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The number of feet required for takeoffs and landings for the Icon A5, a personal amphibious plane that has a retractable landing gear and a hull-shaped fuselage. Kirk Hawkins, Sloan ’05, is cofounder of Icon Aircraft, which manufactures the plane.

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Latvia: Andris Berzins, MBA ’98, was recently presented with the Human Development Award of Latvia by Latvian Pres. Raimonds Vejonis.

Saudi Arabia: Pierre Larroque, MBA ’77, advises his old firm, Jadwa Investment, on investments in Saudi Arabia, keeping abreast of the evolution of the oil industry there and its impact on the global scene.

Serengeti: Philip and Carolyn Thresher, MBA ’56, photograph wildlife, especially the Serengeti migration in E. Africa; their photographs have appeared in Life magazine and textbooks around the world.

Colombia and Tierra del Fuego: Annie and Bob Clarke, MBA ’72, rode their ’74 Norton 18,042 miles from Palo Alto to Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. Taking a self-powered shorter trip were Matt Griffin, MBA ’77, and Evelyne Rozner, MBA ’78, who pedaled an adventurous route through Colombia from Bogotá to Medellín to Cartagena.

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Nigeria, Kenya, and South Africa: Paul Carttar, MBA ’82, traveled to Nigeria, Kenya, and S.A. for due diligence on a potential initiative to advance venture philanthropy and social investment as methods of deploying private capital to drive social change.

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Jim Shelton, MBA ’93, hired by Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan, became the first head of the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative's education efforts.

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The date of the Jerry I. Porras Latino Leadership Award dinner honoring Fran Maier (Allocca), MBA ’89, founder and former CEO and chair at TRUSTe.

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A select group of 40 young entrepreneurs, armed with MBA degrees and a desire to serve peace by aiding economic development, has embarked on a unique Peace Corps mission with far-reaching implications for the developing world.

The project is a joint venture involving the Stanford Graduate School of Business, the Peace Corps, and the Peruvian and Colombian governments. Volunteers are now in the field for two-year tours following eight weeks of special training at Stanford. What is the project all about? Why is it being conducted in Peru and Colombia? Project director Frank Shallenberger, Professor of Industrial Management at the business school, explains: "For the first time in its history," he says, "the Peace Corps is undertaking a strictly professional program to deal with problems of small business development." He maintains that broad-based small industry is basic to development of a sound economy in underdeveloped countries.

What it amounts to, says Shallenberger, is that "a lot of attention is being paid to big foreign and government-owned industries but nobody is doing anything for the little guy." The volunteers’ mission "might be described as anything which can help promote a healthy, viable, competitive small business sector or aid in the formation and operation of producing, marketing, or consumer cooperatives. The Peace Corps has dealt with such social problems as health, education, and poverty, but until now no effort has been made in recognizing economic development — building a self-sustaining economy. This program offers experience, responsibility, and an opportunity to serve and to contribute to human welfare in a way that only the MBA in his special way can." Prof. Shallenberger believes the volunteers can make a great impact but "any changes we make must be practical and down to earth. They must be changes which will be sustained when the volunteers have gone. ... The volunteers will discover inner resources they might have gone a lifetime without realizing. They will be participants rather than observers in the greatest drama of the 20th century — development of the underdeveloped world — and they will gain the satisfaction that comes from making a very worthwhile contribution."
Charlie White, ’42, and his daughter, Anne, celebrate Charlie’s 100th birthday.

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The most significant event to report is the 100th birthday celebration of our most senior member, Charlie White. He is still living in his own house in Palm Desert and turned 100 on March 25 of this year. After visiting several local bakeries and sampling their “goodies,” Charlie selected his favorite carrot cake for the big event. Charlie reports that he is buying a motorized vehicle so that he can get around better.

Wendi Woods Chandler reports on her dad, Baldwin Woods, who continues to enjoy life in Encino at Vintage Encino Hills. He avidly watches tennis and traveled to watch his daughter in the paddle tennis finals at the Beach Club in Santa Monica. He is doing really well and still flirts with all the pretty women. Visits from his brother, Ron, his son, Reese, and his college-aged grandchildren are keeping him young.

Harriet Barbanell reports on the condition of her husband, Cliff, who is pretty much bedridden: “No change here. Same old, same old!”

Our most active classmate, George Washington Parker, is still as busy as ever. He and wife Cari were our only attendees to the fabulous GSB Half Century Club reunion this year. He is still enjoying his short story class and has been quite prolific with his writing. He and your scribe are the only members of our class who are still licensed to drive.

Your scribe managed to get in a few days of skiing at Alta and Snowbird, Utah, and appeared in another YouTube video for SkiUtah.

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With deep sadness, it is reported that Maurice Knox, class secretary for the Class of ’43, and Lang Hilleary, class secretary for the Class of ’44, passed away.

Maurice died March 1 at age 95. From his obituary, “Maurice was born to a pioneer California family and was a third-generation native San Franciscan. After serving in WWII, Maurice returned to San Francisco to raise a family and embark on a 40-year career as a well-respected small businessman in the janitorial supplies industry.”

“His passion and knowledge of classical music was legendary, and he especially loved operettas, opera, and the San Francisco Symphony, of which Maurice was an avid supporter. His thirst for knowledge never waned, and Maurice continued to enjoy classes at the Fromm Institute into his 90s.”

“Maurice will be forever loved and remembered by his wife, Joann, and his family. We will always remember the twinkle in his eyes, his wicked wit and his lust for chocolate.”

Lang Hilleary died on March 11. Words from his obituary follow: “Beloved and respected husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. Lang was noted for his calm demeanor as well as his practical and sharp financial mind that served him well as a student at Stanford (BA in addition to his MBA), manager at Chevron (35 years), and his many volunteer roles in the community and church, including pres. of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Peninsula.”

“Lang especially enjoyed golf and shot his age many times, including the last year of his life. Lang and cherished wife Charmian had many wonderful married years together (nearly 70) primarily in Menlo Park and Atherton. One of their favorite activities during their retirement was traveling throughout the world, including visiting every continent.”

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JC Kaspar provided an update: “While still in school I was on a student committee of four that visited with sponsor companies who offered tours of their facilities and a meeting with their executives. While at one company, the president of the company offered me a job. I noted that I hadn’t yet graduated. His comment was... ‘if you were admitted to the biz school, you meet my standards.’

“Just recently an executive of one of my clients made a similar comment, that in searching for applicants they should look for individuals who had been accepted to biz school—not necessarily who had attended or graduated. Quite a backhanded compliment to the biz school.

“Personally, I have just resigned as an employer trustee to a multiemployer trust overseeing a multibillion-dollar pension trust for the trucking industry. Over the years I served on many such pension and welfare trusts. Formed two opinions: (1) Joint representation means a ‘committee’ operation ... with the typical result. (2) The ‘street smarts’ of the typical union representative often outweighs the employer side.”

A sad announcement to report. Chris Panopoulos passed away on May 1, 2016. Excerpts from his obituary follow: Loyalty is the word that has often been used to define Chris: to school, to community, and even to the hospital where he was born in San Jose. Before college, Chris enlisted in WWII and served on the security detail to Gen. Omar Bradley. He often told the story of how he had seen Gen. George Patton drop to his knees to pray in a field prior to the Battle of the Bulge.”

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Chris’ career as an accountant spanned 30 years at Westinghouse before he took early retirement. His second “career” was as civic activist in San Jose, and he was actively involved with setting up the City of San Jose Fund and a San Jose State Univ. fund. Chris also worked as a volunteer with San Jose Beautiful, the San Jose Medical Center Foundation, Guadalupe River Park, and FAN, a group that sought to bring an arena to downtown. Chris even dedicated 10 years to being class secretary for this column. Heartfelt condolences go out to Chris’ family, friends, and people he touched. Send your news to: Class Notes Editor, Knight Management Center, Stanford University, 655 Knight Way, Stanford, CA 94305 or gsbalumninews@stanford.edu

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52 Irving Berlin wrote “God Bless America” in 1918 and later revised it in 1938 when he had been looking for a peace song in response to the conflict in Europe. Kate Smith notably recorded the later version at 17 years old on her radio show on the eve of the first official celebration of Armistice Day. Well, back in our school days, Class of ’52 went ahead and revised it again: God bless free enterprise System divine Stand beside her And guide her Until all of the profits are mine Good old Wall Street May she flourish Corporations, may they grow God bless free enterprise, the status quo God bless free enterprise, the status quo My guess is Dave Curry was the ghostwriter of the above version. Send your news to: Sandy Perry, 610 Golden Rod Way, Saint Mary’s, GA 31558-4156, mlperry@tds.net

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Old reliable Bill Sterling, from down Texas way, lets us know about the recent Half Century Club reunion, which he attended as the only Class of ’54 representative, with wife Shirley. As usual, Bill scolds the rest of us for missing the reunion, noting regular attendees from adjacent classes ’53 and ’55 with whom they mingle plus “the ambiance, delicious meals, timely and interesting speakers — and it’s all free.” Of course the Sterlings combined their trip with Grandparents Day at Waldorf School in S.F. for two grandkids, the Stanford Goodwin men’s golf tournament, a Parnassus Fund shareholders meeting at the Palace Hotel in downtown S.F., and another exciting day at the Exploratorium with the kids. Wow — I’d need a vacation after that!

A woman noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in his stomach. Thinking he was trying to weigh less, she commented, “I don’t think that’s going to help.” “Sure it is,” he said. “It’s the only way I can see the numbers.”

Lotsa guys we didn’t hear from here and many we haven’t heard from for a while. Just follow the instructions below — anytime is fine. Send your news to: Dan Schuster, 207 Fifth Ave. SW, Apt. 905, Rochester, MN 55902, dschusters@charter.net

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This past March was the Half Century Club reunion, which was our 60th. It was again a wonderful event, and those attending from our class were Bill and Marilyn Ritter, Bob and Jean Seaton, Don and Joanne Seese, Ken and Phyllis Sletten, George and Louise Tarleton, and Ellen Uhrbrock. At the luncheon Prof. Jeffrey Pfeffer spoke on leadership and gave us a copy of his recent book Leadership BS. He reflected that much of the oft-repeated wisdom about leadership is based more on hope than reality and on wishes rather than data, and he cited examples where leaders have failed.

I had an opportunity to get caught up on news from Bob and Jean Seaton. They have followed the pattern of many of our classmates and, after 43 years in their home, have moved into a retirement community near Cleveland. In 1972 Bob moved to Cleveland to become CEO of Cardinal Federal Savings Bank until retirement in 1988. Then Bob went into planned giving for five years. The Seatons are true Stanford Cardinals as their son, daughter, and one grandson are graduates. In addition one grandson is a sophomore there and one has been accepted. They should change the name from Stanford Univ. to Seaton Univ. Jean retired in 1986 after
Bob had a bout with melanoma but is now in remission. He is active in the church where his daughter is the pastor and keeps in shape by playing indoor tennis in the winter and golf in the summer.

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Hello, classmates. Hope you are enjoying your summer, both your own activities and special events with grandchildren. It is especially enjoyable when I can write about great-grandchildren. By the way, to all who came directly from undergrad to the business school, did you, or will you attend your 60th reunion?

The Super Bowl came to nearby Santa Clara, so we should have a party. And that is just what Ron Louis did at his house, with a big-screen TV so we could watch the game. And who came? Classmates Larry and Neda Brown, Foster and Sharon Kinney, Bud Lake and Sharon Skaggs, Ron Louis and Fran Matthews, and John and Marilyn Welland. We were joined by Fred George, ‘56, and Skip Hoyt, ‘51. There were partisans on both sides, so plenty of rooting. We all guessed who would win and what the scores would be, and Larry Brown’s guess came closest to the final Denver Broncos 24 and Carolina Panthers 10.

Larry Brown kindly sent me an extensive article from the Rio Vista Beacon, on Dr. Sally and Stan Brenner titled “Always Serving Others,” which included: Stan and Sally live at the Trilogy active adult community in Rio Vista near Sacramento. They met at a formal (full military dress) function on Mare Island, near San Francisco, and were married in a military-religious wedding at the Presidio 48 years ago. Both had careers in the military, she as an Air Force flight nurse and he in Air Force administration. Between active and reserve duty, they have each served 30 years in the military. After active duty, they lived 31 years in Saratoga, near San Jose, where they raised two sons. David is a neurologist in Birmingham, Ala., and Jason is a clinical pharmacist in San Francisco. They have one grandson. Stan worked at Lockheed

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Don, ‘58, and Dee Price at the Half Century Club reunion dinner.

Lou Segal, ‘58, and son Larry attend the dinner at the Half Century Club reunion.

Stan Brenner, ‘58, and Sally at the Half Century Club reunion.

Bud Lake, ‘58, and Sharon Skaggs at Ron Louis’ Super Bowl party in Moraga.
Once again our class attendance at the annual Half Century Club reunion was a big success. We were No. 2 this year behind the Class of 1961, celebrating their 55 years since graduation. Attending were Stan and Sally Brenner, Glenn Chrisman, George English, Foster and Sharon Kinney, Bud Lake and Sharon Skaggs, Ron Louis and Fran Matthews, Don and Dee Price, and Lou and Larry Segal. Remember, the Half Century Club reunion is an evening banquet and dinner dance followed by a morning breakfast, two special lectures, and lunch—all hosted by the business school. Plenty of time to reminisce with classmates and graduates of nearby years. Our 60th reunion will be at Half Century Club in late March 2018. Mark your calendars, make your travel arrangements, and plan to come.

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Speaking of travel, as you read this, Bud Lake will be cruising down the east coast of South America, and Ron Louis will be cruising up the west coast. Anybody else traveling this year?

If you are working—enjoy, and if you are retired—enjoy. And let me know what is happening.

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Our next bit of news comes from Bill Relle, who writes: “For the past three years I have been a member of the Art Commission for the half-century club reunion Class of 1959 attendees: (left to right) Grant Norlin, Charles Paskerian, Bill Nilli, Bob Wraith, Gerald Nordberg, Bob Lewis, Marvin Eberts, and Bob Simon.
Dottie and Bob King, ’60.

new Stanford Hospital (NSH). The NSH will be a new stand-alone hospital in the vicinity of the existing hospital, which was built over 50 years ago and is not seismically fit for today’s standards. The NSH is a unique, perhaps spectacular design. It is four floors of 368 individual patient rooms cantilevered above three floors of common areas. Patients will be admitted in January 2018, four years after the start of construction. Within the total confines there will be three major public sculptures, one at the hospital entrance, another in the interior center with a glass dome soaring some 70-ft. overhead, and another outside on the third floor in an elaborate landscape including extended walkways. There are many opportunities to install art inside and out, which is likely to eventually number well over 100 pieces. In addition to the three just mentioned, many pieces have been selected including video presentations and other recent mediums by nationally and internationally known artists. All this has been done on a relatively small budget.

“For me personally, this opportunity has been a reawakening of spirit, which has been dormant since becoming a widower six years ago. With this reawakening, I am enjoying new art for my home of 34 years, both inside and out. I have my eye on something that will be auctioned in New York next month. Talk about out. I have my eye on something that will be my art for my home of 34 years, both inside and out, which is likely to eventually number well over 100 pieces. In addition to the three just mentioned, many pieces have been selected including video presentations and other recent mediums by nationally and internationally known artists. All this has been done on a relatively small budget.

From China we hear the following from Guy Ullens: “I am more and more active in Beijing with UCCA, my own contemporary art museum. We have had close to 850,000 visitors in 2016, with future blockbuster shows to come: Rauschenberg next June, and a major Picasso show in April 2017, on the MoMA 2015 model. Mimi is probably going to publish a great saga with Amazon in the U.S. next fall.”

“An active life is good news, even no news is good news, and we could all wish the best for the lives of our respondents. My email blast resulted in the best news response we’ve ever had, so I hope we’ll get a similar response for the next update. Best to all, Greg Wilbur.”

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As reported in the last edition, our class was picked to try out an extension of class reunions beyond the 50th year after graduation. Under the leadership of Art Stauffer, supported by John Matthews and Larry O’Rourke, our trial 50th reunion in March proved highly successful, both in the opinion of attendees (close to 40 in all) and the GSB staff who proposed the experiment. It appears it may become an option for some active future classes.

Our selected venue was the new arts quad, centered around the Cantor Arts Center (the renamed Stanford Museum) but now including the new Anderson Collection and McMurtry for art and art history buildings, and the Bing Music Hall. (Quite a change from the landscape we knew.) We elected to schedule our event on the afternoon and evening of the day prior to the Half Century Club annual gathering in March. Those of you not there missed one speaker challenging us to “Dare to be 100” and another informing us of the need to appreciate the religious overlays to understand the geopolitics of
the world. You also missed hearing Pres. Barnett’s latest jokes picked up in the Southland. Pictures are nearby of the attendees at our event and of our classmate participants at the Half Century event.

A straw poll of presidential choice between Trump and Clinton was taken — absolute 50/50 split with two abstentions: one elected to pick an early death over voting for either; the second, Edo Vortakien, now Swiss, claiming that “even selecting Trump as a candidate would set back U.S. relations with the world at least 50 years, probably more.”

On a more serious note, Bill Preston announced that Sally and Bill Estes have just completed a major new gift to our Renewal Fellowship Fund, more than doubling its size, and another major gift is soon to be announced. To remind you, this fund was created by Bill, Frank Countner, and me at our 25th reunion. At our 50th the class elected to build the fund into an endowment vehicle so it will survive beyond our generation. Its unique feature: fellowship recipients have a moral obligation to repay their grants by gifts during their professional lives.

Bob Gee guesses that nearly three quarters of the class has made gifts to the fund over its life. Should any classmate be considering a testamentary gift (hint, hint) give Bill, Bob, or me a call for ideas.

One quick word on the class minireunion in Washington, D.C., in late September; Lew Gayner, intrepid organizer along with Joel Bergsman and Bert Edwards, reports he has negotiated another four rooms with the Mayflower hotel for any late decision makers. The event should be remarkable, with meaty content along with unique venues. Give Lew or Sam Spragins a call if interested.

A note from Steve Handley: “While looking at the alumni news carried in the spring edition of Stanford Business, I observed how great everyone looked in the photo taken at the balloon festival. Then my wife commented: ‘No diversity in that group, in fact they all look like siblings.’ A little exaggeration, but I guess it is rather telling about business school in our era.

“Jane and I now divide our time about equally between New Hampshire (south of Hanover/Dartmouth College) and a community in Sarasota, Fla., where I play doubles tennis most mornings, and we also take in many cultural events. I’m also a serious photographer, which
includes group photo trips. Most recently I spent the month of January in Iceland and Norway. Next is Greenland and probably Cuba.

“We also devote a lot of time to our expanding family. In addition to our eight children, we now have 18 grandchildren and our first great-grandchild. Sounds like we must be getting old. Fortunately we enjoy good health, although weight is a bit out of control.”

Input on Dick and Candace Burge, picked up in a telephone call while they were in transit to their avocado orchard south of San Diego: “Produce 600,000 to 800,000 pounds a year.” Dick manages it and actually runs heavy equipment. And I thought our class was only into grapes ...

On a more somber note: Bert Edwards sent me the notice of Dave Harris’s death in March, in Washington, D.C. He was a West Point grad as well as a classmate. In addition to his military career, Dave had a distinguished career as an executive in the U.S. Postal Service. Our condolences to Ema and his children.

