (Dawn); Michael (Valerie); daughters, Karen (Jay) Augenstein; Lisa (Dan) Best; and Julie (Jim) Grunenwald; 18 grandchildren; sister, Kathryn Campbell; brother, Earl Campbell; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

JOAN AUERBACH HARMON, New York, N.Y., October 1, 2016.

ELIZABETH REYNOLDS METZGER, Allentown, January 1, 2017. She was the wife of the late Richard W. Metzger who died in October of 2006. Born in Kingston, she was the daughter of the late George and Ruth (Turn) Reynolds. Betsy was a long time member of Asbury United Methodist Church of South Whitehall. She had worked as an elementary teacher in Allentown for 28 years and as a supervisor of student teachers at Muhlenberg College. She received a B.A. degree from Penn State in education and a master's in guidance from Lehigh University. She sang with the Bach Choir for over 34 years.

ROBERT JOHN MOORE, New Cumberland, November 23, 2016. Robert retired from Bell Telephone where he worked as a project engineer. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War. Robert served as a Cumberland County Commissioner for eight years, commissioner for Lower Allen Township and president for Lower Allen Sewer Authority. He was a member of Eureka West Shore Lodge No. 302 F&AM, Mechanicsburg Club and the Pioneers. Robert was preceded in death by his loving wife of 64 years, Clara Lee (Tonking) Moore; brother, Donald Moore. He is survived by his son, Thomas R. Moore of St. James City, Fla.; daughter, Susan M. Berry of Mechanicsburg; four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

JUDITH HUTNICK MULHERN, Newark, Del., December 11, 2016. Judy was born in Wilkes-Barre on December 1, 1929, daughter of the late Stephen D. Hutnick and Mary Hutnick. She was a woman ahead of her time. In 1964 Judy entered the University of Delaware to pursue a degree in psychology. Four years later her dream became a reality and she began a career as a psychiatric social worker for the state of Delaware that would last 23 years. She was the voice for countless individuals with mental health issues. In her, they had a champion.

WALTER REPASKY, West Pittston, August 25, 2015. A graduate of the Dean School of Business, Walter was a member of Corpus Christi Parish, Church of the Holy Redeemer, the Holy Name Society, served as a church usher, and was very active in church activities. He was an avid golfer and member of Emanon Country Club. Walter served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Prior to his retirement, he was employed as manager of Valley Distribution, Laffin.

1949

DOUGLAS BASTIAN, South Williamsport, January 20, 2016. Douglas was a 1948 graduate of South Williamsport High School. He attended Wyoming Seminary and earned a bachelor's degree in horticulture from Penn State. He was a Marine Corp veteran of the Korean Conflict. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, and children.

EARL BOOTH, Shickshinny, March 31, 2016. Earl received his degree in theology and was a pastor at churches in Hammond, N.Y., Cassville; Hardingville; N.J., and Lehman Township, and retired from the Outlet Bible Tabernacle, Lake Township. He was the owner and operator of an electronic repair shop in Mountain Top. He was preceded in death by daughter, Nancy Jones. Earl is survived by his wife, the former Ann Snyder Malencore; sons, David Booth and his wife, Jaynie, James Booth and his wife, Robin, and Nicolas Malencore and his wife, Cody; daughters, Irene Hess and her husband, Carl, Marty Keech and her husband, Leon, Charis Rogalis and her husband, Ted, and Angela Jones and her husband, Larry; 25 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

LEONARD KISALUS, Dublin, Ga., November 19, 2016.

DAVID SHAVER, Bonita Springs, Fla., January 28, 2014. Reverend Shaver received his undergraduate degree from Florida Southern College and attended Candler

School of Theology at Emory University. He was appointed a minister in the United Methodist Church Florida Conference where he served numerous churches for over fifty years. In addition to his career as a minister, David was an avid reader, loved to travel and also enjoyed music and history. He is survived by his wife, Jeannette Bussey Shaver.

AARON SULMAN, Tucson, Ariz., September 8, 2015.

LEWIS WEIDENSAUL, Lansdale, March 30, 2015. Son of the late Frank E. and Rebecca Keifer Weidensaul, he was born in Ashland, and was a graduate of Ashland High School, Wyoming Seminary, and the University of Maryland. He played football at the University of Maryland and was a member of the 1952 Sugar Bowl team. He proudly served as a radioman in the U.S. Navy in the years following World War II. Lew retired as a safety engineer for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.