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62 Since our last update, we received the sad news that our friend and classmate Frank Smead passed away in November 2015. Frank’s obituary from Center Rutland, Vt., read (partially) as follows: “Frank W. Smead, 79, died unexpectedly at home as the result of a tragic accident. Frank was born in Long Beach, Calif., attended Woodrow Wilson H.S., then Stanford U., where he earned a BS in electrical engineering and an MBA. He was a member of Breakers Eating Club, Stanford Axe Society (honor society), and Stanford Crew. He was business manager of the Quad (Stanford yearbook). Following graduation, he worked for GE, Philco-Ford, KPMG consulting, HRB-Singer, RCA, and ITT. Most of his career was spent in product development and marketing for sophisticated electronic systems. Among his favorite products were voice recognition systems, digital radios, and payloads for spy satellites.

“In 1992 Frank married his best friend, Millie Roy. Upon his retirement in 2001, he and Millie moved to Rutland where they built their dream house. In Rutland he was a member of Masons, Cairo Shriners, and the Pico Ski Club. For many years he served on the boards of Paramount Theater and Rutland County Parent Child Center. Prior to retiring in Rutland he was a member of the Rotary, Elks, Lions, and Mensa.” Our condolences to Millie and the family. RIP, Frank. We’ll miss you.

We also received news that Richard Massey, another one of our friends and classmates, passed away. Richard was born in Illinois in 1935. He attended Deerfield Academy and earned a BA in English literature from Yale. He spent over 30 years with UBS where he worked until the day before he was hospitalized. He was married to Marjorie Koehler for 14 years. He was later engaged to Mary Chesterfield, who died tragically before they could marry. He met his last great love, Alice Corning, and together they traveled much of the world, most recently to South Africa with the Leaky Foundation. They lived in Mill Valley and had a second home in Moab, Utah. Our condolences go to Alice and their family.

We’ll miss our old classmates, over a quarter of whom are now departed.

We recently received a note from Len Swartz, who resides in Oxford, England. We had heard that Len had a health issue and had to cancel attending his Stanford Class of ’55 reunion.

Len’s note read: “Regarding the health issue, I am in no bad shape but could do better. I have had a little trouble with irregular heartbeat and breathing. The medical advice, among other things, is to stay off airplanes for the near future. My wife, Hilary, and I continue to perform a large number of community services and business development projects designed to assist young, unemployed persons. Hilary and I just had our 42nd anniversary.” We’re happy to hear that this recent setback has not slowed Len down in his entrepreneurial and volunteer pursuits.

Bob Martin informs us that he will be having a noninvasive aortic heart valve replacement in early April. (How do you do that noninvasively?) He’s anxious to get the procedure behind him so he can make an assault of the Pacific Crest Trail. Talk about tough!

Klaus Brandt notes that he has “stopped making annual trips to Iceland and Europe. I am a member of the Southern Pacific retirees club, which has four lunches annually with guest speakers.” Good to hear from you, Klaus.

George Parker advises: “Still sitting on three public boards (had to leave two others last year due to age limits) and teaching two specialty courses at the GSB. One is on Global Wealth Management and Private Investing and the other is an Introduction to Private Equity. Joan and I had the pleasure this month of accompanying 25 students to China on a study trip. A great adventure with some amazing young people.”

George seems to have boundless energy and a lot to share with students.

In case you missed it ... our illustrious classmate Phil Knight has established the Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program at Stanford. Each year a group of 100 high-achieving students with demonstrated leadership and civic commitment from a wide array of backgrounds and nationalities will receive full funding to pursue a graduate education at Stanford. Their academic experience will focus on both subject-specific knowledge and leadership development that will make an impact on the world. At $400M it is the largest fully endowed scholars program in the world.

A faculty advisory committee will help determine admissions and curriculum criteria. (For more details, search on Knight-Hennessy Scholars.) What a marvelous idea and noble way to share one’s wealth. Thanks from all of us, Phil.

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63 My email request for comments from you regarding your future residence arrangements didn’t get any responses as of this writing. It’s never too late to drop me a line for inclusion in a later column. I did enjoy traveling back to the Bay Area in March to see our CPA and visit a few old friends. The traffic is pretty bad in Phoenix but at least it moves. In the two years we’ve been gone the traffic in greater San Francisco has surely worsened. I might add, however, that California drivers are very polite and competent compared to what I see here in Phoenix.

If you have a Twitter account, you might want to check out the postings of Peter Georgescu. He is at @petergeorgescu. I find his musings to be intelligent and reflective of his life experiences. People like Peter make Twitter worthwhile.

Volunteerism is important to many institutions, and Stanford is no exception. It’s great when those who give so much are acknowledged. Noel Fenton has been honored with the Governors’ Award, “honoring continuous years...
of exemplary volunteer service,” by Stanford Associates, a program of the Stanford Alumni Assn. Let’s hear the applause for another superb job done by our classmate Noel.

Randy Johnson takes us on a trip down memory lane: “The first popular music artist to take advantage of advances in audio technology was Rudy Vallee. In the late 1920s he was a star performer on radio as well as the stage with his band. This was well before Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra. Flash forward to the late 1970s, my then company made decals of all sorts, and one day, completely out of the blue, I get a phone call from Rudy Vallee asking if he could come to our factory. He showed up in a 1953 Ford police car. Rudy had performed once in Alabama, and the local sheriff made him an honorary deputy. Rudy painted a car to look like a police car and on the doors had ‘badge’ decals the sheriff had given him. The car still looked pretty snazzy, but after 25 years the decals were badly deteriorated. We made some nice replacements for him, and they looked great.

“A month or so later I got another call from Rudy asking my wife and me to come for dinner. So we showed up a week later and were treated to one of LA’s magnificent properties, a Spanish-style home on 20 acres, one of the primo locations in Los Angeles perched on the absolute pinnacle of the Hollywood Hills. It had magnificent panoramic views of the entire Los Angeles basin to the south and the San Fernando Valley to the north. The 360-degree view was stunning. We got a tour of the property, which included a 20,000 sq. ft. building with a 150-seat theatre. There was a tennis court on top.

“When we returned, it was time for dinner, but rather than being in the dining room, we were seated in a room off the kitchen. TV trays were placed in front of us. Shortly thereafter plates with meat loaf and appropriate side dishes were placed in front of us. Imagine my surprise. But the main event was to follow dinner. Rudy’s wife, Eleanor, came out with a record player and a microphone and suddenly it was showtime! Rudy grabbed the microphone, and we were treated to a 45-minute performance of his singing.

“At this point, I will invite you to go to YouTube and enter Rudy’s name and see what pops up. Check a few and I think you will like what you hear. Of particular interest is the song ‘Vagabond Lover,’ from the movie of the same name. The music he played back then was still popular when we were kids. Even now the Great American Songbook, as it is known today, is still popular. Michael Feinstein has sold 25 million records. As in the movie Sunset Boulevard, some performers just won’t give up. Even though at age 75 his career was over, Rudy continued to need an audience. Bottom line, he was willing to spring for two meat loaf dinners to get one!”

Tom Glover made news this March with the sale of his renowned restaurant Yamashiro. As reported in the Los Angeles Times: “A prime hillside plot in the Hollywood Hills featuring the landmark Yamashiro restaurant has been sold to a Beijing company for nearly $40 million, the latest in a wave of Chinese investments sweeping Los Angeles. The sale represents the first purchase in the United States for JE Group, a hotel operator known for refurbishing historic properties on its home turf. Kang Jianyi, chairman of JE, said there will be few changes to the site, except for sprucing up the aging buildings, including a small hotel, apartments, and the restaurant building—a replica of a palace near Kyoto, Japan. He vowed to keep open both the restaurant and the Hollywood Hills Hotel and Apartments, which has a mix of 43 units. The Yamashiro property, which drew interest from other international buyers, has been up for sale before. In 2007 more than 10 descendants of Thomas O. Glover, who bought the property for $150,000 in 1948, agreed to put it on the market along with the nearby Magic Castle, a private club for magicians they also owned.”

A nonprofit film by Ben Strang, The Sale, was created in support of the preservation of Yamashiro. Here’s the link to view it: https://vimeo.com/115088719. You’ll have a chance to see our Tom in this short film. I sent Tom a note asking if he cared to comment on the sale of Yamashiro, but he did not respond.

Gilesa and Carl Hoffman have moved from Germany to Australia as their retirement venue. Carl has been undergoing therapy for Parkinson’s. Any of us who’ve moved know all the problems entailed. They write of “moving our dog in which the Australian government required 19 (!) steps, with documents signed by a government approved vet. The poor little thing had to stay in quarantine for 10 days in Melbourne before flying to Brisbane.”

In the nick of deadline time, received an update from Jim Loofbourrow: “In my entrepreneurial years I worked around the clock cofounding and heading two manufacturing companies. Now, thanks to modern technology, I have a perfectly balanced, still-energizing work situation as part-time contract CFO for a rapidly growing multinational firm located in a nearby tech center. The company provides cloud-based technology to help companies manage their IT infrastructure more efficiently. Spend half days in the office but can work just as easily online from home or our Canadian Lake Huron cottage that’s been in the family four generations. Am 25 years older than several employees, more than twice — even thrice — as old as most. (Think Robert De Niro in The Intern.) Enjoy staying up to date on the latest management metrics and social media marketing techniques. Sherry and I celebrated our 53rd anniversary hiking the Wales countryside last summer and love having our 12 grandchildren (who also make sure we keep solidly grounded in 21st century perspectives) gathered at our 1920s Laguna Beach home or visiting them at their homes scattered from Shanghai to across the country. Am on the waiting list to receive a hydrogen-powered fuel cell car in September (a much-looked-forward-to-bucket list item). Having both confronted and survived serious health issues, we appreciate that life, just now, is good.” Sherry and Jim have the ability to look more handsome and younger as the years go by as you can see in the nearby picture taken during their trip last summer to the south of England and Wales.

And a comment about the other photo in the column: Nobody ever accused Jim Kaval of being a Republican.

I’ll be back in three months with more news, so please send me an email about what’s happening in your life. Stay well!

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Sherry and Jim Loofbourrow, ’63, during a visit to the British Isles.

Jim Kaval, ’63, Chelsea Clinton, and Paula Kaval in Cleveland.
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In March a massive total of three from our class attended the Half Century Club reunion on campus (matching the total from 2015). The events included a reception and dinner at the Schwab Residential Center on Thursday evening and a number of interesting “content” presentations on Friday morning. Tracy Storer and Pat McMahon (and their wives) joined me at these events. Dinner was enjoyable, with no long-winded speakers. We were informed that former Dean Arjay Miller had just celebrated his 100th birthday …

The main speaker the next morning was Prof. Jeffrey Pfeffer, who drew heavily from his 100th birthday presentation. He was a prolific and entertaining speaker, with stories about how he got into Stanford Business School in 1962. He had been a laughingstock because he had taken a year off before applying to business school. He had been rejected from all the top business schools in the country. He said, “I was a 28-year-old with never any vertigo, etc. Damn! Kids are fi ne, but the good news is that most of what we learn about leadership is wrong …”

At the Half Century Club reunion, we had a chance to network with our classmates and hear about their lives since graduation. Many of us have moved to retirement communities nearby and others have moved to other parts of the country. Some of our classmates have recently passed away, including Jim Sankey Anton (Tony) and Denise. We will miss him.

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Reunions
Several of us have launched into a second or third career as an author. Empowered by the marvelous capabilities and economics of technology — and with the entrepreneurial DNA that Ernie Arbuckle imported and the OSB of the 1960s incubated — we’ve sidestepped the lethargic convenience of traditional publishers and gone DIY. Each of us wrote something unique; we refined it; and then we self-published it. Here are four chapters in that story; maybe something will resonate with an idea you’ve had in mind for a while.

In February 2016 Steve Fairchild self-published The Silver Lining Betrayals, a novel set at the intersection of innovation, industrial legal espionage, and family dysfunction. He developed the manuscript over 10 years. “The first draft was 240K words, which I eventually cut to 85K, thanks to my wife’s thorough editing and comments from 15 beta readers.” He retained an independent copy editor to “give it a final scrub,” then hired Streetlight Graphics in Louisville to create a cover design and format the file for both print and Kindle. He set up distribution thru Amazon, which was “very easy to work with and seamless.” But Amazon is a distributor and does very little marketing. “I chose not to follow the traditional publishing option — querying agents and publishers, then waiting 2-plus years to see the book in print.”

For unknown authors, traditional publishing usually leads to “small advances, modest marketing efforts that generate limited royalties, and lost ownership of residual rights. I’m too old to wait an eternity!” So now he’s focused on generating reviews and word of mouth — thru social media and his website (www.fairchildslifediary.com). He’s also “developing case studies around executive coaching; family business; commercialization of innovation and technology; and intellectual property strategy.” And, of course, he’s at work on a sequel. Like most writers, Steve does everything else so he can write. Search on Amazon, The Silver Lining Betrayals; so far, reviews are all 4-star and 5-star, and some of them are unusually extensive.

“Sequels are difficult — much harder than the original,” says Harry Sheehy, who published his first novel, The People’s Cardinal, in 2014. “I had a clear outline in my head and produced a 20-page storyline in no time. The plot for the sequel, The People’s Church in Crisis, was not so clear, and I created parts of it as I went along. The third book in this trilogy, which I’m writing now, is taking more work than the other two put together. With a sequel, you must live with what you’ve already written. Each new book must be engaging, fresh, and stand on its own, but if you repeat too much from the first book, some in your reader base will lose interest in the sequel. It’s a balancing act — and a challenge. Some best-selling authors have a master plan; others create from scratch as they go.” Harry created The People’s Cardinal and The People’s Church in Crisis manuscripts using MS Word and self-published them thru CreateSpace, an Amazon subsidiary. CS offers an à la carte menu of services: editing and proofreading; formatting for print; cover design; ISBN registration, Kindle submission; and limited marketing copy for the book jacket and Amazon website. “Except for editing and proofreading, I signed up for everything and have been happy with the results. My wife, Carolyn, is a published editor, and together we handled all the editing and proofreading. It’s very important to have someone who is knowledgeable and impartial review and criticize your early output.” Simultaneous with his continuing work on the trilogy, Harry’s marketing activities include readings and presentations in the Chicago area and selective sampling to prompt Amazon reviews. And he’s developing a website. Search on Amazon to see The People’s Cardinal or the sequel, which he just published in February. To date over 80% of reviews are 4-star or 5-star.

In 2001, Pete Booth was the first among us to become a self-publishing author with Humble in Victory, a naval/military novel. He bootstrapped everything himself — writing, editing, and rough formatting — using Word, initially on an Apple II; later on a Mac. A local graphics shop took his PDFs and turned them into finished, printed books. He handles all marketing thru email and his website (peterbooth.com), prints-to-inventory, and fills the orders himself, most of them with signed copies. Over the years, he’s also written three nonfiction military books, which have been praised by his military colleagues and are used by various naval academies. His latest self-published work is Carolyn, Her Family and Friends, a private family history for his wife. After 15 years, Pete reports “6,000 happy readers and counting.”

I’m a third-generation publisher of vo-tech books who — over 50 years — has morphed into an editor, then an author. I started at age 10 as an order picker for a line of 300 outline maps at McKnight Publishing Co. In 1965 I returned to Bloomington, Ill., with a business plan developed in an independent study with Bob Katz. We sold the printing business to focus on publishing. Eighteen years later we sold the firm to Macmillan, and I spent five years as a consultant to CEO Jerry Kaplan at Macmillan and Simon & Schuster. In 1989 I took over a dozen 25-hour supervisory training courses for Associated General Contractors of America and thru 20 revisions (~12K pages), learned to be an editor and how to do page layout using PageMaker and Adobe’s InDesign. In the late 1990s, I licensed the right to do derivative “construction versions” of a line of generic, supervisory training books — and later, as an author, revised the generic version of their two best sellers (and was frequently schooled by a real editor). When AGC decided to take its supervisory program in-house, I continued to revise the two books I’d written and had one translated into Spanish. As all four of us have discovered, the powerful economics of digital printing have made short-run, self-publishing a viable and potentially prosperous solo venture. Out-of-pocket fixed cost is trivial. While marketing is totally DIY, distribution is a make-or-buy decision: print-on-demand thru Amazon or print-to-inventory and put up the order yourself. Steve and Harry use Amazon; Pete and I print-to-inventory and handle distribution personally. I can make a decent cross profit on a print run of only 150 units, so now I’m expanding the line by creating customized, branded versions of the generic edition for large contractors, trade associations, and labor unions. Since the overall construction industry hasn’t yet recovered from the 2008 recession, that’s where the market is.

I hope these brief case histories demonstrate the opportunity that self-publishing makes available to smart people who have 50-plus years of real world experience — and a worthwhile and/or entertaining story to tell. It can be a “viable and potentially prosperous solo venture” that’s challenging and invigorating. If you can create a manuscript, there is a decent menu of make-or-buy choices for everything that follows. For the four of us, it’s become an important part of our eighth decade lifestyle, and we recommend it for your consideration. Holler if you have something in mind that you’d like to talk about, and I’ll put you in touch with the vanguard.

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“Empowered by the marvelous capabilities and economics of technology — and with the entrepreneurial DNA that Ernie Arbuckle imported — we’ve sidestepped the lethargic convenience of traditional publishers and gone DIY.”

— Wil McKnight ’65
it was not a difficult decision to settle in South Africa for my ‘golden years’ ... climate is great, Johannesburg is a vibrant place to live, and the dollar goes a long way. I am still active as the nonexecutive director/advisor to a number of startups: alternative energy in SA and Namibia, offshore oil logistics in Nigeria, cassava flour mills in Nigeria, and I have spent some time on Seed projects (everyone should look at this initiative). Life is good.”

You may recall that Joel Smith, captain U.S. Navy (retired), was a naval carrier pilot when he was assigned to attend the GSB. Joel summarizes: “After active flight status, I had resource management tours with COMNAVAIRPAC in San Diego, CNET in Pensacola, and the Office of the Navy Comptroller in D.C. I finished as comptroller of the Naval Shipyard in Bremer- ton, Wash., and retired in 1985. Post retirement positions included business manager for school districts in Washington State until final retirement in 1998. Where does time go? Please give my best wishes to all.”

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Joe Kempston reports from Gig Harbor, Wash., “Years ago, back in 1971, I left the business world and gave the next 38 years to helping kids through a wonderful organization called Young Life. The 17 years in Monterey, Calif., were very special ones as I continued on the Young Life staff there. I’ve taken about 20 trips to the former Soviet Union countries on behalf of Young Life, doing some teaching and encouraging our indigenous staff in those countries.”

After residing in Savannah, Ga., for several decades, Kurt Faxon recently relocated to Raleigh, N.C. “My biggest activity for the last 20 years is as a golf rules official. I do the NCAA and SEC championships, several USGA tournaments, and other events around the country.”

We look forward to seeing Kurt at our reunion.

Walt Pitcher describes his latest book, On Shallowed Ground, as a fun collection of fiction and poetry. “People generally take themselves too seriously,” he says, “and I hope this book can help alleviate their self-imposed misery in a small way.” Walt retired as former CEO of several consumer-goods companies and currently serves on the board of Global Awakening, an international evangelical organization. Walt lives in Greensboro, N.C., with his wife, Carol, an artist.

From his home near Johannesburg, Tim Wood summarizes: “I spent most of my career with Citi and was the country officer for Citi in South Africa. I was also the managing partner of a private equity fund focusing on sub-Saharan Africa in which Citi was an investor. Not having lived in the U.S. since 1966 (a dozen or so assignments in at least that many countries with Citi) I enjoyed the warm hospitality and encouragement from my family in Colorado and Montana.”

Bob Joss (Calif.), our dean emeritus, received the Companion of the Order of Australia in a formal ceremony last April as pictured nearby. This is the highest nonmilitary award bestowed by the Australian government. Bob continues to be engaged at the GSB, teaching two sessions and generally being involved. Bob and his wife, Betty, live in Atherton but spend summers in Idaho and Christmas in Australia. Bob retired as dean about seven years ago but continues to sit on four or five outside boards, consult occasionally, and is especially disposed to work on/for NPOs. He has two kids and five grandkids that take up much delightful time. He is helping organize and will be at our 50th reunion.

Dennis Longwell (Fla.) is enjoying retired life with two kids and six grandkids, and still counting. They travel abroad every year: Prague and Budapest last year, France this year and 2014 as well. They spend spring in Virginia, summer in the Catskills, and long winters in Vero Beach, Fla. As a Harvard undergrad, Dennis tells of having a great 50th reunion in Cambridge, Mass., last year. A highlight I liked was when his class marched through a cordon of later classes while they all cheered and patted their backs. He described a great sense of good fellowship and belonging.

David Moore (N.C.) is still working at Certica Solutions Co., doing development work on educational technology for K–12 education. It is all about data alignment and content development and stuff I frankly don’t understand. He and Luly travel back to her homeland in Chile but mostly spend free time with their grandkids. Home is North Carolina.

Joe Ollivier (Calif.) reports he dumped his Can Am motorcycle on a curve at 60 mph while climbing out of Death Valley. He limped away and no doubt will go try again. For the last 10 years he has been writing short stories. They are posted on his website, Talesuntold.net. Some refer to his time at Stanford. It’s really worth a look.

Jim Peterson (Switz.) says: “For the 12th year in a row Ann and I had our four weeks of unstructured adventure in East Africa. This year we finally went Nile perch fishing in Lake Turkania. Safari Forever.”

Gary Proctor (Wash.) and Geri moved from Spokane to Olympia, Wash., two years ago to get away from brutal winters and be closer to kids and grandkids. They are in a large complex for active seniors and enjoy outdoor activities constantly, e.g., hiking, biking, and gardening. They continue to be very active in the United Methodist community and until recently performed mission work in El Salvador and Nicaragua (1988–2015).

Julian Reynolds (Aust.) writes: “All good here in Sydney. I keep in touch with Dick and Kaye Blaiklock (Aust.), and we are expecting a visit later this year from Dave and Catherine Jefferson (Calif.). Autumn is my favorite time in Sydney, but this year Prue and I will be heading to France to enjoy some long service leave and to catch up with family and friends.”

Jon Richards (Calif.) reports that on April 19 Bill Gomez (Calif.) led an enjoyable tour of the Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve: “He guided us through several distinct ecological sites where the wildflowers were abundant and varied. This is the third Class of 1967 tour of the preserve, and each has been a great learning experience and a great pleasure. The picture nearby gives a good look at how we all look these days.”

Ken Ross (Calif.) enjoys his weekly golf game that includes our old mate Elliot Terborgh (Calif.). See nearby photo, which was taken in April.

Jeff Rudner (NYC), veteran New Yorker, still does his UBS advisory thing part time. They live on Long Island but keep a place in Manhattan to give easy access to city life. He described a Trump rally (April) at Beth Page Gruman Studios as high entertainment for 12,000 (5,000 were turned away).
Jon Richards and John Wilde (Wis.) are co-chairing the 50th reunion core team along with classmates Tom Kelley (Calif.), Rick Stuckey (Ill.), and Bob Joss. The reunion will be in October 2017. You will get a call even if we have to track you down. Before or after we chat, consider joining the extended reunion team to help with outreach efforts and/or reunion activities. Everyone seems to be way past the bragging stage and loves real comrade and friendship. Frankly, we’re all pretty much at the same place now.

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I was greatly saddened to learn of the death of our classmate Bob Feakins on April 10, 2016. Prior to attending the GSB, Bob attended Princeton Univ. He had a successful career in finance at Northrop-Grumman for 12 years after receiving his MBA. He was deeply involved with personal computers early on as a hobby and left Northrop to found a successful computer software company featuring the software product he created, which is widely used in the commercial real estate market.

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ICA, the largest infrastructure and construction company in Mexico, appointed Alfonso Gonzalez Migoya to its board of directors. Alfonso is currently the nonexecutive chmn. of Volaris. He is also a member of the boards of Banregio Grupo Financiero, Bolsa Mexicana de Valores, Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey, FEMSA, Coca-Cola FEMSA, and NEMAK.

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Lou Preston escaped the financial community in 1972 and became a grape grower who subsequently was producing 30,000 cases of estate-bottled wines distributed throughout the country and overseas. Donor of the outstanding 2014 organic sauvignon blanc served at our 45th reunion dinner, Lou reports from the California wine country in the Dry Creek region near Healdsburg in northern Sonoma County: “I am writing here outside my normal comfort zone. I usually wear a promotional hat, projecting the business that I created 43 years ago. Not so much a business, actually, as an art form that incidentally grows and makes products for sale. You see, I started a vineyard and then a winery, which in recent years I have been busy expanding to allow a true farm to blossom. It’s been all about this piece of land that Susan, my wife of the same number of years, and I settled and looked to nurture our family.”
“Land is a relentless mistress. You must serve her in all ways that she needs. In the case of our Dry Creek Valley farm, there were also our antecedents—Italian family farms, a bootlegger, English pioneers, and Dutch opportunists—whose spirits we adopted and have come to serve as much as our own living seed. It is Susan who brought into our relationship real aunts and uncles and cousins; we created a blended family: her blood relatives and my ghosts.

“Preston Vineyards became Preston of Dry Creek, became Preston Farm and Winery. Note the common thread: It’s an expression of ego that is unique to this place we call home and to our personal preferences and style. Eschewing the sound reasoning I was imbued with at the biz school, we don’t make the fashionable wines, the prestigious wines, the chardonnays, the cabernets. No, we make wines we like and that we feel best reflect the traditions and culture of this community.

“Healdsburg was not chichi in the early days; wines were either red or white and often came in a jug. We’ve done the jug thing, too, and made a lot of friends along the way. Our new friends also enjoy the fresh organic vegetables we grow, the olive oil, hearth breads, pastured lamb, and eggs to go with those jugs and other wines we make.

“Learning to be a farmer brought with it a host of challenges and opportunities that we constantly dance with. As we tiptoed into the organic and biodynamic world at the turn of the millennium, we found ourselves immersed in issues of environmental compromise, food safety, food security and hunger, community inequities, health and nutrition. A farmer is no longer a hayseed with a one-word answer to life’s questions: ’ayup.’ She is an agent for change, for betterment and inclusion and respect. Now in our 70s, Susan and I are exploring how we can be a meaningful part of this movement.

“Peter Schroeder, our Stanford class instigator, has given me 500 words to tell you my life’s story and I’ve failed. I’m afraid you’re just going to have to come up to Healdsburg to visit me at our winery and farm to let me share with you the satisfactions and frustrations of farming, what it’s like to grow old with someone you love in a place you love. It’s paradise and punishment, palace and pandemonium.

“Class handshake, or high five? Put ‘er there.”

When I learned that Isaac Stein would be heading the search committee for the next president of Stanford, I asked him to write a few comments for our class, without giving away any secrets, about the search process.

“Peter Schroeder asked me to comment on the Presidential Search Committee process now that I can see it in the rearview mirror. Although I have been involved in corporate searches, the search process for the president of a university like Stanford is very different from that used in a corporate search, but it is an effective process. I learned that 16 years ago when I was a member of the committee that selected John Hennessy.

“The first difference is that you have a very large committee, in our case consisting of 19 members ranging from both an undergraduate and graduate student to a group of trustees and encompassing faculty from most of the seven schools and a staff member. This is important because the diversity of experience they all bring to the task ensures that the committee will understand the range and complexity of the skills and attributes a Stanford president needs to be successful.

“A second difference is that one of our first tasks was to talk to the leaders of our competitors. Although they want to compete with us for faculty, grants, and donors, they know that it is important to the field of higher education that Stanford finds a great leader. We also talked to many people around Stanford, both academic leaders and students, and through webinars and websites with our 200,000 alumni. Our committee was diverse by any measure, and with a lot of help we were able to build a large and diverse pool of prospects. Traveling in groups for 14 days, we met with over 100 people.

“When we were confident of our pool, we began the difficult process of narrowing down to a small group of finalists. This takes mutual trust, built up over 19 days of meetings, and a lot of research and reference checking. It is critical to maintain confidentiality at this stage as nobody would want to be seen as a candidate if we could not keep it confidential. At last we emerged with a unanimous recommendation to the board of trustees, which they accepted and made Marc Tessier-Lavigne the 11th president of Stanford. A Canadian by birth, educated mostly in Europe (including studying philosophy as a Rhodes Scholar), and a former faculty member at Stanford and UCSF, he was head of research at Genentech and then his current position as president of Rockefeller University. He will be a great leader for Stanford and brings a remarkable set of experiences and talents to the role. I am proud of the committee for their extraordinary effort in this unique process.”

An interview with Isaac by Stanford magazine regarding the search process can be found in the January/February 2016 issue at https://alumni.stanford.edu/get/page/magazine/article/?article_id=83025.

A special honor was bestowed recently on Bob Scott, who received the 2015 John W. Gardner Volunteer Leadership Award for exceptional volunteer service to the school spanning more than 20 years. Congratulations, Bob.
As a prelude to our 45th reunion October 14–16, you responded to my April request with an avalanche of updates. Really pleased to learn that many of you are planning on joining us in October. Facing editing the 45 responses to date into the 1,400-word limit on these columns (for the math challenged, that works out to about 30 words per person from responses often hundreds of words long), I acknowledged the reality that I could not do justice to your most interesting lives and careers.

So far responses have been received from Jay Abbe, Joe Abramoff, Ted Allrich, Daniel Baumgarten, Bill Bethke, Terry Cloudman, Pete Crosby, Brian Cullen, Larry Evans, Rick Ferrell, Will Glueck, Bob Greer, Leo Hindery, Leo Guzman, Tom Kelley, Stan Kruszewski, Dan Larson, Bill Laughlin, Bill Leighty, Eric Levenson, Ted Levy, Bob McCaskill, Bill Moon, Allen Moore, Frank Morrow, Dick Moser, Howard Palefsky, Tom Penn, Bill Poland, Jake Rohrer, Denny Roja, Ned Rowe, Miles Schlosberg, Jim Seagrim, Chuck Shaw, Martin Smith, Mike Smith, Derek Stone, Ron Taylor, Garrett Vogel, John Volckmann, Ron Walker, Thomas Willers, Dick Wolcott, Tim Wollaeger, and Ken Woolley.

For those who may not have kept up with all the updates sent to our classmates, they are available on the discussions site at the GSB website. Following is how you would access them per the GSB. You may be asked to enter your username and password during the process. If you do not know either, the webpage will instruct you how to obtain them. I would suggest you make a copy of the following for future reference.

Bob and Lacey Greer, ’71, will be celebrating 48 years of marriage this year.

Dick Wolcott, ’71, pushes his motorcycle around a track near his New York home last June.

Russ Burbank, ’71, on his 35-day, walking pilgrimage on Shikoku Island, Japan, got “enlightened” in April while visiting 88 temples and countless Samurai watering holes.
A Class of ’72 minireunion was held at the Stanford Inn when Mads Ovlisen was on his annual visit to the U.S. from Denmark.
Porsche convertible with a six-speed stick: “the most fun I can have with my clothes on!”

Zen and the art of motorcycle maintenance dept.: And speaking of high performance fun, **Bob Clarke** shares a quick tale of how, during a trip to New York last October, one Sam Abernethy cost him $7.40 + $2,800:

"10:40 a.m.: Working in pinstripes on Wall Street—call from Sam
11:10: $7.40 senior discount MetroNorth ticket to Stamford (Conn., and yes it’s spelled correctly)
1:00 p.m.: Twin Ducati twisty-road ride between rock walls
Following day back in Colorado: $2,800 bought the identical vintage Ducati ST3I."

At this writing, **Bob** was planning to get even by inviting Sam to join him in June for a ride through the Rockies. Bob also owns a ’74 Norton that he and wife Annie rode 18,042 miles from Palo Alto to Tierra del Fuego. The Zen aspect of all this for your secy. is that, unbeknownst to Bob, the aforementioned Mr. Abernethy is a close colleague of your secy. through the Business Law Section of the New York State Bar Assn.; in fact, in 2014 and 2015 we were the first and second recipients of an annual award for distinguished service to the New York business bar.

**Bob** ventured east from mellow Colorado on behalf of Alpen, the company he founded in Colorado in 1981, to “check on new super insulating architectural glass installed in the New York Stock Exchange. I’m still working full time on a never-ending mission to incorporate thin-film coatings between two standard window panes to take insulating R-2 performance up as high as R-20.” Alpen is also putting the finishing touches on the Empire State Building’s 6,514 windows: “With a small factory on the fifth floor, we removed, cleaned, and replaced all double glass with a vacuum-coated, crystal-clear film midway between the two panes. An $18M deposition chamber had applied an atomically thin layer on the film, directionally ‘tuned’ to enhance northern daylight and southern solar-heat rejection, then bathed in krypton gas to lower conductivity.” Bob adds that the Class of ’72 discount will apply if you happen to break one.

Horsy set dept.: **Bob Wolfe** and wife Barbara, ’73, divide their time between Wellington, Fla., where Bob manages the Florida Rowing Center, and summers on their farm in New Jersey: “Months of discipline, dedication, and determination ended well, as Zodiak won a regional championship, and Ebony placed fourth in the national finals, at their respective levels.” Zodiak and Ebony benefited from the able guiding hand of Barbara, an expert dressage rider with numerous awards.

**Bob** continues to run Picus Assocs., which provides consulting services focused on land use and sustainable real estate development in New Jersey, and serves as treas. of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, the state leader in land preservation. Picus, which Bob founded in 1993, has been involved in a variety of significant real estate projects, most recently the award-winning Princeton Forrestal Center for Princeton Univ.

Wanderlust dept.: As he writes this on the Amalfi coast of Italy, it occurs to your secy. that a recurring theme emerges from the reports of our class: checking more places off the bucket list. Thus, **Gaston Chan** reports visiting “places I haven’t been”: Brazil, Argentina, Antarctica, and Patagonia in February; Russia, Scandinavia, Greenland, and Iceland in the (northern) summer; **Bob and Barbara Wolfe** to Alaska and Prague; **Steve** and **Cathy McLin** on the Danube and in Eastern Europe, noting the proliferation of Syrian refugee camps. But as always, **Paul** and **Vicki Terhorst** have us all beat: Burma in November; Christmas in Phnom Penh and Bangkok (“Disconcerting to hear ‘Frosty the Snowman’ in hot, humid Bangkok.”); Arme- nia and Georgia, where they climbed the Great Wall of Georgia, never breached in hundreds of years of attacks by Turks, Persians, Russians, et al. “We have to climb nearly everywhere here, I’m glad we’re still able to do it.” (Another theme there, methinks.)

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**Today I will lead with a rare customer review, Ted Hall created a restaurant a few years ago in St. Helena, Farmstead at Long Meadow Ranch. The farm-to-table cuisine features many organic things from the Long Meadow farm: vegetables, eggs, olive oil, wines, honey, and meats. Seating is family style and family friendly and live music is present Friday nights. How is it doing? This from our daughter, who managed to get a rare Friday reservation: “We had an awesome dinner at Farmstead at Long Meadow Ranch last night. It is a great place and sooo popular. Live music on Friday nights made it the spot to go for the after-work crowd as well as families with young kids. Literally a hot spot. Food and drinks were excellent.” She raved about appetizers, entrees, and dessert, quality and inventiveness, excellent service.**

**Lunch with Jim Jorgensen is usually good for some class news copy, He was giving a talk to some students and planned to mention Billie Jean King, so he asked for a show of hands from those who knew of her. The only hands were those of professors of a certain age. A major sports star for many years, primary force behind Title IX, founder of Women’s Sports Foundation but not enough for share of mind two generations later.**

**Another Jim story that will reveal your age. Think about the state of your mind as this unfolds. Jim noted that file folders were running low, figured there was an office supply store nearby and asked his admin to get some. “Do we need them today?” No, still have some available. “Do we need them tomorrow or will two days be okay?” Two days is fine. At this point the admin punched up her smart phone and said they are ordered. Amazon Prime, free delivery. No be honest with me, was your first thought Staples or Office Depot, or was it Amazon like the younger-than-Jim admin?**

News and a photo from **Randy Whitchurch.** He thinks his last post to me was about getting the bongs in Hawaii with a fire in the evac plane with him inside. Since I don’t have a firm memory of my lunch yesterday, I won’t dispute him. His daughter recently married and, “The really fun part is that she married a Cuban citizen and the wedding was in Cuba.” Specifically, “in a beautiful colonial town roughly five hours by car east of Havana. So pulling off a wedding in Cuba isn’t quite like doing it in Chicago or San Francisco. Many of the things you need for a wedding and the reception other than the obligatory roasted pig, rum, and the notario (yes, the legal weddings in Cuba are secular) are not easily available. The groom and his friends leaned on the black market for gin, vodka, wine, and I hauled down lots of decorations for the reception in two huge suitcases on a November supply run to Havana.”

“One other thing about Cuba is that it is a cash economy—no credit cards. Fortunately, there is no limit of the amount of cash you can legally bring into the country. The really fun part was going to the bank and exchanging my euros for Cuban pesos. ‘How much would you like to exchange, señor?’ ‘Uh, how about 25,000?’ I really thought she was going to fall off her stool. FYI, 25,000 euros-worth of Cuban 100 peso notes is about 3 inches thick. So now I’m walking out of the bank in central Havana with a wad of local currency strapped to my belly and no armed guard. Never fear, I did not get rolled — but I kept my eyes wide open.”

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Randy Whitchurch and Sara Moore, both ’73, share a glass of Cuban rum while in Cuba for the celebration of Randy’s daughter’s wedding.
Thanks to a friendship between Randy’s daughter and a granddaughter of Sara Moore, Randy and Sara got to share a glass of great Cuban rum (see photo). Since the Bank of Dad will be helping bride and groom start a music and arts club in Havana, Randy will be emerging from retirement as an entrepreneur and delving into the mysterious process of starting a business in Cuba. Film at 11.

One of the many benefits of being a grandparent is learning new things. I heard our oldest granddaughter, age 5, softly singing this tune:

The birds are singing
The sky is bright
The sun is shining
I feel all right.

I recommend this mantra to start the day or whenever you feel low. Some deep breathing will add to the effect.

**Barbara Wolfe** sent me news at the end of last year. “2015 was a good year, continuing the rhythms ... of this phase of our lives ... winters in Wellington, Fla., and summers on the farm in New Jersey and traveling ... the inner passages of Alaska and a fall trip to Prague.” My heritage is from that region of Bohemia, but I have yet to visit it, putting it on my bucket list thanks to Barbara. “We hope that an intelligent electorate will choose leaders to steer the country wisely.”