1950

JAMES DUNHAM, Wellsboro, January 18, 2017. Born to Frank L. and Mercedes Dunham on January 17, 1931, he was a lifelong resident of Wellsboro and a pillar of the community. A graduate of Wellsboro High School in 1948 and Wyoming Seminary in 1950, he excelled in academics, music and baseball. He earned his bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., and a master's in business at Syracuse University before returning to his roots to join his parents and grandparents in the family business. He dedicated his life, along with his brothers John and Bob, to Dunham's Department Store and the entire Wellsboro community for more than 65 years.

Director of the Wellsboro Men's Chorus for over 40 years, music was his passion. Jim was a past member of the Wellsboro United Methodist Church and a present member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, having served in the capacity of Choir Director at both. He co-chaired the Capital Campaign Committee for the Restoration of the exterior of the church and served on the Vestry. Baseball was another passion and he fulfilled a dream of playing in the big leagues by attending Fantasy Baseball camps in both Florida and Pittsburgh. He was inducted into the Tioga County Sports Hall of Fame for baseball. He had a deep love for animals and enjoyed volunteering from time to time at the Animal Sanctuary. A member of Rotary, he was past President and a Paul Harris Fellow. He was on the Board of Directors for Citizens and Northern, The Deane Center, The Packer Foundation and The Penn Wells Hotel Company. He was also active in GROW and a true philanthropist, devoting hours to campaigning for Soldiers and Sailors, The Deane Center and many other community endeavors. He was an avid golfer and member of the Tyoga Country Club, also serving on the Board.

Jim is survived by his wife of 36 years, MIRIAM DAVIS DUNHAM '50, children, R. James III (Dianne) of Wellsboro, Peter, Jackson, Wyo., BRUCE '77 (Carol), Jarrettsville, MD. and JUDY DUNHAM SHAAL '79 of Delaware, Ohio. He had 19 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

HOWARD GARBUTT, Hilton, N.Y., January 21, 2016. He was a graduate of the Dean School of Business.

WILLIAM KLAPPS, Wilmington, Del., September 17, 2015. He was a priest in the Diocese of Wilmington and retired United States Navy Chaplain who served in Vietnam and on the Air Craft Carrier, USS Kitty Hawk.

PAUL MACIO, Holland, January 13, 2017. Paul was born in Wilkes-Barre and graduated from Wilkes College. In 1958, Paul and his wife Jane moved to New Jersey to pursue his career in education. While in New Jersey, Paul was a teacher, coach, and athletic director at Hawthorne High School in New Jersey for 32 years. He also served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict. Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Jane in 1995.

WILLIAM PAPAROSKI, Hillsdale, N.J., May 8, 2008. Born in Plymouth to the late Daniel J. and Mary Irene Paparoski, Bill attended Larksville High School. After graduating, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served for three years. He then entered Wyoming Seminary and subsequently entered Wilkes College in Wilkes-

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Barre. He worked for Sears for 35 years, and post retirement worked for Sears Logistic Services.

MICHAEL PETRICK, Kingston, March 15, 2009.

JOHN YERGER, Reading, March 21, 2012. He was the husband of Joyce V. (Snyder) Yerger. Born in Reading, he was a son of the late John A. Sr. and Marguerite (Hain) Yerger. Mr. Yerger was the owner operator of the former J.A. Yerger Fuel Oil Co. and Jay-co Electronics. He was a master electrician for the city of Reading.

1951

ROBERT DAVISON, Manitou Springs, Colo., September 17, 2016. He was a devoted son, husband, father and friend to many. He graduated from the Naval Academy and proudly served his country for over 30 years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force. He loved summers at the Jersey shore and went back every year. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and golfer, and loved the outdoors. He loved his family very much and was loved and respected in return.

DOMINIC GARDA, Vandergrift, January 1, 2017. Dominic had been employed as a superintendent with Allegheny Ludlum (Bagdad) for 35 years. He was a member of Christ the King Parish in Gilpin Township, the Marconi Club in Leechburg, the VFW Post 92 in Lower Burrell, and the Elks Lodge No. 377 in Leechburg. Dominic liked hunting, fishing, playing bocce, woodworking, making salami and playing the accordion. He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan who enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and watching them play sports.

CHARLES HARTER, Fayetteville, June 25, 2015. Charles spent a PG year at Sem before entering the U.S. Naval Academy. He served honorably during the Korean Conflict. Following his service in the Navy, Charles earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Gettysburg College in 1959. Charles had an illustrious career in computer marketing and sales.

CLIFFORD JOHNSON, Stowe, Vt., November 19, 2016. He had been in declining health for several years due to Parkinson's related illness. His beloved wife of 49 years, Delores S. "Dee" Johnson, predeceased him in 2007. Cliff was born in Dover, N.J. on December 7, 1936, to Edith and Clifford A. Johnson. He attended Roxbury High School, Wyoming Seminary, and later attended New Jersey Institute of Technology, earning a B.S. in civil engineering in 1965. Cliff and Dee raised their three children in Madison, eventually moving to Stowe, Vermont full time in 1997.

JOHN KOZIK, Wilkes-Barre, September 15, 2008. He was a graduate of the Dean School of Business.

CELIA SLINGERLAND LAHR, Ithaca, N.Y., October 9, 2015.

REGINA KOTZ POVICKI, Mountain Top, January 21, 2007. Born on Sept. 6, 1932, in Buttonwood, Hanover Township, she was the daughter of the late James and Victoria Vernon Kotz. She was a 1950 graduate of Hanover High School and attended the Dean School of Business.

JANET EDWARDS ROWLANDS, Robesonia, November 6, 2009. Her husband, Robert N. Rowlands, died in 1990. Born in Scranton, the only child of the late Frank and Gertrude Decker Edwards, she was a graduate of Dunmore High School, class of 1950, and attended Wyoming Seminary. Janet worked for the Erie Lackawanna Railroad in Scranton, where she met her late husband. Later, they moved to Cleveland with the railroad, and resided in Bay Village, Ohio, where she was a homemaker for many years.

SUZANNE FARLEY SCHROEDER, Orangeburg, S.C., July 4, 2016.

DONALD SHINER, Webster, N.Y., August 21, 2011 after a long illness. He was a graduate of the Dean School of Business.

MARY HOBAN SPONAUER, Morris Plains, N.J., December 30, 2016. Mary was born and raised in Wilkes-Barre and graduated from Hanover Township High School and

Wyoming Seminary Dean School of Business. She was a secretary at Planters Nut & Chocolate Company in Wilkes-Barre, where she met her husband, the late John C. Sponauer. Mary and John wed on June 22, 1957 and were married for 48 years until his death in 2005. In 1963, due to a job transfer, Mary and John moved their family to Edison, N.J. where they raised their two children. In the early 1980s they moved to Morris Plains, N.J. due to another job transfer for her husband.

GEORGE STENCAVAGE, Mountain Top, November 19, 2011. He was a graduate of the Dean School of Business.

MICHAEL TERNOWSKI, Vestal, N.Y., August 27, 2012.

IVAN ZIEGLER, Dallas, June 26, 2016.

1953

CLARENCE BALTRUSAITIS, Tunkhannock, October 24, 2014, Dean School of Business.

THOMAS COOK, Williamsburg, Va., December 25, 2016. After a PG year at Sem, Tom graduated and was commissioned an Ensign in June 1957 from the U.S. Naval Academy. He was married a week later to Judith Ann Funk, his loving and devoted wife for close to 60 years, who survives him. Tom was winged as a Naval Aviator in March 1959. He loved his country and was a decorated veteran having served over 20 years in the United States Navy.

JAMES CRAIG, New Philadelphia, Ohio, April 10, 2008. Although he was highly recruited by major college football programs during his PG year at Sem, he instead chose to seek appointment to the United States Naval Academy. He received his commission in 1957 and served honorably as an officer aboard the destroyer USS Miller. After leaving the Navy, Jim enjoyed a long, varied career in business, primarily with the Westinghouse Corporation and its affiliates, where he was involved with projects ranging from defense to nuclear energy.

JAMES HILL, Jacksonville, Fla., August 12, 2015.

THOMAS MEDVAR, Clermont, Fla., January 13, 2016.