I recall a response by Adlai Stevenson to a cry from the crowd that every intelligent voter should back him. “That’s not enough; I need a majority.”

**Ellen** and Wally Murfit news of a new granddaughter, “Absolutely gorgeous and a treasure.” Ellen entered retirement but was being tempted “to come out of the bull pen” for a former client. Wally noted some golf and ski trips plus vintage car outings. They headed to Europe, picked up a new Porsche, and drove it through many countries. Wally also noted the sad passing of a relative, “A reminder to us all that life is finite, and we should hold our families and friends close.” Amen to that. I am now old enough that all my aunts and uncles have reached the end of their days, very sad news. 

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**Bill Younger** sent a photo with Gary Steele from their sailing trip through the British Virgin Islands. “Still good friends after 10 days together.” Nice backdrop.

**Sandy Miller** has been named to the New York Times and CB Insights List of the Top 100 venture capitalists. Sandy “joined IVP as a managing director and general partner in April 2006. He has more than 35 years of venture capital and technology investment banking experience and has served on over 25 public, private, and philanthropic boards. [He] has led investment in AddThis, Carbonite, Care.com, Constant Contact, Data Domain, Datalogix, FleetMatics, Merchant e-Solutions, SoFi,” and many more. Sandy was a co-founder of Thomas Weisel Partners and a managing director at Montgomery Securities, Merrill Lynch, and DLJ as well as a strategy consultant at Bain.

**Shazad Contractor** has served as COO for J&J Acoustics Inc. since April 2003. J&J, founded in 1977 and located in Santa Clara, is a specialty contractor service business focused on light gauge metal framing, drywall, taping, lath and plaster, acoustic ceilings, wall panels, and specialty ceilings.

I’m sad to share that Yves Delacour passed away in Paris a few months after our 40th reunion. My thanks to Jean-Michel Loubic-Duprat for sending me a note to share this information. “No more meeting for a movie and dinner on Friday nights, as Yves and I did regularly ever since we left the GSB.” Yves served in multiple senior executive positions for Interna-
tional Data Corporation from 1978 to 1991. His final position at IDC was as VP of finance and production as well as CFO, moving to Synopsys as SVP and CFO in 1991. In 1997 he became the EVP of NetDynamics and then joined Technology Crossover Ventures as a partner in 2000.

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to spend two weeks working with Mercy Corps. Being awake for 41 hours, arriving at 4 a.m., and then teaching for the next three days definitely tested my stamina!

Sending each of you my warmest regards from the Pacific Northwest where it’s finally stopped raining ... **Gudrun**.

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**REUNION: OCT. 14–16, 2016**

Right out of the box, “I want to encourage each of you to join a bunch of our classmates and me this fall, October 14–16, for fabulous fun and hazy recollections. Looking back 40 years—we all met and actively participated in two intense years at the GSB. I, for one, had a good bit of fun along the way. The Giant what? Now it’s time to reconnect to see what we’ve all been up to when not plying the trades for which we were educated ... parents, grandparents, photographers, artists, authors, adventurers, teachers, volunteers, and much more. Let’s get together to shatter the previous GSB-wide 40th reunion attendance record as well as our own at our 35th. This is one instance where the more is merrier!”

I’d like to claim those encouraging and enticing words as my own, but alas I can’t. **Brenda Sussna** said if I didn’t print ‘em I’d get a pie in the face come October. Just kidding about the pie thing. A true blast from the past—remember that softball team Brenda led, with that great uniform ... “When better men are made, Smith women will make them”? Well times have certainly changed. My daughter, Libby, PU ’03, suggests it should now say ... Princeton women will make them.” How times have really changed.

**Tom Owen** dropped me a line mostly about titanium, and other, “So that’s what it means to have been born in the first half of the last century” experiences. Hint: Hang gliding the Swiss Alps wasn’t one of them. His paraphrased quote, It seems as if the physical and metaphysical (as in highly abstract or abstruse) are more the topics of conversation as we [Sec.: graciously] age, comparing notes and what not. I do hope Tom is able to join us this fall; I have much to compare with him.

**Seth Fearey** gets my vote for class adventurer, but read further below. Our class seems to have its fair share of adventurers. Seth’s been places and done things I likely could never do. To wit, he writes: “I have accepted a position to become the official ‘coordinator’ of the MBA program at the American University of Central Asia. The program has been limping, nearly canceled earlier this year, but I managed to get it off the chopping block. Now it’s up to me to turn it around. I am still trying to figure out how to teach; it’s a really hard job. I taught undergraduates Introduction to Business earlier this year; now I teach entrepreneurship to the MBAs. On the side, I am supporting the creation of a
hotel association and development of a professional development training program for hotel managers. Makes me feel a bit like I am back in Silicon Valley working with business leaders on industry clusters." He sent a subsequent note adding, “I was thinking this morning that it would be fun to have a session at the reunion about making the career transition to teaching.”

Seth also passed along news from Koichiro Fukui that the Kyushu earthquake didn’t have a great affect on them. Fukui writes: “People suffer in Kumamoto, Kyushu. This earthquake is a strange one; the earth is still trembling several days after the initial attack. Experts say this kind of earthquake occurs every thousands of years in this region.”

So Willis Newton may be class adventurer No. 2. He can’t make our 40th ... because he’ll be on a Stanford trip — overland from Istanbul to Beijing along the Silk Route (backwards?). Willis, I ask, are you crazy? Our 1-night Istanbul visit was sandwiched between two bombings ... then you are doing what? Before he departs, he will see Peter Pratt at their Dartmouth 45th reunion in June. He retired nearly two years ago — consulting a little, traveling regularly, some golf, and a good bit of volunteering. He sits on the Larkin Street Youth Services board, which is trying to make a permanent difference in the lives of homeless young people.

But wait — word from Charlie Shalvoy. To Willis he wrote: “Sounds like you’ve been ‘triple teamed’ by me, Brenda, and Charlie for our 40th reunion — and your answer is still no! Seriously, we’re sorry you can’t join us but agree that we all need to do our traveling now while we’re still relatively ‘young and mobile.’”

I spoke too soon ... George Baral may get a vote or two as well. His recent travels included trips to Medellin, Colombia, toward the end of last year. He contacted a couple of Stanford MBAs for a little local grounding (GSB chapter in Bogota, too few alums in Medellin). He visited Larry Kaplan on the way down and back. Larry has moved to Boca Raton, now enjoying a great residential brokerage business. George’s travels weren’t over — he spent a month in the Philippines and Thailand in December/January.

Renita Esayian always has a way with words, a few words this time, “Not ignoring you, but nothing to report.” Seems everyone’s talking Turkey these days; she’s been to Turkey three times, “all enjoyable, varied, and interesting.”

I had a wonderful conversation with Cherrie Nanninga the other day. She had just returned from a few months in South Beach: “So great to be away for the New York winter,” she said. She took 18 golf lessons — all she can say is, “I should have taken it up earlier in my life [Sec.: Of course, could’a told you so myself], but I hope at some point to actually enjoy the frustration of it [Sec.: Good luck with that one].” She is back in New York, ensconced in the great life of the city. “In early April, Gray Olliver and wife Diane visited; we had a fabulous time.” As I pen this column, Cherrie is heading to dinner with Renita Esayian and Gretchen Carey in Philadelphia. She poignantly writes, “I am adjusting to semi-retirement and life without Reno.” We’ll all see Cherrie in October, and she hopes we have all made or are making our reservations at the Westin near campus by the time we see this in print.

Not much on the Scribler’s (sic) end to report except maybe ... Libby got married, and we recently returned from Istanbul. Our “friends and family” Viking Sea shakedown cruise was magnificent. “Superb Ship, Excellent Crew” as my Cruise Critic review is titled. More on the nuptials and the cruise when Joani and I see you in October. However, coincidences of coincidences, we set sail on the new Viking Sea just after the 30th anniversary of our first cruise — on the Royal Viking Sea — with Gretchen and Marshall Milligan. By the way, Gretchen and Marshall are adventurers extraordinaire — Antarctica? But the best one? Aboard a sailboat near Somali pirate waters? Stanford tour, I think, which had to be rerouted. Never fear — both reported the boat’s Uzi-armed guards were quite personable. And I worried about Istanbul!

That’s about it. Please make your plans to join Joani and me and a bazillion others this fall to celebrate our 40th GSB reunion.

All the best and thanks for writing.

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Seth Fearey, ‘76, (right) and MBA students and staff members at American University of Central Asia.
Beginning with the 2015–16 academic year, Stuart Weiss is teaching at the Univ. of Portland — accounting at the undergrad level and business valuation for grad students. Although he’s been focusing on content, he’s finding that the job comes with a number of distractions — taking attendance, pop quizzes, cell phones. It seems that all students are not the riveted scholars we were. Stuart’s elder daughter, Jackie, Stanford ’08, has finished her internal medicine residency at Mass General and is now a healthcare consultant at BCG. Daughter two, Julia, is a mortgage lender in Portland, while his twins are sophomores at Stanford and Univ. of Washington. Stuart continues his busy valuation practice, and his wife, Marcia, has entered a hot Portland real estate market as an agent after 30 years as a stay-at-home mom.

Ace Frank got March Madness going as this one-course “graduate” of Villanova showed hometown pride in the Wildcats’ climb into the final brackets. Then he was rewarded by one of the greatest two-shot finishes in the tournament’s history. Joining in the celebration from Wildcat Country was Brook McCann, a longtime Philadelphia resident, now retired. During the summer of ’15 the McCann family went on a Stanford family vacation to Turkey and Greece, taking them from Istanbul to Troy, Ephesus, Rhodes, Santorini, and Athens. According to Brook, “All extremely interesting and educational, especially with some of their current economic/political problems.” Brook had visited many of these places in the summer of 1975 just before we started the GSB and now was able to share them with his family. Brook says he speaks fairly often with Raza Dean in Cambridge, Mass., where he is also retired, and occasionally with Rick Sager in San Diego, who had a fun trip to Southeast Asia recently and sent Brook the first postcard he’d ever received from Cambodia.

As I was about to complete this column, I got a long note from Marty Molloy discussing the activities of his retirement, which he refers to as his “endless weekends.” He covered many of the issues those of our generation have or will be facing. Favorites are Wednesday lunches and Thursday wine and cheese lectures at Stanford’s Archaeology Center. Check with Matt for the full narrative.

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years now Marty has tracked his own serious medical issue, now fortunately rated indolent (inactive), as the Stanford Medical Library and its research librarians have proved more informative than his oncologist. A final issue many of us will face, or are facing, is managing the care of an elderly relative, in this case his sister in the early stages of dementia and 3,000 miles away. Those days at the Archaeology Center must be truly treasured.

Hank Hoell has retired from 30 years in the banking industry but continues to maintain an active presence in the business world and Eugene, Ore., nonprofits. Earlier this decade Hank served on the boards of the United Way of Lane County co-chairing the Financial Stability Partnership, the Shedd Institute for the Arts in Eugene, and the High Desert Museum in Bend, Ore. He also continues to serve as a trustee to the ESOP for Shelton Turnbull Printers in Eugene. This year, following convictions established through his work with the United Way, which brought him new insights particularly into the difficult lives of unmarried teen mothers, Hank joined the board of directors of Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon. He maintains Stanford connections, too, as he is a member of the admissions office evaluative interview team and is a co-founder and treasurer of the Stanford Club of Eugene.

Pierre Larroque left Riyadh two years ago but still advises his old firm, Jadwa Investment, on investments he had worked on while in Saudi Arabia for six years. He thus keeps abreast of the evolution of the oil industry there and its impact on the global scene. He also continues to advise on mining investments, in particular in South America. Spending a good part of the year in Bethesda, Pierre, a U.S. citizen for some time now, has become a passionate student of colonial U.S. history, particularly the era of the Founding Fathers and the corresponding development of American ideals. This activity has now been enhanced through his finding a group of kindred spirits in the American Friends of Lafayette. But more than anything else, he plans — and enjoys with Debbie — discovery trips all over Europe from their house in the French Basque Country, where they spend the summer.

Ravi Bugga and his wife, Mariko, are taking full advantage of their retirement to the island of Maui, where they are building a new home. Since June 2015, much of their time has been spent in travel as they made a trip to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks for a family wedding and then in September headed to Portland and Crater Lake National Park in Oregon. October found them heading for a month to Singapore, Sri Lanka, and Japan. When at home, they welcome guests and started the year hosting a January visit from Jane Robichek Jacobs. Then for February, Ravi invited the GSB group who hiked Grand Canyon together last year to come out and hike Haleakala National Park — and we went. For a week Benito and Rosa Almanza, Steve and Tomoko Werbe, Clint and Degeria Stevenson, Keiko De Lille, Hal and Linda Nystrom, and Marilyn and I joined Ravi and Mariko for a week of hiking, snorkeling, whale watching, wine tasting, and sampling of the island’s finest cuisine. At a wine tasting, the ‘pourer’ saw Clint’s Stanford Biz T-shirt and didn’t charge our group for samples past the allowed three. It pays to have gone to the GSB. A great time and great company.

As the last column was being submitted, Matt Griffin disclosed that he and his wife, Evelyn Rozner, ’78, were heading for another cycling adventure, this time attacking a route through Colombia from Bogotá to Medellín to Cartagena. Well, they made it. Their philoso-phy: “Traveling fancy-free with a loose itinerary almost always ensures adventure. Uh-huh.” The three emails I received from the road told the tale (or was that toll?) of 5,000- and 6,000-ft. climbs to Andes plateaus, with long drops into hot, steamy lowlands moving them from alpine temps to 80 degrees in the shade. The narrative told of riding through Medellín the morning after that city’s futbol team won their “super bowl” and of riding in full sun when it was 100 degrees in the shade. All in all a story of the risks of holiday travel in an unfamiliar land, things open, things closed, great fortune, bad luck, sports teams, and the vagaries of internet reservations. Check with Matt for the full narrative.

As for me, I have been elected to my first board, this one at the Rockfish Valley Community Center. But as I reveled in attaining this position, they handed me a post-hole digger and a hoe for mixing concrete and told me to show up Monday to help erect a new picnic shelter. They really meant it when they said it was a hands-on board. And if you run into me this fall and see the hair more than a little shaggy and the beard quite long, know that I’m looking forward to being Santa for Charlottesville’s Toy Lift charity for the second year. With my red shirts and
black slacks, throughout December it’s a big hit with kids and their families in local stores and restaurants. Your grandkids would love it too.

Now, if you haven’t already made plans for Labor Day and would enjoy spending some time with many of your classmates in the woods of New Hampshire, contact Phil Steele or me and sign up for Waukeela 2016. There’s still plenty of time — and room.

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I asked for photos this time, so that’s pretty much what I got. You’ll see Jennifer Arthur’s photo from her Paris and Rome trip last fall. Then there’s Jeff Grubb and his good-looking salmon. He writes: “I really love fishing. I was fly-fishing in Alaska, September 2015, and caught a nice silver salmon.”

Yasu Tsuchiya writes: “After working for GE for more than 25 years (as representative director for GE Japan for more than 10 years), I retired in 2010. Since then I have been working for Permira, a Europe-based equity fund, as senior advisor. In addition, I have been an outside board member of TSE-listed companies such as Santen Pharmaceuticals. I have also been traveling both in and outside of Japan with my wife, Hiroko. The photo shows us at a traditional Japanese hotel (Ryokan) in Kyoto.”

And then there’s Stu Berman, who writes: “After 11 years of following our son Noah to fencing tournaments around the world, it was finally time for him to hang it up upon completion of his 2015 NCAA season. Noah graduated from Brandeis in May of 2015 and now works for Reebok doing marketing analytics. In the photo June and I are pictured with Noah on March 8, 2015, at the NCAA Northeast Regional Championships at New York University. I really miss the years of traveling to fencing tournaments and my Premier Gold status on United Airlines.”

A press release announced that Jim Kennedy has been appointed an independent director to the board United Continental Holdings Inc. Jim is former pres. and CEO of T. Rowe Price Group Inc. During his tenure T. Rowe more than doubled its assets under his management, which increased from $335B at the end of 2006 to $763B as of Dec. 31, 2015. Jim started at T. Rowe in 1978 and has been a director since 1987. He is also a recipient of the GSB Excellence in Leadership Award.

I also learned that Steve and Roberta Denning have made a gift to establish Denning House, which will serve as the convening hub for the Knight–Hennessy Scholars. Each year the Knight–Hennessy Scholars Program will identify a group of 100 high-achieving students from around the world who have demonstrated leadership and civic commitment to receive full funding to pursue a wide-ranging graduate education at Stanford, with the goal of developing a new generation of global leaders. The Knight–
Hennessy Scholars is the largest fully endowed scholars program in the world. The first scholars will arrive in fall 2018.

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79  Val Alston sends the announcement of her joining the Buckhead (Atlanta) office of Harry Norman Realtors as a realtor, bringing her years of experience in real estate construction management, leasing, and corporate finance, saying: “I’m now in R/E and loving it. Through Christie’s International I can refer anyone to any city on the globe.” In other exciting news, she’s a new grandmother — her grandson is in Menlo Park.

Jim Bachta sends this summary of what’s up with him: “After graduation I spent 26 years at Hewlett-Packard in various positions in the customer support organization. Upon retirement in 2005, I studied for five years to be ordained as a permanent Catholic deacon in 2011. I serve at St. Patrick Parish in Colorado Springs, where Bonnie and I have lived since 1995. As a deacon I lead several ministries including the Colorado State Respect Life Office for the Knights of Columbus and the St. Patrick’s Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and I perform regular liturgical duties (conducting baptisms, marriages, funerals, etc.), conduct outreach activities (visiting the needy, sick, and homebound), and teach adult and youth catechetical formation programs. Bonnie and I (married 37 years) have two sons: Dave is a Marine helicopter test pilot living in Florida with his wife and three children; Matt is single and works in the North Dakota oilfields for Halliburton.”

Stuart Brown checks in: “I’d like to say hello to the class and apologize for not making it to the most recent reunion. My family continues to enjoy life in Boston. My engineering consulting firm, Veryst Engineering, continues to grow by supporting firms using computer simulation and nonlinear modeling. My wife continues her work as division head and director of training in child and adolescent psychiatry at Cambridge Hospital and the Harvard Medical System. My tender age while at the GSB means that retirement remains a few years off — so I’ll just have to enjoy it vicariously through my classmates. I would love to connect with anyone passing through Boston. All the best.”

Hugh MacDiarmid writes: My major family update is having two grandsons, Jasper (1) and Finlay (3). A great experience in life. My professional news is that I am chairman of Terrestrial Energy Inc., a Canadian company developing a next-generation nuclear power plant based on molten salt reactor technology. We are well launched on our quest to bring to market a nuclear energy solution that meets society’s need for safe, emission-free, and proliferation-resistant energy while also meeting the commercial imperative of being very low cost and low risk to build and operate ... I am excited about being part of something that is truly ground-breaking!

This in from Bob Mayer: “All is well in the Mayer household. The big picture is that as soon as I quit banking and switched to real estate development (my goal on my GSB application), I started to do really well. Now I own a number of apartment buildings in San Francisco that I have repositioned so I pretty much run my life however I want. I am VP of the S.F. Apartment Association, so I am somewhat involved in San Francisco politics, which are absolutely insane. Lisa and I have two sons, both are in real estate. Drew, the younger, majored in architecture at Lehigh and now works for me. Things are moving forward a lot faster with his assistance. Reid is an analyst for a San Francisco real estate investment and brokerage company. Lisa and I travel frequently. We trekked to Mount Everest in 2011, have gone scuba diving in Raja Ampat near New Guinea, and visited Tahiti, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, and Ethiopia. On the mental disease front, Reid and I began building an experimental airplane in 2009 — it’s nearly done. Since then I have earned my private pilot certificate and am now working on an instrument rating, but I realized that at the pace I was going I would never really learn to fly well. So I bought a high-performance Columbia 400 and have been enjoying the challenge and practicality of flying around the West. Next destination: Alaska.”

Kirk Monteverde founded QuantifyRisk.com in Philadelphia in 2005. With over 15 years of hands-on statistical credit modeling and model validation experience, he consults on assessment and management of credit model risk from a corporate vantage point. He has partnered with dozens of banks and capital market securitization sponsors to design and statistically evaluate the performance of “private” (credit-tested) loans to graduate and undergraduate student populations in the U.S. In 2002–2005 he served as managing director at Montrose & Co., a Bank of America structured-
lease affiliate in Reno, Nev., where, among other duties, he modeled the Basel II capital exposure of the bank’s “big ticket” (e.g., aircraft and rail) portfolios. Before that he worked with other financial institutions and taught management and information systems at St. Joseph’s Univ. in Philadelphia — all after getting his PhD at the GSB in business economics.

Craig Schuler retired from Lockheed in December. He reports that “things are good,” and his wife, Rosanna, is “going strong delivering babies and serving as president of the California Association of Midwives.”

Speaking of babies, ever more of us are joining the grandparents club — in addition to Val Alston and Hugh MacDiarmid, your editor enrolled by welcoming son Mason’s firstborn, Rose Alexandra Kaye, in Los Angeles in March.

Jane Wong writes: “I retired about seven years ago [from UC–Santa Cruz, after 12 years as principal budget analyst]. I live in Capitola and keep busy doing old lady things like painting doggie portraits — a whole lot more fun than financial statements.” She attached a stunning dog portrait, which confirms her talent.

Richard McCombs celebrated his 70th birthday in style in April in Marin. Brian Burwell, Don Maruska, and Ned Trairn joined in the toast and roast — sharing stories from Section 5, Negotiations class, and other memories. Richard appeared on route from his travels between London and China as CEO of MBA Poly. Mers. The company’s board recently called him back into service as CEO to guide the business’s worldwide recycling technology for high-value electronic components.

Rich Zavoluk responded to our request for information: “I am one of your ‘under-reporters,’ and at 65 am still struggling with the admonitions of the Dominican nuns not to brag, but here goes: Mary Ellen and I just closed on our purchase of a condominium home in Frisco, Colo., about 15 minutes from Copper Mountain, Keystone, Breckinridge, and Arapahoe Basin, less than 30 minutes from Vail (mea culpa), and on Lake Dillon. After spending two weeks in Colorado last summer, hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park and rafting on the Colorado River, the adage ‘they come for the skiing but stay for the summer’ took hold. Our older son, Greg, is finishing his first year at the MBA program of the Leeds School, University of Colorado, Boulder, and I have signed my last 1-year contract with Keio Academy of New York, the Japanese bilingual boarding school where I have been teaching science for the past 10 years. So I will be gainfully retired as of June 2017. Last summer Mary Ellen and I spent two weeks in South Africa and Botswana. The game safaris were unbelievable and the Okavango Delta is magical. Our younger son, Alex, continues to thrive at his ‘big data’ consulting firm in Austin, Texas, and swears he is using his U. Chicago math degree to keep Dell Computing afloat. We will continue to reside in Connecticut (with our mayor, David Martin) for at least a few more years. We are blessed to have such good fortune. Thank you for the opportunity to share our life with all of you.”

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Aloha from Hawaiiland. Some interesting news to report this issue!

Top of the News: I blew it last column by not mentioning one of the most momentous occasions at our recent 35th reunion: Phil Jonckheer was honored with the John W. Gardner Volunteer Leadership Award, which honors exceptional volunteer service to the GSB spanning 20 years or more. Phil, along with just four others from various classes spanning over a 50-year period, received this honor during the Saturday reunion program. Phil has been a tireless volunteer leader for our class — always leading a project, motivating others to get involved, and making the critical phone call, which makes things happen. Congratulations, Phil!

Project Redwood Update: It seems like just yesterday, but it’s been 10 years since our class launched Project Redwood. Such a milestone deserves a mention and calls for an update on all that’s been happening. Showing our resilience (and even proving we get better with age), Project Redwood is stronger than ever and pursuing a new set of bold aspirations that have been named the Pathway to 2020.

Check out www.projectredwood.org for a complete update as well as fascinating blogs about our classmates. Read about why Tom Rackerby is snuggling up to an orangutan, Gerald Thomas is wearing a biking helmet sprouting wires, and how fried pork rinds stimulated an epiphany for Ken Inadomi. Learn how Scott Lochridge helped grow a business, one English muffin at a time, and how Dave Power is applying his MBA and financial world skills as president of Perkins School for the Blind.

Beyond staying connected (and discovering the fun facts about each other), the serious side of Project Redwood continues to progress. Read about recently implemented changes to the operating model intended to make Project Redwood’s efforts to mitigate extreme poverty more impactful; check out Pathway to 2020 — January 2016 meeting — on their website to learn more. Grantmaking going forward will specifically support projects that build skills so that those living in poverty can help themselves. The 2016 grantees will be announced in September following a rigorous review process and partner preference vote.

And we owe special thanks to Kristi Smith-Hernandez, who has volunteered to act as exec. dir. to coordinate Project Redwood activities for the next year. Plus, several new roles have been set up to encourage more classmate participation as well, so reach out to learn how you can get more involved. Join committee chairs Rick Agresta, DJ Crane, Kermit Eck, Dave Fletcher, Rich Jordon, Phil Jonckheer, Susan Silver Miller, Amy Kommer Minella, Mary Priuett, Gail Gaumer Schulze, and Bill Westwood and be part of Project Redwood’s efforts to alleviate extreme poverty.

Political Update: Forget about Trump, Cruz, Hillary, and Bernie. Instead, focus on the gubernatorial race for North Dakota where classmate Doug Burgum is running Republican (obviously), in a Republican state and is very much ahead in all the polls. Doug is not a sure thing but very close to it after bringing more than 2,000 high-paying tech jobs to North Dakota. He is the real thing and should think beyond North Dakota after he serves as governor.

Northern California Vicinity Report: Patty Mintz and spouse Greg spent a few weeks in France and England seeing old friends in Oxford and Normandy, Patty, who is fluent in Spanish, is madly dusting off her college French.

In the Midwest, Larry Cerr’s oldest daughter is a first-year student at the GSB. Larry and spouse Karan, a pharmacologist who has answers to all of my narcotic questions, will be empty nesters when their last daughter leaves for college next year.

Up in Lake Tahoe (on the tax-free Nevada side), Tom and Anne Rackerby had the opportunity to be in Rio de Janeiro earlier in the year to tour one of the Samba schools in preparation for Rio’s big Carnival. Tom and Anne, who have been retired for more years than their actual years of employment, set records in 2015 for visitor nights, hours of kayaking, and the volume of happy laughs from their younger friends and traveled more than 31,400 actual flight miles. Tom and Anne have many more happy years to come as Tom’s 95-year-old father just got married again and continues to party on in the Rackerby tradition.

And in a classic small world story Dave Fletcher bumped into Gail Gaumer Schulze in a local marketplace in San Miguel Allende during the Day of the Dead festivities. Dave along
with spouse Leah, who was Dave’s girlfriend in business school whom I remember very well, is retired in Newport Beach after a career in management consulting and a number of small company CEO jobs and some residential land development. Gail retired after a long career in medical supplies and services around the world, president of large divisions, J-Vs, and independent companies. After her first retirement, Gail did three more CEO jobs with public and private biotechs. Gail moved back to the Bay Area after 30 years of Chicago, Switzerland, and Philadelphia.

Money Report: Now that the 35th year reunion campaign is over, I am delighted to report that the class achieved a 50% participation rate for our class campaign and raised $5,006,240. Kudos to all the committee members who raised all that money, which will help today’s students where the yearly Stanford GSB cost now exceeds $100K per year.

And down here in Hawaii, not much to report except that my sailing catamaran Nefarious is finally out of six months of dry dock and will soon depart for the northwestern Hawaiian Islands known for uncrowded surf, Japanese wartime wrecks, clear water, and shark attacks. This time we are bringing a satellite phone.

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Rick Chong, ‘81, with family and friends on vacation in Hawaii.

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Short column this time, with no added commentary. Your class secretary tried to ski fast enough to keep up with her kids — big mistake — and took a spill. Just had surgery on my hand to fix it, so I can type only a little bit at a time.

Rick Chong: “For the last five years I’ve been working with a small energy storage startup, Amber Kinetics, here in Silicon Valley. We received our first order from PG&E for 20MW late last year, and the company is now in rapid expansion mode. It’s been a really fun growth story, and we’re now designing our first large-scale production facility.

“My two girls are out of college, so my wife, Beverly, and I are empty nesters, but both girls now work in San Francisco, so they’re very close to home. We try to spend much of our free time with them now. The nearby photo is from our recent family vacation in Hawaii. The young man sitting next to my older daughter, Alyssa, is her fiancé. My younger daughter is sitting next to Beverly.”

Mukesh Ambani was interviewed on Fareed Zakaria GPS on February 21. He spoke on India’s dominant place in the world’s telecom, oil, and showbiz markets as demographic shifts give India the phenomenal numbers that have brought them the world’s spotlight. The full text can be found by searching on “Fareed Zakaria GPS February 21 Ambani.”

Mike Gibbons — Polar notice. “Follow my steps as I join an expedition to ski the last 70 to 100 miles to the North Pole. I will be trying to post updates via an open Twitter (although no promises if I cannot get any data bandwidth). [Mike’s Twitter: twitter.com/adventurermikeg.] Our team will be posting updates at Polar Explorers blog.” (Winter 2016 expedition.)

Robert Epire: “I am on a plane back to California from South Africa. As part of the trip my son and I spent four days on a walking safari in a remote corner of the northern Transvaal adjacent to the Zimbabwe and Mozambique borders. We flew in and landed on an old abandoned military landing strip where we left the plane. (The pilot had to cover the wheels with thorn bushes to prevent the tires from being eaten by hyenas.) On our second day we were tracking buffalo when we unexpectedly got caught between four herds. It is one thing to see these magnificent animals from the air or a Land Rover. It is another when you are on the ground and hear the thunder and feel the ground shake as the herd stampedes. Fortunately we had an experienced guide who got us out safely.

The unspoiled beauty of this corner of southern Africa is unfortunately marred by poaching, with animals caught in vicious snares and the elephant and rhino populations under constant attack. One leaves the area in awe of its beauty — and in anger that there is still a demand for ivory, no matter what it costs or how it is obtained.”

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Polar expeditor Mike Gibbons, ’81, skis the last 70 to 100 miles to the North Pole and displays a GSB flag at the pole.

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Prompted by an email sent through our class discussion board, I did a better job of collecting news this time. If you aren’t on our class discussion board — https://alumni-gsb.stanford.edu/get/page/groups/discussions/board/?group_id=003899162, password required — then please send me an email every now and then, so I’ll know how to reach you.

Val Cook Carpenter and her husband, Rich, have retired to Honolulu, Hawaii. Their new home is their silver wedding anniversary present to each other. Val wrote: “We are beyond excited about this new adventure and look forward to connecting with members of the GSB-Hawaii community.” In addition, Val recently learned that she was selected to receive the 2016 Los Altos Historic Preservation Award. She is deeply honored to be the fifth recipient of the award in recognition of her work on behalf of the Los Altos community.

Paul Carttar said his most interesting recent news was his 3-week trip to Nigeria, Kenya, and South Africa — his first visit to sub-Saharan Africa. The purpose was due diligence on a potential initiative to advance venture philanthropy and social investment as methods of deploying private capital to drive social change.

Eiji Tanaka has been touring within Japan, where he and his wife live. When they took his father-in-law to Kyoto recently, in addition to enjoying a host of temples and shrines, they noticed the wide variety of tourists from all over the world. Eiji also spent a day in Kamakura with Richard Van Horne, ’81. Finally, Eiji suggested: “For those interested in Japanese literature, many short stories are on the website of Japan P.E.N. Club. I have been translating the very short introductions of the writers and works posted. Kawabata, Endo, and other leading authors are there, so please take a visit to the Japanese culture online.” http://bungeikan.jp/international/

While there have been travels and retirements, we also have classmates changing jobs.

John Rojas started in March as regl. fin. dir. for Del Monte’s Middle East operations, based in Dubai, UAE. Although he has lived and worked in six other countries, this is his first experience in the Middle East. John said that among the mix of people and cultures, he is the only one in his office from the Americas. If any classmates are in Dubai, John would enjoy sharing the local cuisine and sights. Aimee Troyen joined Paris-based Ohana & Co. in 2015 to help expand the firm’s financial advisory practice in the U.S. She specializes in apparel and beauty companies.

As usual, I learned some news from LinkedIn and news feeds: Gary Marenzi was appointed head of entertainment sales and partnerships at IMG, where he will oversee global sales for the company’s entertainment programming. Tom Showalter is CEO of Credit Sciences LLC, a data and analytics company specializing in borrower and property analysis for the mortgage and related financial services industries.

And others of us are following our passions in a variety of ways. Pedro Algorta, whose book about his experience surviving 72 days in the Andes was originally published in Spanish. The English translation of Pedro’s book, Into the Mountains: The Extraordinary True Story of Survival in the Andes and Its Aftermath, is available on Amazon. I just started it, and it has grabbed me from the very first page. Sara Fox went to a book-reading event in London last winter, and recorded Pedro talking to the group. You can access it here: https://youtu.be/vWdiOJIttuY.

Marcelo Galmarini is still very much into opera although not doing the radio program anymore. Instead he is: “Leading a much more sporting life. I’ve always enjoyed sports and about three years ago I took up running rather seriously. I joined a running team and little by little, mile after mile, I ended up running my first full marathon in Buenos Aires last October. At 60 y.o., isn’t it crazy? I am very slow but crossing the finish line after 4h 43m meant a lot to me. My next goal is to run the New York marathon in November. I was very lucky to have gotten into the draw. I hope some of our New Yorker classmates will show up and cheer for me.”

Kelly Teevan had a prolonged stay in California helping to care for his sister during her last days battling cancer. A small silver lining is that his visit coincided with our class’ 82nd-day parties, so he was able to attend the Bay Area party at Margaret and Mike McCaffrey’s house. Back home in New Hampshire shortly after that, he also attended the Boston gathering. Kelly added, “So incredibly loyal am I to our class, that on the 82nd day of the year, I bothered to turn 65.”

This was our third year of 82nd-day gatherings, with a total of 72 classmates participating. There were 23 classmates at the McCaffreys’ beautiful home. Six classmates got together at Katie Galley’s loft in Los Angeles, and seven had brunch together in Boston. In addition, there were four at Julie Evrard Silcock’s in Dallas, 11 at Michael Pralle’s in New York, and three in Chicago. Two videophone chats, one each hosted by Janet Graaff and Bart Blumberg, connected another 18 classmates. If you participated, I hope you enjoyed it. If not, hopefully we’ll get even more people together next year. Many thanks to Victoria Chang for helping make it all happen and to each of you who worked on the local planning.

On the call led by Janet Graaff I learned that Janet is relocating to New York and that Connie and Marc Lutolf-Carroll are “restructuring” an apartment in Milan, a process that has already taken two years.

Finally, I heard from Richard Galanti: “March of 2016 was an eventful month. On March 5, 32 years ago, I left New York (and DLJ) and moved to Seattle to work for a recent retail startup, Costco Wholesale Corp., which had four locations and fewer than 1,000 employees. I recall coming back to the GSB many times over the years to speak to Van Horne’s corp. finance classes, telling the students that it was ‘OK to work for a real company, and OK to work for the same company for more than a few years.’ Now with 700-plus locations in eight countries and 200,000-plus employees, it’s still fun. Also in March — I turned 60. How to celebrate it? Eighteen couples (including a few from first grade), Mexico, and backstage at the Rolling Stones concert at Foro Sol.”

Richard ended by saying he hopes “to see some of you at our 35th in 2017.” I will add that I hope to see a lot of you there! It will almost certainly be in October, but we don’t know the actual weekend yet. I’ll announce it as soon as it is set so you can start making plans.

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We received an overwhelming response from the request to hear from those we rarely read about in this column. I am amazed by what our class has accomplished. We encompass world leaders in multiple fields, with charitable ventures now predominant as one can see below.

We begin with Takanobu Himori, who writes that he is currently helping fundraising and support for refugees in Japan on behalf of UNHCR. He has been supporting United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Japan for four years now. Takanobu retired at the age of 55 after working over 30 years in investment business. After Stanford, he was with JP Morgan and Goldman Sacks for 12 years and then started his own investment advisory business. Thirteen years later he retired. After a few years of complete retirement, Takanobu writes that he wanted to do something good for needy people, which led him to his current charitable work. Thank you, Takanobu, for writing and for your efforts to help refugees.

We continue with Constantin Salameh. After 20 years with Hewlett Packard as the MD for HP financial services in EMEA and Asia Pacific following graduation from the GSB, he took the CEO role with three diversified family businesses over the past 12 years including the Al-Ghurair Group (largest investment group in the UAE) from 2012–2015.

In early 2015 Constantin came back to the Stanford GSB as an executive coach for Stanford Seed, and he has been based in West Africa (Ghana) for the past 12 months. There he focuses on high-potential and high-social-impact
SMEs, helping them transform by combining executive development, coaching, and funding. As Constantin writes, “a wonderful initiative, with a great team, in a fascinating region.” He is relocating to Nairobi with Stanford Seed this coming fall as they open their second regional office in East Africa, with the plan to transform more than 5,000 SMEs across eight regional hubs around the world over the next 10 years. He asks for others to feel free to reach out in case you want to learn more about it, as they are looking for more GSB alumni who are keen to make a difference either as coaches or advisors. The nearby picture was taken in Accra last summer with other Stanford Seed coaches including several GSB alumni: Hans Nilsson, ’83, Aaron Finch, ’90, Corinne Augustine, ’91, Andy Mead, Nancy Glaser, ’85, and George Flemming.

Constantin’s two sons are also discovering the world. Patrice with IMI in Mexico and Christopher with Societe Generale IB in London. Constantin and his wife, Anne, are hosting many friends and family members for their 30th wedding anniversary (and his 60th birthday), hiking the Dents Du Midi (in the midst of the Swiss Alps) on September 5–7. Contact him in case you are interested in this 50-km alpine hike.

Susan Shea writes that she, her husband, and son Mike now spend many months a year in their second home in Baja California Norte, Mexico. Their location gives them the best of both worlds because they are 19.5km south of the San Diego border, so are back and forth all of the time. Along with the ocean-view Mexico home that is a fraction of the cost of the equivalent north of the border, they have a little pied-à-terre in San Diego.