ELLIOTT PRITCHARD, Tucson, Ariz., May 22, 2013. Elliott was in the Air Force for 30 years, working on various radar and missile systems. He was in the American Legion, he was a Mason, and a Shriner. He served as Potentate of Tucson's Sabbar Shrine Temple in 1992. After retiring from the Air Force, he earned a teaching degree from the University of Arizona, and spent many years as a substitute social studies teacher around Tucson.

LARAMIE LARAMY SPEAR, August 31, 2011.

1954

HAROLD CARINI, Old Forge, September 15, 2014. Hal was a graduate of Kings College, Wilkes-Barre, where he earned his bachelor's degree and the University of Scranton, where he earned his master's degree. He was employed as a therapist for Northeast Counseling, Nanticoke. Harold was a beloved father and Nonno who was cherished by his family and will forever be missed. He was an animal lover and had volunteered for the Blue Chip Farm Animal Rescue, Dallas. Surviving are his daughters, Lisa Angeli, West Pittston; and Lara Olayer and husband, Dana, Englewood, Fla.; and grandson, Kaelin.

1956

BEVERLY ANDERSON CICIO, Binghamton, N.Y., January 22, 2017. A graduate of the Dean School of Business, Beverly loved spending time with her family and making everyone smile and laugh. Bev was a collector, anything from Ty Beanie Babies to teddy bears and dolls. She grew up by the river and loved to fish; she loved teaching her nephew, Tom, how to fly fish. She also loved spending time with the ladies of UMW at Emory United Methodist Church. Bev was predeceased in death by her husband, Ben, parents, and her step-son Floyd.

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DONALD LE VAN, Osceda, March 24, 2017. Donald worked in the meat and dairy inspection field his entire career.

CHARLES MILAZZO, Pittston, December 20, 2016. He graduated from Pittston High School and later attended the Dean School of Business; he then graduated from Keystone College. He worked for Atlas Chain Company and the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority. He was a member of the Italian American Association and Paulie's Garage Club; he belonged to St. Joseph Mareello Parish, Pittston, and previously to St. Rocco Parish, Pittston.

WILLIAM SHINDEL, JR., New Cumberland, February 20, 2017. He retired as a self-employed Claims Adjuster for Alan Clarke and Associates, Harrisburg. He was a U.S. Army Vietnam War Veteran, a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Cumberland, and was a dedicated Boston Red Sox fan. Born on May 26, 1938, in Scranton, he was the son of the late William T., Sr. and Lyra M. (Kent) Shindel. Surviving is his wife of 54 years, Kathy S. Shindel.

1958

ARTHUR ELLUM, Berlin, N.H., February 28, 2013. He was born Jan. 10, 1940, in Bridgeport, Conn., to Audrey and Arthur Ellum. He graduated from Johnson State College with a B.S. in education, Keene State College with an M.Ed. in special education and industrial education, and Colorado State University on an EDPA Fellowship with a Ph.D. in technical education administration. He also attended the Culinary Institute of America. Arthur served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve for 16 years and the N.H. National Guard A Battery 3 - 197th Field Artillery for four years. Arthur served the youth of Vermont and New Hampshire as an educator for more than 30 years.

JONATHAN MILLER, Cranford, N.J., July 20, 2016. After his post graduate year at Sem, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served in England. Upon his return, he attended California State College in California, Pa., where he met and married his wife of 50 years, Beverly J. Miller (nee Gondol). In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter and two grandchildren. Jonathan taught industrial arts in the Cranford school system mostly from Hillside Avenue School for 30 years.

1960

ELLEN MACCARTNEY WARREN, Lemoyne, January 28, 2017. Ellen survived three separate breast cancers and lived seven years with thymic cancer with the help of her wonderful doctors, nurses, family and friends.

Ellen, the daughter of John and ARLINE WILLOUGHBY MACCARTNEY NICHOLSON '36, was raised in Kingston, graduated in 1962 from Cazenovia College with an associate's degree, and moved to Clarks Summit in 1968 with her first husband, William Burnell, Jr. Although divorced from Mr. Burnell in 1977, they remained good friends over the intervening 39 years. Ellen married William W. Warren Jr. in 1979 after an introduction by mutual friends, William and Dede Tersteeg. Ellen pursued a career in commercial, industrial and residential interior design and graduated in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in arts from Marywood University in Scranton, summa cum laude. Ellen was active as an officer, board member and volunteer in numerous charitable and civic organizations in Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Harrisburg. As a commercial, industrial and residential interior designer for over 25 years, Ellen was associated with John Palumbo, AIA in Scranton and Benetec Associates (now Century Engineering) in Harrisburg. Her projects are too numerous to mention.