Susan semiretired in 2006 and fully retired a few years later, but she is now busier than ever with involvement in nonprofit activities in Mexico. Chief among them is serving on the board of Amigos de la Biblioteca (Friends of the Library), which is a voluntary organization promoting reading in Mexico, especially among children. They buy and donate or lend books to thousands of school children, run programs in branch libraries and in the schools to excite children about reading, bring authors to meet the children and more. Most rewarding to Susan is how genuinely excited the children have become about reading — they treat the authors like rock stars. Of course fundraising is key, so if you’re inclined to invest some of your hard-earned assets in promoting reading among underserved children and families, you can find Susan’s charity at friendsofthebibliography.com.mx.

Susan does find time for fun and frolic including playing golf (poorly quite possibly these days according to her), duplicate bridge, travel, and going back to Maine during the weather-appealing months. She has a guest casita, so if anyone wants a little taste of what Baja has to offer, give a holler. Maybe you have read of the gastronomic renaissance taking place in Tijuana and the amazing wine country nearby (Valle de Guadalupe). They are a stone’s throw from both of these attractions and love showing them off to friends. Their son turns 30 this year and after graduating from Hopkins with an ECE degree, is happily ensconced in an R&D career in electronics. Thank you, Susan, for the wonderful update; I will add Mexico to my future free travel list.

For those wishing to go farther than Mexico, Yoshikazu Kato invites classmates to join him for some nice Japanese food next time they are in Japan. He attended the 30th reunion in 2014 and met many old friends then. After serving for Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ for 29 years, Yoshikazu took the role as ISBC’s head of banking (Japan) in April 2008. He stepped down as head of banking and became advisor for the bank upon turning 60 earlier this year. He is currently looking for another challenging opportunity where he can use his experience at two top international banks. Yoshi got married in 1985 and has two sons and a daughter. His elder son has a job in a trading company and will soon be transferred to Australia. His younger son joined an insurance company last year. His daughter followed in Yoshi’s footsteps and became a banker. She is getting married this June. Yoshi enjoys playing tennis with his wife, Hiroko, and with GSB classmates Kaz Okamoto and Taka Himori. He and Atsushi Abe occasionally get together for a round of golf. Yoshi enjoyed the 30th class reunion as he met many old friends back on the farm.

John Backus writes an interesting essay on the history and evolution of a segment a fair number of classmates went into. In “Venture Capital’s Rosetta Stone,” John discusses how venture capital is going mainstream, reflecting the desire to participate in what has consistently been higher returns than the stock market. He points to crowdfunding, angel, seed, early stage, expansion, mezzanine, late
stage, and growth equity as all just different flavors of venture capital. He mentions Andy Rachleff, fellow classmate and cofounder of Benchmark and now, of course, a professor at our GSB. John argues that an excess of capital is giving rise to poor returns at this time, which may impact entrepreneurs’ ability to access capital. To help entrepreneurs he created the “Venture Capital Rosetta Stone.” “If you are an entrepreneur, use this to figure out what type of money you are looking for. Identify where you are on the continuum. And where you should look for that money. And how much money each of these players ‘might’ provide if they like you and your idea. And what control you might give up. And what ‘security’ you may end up selling. And what percentage of the company you might sell and how they might value your business.” On behalf of those of you contemplating a new career at this stage, thank you, John, for your instructional and helpful words.

Robert Strauss recently joined other GSB alums for a tour of the Zara design, production, and shipping facilities in A Coruña, Spain, organized by the Assn. of Stanford Alums in Spain. They were shown how Zara is able to design, prototype, and ship new products in a matter of days/weeks. Robert recently wrote a long article for Stanford Magazine on George Shultz, where in his fashion, he got in depth and personal in what is an interesting read. That article was his 25th contribution to the magazine. While he does not wish for me to mention it, among his many accomplishments Robert was awarded the State Department’s Meritorious Honor Award in 2007.

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I hope this column finds all of you healthy and pursuing that which brings you deep fulfillment. With the unbelievable circus going on with the presidential race, I hope you can find sanity elsewhere. This issue is relatively light so I once again encourage all of you who have not provided a recent update to please email me with what is going on in your life.

One of the cool things that came out of our October 2015 30th reunion was the desire to connect more frequently (with classmates organizing regional get-togethers). The first of these in the Bay Area occurred in January with around 15 classmates meeting in San Francisco. On May 9 we had the second Bay Area get-together at David Blumberg’s office in San Francisco. It was a fun gathering with Denise Peck, Laird Cagan, Andrew Rich, Walt Spevak, Steve Edelson, Jay Fudemberg, Mary Bechmann, Quincy Yu, Ephraim Greenwall, Jim Lussier, JoAnne Tillemans, Mark Zitter, David, me, and a guest visit from Kien Pham from Vietnam. Here are a few updates from those I have not reported on in a while: Quincy Yu has five children, is working on her fourth startup and lives in S.F. Andrew Rich has two children (17 and 19) and is investing in real estate while living in S.F. JoAnne Tillemans continues to run her currency hedging consulting business and her daughter just finished college; she recently became a yoga instructor and is increasingly focused on nonprofit endeavors. Steve Edelson has a 26-year-old stepdaughter and is working in the green B2B space while living in Marin. David Blumberg continues to run his private equity/VC firm while raising his 5- and 7-year-old boys in S.F. with his partner.

Speaking of Kien, he and Walt Spevak are leading the second class trip to Vietnam this November with 36 classmates and spouses; as of this writing there are still spaces available. It looks to be a great experience.

Ken Sharigian reports that he continues to work in Chicago while keeping a home in Half Moon Bay, Calif. Ken left the Univ. of Chicago Medical Center a number of years ago, where he was president, to become the chief strategy officer for the American Medical Assn. Ken enjoys lots of international travel (Iceland, Ireland, U.K., Denmark, and more).

Israel Rodriguez writes: “We were recently on my daughter’s East Coast college tour; last stop: NYU. In the city we caught up over dinner with classmate Vin Bailey and his wife, Maud. Wonderful evening and despite the years and distance our friendship rekindled brilliantly. Both our wives volunteer/work for their churches—a labor of love. We talked music, kids, col-
le, empty nesting, and beyond. Great to see your journey shared thru the eyes of a kindred spirit. I’m still a product manager at heart, working with Edgewood Consulting on brands like Nutella, Mabisco, and Nutrisystem and loving it. I’m definitely still a kid at heart, so I’m also coaching youth sports with some buddies in our spare time, and that’s a blast.” Andrew Shaddock attended the April 3 wedding in L.A. of Jeff Brown to Sasha, joined by Jim Lussier.

I got a rare update from Pete Leone. Pete ran into Henrik Brandt on a plane from Copenhagen to Milan — both on business trips. Managed to sit together for the flight and catch up. Both of them in biotech — Henrik employing older technology with assistance from Chris Cramer to make beer. Deserves a Nobel prize at least as much as RNAI, which won in 2006. Pete’s current company is based on RNAI and called Arrowhead Pharmaceuticals — it’s a startup in many ways, and, for the first time in a long while, Pete is not worrying about raising venture capital. Pete writes: “Our CEO takes care of that while I work doing the stuff I’ve always thought was most fun — building the company and adding new functions as we advance in clinical development. I’ve created clinical and manufacturing functions and now am focused on deal making and clinical trial investigator recruitment. Lots of travel to fun places — first time in a public company since post-GSB graduation at Procter & Gamble.”

Steve Furney-Howe joined Pete for a Boston pro hockey team game. “Can’t say Br” “ns to an ex-Cardinal football player. Had a nice dinner in town with the wives later on.”

Luis Solis writes that he continues to innovate from inside large corporates like Nike, Procter & Gamble, and Western Union with his new gig as the senior-most commercial officer for Signals Group, a Tel-Aviv headquartered big data software firm backed by Sequoia Capital. Though he resides in Boulder, Colo., with other GS Bers, his office is at 3 Columbus Circle in NYC. An avid skier (this one was a pretty epic Colorado season), Luis is headed to Iceland in late April for some heli-skiing. His boys (Sebastian and Gustav) literally tower over him thanks to their Swedish genes. He offers a room in Boulder to any who travel his way; all he asks is that you play backgammon with him (betting cube required). Joe Tye reports that he and Sally are still in Iowa. Joe still travels extensively with Values Coach, the company he started 20 years ago. He recently completed a new book called *Winning the War with Yourself Field Manual*. Having just turned 65 he says he’s taking his own advice and instead of retiring he’ll be “re”firing.” If you happen to be driving through your own advice and instead of retiring he’ll be “re”firing.” If you happen to be driving through Iowa on I-80, they live 10 miles north of Iowa City and would love to see you.

I have been lucky to run into a number of classmates recently including Bruce Golden, Dave Richardson, Don O’Neal, Jay Fudenberg, Victor Long, Elmer Shannon, Mike DeLapa, and others. I encourage each of you to reach out to classmates in your area to say hi and connect.

Candace Matthews recently joined the bd. of dirs. for Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen Inc., the franchisor and operator of over 2,500 Popeyes restaurants. Candace joined Amway Corp. as CMO in 2007 and has served as regl. pres., Americas, since 2014. She currently leads strategy and operations for Amway’s business interests in North, Central, and South American markets.

In closing I must say that the real estate market here in the S.F. Bay Area seems poised for a correction (in fact, the market has already shown signs of weakening): After a doubling of prices and rents over the past few years, the crazy spiral upward appears over and a healthier (and more opportunistic) pricing level is likely.

Thoughts for the issue: “The world fears a new experience more than it fears anything.

Because a new experience displaces so many old experiences.” — D.H. Lawrence. “We would rather be ruined than changed. We would rather die in our dread than climb the cross of the present and let our illusions die.” — W. H. Auden.

“The only way we are going to be able to create peace in the world is if we first create (or better, find) peace in our hearts.” — Thich Nhat Hanh (from *Being Peace*).
horse at full gallop last week, I’ll start by saying that I feel extraordinarily lucky to be alive and well. The rest of the tribe is also thriving. Oldest daughter Katie has taken charge of our stables and is making a go of it. Daniel is directing contemporary and classical plays in New York City, and Megan, our musical theater major, just booked a season of summer stock in upstate New York. Vicki majors in good deeds as a board member, yoga instructor, and registered nurse. I dabble in private equity but mostly take care of a very old farm and try not to fall off of the livestock. The nearby photo was snapped by a houseguest recently. The two rescue dogs had just arrived, bringing our total dog count to near hoarder levels.”

New R&D facility in France: Thierry Plouvier shares: “We are opening an R&D and production facility according to GMP standards in Guéret, France. One of the members of our board is Sir Trevor Jones, who was managing the Wellcome Trust at the time when it was selected to produce the first antiretroviral drug, AZT, for the treatment of AIDS. Sir Jones has also been a member of the board of Allergan. Another member is Clive Page from the pharmacology department of King’s College. Both of them traveled to Guéret, France, to christen the new facility.”

New CEO Role: Lynn Utter has been appointed CEO and to the bd. of dirs., for First Source LLC. First Source is a leading provider of specialty candies, nuts, and snacks to retailers throughout the U.S. In addition to sourcing and distribution services, First Source offers packaging and manufacturing capabilities for its customers from facilities in New York, Virginia, Tennessee, and California. Lynn is charged with integrating three merged companies into one effective enterprise and extending the First Source platform. Lynn and Ward will maintain their residence outside of Philadelphia as their home nest empties, and Ward continues teaching at Villanova School of Business.

Pushing Clean Energy in Washington, D.C.: Greg Kats writes: “The U.S. Small Business Administration recently approved our new fund, ARENA, as the first clean energy impact fund, accessing SBA 3.5% interest rate debt. It’s a significant step for SBA into clean energy, and it’s a big step for us. We think of impact both in the community reinvestment/CRA, job growth way but also as accelerating the transition to a low-carbon, clean, and healthy economy. I testified in March 2016 on the U.S. Department of Energy loan guarantee program — which is about halfway through its $70B capacity and is under renewed Congressional attack despite being hugely cost effective at accelerating the U.S. transition to a clean economy — including Tesla and the first five utility-scale solar farms.”

Traveling to and from Berlin: Martin Koehler writes that in February he was delighted to have visitors Mark Keatley and his daughter Olivia (17). “She was on a field trip to Berlin, and the paternal check was a welcome opportunity to not only bring 75% of Schloss Europa
residents back together (Jeremy Seigal missing) but also to have the next generation meet and mingle: Klaus Hentges’ son Carl (also 17) is also attending boarding school in Scotland, not far from Olivia’s.” As well, Martin and his family are planning to travel from Berlin to Stanford to join us for our 30th reunion.

From the Book Tour: Noriko Manabe published her first book, The Revolution Will Not Be Televised: Protest Music After Fukushima, with Oxford Univ. Press in 2015. She has given book talks around the U.S., which has become a great way to reconnect with classmates: Jeff Waters went to her talk in Princeton, and John Atcheson and Elizabeth Atcheson attended her talk in Seattle. She is also the series editor for 33-1/3 Japan, a new series of books on Japanese popular music by Bloomsbury Press.

Proud father: Jim Thompson writes that his son Gabriel, who was in first and second grade during our time at the GSB, has recently published America’s Social Arsonists: Fred Ross and Grassroots Organizing in the 20th Century with UC–Berkeley Press. Fred Ross was Cesar Chavez’ mentor and taught organizing to Marshall Ganz, Barack Obama’s successful field lead in the 2008 election. As Jim says, “This is a compelling story by my favorite writer.”

Best wishes to everyone. Please send your news to Melissa Nidever, nidever@berkeley.edu—many thanks!

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Kudos to Charles Brewer for organizing the second annual GSB ’87 gathering at Las Catalinas in Costa Rica. This year 35 classmates, spouses, and family members came together for a magical few days in January. Among the many highlights, the attendees enjoyed: Sing-alongs featuring beautiful singing by the likes of Terry Kersten and Kathy Starks and much less beautiful though still thoroughly entertaining singing of Springsteen songs by Rich Handler; Bruce Ryan indefatigably leading hike after hike, all the while expounding on his varied areas of expertise such as sake subtleties, crossword puzzle competitions, and the fundamentals of sausage making; Ross Williams obsessing with mountain biking and talking lots of trash only to eventually have his time on the challenge course thrashed by Susan Doherty, ’94 (Howie Rosen’s wife); a terrific sunset sailing trip. Charles said it was remarkable to see how well everyone reconnected with classmates from long ago, and he’s already planning to do it again next January adding, “The more the merrier.”

Speaking of minireunions, Gerardo Rocha participated in two earlier this year. First, in Acapulco he and Alfredo Riefkohl got together with Peter Wiegandt and Carlos Mendoza (both ’88) for a paddle tennis match — ’87 won, of course — and then a celebration dinner with their wives, overlooking the bay. A few weeks later he and Alfredo and Daniel Servitje attended a “Class of ’87 (on average)” dinner in Mexico City along with seven other graduates from GSB ’86 and ’88. Gerardo says the group had an interesting mix of entrepreneurs, family business leaders, bankers/investors, and consultants, but in the end, like Cyndi Lauper, they “just wanna have fun,” and they did. They now plan to get together more often.

Arthur Diaz and Wendell Birkhofer met up briefly in San Francisco when Arthur was in town for a business meeting in January. The former GSB study partners hadn’t seen each other for 20 years but picked up right where they left off with an enjoyable discussion about children, family, work, and the past and the future.

Katie Morgan stopped by Ross Williams’ restaurant, Jalisco Cantina, in Las Vegas earlier this year and reports that it was all great — great fun, great company, great food, and great music. Katie suggests we hire Ross’ blues group to play at our next reunion.

That was our own Mike Feibus up on stage with Deepak Chopra and Dr. Rudy Tanzi at this year’s CES, the tech products mega-event in Las Vegas. In a packed session titled “Nature vs. Nurture Debunked: The Power of Our Genes,” Mike led an engaging discussion on how much influence we have over our DNA and where to draw the line between destiny and choice. While the answer isn’t totally clear, Mike says it’s probably leaning more toward the side of choice than we thought. Mike’s developing expertise in the digital health arena has led to speaking engagements at companies like GE Healthcare and Philips Healthcare and a new gig as a Fortune columnist. A recent column discussed a fitness tracking device and an insurer who’s paying customers for their wellness efforts.

Congratulations and thank you to Kim and Eddie Poplawski, who were in the news at Stanford this spring when the university announced their donation to endow the football team’s quarterbacks coaching position in honor
of Kevin Hogan (Stanford ’15). “Our lives have been incredibly blessed by our nearly 4-decade-old connection to Stanford, and it is truly a pleasure and privilege to be able to honor Kevin and his family in this manner,” Kim and Eddie said. Well done.

In other news from the sporting world, you’ll recall I wrote previously that Kirk Holmes and Art Varnado ran a marathon together last fall. Kirk ran two more in March — on back-to-back weekends, no less! Art says his own marathon days are behind him, though as of this writing he was training for a 140-mile, 2-day bike ride from Ocean City, Md., to Baltimore in May. The Ride for the Feast raises money for a nonprofit that delivers healthy meals to people living with life-threatening illnesses. And inspired by Kirk and Art (and by Caryn Ginsberg and Bruce Ryan, who also ran marathons last year), Arthur Diaz got back into running this winter after several years off and ran a half-marathon in April.

More from Kirk: “I am happy to announce my joy over the path my kids have taken toward public service. One daughter is a Foreign Service officer working at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. The other daughter joined the Peace Corps and is in Ethiopia. My wife and I have enjoyed traveling to China, Tanzania, Ghana, and soon Ethiopia to see our children. Even though they did not attend Stanford, I am thrilled they are living the GSB motto about changing the world.”

Congratulations to Ratna Sarkar who, after a successful 5-year stint at Rice Univ., became John Hopkins Univ.’s vice provost for institutional research. In her new job she’s charged with helping the university improve how it gathers, curates, analyzes, and reports institutional data. She’ll also work with other senior leaders to support strategic initiatives and decision-making.

Unfortunately, my deadline for this column is too early for me to give you the results of this spring’s GSB ’87 World Series of Poker. But luckily we have this report from Jonathan Knee to whet our appetites: “Three-time winner Jonathan Knee will host the 31st annual GSB ’87 World Series of Poker in New York City on May 21. The event promises to attract a record-breaking 40 participants from our class despite what Knee feels is his inevitable impending victory.” Check back next time for a follow-up report.

I wrapped up this column just as the events of the third annual GSB ’87 Spirit Weekend were set to kick off. This year’s plans included 14 events in 13 locations: Seattle, San Francisco, Half Moon Bay, SoCal, Denver, Dallas, Boston, NYC (2), D.C., London, Tokyo, Hong Kong, and Sydney. Thank you to our class ambassadors for getting the ball rolling on this and to the individual hosts who arranged the events. Our class rocks.

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Hello, classmates. Extra-long column this time with a very full mailbag.

We begin with a wonderful initiative underway in Seattle to honor our late classmate Bill Henningsgaard, who was killed in a tragic plane crash in 2013 that also took the lives of his son and two other children. Bill’s widow, Susan Sullivan, and our classmate Deirdre Black have been working with many others on a project to memorialize Bill by naming a new brain salon at the Univ. of Washington’s Institute for Learning and Brain Science in his honor. I-LABS is an interdisciplinary institute dedicated to discovering the fundamental principles of human learning with an emphasis on early learning and brain development.

Bill was passionate about the research of I-LABS and its implications for the well-being of children. He cofounded the I-LABS Advisory Board and helped turn it into a global leader in brain science and early childhood learning research. His hard work helped raise over $25M to purchase a MEG (magneto-encephalography) machine, and to enable the institution to engage in cutting-edge research, recruit additional hotshot scientists, and embark on outreach to practitioners (parents, caregivers, teachers, healthcare providers) and policymakers.

Susan and her daughters are reportedly very enthusiastic about honoring Bill in this manner. If you would like to support this initiative in honor of our late classmate, you can contact Ric Thomas, I-LABS’s sr. dir. of advancement (rthomas5@uw.edu or 206.616.6553) or Deirdre Black (deirdre_black@yahoo.com or 206.841.2701). To learn more about I-LABS, go to www.ilabs.washington.edu.

In other news from the Pacific Northwest, our classmate Jean Ingebritsen won the CFO of the Year award for her efforts as the CFO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound. Jean joined Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound two years ago when the agency had some audit and reporting problems. She was unafraid: “I was aware of the challenges … and that actually drew me to the position since I felt that I could make a difference by bringing my particular experience and skills to the challenges,” she said in accepting the award. The agency’s next audit will be clean, and Big Brothers Big Sisters ended 2014 in the black for the first time in more than six years. The agency today serves 1,000 children a year — and is working on a long-range plan to achieve even greater growth by 2020.

Elise Bauer made a big splash in the news when she sold her leading food blog, Simply Recipes, to Seattle-based and private equity-backed Fexy Media. Elise’s popular, award-winning cooking and recipe blog is the highest indexing cooking site for women aged 21-49, according to a Fexy press release. Elise created Simply Recipes in her parents’ kitchen in Car michael, Calif., in 2003 and it quickly grew into one of the most highly trafficked online resources for home cooks interested in quality scratch cooking. The site reached 6.5M unique monthly visitors by November 2015 according to comScore. Elise’s comment on the sale: “Simply Recipes started as a way to document and share our family’s favorite recipes and has become a trusted resource for millions of people around the world who love to cook.” Congrats, Elise.

Farther east, Diana Rauner has been making the news as the elegant First Lady of Illinois; her husband, Bruce, having won the governorship in 2014.

And Stuart Epstein, previously the CFO at NBC Universal and before that a well-known media investment banker at Morgan Stanley, joined a new venture (for him) last year, becoming the co-managing partner of Evolution Media Capital, which bills itself as the investment and advisory arm of Creative Artists Agency. Formed in 2008, Evolution Media Capital has served as financial advisor for the likes of the Tribeca Film Festival and the Madison Square Garden Co. and assisted with Entertainment One’s purchase of the Mark Gordon Co., the sales of the Texas Rangers and Philadelphia 76ers, and various TV deals for the Pac-12 Conference and the San Diego Padres, according to an Evolution Media Capital press release. It is backed by TPG Growth and Participant Media. News on Stuart’s appointment noted that the success of the firm is part of a larger trend wherein talent agencies move away from just representing actors, writers, and directors to becoming media behemoths who invest in and broker major corporate deals.

A couple of new corporate directorships in the news. David Levison joined the board of New Zealand–based Pacific Edge Ltd. Kasia Robinski was appointed to the board of the Gabelli Value Plus Trust in London. Your loyal reporter, meanwhile, serves on the board of (among other companies) the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, a board I shall absolutely, positively never quit.

On the job front, John Cala joined Waterstone Management Group, a strategy-consulting firm based in Chicago and San Francisco.
Prior to Waterstone, John had a huge career in sales and consulting at IBM and PWC. Fellow columnist and local San Francisco celebrity Frances Hochschild has for the last year been working with a college classmate of hers from an institution often referred to as “the Stanford of the East” on executive searches in the higher ed business for search firm Starbeck-Pimentel. Frances and partner’s recent placements include the new president of Lesley Univer., the director of technology for Berklee College of Music, and the director of admissions at Mount Holyoke (classmates with high school age daughters take note).

In GSB-related news, two of our classmates not long ago completed Alumni Consulting Team (ACT) projects. Caroline Caufield was a team member with A Little 4 A Lot, which helped develop a marketing plan to expand awareness, understanding, and support for the organization. Bill Brownell was project leader for Food Shift, which helped Associated Students of Stanford Univ. (“ASSU” — kind of like the student government, which oversees more than 500 student organizations on campus) develop a framework for evaluating and monitoring Stanford Student Enterprises’ lines of business. Way to go, Bill and Caroline.

Meanwhile in Houston, Mark Slaughter, former CEO of RigNet, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Celebration of Entrepreneurs Gala at the Houston Technology Center.

No one’s achievements for the quarter, however, can top those of John Walecka’s Golden State Warriors, who won an NBA-record 73 games this past season. Congrats to John and all his partners in the Warriors organization for a magical season.

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Chris Forman reports: “I’m pleased to announce the publication of An Everyone Culture: Becoming a Deliberately Developmental Organization, by Robert Kegan and Lisa Lahey. It describes in detail the practices of three companies that weave the growth of their people into the fabric of daily operations. One of the three is my family company, the Decurion Corporation.”

Craig Falkenhagen reports: “I just got back from Argentina and my second attempt of 22,800 ft. Aconcagua, the highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere. Thanks to El Niño, our expedition only made it to Camp 2 at 18,000 ft. this year before getting turned back by 50 mph winds and minus 30-degree wind chill. It’s still an incredibly spectacular peak and a thrilling mountaineering challenge. Would love to try it again.” Here is an excerpt from Craig’s mountaineering log: “Aconcagua 2016 — Not Our Year. Fifteen day, 70-mile expedition climb of the highest peak in the Western Hemisphere — got turned back at 18,000 ft. by 50-mph winds and minus 30-degree chill, and it only got worse on our descent. An incredibly spectacular mountain and challenging mountaineering situation with a fantastic group of climbers including John Branchflower, Rick Haggard, Rob Landerholm, Heather Macfaden, Doug Sinclair, Jake Nettleton, Randy Irwin, and our three rock star guides, Billy Nugent, Katrina Bloomsma, and Emanuel (Pato) Luquez. Very few teams are getting the weather window they need to make the summit this year.”

Arjun Gupta writes: “At the end of 2015 I finished two years with the Advanced Leadership Fellowship at Harvard. Michael Bush has also done the ALI Fellowship, and we highly recommend ALI as an exceptional experience. I now split time between Aspen and San Francisco. Currently I am helping build a couple of technology companies and am raising a new venture capital fund. Please e-connect or visit, would love to catch up.”

Just returning to Houston from their 2-week trip in New Zealand, John and Betsy Garibaldi write: “We are just now getting to our emails — fantastic trip but it is always hard to reenter. We don’t really have any news — same old boring work stuff.” John and Betsy had some update on Beverly Anderson, who came to Houston in March and had a very successful trunk show of her EQ Wear clothing line at their home. Beverly’s products were very well received, and her business is starting to take off; she won some New York fashion week competition to show her clothes.

Lori Ann Mazurek, Gina Jorasch, and Fran Maier, all ’89, at the Jerry I. Porras Latino Leadership Award dinner honoring Fran.

Gina Jorasch reports: “Margaret Blaska (Lourenco), Rachel Fierberg, Lori Ann Mazurek, and I attended the Jerry I. Porras Latino Leadership Award dinner March 5, honoring our class’s own Fran Maier (Allocca). In her acceptance speech Fran spoke of her life experiences growing up in Santa Fe, building startups such as match.com and TRUSTe, and helping women be more empowered in business. Go, Fran.” Fran comments, “It was wonderful to be honored by the Hispanic Business Students Association, and I enjoyed getting to know so many prospective entrepreneurs.”

Tim Sullivan is the recipient of the 2016 Military Service Award and the honoree of the 2016 Military Service Appreciation Dinner hosted by the GSB Veterans Club in May. Bret Comalli was the recipient of the award and the honoree of the appreciation dinner in 2015.

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“The best thing I’ve done in life is having Alexis ...” We caught Karen Bettauer Harris in NYC relishing her last few months before Alexis heads off to Dartmouth. Karen left investment banking after 23 years at Merrill Lynch and UBS. She’s been focusing on nonprofits and is planning to shift over from development to finance, her first love. Karen has been remarried for six years to Andreas Werder, who is Swiss. Being of Belgian descent, she spends a lot of time in Europe as well as hiking, running, Bikram yoga, and with her new Shih Tzu puppy, Coco. “You sound really happy, like you are in a renaissance period ...” “Yes.” and then we joked about her becoming a Democrat when Alexis was born. “You can’t not care about people when you get a child of your own.” Very sweet. Karen.
Cole Dawson shared something about character — his cool buzz cut when arriving at the GSB was actually a recovery look from chemo. As of March, he’s been in remission from leukemia for 30 years. “Life has been very blessed, and I think about that every day.” Cole recently sold a solid investment business he and partners started about 10 years ago after a career in wealth management. With two daughters at Stanford and a third one about ready for college, Cole and Carla are planning to spend more time in the Bay Area. Carla has her own sports radio show (“Happy Hour Sports” — audioBoom) ... awesome dinner conversations ahead, dude.

Cliff Kellogg continues to serve the greater good ... For 18 months he’s been the point man for Obama’s administration to the Mayor of Detroit. “Detroit will be a turnaround story for the history books ...” He leads a core group and coordinates 20 agencies with on-the-ground initiatives, traveling from D.C. to Michigan weekly. Having previously led a $1.5B small biz initiatives, traveling from D.C. to Michigan weekly. Having previously led a $1.5B small biz program at the U.S. Treasury and run a community development bank, he’s excited to see today’s MBAs looking at careers in “impact investing.” Cliff will change roles after the election, and he would love to work with classmates on D.C.-based ventures. His elder daughter is at Yale, and his younger daughter is two years away from playing soccer at UPenn. He and his wife, Betsy Cavendish, have biked centuries in the history books …” Their first son, Nicholas, is visiting colleges now, looking for a great long-distance running program. Brenden has been active in comedy and theater. “What do I miss? Passing notes with Sally Cole as we tried to stay awake in afternoon classes.” Best lesson from our class? “Only work with people you trust, no matter how expedient the alternatives seem.”

Googling up to Bend, Ore., we find Kathy Kleist Schroeder recently repotted from Palo Alto. Kathy married Scott 10 days after graduation, so she missed our 25th for her silver anniversary. She loves her new life, where she continues to work in nonprofit consulting. “What I’ve learned is community is absolutely the most important thing in life. We now all exist virtually — which is great — but that virtual life is nowhere near enough to develop the empathy and compassion we feel when we can be with people face-to-face.” Their daughter Jessica just finished two years as a PhD candidate in computer science at Univ. of Washington, and Andy is entering his last year in mechanical engineering/robotics at Carnegie Mellon. All this from a person who calls herself “ordinary,” getting ready to explore the great PacNW with Scott in her brand new RV.

Robert and Renee Ash’s miracle baby, Robert Jr., turned 3 this spring. “After all these years, we had stopped hoping for children and weren’t even trying. We were thinking travels and retirement — but God had other plans! It’s such a blessing.” Professionally, after many years at Oracle, Robert joined GE Digital in 2013. He’s responsible for the roadmap and adoption of GE’s industrial internet cloud platform Predix into its oil and gas businesses. He also ran a part-time photography business where he earned $40,000 in professional print competition awards, won worldwide internet coverage for fine art photography exhibition, and has served on two local art and professional photography boards. “My favorite is landscape and portraiture.”

Andy Blackburn, '90, soaring in his sailplane.
away anymore, so I need a plan. My wife, Kerry, is calling my name. I think I’ll join her for a walk with our dogs in the Tahoe forest while I work out the plan, and maybe we can catch up later with friends over a glass of pinot.

Charles Hsu: “I’m still immersing myself in the China whirlpool. There are always new things to learn, new entrepreneurs to meet, new exotic dishes to eat. Stopped over in Japan, saw Masa Yamashita and Hiroshi Kuroda in their beautiful hometown of Kamakura. Two nights later I had dinner with Hidenki Shirato. All are doing well, and the conversations turned philosophical (“Things don’t always go according to plan, and that can be a good thing”), to updates on family, and to the incredulous (Just what is going on in America?), to updates on family, and to the incredulous (Just what is going on in America?). My son Alexander is about to earn his black belt in Kung Fu, so I don’t spar with him any more.”

Amazing stories ... May y’all enjoy wisdom and love each day.

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REUNION: SEPTEMBER 8–11, 2016

With our 25th reunion right around the corner, here are a few updates to whet your appetite for the big event.

First off, our master of ceremonies and master of ceremonies checks in with his news: “After 25 years in the bakery business and four years after selling Galaxy Desserts to a French bakery group, I’m retiring (for now) and officially committed to reducing my massive daily calorie intake. So I’ll be spending much of my summer encouraging as many of our classmates as possible to join us for our once-in-a-lifetime, not-to-be-missed, extraordinary 25th GSB reunion September 8–11. Hope to see you all there.” Thank you, Paul, we can’t wait!

Christopher Bender is enjoying life in Oregon: “Caitlin, Nathan, Ginger (the dog), and I all continue to live happily in the Pacific Northwest. Caitlin is still at Nike and doing great. Nathan is turning 10 this August and thriving. I’m still consulting in the nooks and crannies of the world, doing whatever it is that I do. Oregon is great — classmates are encouraged to visit.” Also in the Northwest, Bruce Jaffe has joined the board of Donuts, the world’s largest operator of new domain name extensions.

From Michael Gallagher in the Bay Area: “I believe I’m a contender for the yet-to-be-created, longest-with-one-company award. This coming August I will have worked at Wells Fargo 25 years, with the most recent of the 10 roles I have held being head of the Enterprise Patent Office. It has been interesting to help the company transform itself from one that rarely patented to one where it’s becoming a normal business discipline. Ruth Shapiro, my wife of nearly 25 years, runs a Hong Kong–based non-profit called the Centre for Asian Philanthropy and Society, which is creating case studies of highly effective nonprofits in 10 Asian countries. The goal is to promote better nonprofits and better philanthropy.

“Daughter No.1, Shana, is a junior at Tufts, where she is the head of Tufts Climate Action. She and 29 fellow students ‘occupied’ the president of Tufts’ office for three days last April to call for a plan for Tufts to divest from fossil fuel investments. Daughter No. 2, Zoe, is a sophomore at Washington University in St. Louis.”

Luis Gutierrez is another happy empty nester: “I am happy — and more than a bit humbled — to report that I have had the great fortune of enjoying excellent health, a loving family, and a rewarding career. My wife, Lili, and I continue to reside in Bethesda, Md., where we recently celebrated our 28th anniversary. Our son, Will, is poised to graduate from Williams College later this spring, and he is eager to leave academia for the real world. Our daughter, Charlotte, is completing her freshman year at Tulane University.

“Professionally I remain active in the commercialization of novel medical products. Over the past three years I have led leadership roles with two companies (Aptiv Solutions and Theranostics Health) that I helped merge into larger companies. As a result I’m presently doing some strategic advisory consulting for emerging life science companies as I consider new full-time opportunities.”

Juli Jessen reports from Arizona: “I’ve been in the family business since graduation. Most of the time in Yuma where we are rooted in our beloved agriculture. We are proud of our community, but our corner spot is an awkward base for travel. This summer my daughter, Maggie, and I are moving to the U.K. for a year.”

Continuing on the theme of our kids growing up, we received the following update from Amit Goswamy: “This is a milestone year for the Goswamy household. Our daughter Juhi, who took her first steps at Stanford, is graduating with an MD/MPH from the University of Miami, Fla. Our younger son, Hirsh, followed in his sister’s footsteps and graduated from UC–Berkeley. Livionex, the pharma company I founded in 2009, introduced its first product, and we have been humbled by the overwhelming response. Anjali and I are busy keeping up with the growing business and look forward to seeing everybody at the reunion.”

As reported by Bloomberg News, Hadley Ford has founded iAnthus Capital Management, which provides licensed cannabis operators in the United States with a unique combination of access to value-added capital investment together with expert management advice and advisory services. Mmmm, Hadley might be the guy to hang out with at the reunion.

Remember, these updates are just the tip of the iceberg; come to the reunion to learn more.

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Amit Goswamy ‘91, daughter Juhi, wife Anjali, and son Hirsh.
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Hello, classmates. Not a lot of news to report. Please email me a quick note so I can keep everyone posted. We’re all very curious about you.

Just a few things on my list this quarter, some of which I managed to toss from Facebook: Melissa Lusin hosted a dinner for Mary Kay and John Garcia when they were in town in April. Jennifer Marks and Doug Abbott both joined the festivities. Toru Tanaka plans to run the Medoc marathon again (Google it if you don’t know about it) and trains by running half marathons in gorgeous locations like Alsace. Jennifer Weinstock Davis and Tracey Griffin graced the scene at Coachella, where Pandora had a pop-up store. Tracey is Pandora’s COO.

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Greetings, classmates. A short column—it’s unfortunately all I can swing at the moment. But there is one big piece of news I didn’t want to wait to share: Jim Shelton was hired in May by Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan as the first head of the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative’s education efforts. In his new role Jim will be working to improve education through philanthropy, impact investments, and policy change that will help every student reach their potential. Jim was most recently CEO of 2U, a rapidly growing provider of technology and technology-enabled services that enables leading nonprofit colleges and universities to deliver their high-quality degree programs online. Congrats on this amazing opportunity, Jim!

I promise to return to a normal length column with all the news that’s fit to print—next issue.

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The editors would like to thank Asaf Farashuddin for chiming in on our suggestion to fill us in on your hopes and dreams now that we are 22 years out of the GSB: “The biggest sources of happiness in my life are giving horse rides to my kids and accompanying my daughter on the Staten Island Ferry and my son on the No. 6 train during rush hour. My fervent hope is to stick around long enough so that one day I shall be able to walk my daughter, now 3 years old, down the aisle. I dream of a world where we can go to the airport, board a subway train, or go to the shopping mall without constant fear of a violent end. And my biggest failure is not being able to grow even one vegetable in my backyard, although the weeds seem to be thriving.”

Asaf gives a big shout out to our very own Sri Srinivasan for consideration for the Supreme Court and Susan Athey, GSBA ’94, on being awarded the Clark Medal—the Nobel Prize for economists under 40!

Marcelo Kayath has some good news. After 22 years, he is leaving Credit Suisse from his position as CEO of Latin American securities. Marcelo is looking forward to a new phase in life, which includes becoming reacquainted with his artistic and musical side. His first classical guitar recording since 1992 is being released through GuitarCoop, a digital platform that he helped launch as an angel investor (guitarcoop.com.br).

Kristin Majeska recently moved to the foodie mecca of Portland, Maine, where she, her husband, Luis, and their sons, Alex and Nico, are living the soccer (and band) parents’ life and enjoying living minutes from the beach. Kristin just wrapped up the first stage of a national project to make credible, comparable information about physician performance available to employers and consumers across the country. She expects to once again immerse herself in helping companies earn “profits from purpose” through sustainability improvements, cause-related marketing, and creative workforce development initiatives.

Michael Henderson is making an offer many of us will want to accept: After 14 years as CFO of Osprey Packs in Cortez, Colo., Michael has accepted the position of general mgr. at their Vietnam office. He manages a staff of 40 Vietnamese and 5 ex-pats in Ho Chi Minh City, covering design, development, prototyping, and quality control at their contract factories. Michael and Andrea made the move in June. Michael’s offer: “We will be well prepared for visitors, so please consider stopping by if you’re in SE Asia on business or holiday; we’d love to see you!”