Ellen is survived by her husband of 37 years, Bill Warren, Jr.; daughter, Caroline "Callie" Burnell; son, WILL BURNELL III '88; daughter-in-law, Vicki Castellanos; sister-in-law, Vivian Warren; first cousins, HERVEY AHLBORN '49, JAN AHLBORN ROBERTS '52 and Laurie LeGrand; and grandchildren, Erin Kelly Dixon, Willoughby "Willow" Alexandra Burnell, and Marai Siri Castellanos. Ellen was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church and was a member of Market Square Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg for over 25 years.

1962

PETER FOLDES, Whitehall, February 25, 2017. Peter and his brother, STEVEN FOLDES '66, founded Fun Footwear in Hazleton in 1974 and invented the "jelly" sandals. Peter was born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1944 and emigrated to the U.S. with his

parents as a young child. Peter is survived by his wife, Margaret Schneider, and they share 14 grandchildren. Peter is also survived by three daughters, CARA FOLDES '88, MIMI FOLDES '91, and Casey; his brother, Steven; sister, Susie; and sister, Dale.

1965

JOHN O'MALIA, Shavertown, March 29, 2017. Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late John R. and Delphia (Spratt) O'Malia Sr., and was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and Syracuse University with a bachelor of arts degree. He was a member of the golf team at Wyoming Seminary and Syracuse University and was co-captain of the football team at Wyoming Seminary. He had a passion for history and baseball. John was an airline pilot for 44 years and had flown for Bombardier Flex Jets for two years. He had also flown for Mesa Airlines, Phoenix, Ariz., for eight years as a captain. He was a member of AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association). John was an avid golfer. John had also worked as a truck driver for 23 years. He was a member of Living Hope Bible Church, Plains Township. John was preceded in death by sons, David and Brian. Surviving are his wife, the former Susan Davis; son, Kevin John O'Malia and his spouse, Tommy, of Lansdale; brothers, MICHAEL O'MALIA '68 and GERALD O'MALIA '71.

1968

ELI ZELKHA, Woodside, Calif., January 8, 2017. Husband, father, friend, entrepreneur, academic, and Silicon Valley visionary - Eli lived an extraordinary life that began in the city of Tehran in 1950, spanned much of the globe, and was defined by beauty, humor, and thirst for the best life has to offer. His personal and professional histories were intimately intertwined.

He was born in Iran to an ancient line of Cohanim traced to Baghdad's original Jewish community. At 17 years old, he was the first in his family to come to the U.S. At 19, while studying International Relations at Colgate University, he met Alice Phillips. It was 1969 and instead of going to the Woodstock Music Festival they eloped - and remained married until his passing 47 years later.

At 22 years old, and with no prior fashion industry experience, he founded Kandahar Designs, Afghanistan's first significant textile and apparel manufacturer. It grew to become the country's largest consumer goods exporter to the U.S. and Europe, employing hundreds of Afghans and gracing the covers of Mademoiselle Magazine with cutting edge design work that fused Eastern and Western styles. As a result of the Soviet invasion in 1979 he was forced to wind down the business.

Skilled in the way of fresh starts, he moved to California and attended Stanford Business School from 1983-1985 where he received his MBA, beginning a pioneering career in Silicon Valley.

His foremost technology achievement was as the father of Ambient Intelligence, a paradigm for electronic environments that are sensitive and responsive to the presence of people. Dedicated Ambient Intelligence Labs were established at Stanford University, MIT's Media Lab, National University of Singapore, NTT, and Philips. As an entrepreneur and venture capitalist, he was a founder of four companies. One of them, LiveWall, failed. The other three he sold: Vemm Brazil in 2015; EuroProfile/iProfile in 2008; and Palo Alto Ventures in 2004. At Tandem Computer, he led the firm's entry into new industries, including a high visibility partnership with Steven Spielberg's Starbright Networks, a foundation dedicated to improving sick children's lives through technology based programs. He also led Philips Electronics' VC investment program and headed strategy and new ventures at Compaq Computer. At the Middlebury Institute of International Studies he taught seminars on The Art of Failure and Corporate and International Venture Capital.

His greatest joys in life were laughter and generosity. No where was this more apparent than with his family. He is survived by his wife Alice, his three children Darius, Jeremy and Chloe, his grandchildren Isaac and Margot, and by his three siblings Claudette, Linda and Moshe. He is remembered by all whose lives he touched. He viewed himself as an extraordinarily lucky person.

A Tribute to Anne Friedman Glauber '71

By Sam Roberts, *The New York Times*

Anne Friedman Glauber, who amplified her voice as a public relations executive to help prevent domestic violence, empower women in war-torn countries and support fellow patients of pancreatic cancer, died on Feb. 28 in Manhattan. She was 63.

The cause was pancreatic cancer, her son, DAVID GLAUBER '05, said.

As a senior vice president of the international public relations firm Ruder Finn, and later as a managing partner of Finn Partners and the director of its global issues group, Ms. Glauber oversaw numerous corporate-responsibility campaigns. But she went well beyond her professional role in fostering philanthropic and social causes.

Among the groups she co-founded were No More, an initiative to reduce domestic violence; Let's Win, an online forum for pancreatic cancer patients, their families, doctors and researchers; and the Business Council for Peace (also known as BPeace), where she was also chairwoman. The council was created to help women in places like Rwanda and Afghanistan turn a profit from cottage industries so that they could become stakeholders in reconstructing their countries.

Ms. Glauber was the president of the American Friends of the Parents Circle, an organization of more than 600 Israeli and Palestinian families who have lost relatives in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and are seeking reconciliation.

In 2000, she helped organize a Millennium World Peace Summit of religious leaders at the United Nations.

Anne Leslie Friedman was born in Scranton, on Nov. 19, 1953, and raised in West Pittston, a former coal mining community. Her father, Sidney, owned a family electrical-supply company. Her mother, the former Pauline Poplin, a daughter of Jewish immigrants from Ukraine, was a substitute teacher.

Ms. Friedman earned a bachelor's degree from Carnegie Mellon University and a master's degree from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. Her marriage to Ira Glauber ended in divorce. In addition to their son, she is survived by their daughter, Lili Glauber; her partner, David Cummins; her father; and her brother, ROBERT FRIEDMAN '73.

Ms. Glauber managed the marketing department of her family's electrical-supply business for several years. But she lived most of her adult life in New York.

Her campaign against domestic violence for No More included the creation of a logo — a blue zero — to symbolize the goal of zero tolerance for abusive relationships.

She founded Let's Win after she was diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer in May 2014, when she began feeling tired and then developed jaundice. The website was aimed at helping people share news of practical experience with unconventional treatments — creative risk-taking based on science, she called it.

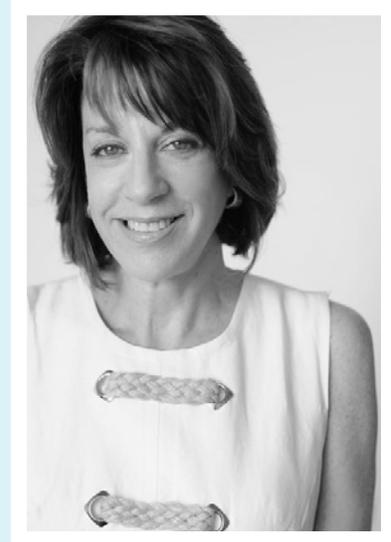
She stopped working full time, began undergoing chemotherapy, spent more time with her family, started a blog about her illness on The Huffington Post and found, she said, "for one of the first times in my life, the ability to say no when I didn't want to do something."

"What was most helpful after my diagnosis was when friends and family reached out to me, just to tell me that they cared, that they loved me," she told *More* magazine last year. "I felt an enormous feeling of love that lifted me and kept me afloat when my life seemed to collapse around me."

Ms. Glauber also wrote a book, "Advice for a Happy Life: Lessons From My Mother" (2014).

In it, she listed nine lessons: "Be disciplined about the positive — and practice it; be in the present — and use it to move forward; be a listener — and limit what you say about yourself; be at your best at all times — and don't be a perfectionist; be proud of your religion — and respect all religions; be funny — and do not laugh at jokes that undermine you; be connected to nature — and stay connected; be a giver — and set limits; and be involved in something larger than yourself — and stay involved."

She also quoted one of her mother's favorite sayings, which she often reminded herself of as she grappled with her diagnosis: "Yesterday is a memory. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That is why it is called the present."



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ANNE FRIEDMAN GLAUBER, New York, N.Y., February 28, 2017. Founder of Let's Win, died quietly surrounded by her family on Feb. 28, 2017, after her almost three-year battle with pancreatic cancer. Anne was an award-winning public relations executive, a managing partner of Finn Partners and the director of the Global Issues group where she focused on fostering social change through creative partnerships, advocacy initiatives and meaningful corporate social responsibility programs. With all her accomplishments (see article at left), her family was always her priority, and her values and legacy live on in her loved ones. She is survived by her partner, David Cummins; her children, Lili and DAVID GLAUBER '05; her father, Sidney Friedman; her brother, ROB FRIEDMAN '73; and nieces, DIANE FRIEDMAN '20 and HALEY FRIEDMAN '22.

SUSAN GRAY, Kibbutz Davrat, Israel, January 4, 2017 after a protracted battle with lymphoma and a rare form of leukemia. The daughter of Shirle Gray and the late Eugene Gray, she lived in Israel for more than 40 years. She earned a bachelor of science in social work from Penn State and two master's degrees in psychiatric social work from the University at Haifa. Before retiring two years ago, she worked for various municipal governments in Israel as a social worker and advocate for children at risk. She also served a term as general secretary of the kibbutz.

She is survived by her four children, Ma'ayan (Lior), Carmi (Lilach), Tamir (Paz) and Dror, as well as eight grandchildren. Also surviving, besides her mother, are brothers Jim (Linda) and Robert (Tracy); and her sister, NANCY GRAY FUSCO '73 (Michael).



FORMER FACULTY

Inger Kate Miller (pictured at left and at right), 89, of Bear Creek Township, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017.

She was born in Denmark, the daughter of the late Niels and Martha Thomassen.

Inger was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Miller, and her son, THOMAS MILLER '71.

She is survived by a daughter, MARTHA GIRARDIN '66 and her husband Robert, of Yorktown, Virginia; a son, LLOYD MILLER '69 and his wife Roberta, of Barboursville, Virginia; a daughter-in-law, Annette Miller of Vestal, New York; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews in Denmark.

Inger completed her high school education in Denmark, before becoming employed at a local tourism office. There she providentially met a charming American, Dan Miller, a recent World War II veteran and now a post-war governor on vacation from his job in Germany. After a whirlwind courtship, they married and lived in post-war Germany for four years before moving to Richmond, Va., in 1952. Later they moved to Stroudsburg, where Inger began undergraduate studies at East Stroudsburg University. After moving to Bear Creek with her family in 1960, she finished her bachelor's degree at Wilkes University (1964), received a master's degree from Penn State (1968) and did doctoral studies at SUNY Binghamton.

"Frau Miller" taught German at Wyoming Seminary from 1961 to 1969. She subsequently became a professor of German and comparative literature at Wilkes University. Later she ran a home-based travel business, sending (and sometimes leading) tours to Germany and Europe, including tours to the Oberammergau Passion Play every ten years. When Inger's husband, Dan, retired they bought and rehabilitated two local apartment buildings. They were founding members of the Wyoming Valley Real Estate Investors Association.

Inger was a lifelong learner. At age 66, she returned to college to earn an accounting degree from King's College. She was also active at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, including overseeing the restoration of the historic steeple.

Inger enjoyed reading and watching news shows; she was especially fascinated with American politics. She was a great cook and shared many Danish specialties with family and friends. She loved to travel, including taking a trip to Egypt (to visit Lloyd and family) by way of Germany and Denmark when she was 80 years old. She will be greatly missed.



FORMER TRUSTEES

BISHOP FELTON MAY, Trenton, N.J. February 27, 2017. Bishop May served as a Trustee of Wyoming Seminary from 1984 to 1990.

Bishop May was born in Chicago and raised in the Baptist Church. According to a 2001 article in the Baltimore Sun, Bishop May was baptized in the Woodlawn Baptist Church. "The musically inclined bishop studied piano and dreamed of becoming a doctor," the article noted.

"To make ends meet in college, he did part-time office work at a Reform synagogue. That synagogue's rabbi, Louis Leopold Mann, is largely responsible for May becoming a Methodist. Mann, a liberal and early civil rights activist, recommended May in the mid-1950s to a nearby Methodist pastor who wanted to integrate his church.

"That pastor soon had May leading Sunday school and services for a junior church for the congregation's children," the article reads. "And then I began to read Methodist literature and its social witness, and it made sense to me. I felt I was called by God to do that," the bishop said.



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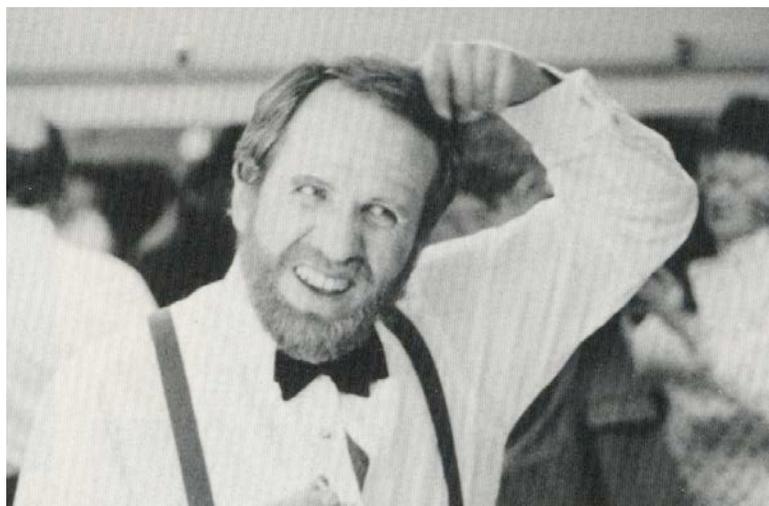
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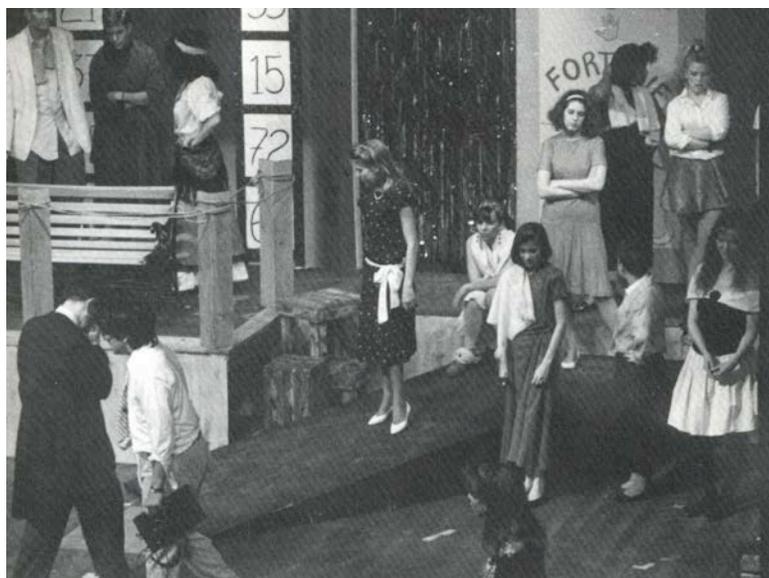


The Winter Production of 1990-1991 was Thornton Wilder's "The Skin of Our Teeth." According to CHRIS VASANTKUMAR '92, who wrote the yearbook piece on the show:

"[The play] was one of the more bizarre and complicated productions undertaken by the Seminary Players. The play is based on the idea that humanity has narrowly avoided destruction many times, surviving 'by the skin of our teeth,' so to speak. Both natural and man-made disasters have threatened mankind with extinction."

"Auditions for the play attracted one of the largest crowds I have seen in my Seminary career, showing the presence of a large reservoir of talent in the student body. Every person who auditioned got a part in the play. A cast of thousands (well, only 38), a gigantic crew, and props all over the place made things hectic at (most) times. Many thanks should be given to the various crews who accomplished the Herculean task of providing the actors with their environment."

The production was led by student director JASON SHERRY '91 (see feature story "Let Us Entertain You" on page 29).



At left, top: William Summerhill preps for the show behind the scenes.

At left, bottom: The populous cast of "The Skin of Our Teeth" hits their marks on stage.

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