The year 2016 has found Sarah Sands throwing herself into the political process. In early January Sarah and Greg Sands hosted Hillary Clinton for a fundraiser at their home. Joining them were Susan Doherty, Maria Frantz, Mark Selcow, ’93, Matt Glickman, ’93, and Susie Hwang, JD ’94. It was an amazing night. Since then Sarah has knocked on doors for Hillary in Nevada and was a precinct captain at the Nevada Democratic Caucus.

Oliver Chubb and Daphne Li visited D.C. with their adorable twin girls over spring break. They scored a tour of the West Wing and even got to see the Oval Office. “We also randomly ran into Steve Abbott at the Supreme Court. The adults were all excited to be in the courtroom and see only eight chairs—the kids need a few more years more to appreciate it.” Oliver and Daphne are deep in elementary school bliss—they hosted a Chinese New Year party where the average age was 5.

Mark Lange is CMO at Reputation.com, a company that helps large companies monitor, manage, and improve brand equity on social media.

The always-smiling Andy England started a new job on January 1 as CEO of National Cinema Media, the largest seller of cinema advertising in the U.S. This entails a move back to Colorado, which he plans to do once his daughter completes middle school. Classmates are invited to reach out if they’re coming through Denver.

So far Sue Forbes and Michael Samols are competing for highest honors for their MLA degrees. Michael lives steps from an epic surf break in New Zealand, and Sue is continuing to pursue her third career as ship’s photographer on naturalist expeditions around the world. See her award-winning photos at sueforbesphoto.com. Sue reports: “I had a great couple of months working all over the Indian Ocean from the Maldives to Madagascar all the way to Mozambique (and some other countries not beginning with ‘M’). Had mixed weather like the nearby photo where I’m messing around while driving the zodiac in a huge, tropical downpour near Aldabra, Seychelles.”

After a 15-year labor of love expanding the historic Evergreen Lodge into a very cool Yosemite resort, Lee Zimmerman and Brian Anderluh are about to complete a new sister property to the Evergreen called Rush Creek Lodge. “Rush Creek is a 150-room mountain lodge a half mile from the Highway 120 entrance to Yosemite and seven miles from the Evergreen Lodge. We’ve spent the past four years in planning and development, and in June Rush Creek held its grand opening—the first new Yosemite resort in over 25 years and a super special place set on 20 wooded, hillside acres. Rush Creek will have a modern rustic sensibility and will feature beautiful hillside villas, a restaurant, tavern, large saltwater pool, hot tubs, outdoor fireplaces, guest lounge, game room, general store, guided tour, recreation ‘concierge,’ nightly activities, fly-casting pond, gold panning, and event/meeting space. Like the Evergreen, Rush Creek will be a social-purpose enterprise and a B Corporation, replicating and expanding on the Evergreen’s self-funded Youth Employment Program and varied environmental initiatives. We are on the last push to finish construction.
and prepare to open the 130,000 sq. ft. of new structures that comprise Rush Creek. We continue to love our slow-growth hospitality model that allows us to stay close to the business and to create really special destinations and experiences for people.”

Very sad news — David Pesikoff’s wife of 21 years, Sarah, passed away last July after a battle with cancer. Many of you knew Sarah while at Stanford; she and David were never far apart. David’s love and caring for Sarah were amazing, and we are so sorry to hear about his tragic loss. Our thoughts go out to David and his sons. Those wishing to honor Sarah’s memory may send donations to the Hermann Park Conservancy for Sarah’s Garden or St. John’s School for the Sarah R. Pesikoff Faculty Summer Enrichment Fund.

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Two very sad items to start — classmate Tom Adams and classmate Jennifer (Woodhouse) Barnes’ spouse have passed away. Carrie Oliver writes a moving tribute about Tom: “Hearts broke around the world in late April as people learned that our classmate Tom Adams passed away suddenly. Uniformly described by classmates, colleagues, and friends as generous of heart, spirit, and mind, Tom left an indelible impression. My first was that he was uncommonly optimistic. Having been unfairly conscripted to math camp (Tom was strong in quant skills, none of us ‘poets’ understood why he was there), rather than complain, he was gleeful, seeing it as an opportunity to bond with classmates before anyone else had the chance.”

“Tom’s confidence about the future is echoed by Ward Supplee. ‘My lasting impression is that of a joyful person, and his joy was infectious; this was Tom’s great gift and something for which I was always very thankful.’ Royal Bryson, Class of ‘94, noted, ‘Tom was always optimistic. We both struggled through trying times, but I knew that I could always call him up to get a shot in the arm.’”

“Another of Tom’s hallmark traits was his genuine delight in helping others solve problems or explore ideas. Insatiably curious and keen of mind, he held himself and others to high standards. Whether he was sharing his latest endeavor or learning about yours, he would broaden your thinking and leave you feeling smarter and more confident.”

“Tom is also remembered as being very particular. His bearing was regal, his clothes impeccable. Yet he was completely unpretentious. Listening to Tom order a Manhattan at the Rosewood and then take his first sumptuous sip was not Portlandian; the bartenders loved that he respected their craft, and Tom’s equivalent of ‘shaken not stirred’ converted more than one bourbon Manhattan drinker to his favorite rye.
Jennifer (Woodhouse) Barnes suffered the loss of her husband. A note from Jennifer: “Words cannot express how much your signs of support have meant to me since Jeff passed away in January. Thank you for your visits, your cards, your calls, and your attendance at his service. Thank you for helping with meals and daily chores. Thank you for helping with my three children’s futures via the scholarship fund set up by Carol Parish. Your generosity and kindness have brought Grant, Jessica, Gavin, and me comfort during our darkest days.”

Loads of substantive news this quarter. Much better to have an editing challenge than a “just making it up” challenge. Laurent Demuynck started the year with a visit in Barcelona from Lucineh and Raffi Kassarjian and their lovely children. “We got to play backgammon on a board I bought in Yerevan at their wedding in 1995. Good memories.” Extra points to everyone who knew that Yerevan is the capital of Armenia. Down in Rwanda, Laurent’s company got funded to build East Africa’s first button mushroom farm.

Karen Weltschek Mueller submitted her first-ever update to our class notes. She and Gary (“Still the one.”) have five kids — 13, 11, 9, and twins of 7 — and live outside of Boston. She claims to have “no full-time gig,” but makes time for family-business entrepreneurial ventures ranging from an “AI-based hedge fund” to a “deep house music” events business. She is also working with her kids’ school and the American Repertory Theater. Uh, the parts of that I understood sounded relatively full time to me.

Ann Henry hopes that I can be as remotely funny in my notes as John Lee has been in his. Tough act to follow.

Nicolas Vandenbergh and his wife, Alina, have started a new company. Separately, Nicolas described a journey of self-discovery. In his own words: “A few weeks ago a friend of mine observing my right leg shaking under the table declared it an unmistakable sign of ADHD. I objected. Yet the Kindle version of Delivered from Distraction: Getting the Most out of Life with ADHD read like my exact biography. It turns out that all the cool traits I was so proud of — sense of adventure, love of road trips, defiance of authority, etc. — were written in this book and in my deficient DNA. There you have it. I’m now requesting an official apology from all my GSB study groups, who blamed my poor contributions on despicable character flaws when a little drop of Adderall would have settled the matter.”

This paragraph reads better if you substitute the words “being French” for “ADHD.”

Steve Hawkins just moved into a new house on the northern beaches of Sydney. He is a principal at a boutique advisory and funds management business, which is largely a UBS alumni office. He is staying fit with national masters swimming championships and planning to run the Melbourne Marathon later in the year.

Bill Gerhardt has joined residential real estate developer Throckmorton Partners as VP of capital projects, focused on their portfolio of multifamily residential developments.

Steve and Juliet Hochman are, “Living the dream back in Portland.” Juliet is “ridiculously fast” at triathlons these days, training for the national championships this summer. Steve predicts the worlds next year. Juliet surprised Steve with a big pre-50th birthday bike ride last October near Santa Rosa, Calif. Among the GSB surprise riders were Peter Crawford, Scott Fleming, and Brian Platter. “Peter rode the 100 miles so fast that he practically melted the tires on his bike. The rest of us, well, finished.” Steve is leading Nike’s global retail operations and has 15 pairs of running shoes in his closet. He and Juliet pass along a sincere request for visitors.

Jim Kee has moved to Austin, Texas, and recently played in his 1,000th ice hockey game. “Having been initially indoctrinated at the GSB by Lane MacDonald and some other classates, I got the bug and can’t shake it!”

Paola Bonomo has been at Facebook for almost one year as regl. dir. in charge of Italy, France, Benelux, and Iberia. Paola and Orazio saw John and Carol Hamilton over Easter in Florence for a weekend of art, gastronomic adventures, wine cellar visits, and outlet shopping.

Amy Pressman had an awesome and inspirational interview in the New York Times about her and Borge Halvd’s company, Medallia.

Finally, Nick Halaby and his son, Alex, treated me to an evening of chicken wings and obscure brown liquors in Boston in February. He is a charming, witty, and graceful man. Nick seemed to be in good form as well.

That’s the news from Cape Town. Stay safe, hug your loved ones, and come visit.

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Twenty years! Where has the time gone? So, we’d be remiss to not start off with a massive thank you to Leslie Williams Boissiere, who agreed to our crazy class secretary triumvirate two decades ago and has now ably passed the baton to Tracy Shields Williams. Mostly because no one thinks that Nick and I should look after these duties on our own. We both feel more comfortable knowing that Tracy will keep us in good working order. Welcome aboard, Tracy. Look forward to her wise words next time ...

On to the news ... After a decade working at GIC (the Singapore sovereign wealth fund), where she headed the private equity group for the Americas, Suzi Cohen left “to become the chief investment officer for Mousse Partners, a family office based in New York City.” She says, “I’ve been living in NYC since moving back in 1998 from the Bay Area and am married with two boys ages 5 and 7.”

Ronna Chao’s been “back in Hong Kong now for 20 years since graduating” and is still running her family office. (“Basically our own fund of funds and very happy to report that Anthony Lee’s fund is in our portfolio.”) She is also chmn. and CEO of the Bai Xian Asia Institute (a non-profit that runs the Asian Future Leaders Scholarship Program, granting up to 100 scholarships per year for students). Chun (ChunKee) Lee has been at Credit Suisse for 18 years, and 14 of those years as head of the Credit Suisse Korea office. They “have 140 people in the Korea office and have a successful operation here. Looking back, I tried as hard as I could to reach what I want to be and think I got there, at least for now.”

Scott Shimamoto wants to congratulate Dom DeMarco for “winning (yet again) an annual NCAA March Madness draft among Deb Barnds, Tom Barnds, Eli Ben-Shoshan, Gordon Jones, Joe Peta, Tim Ranzetta, and Scott.”

The event has continued for 20 years, and they now have “an additional pool that brings many of our kids together to compete for prizes and bragging rights.” Keeping the gambling alive for future generations. Scott apparently requested that Tim and Joe write up a blurb about their recent podcasts that he claims are “both very informative and entertaining on national platforms.” Clearly, they’re too busy with that, so expect to hear more about it next time.

Mary Huffman reports that she’s launched another company. In her own words: “After losing my mom last year, I found some adult coloring books in her belongings, and I started coloring. It helped me tremendously as I grieved. So I started my own adult coloring book company.” ColoringBookZone.com offers “an exclusive series of books called the Refresh, Relax & Renew series with specially selected images and messages to help anyone who is going through a hard time (anxiety, depression, grief, health problems, etc.).” They also offer the opportunity to make a custom book as a gift to others. “If you know someone who colors or someone who could benefit from the calming effects of coloring, please check out the site.”

After 12 years in Massachusetts teaching religious studies, Ted DesMaisons has moved back to the Bay Area “to offer speaking engagements and lead workshops that combine growth mindset, mindfulness, and other contemplative practices, improvisation, and positive reinforcement.” He offered one such workshop at Tara Casagrande’s new yoga studio in Alexandria, Va., this past January, and he notes: “Following in Roy Vella’s footsteps long ago, I also joined the board of BATS Improv.” Good for BATS.

Antoine A. Firmenich “can’t quite believe that it’s been 20 years already.” He writes: “About 10 years ago I left the day-to-day running of the family business to focus on my board responsibilities and to pursue my passion for investing with a long-term value philosophy. I cofounded Alatus Capital Ltd., a European-based value investment manager.” Antoine’s been happily living in Singapore with his family since 2008.

Steve Bumbaugh and Diana Kapp met up at SXSW in March at a panel on increasing college access for low-income kids. The session piggybacked on the screening of Southeast 67, a documentary featuring Steve about his class of 67 “Dreamers” he mentored from 1989 to 1994. Diana writes: “Film is fantastic and well worth screening. Steve has a hot, new job at the College Board, as SVP, college and career access. Go, Steve.”

Cheryl Zando was selected to participate in the Political Leaders Program (a 9-month program that focuses on ethics in public service, public policy, and campaign and advocacy skills) at the Sorensen Institute at the Univ. of Virginia. Daniel Lahart, S.J., finished 15 years at Franklin & Marshall President Dan Porterfield.

After a SXSW panel about increasing college access for low-income kids: Steve Bumbaugh, and Diana Kapp, both ’96, filmmaker Betsy Cox, “Dreamer” Martece Gooden-Yates, and Franklin & Marshall President Dan Porterfield.
Hello, all. I hope everyone is well.

In the last column, Ken Fine was reported to be moving to San Diego and doing all kinds of great things, and while there is no doubt Ken Fine is a rock star, the news item was about Ken Hood. We apologize to both Kens for any confusion. While we’re on the topic, Ken Hood (not Fine), managing partner of FusionX Ventures, has recently joined the board of portfolio company NanoCollect Biomedical as part of a Series A financing round. The company is beginning production of a WOLF cell sorter, which you can read about by going to the company’s home page.

Marty Felsenthal reports that he and his lovely wife, Amy, are living in San Francisco with their three kids (10, 10, and 8). Marty recently stepped away from his healthcare venture capital partnership and is very much enjoying retirement/unemployment for the first time since business school. He writes, “I’m debating whether to launch a fund of my own or ask Irina Pavlova for a job with the Nets.”

Kirstin Hoefer says she left her role as SVP of venture capital partnership and is very much looking forward to expanding my involvement in musical theater. It’s just too beautiful. José Marin is a co-investor in No Day but Today, the company we created for Rent, and I had the pleasure to have James Hare and Mike Hughes come watch the show together with GSB alums from other classes: Luisa Alemany, ’00, Michel Kisfaludi, ’99, and Pedro de Esteban, ’86. Ultimately, extremely happy with my new life, which is dedicated to music, sports, and family, which also includes new baby Marcos, born nine months ago.

That’s it for now. Drop me a line if you’re ever in Houston.

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at Strake Jesuit College Prep in Houston in May, and “After a summer off, I’ll start at Regis High School in New York City in August.” He says he’ll “miss Houston, but I’m looking forward to seeing many of our classmates in NYC when I settle in.” Karen Cassel was appointed EVP and GM of performance marketing for Caring.com (leading site for family caregivers). She says, “I’m looking forward to expanding Caring.com’s ability to be there when and as they need us.”

As for me (Roy), I’m happy to have had proper catch-ups this year with classmates like Robbie Baxter, Giuseppe Curatolo, Vassilis Chamalidis, Suhail Rahuja, Ranah Edelin, Gerardo Capiel, Anthony Lee, Bill Park, and Rian Schmidt, all of whom are obviously “too busy” to send along an update themselves. Slackers. It’s officially a decade in London this month: still enjoying consulting in digital/fin-tech as well as the professional speaker circuit to Stanford only 10 years ago. Same with you. Head of our office in EMEA. Visitors are always welcome.

Finally, I think Tom Gerson reflects all our feelings in his reply to my request: “You must have the wrong address ... I could swear I went home, especially since I now have a 15-year-old freshman and it feels like he’ll be out of the house by the time I finish writing this.” Kirstin sees Laura Yost Spivy often. Laura lives in the Presidio around the corner from Kirstin’s office and just finished being head of the board of trustees at San Francisco Day School. She now has more time to practice piano and singing for her band. “She legitimately plays gigs in San Francisco. She’s amazing!” Maybe you should become the band’s manager, Kirstin.

Sanshiro Yamaoka continues to be active in Japan’s off-off Broadway theatrical world having appeared on 41 stages since his debut in 2013. In January 2016 he started his own drama company with playwright Yasuyuki Tsutsumi and expects to be on 40 stages this year. When not wowing audiences, Sanshiro is a professor of equity investment and a management consultant.

In more theater news, Javier Perez-Tenessa is happy to report that he recently completed a transition from large-company CEO to producer of musical theater, with the staging of Rent (www.rent-elmusical.com) in Barcelona: “It was a great experience all around, and my plan is to continue expanding my involvement in musical theater. It’s just too beautiful. José Marin is a co-investor in No Day but Today, the company we created for Rent, and I had the pleasure to have James Hare and Mike Hughes come watch the show together with GSB alums from other classes: Luisa Alemany, ’00, Michel Kisfaludi, ’99, and Pedro de Esteban, ’86. Ultimately, extremely happy with my new life, which is dedicated to music, sports, and family, which also includes new baby Marcos, born nine months ago.”

That’s it for now. Drop me a line if you’re ever in Houston.
Hello, classmates, from Eden Godsoe enjoying some amazing weather in San Francisco. There is much to report, so let’s get right to it.

#MoversAndShakers: We want to kick things off with big congratulations to Andris Berzins, who was recently presented with the Human Development Award of Latvia by none other than Latvian President Raimonds Vējonis. The Human Development Award was established in 2014 and is presented to honor Latvia’s inspirational people and recognize the socially responsible practices of Latvia’s businesses and nonprofit organizations.

We never thought we’d see the day, but after 20-plus years in investment banking, Jennifer Jarrett has left Citigroup to be the CFO at Medivation, a publicly traded pharma company based in San Francisco. In another big move, albeit in the same industry, Iris Yen recently started a new job heading up corporate strategy at Nike after more than a decade at Gap.

Thad Sheely just moved to Atlanta with his family (his wife, Gabby, and two boys, Ben and Nick) to take a new gig as CFO and head of real estate for the Hawks. The GSB small world kicker is that Thad is only a block away from Ben Nemo and Tatiana and their daughter.

Eli Halliwell is ready to unveil his new company, Hairstory, and solicit some shameless self-promotion. After five years at DE Shaw, Eli switched back to his beauty roots and started a new hair-care company with two partners and funding from a bunch of our classmates. Their hero product, New Wash, cleans without any detergent and is the best thing you can do for your hair.

Rik Esselink has zapped into a completely new (and unexpected) world, providing technology to the public safety market. Taser International’s body cameras, evidence management software, and nonlethal weapons are particularly relevant at the moment in the EMEA market, where Rik is building Taser’s international HQ team in Amsterdam and a sales team across EMEA. Rik wanted to say a big thanks to the many GSB classmates who helped coach and advise him in his job search.

Congrats to Dan Olsen, who recently released his book, The Lean Product Playbook, published by Wiley. It’s going to also be published in China, India, and Thailand and was just picked up for an audiobook that will be out in June. It’s available on Amazon, so please support Dan by making a purchase.

#AroundTheWorld: Saehong Hur reports that Tien Tzuo and his family recently visited Seoul, Korea, where they were able to spend some time together. Joe Klesney and Kevin Frick summited Kilimanjaro last summer ... or (per Joe) Kevin carried Joe up Kilimanjaro.

#HollySightings: Holly Davidson reports: “I haven’t personally done anything interesting,” but she continues to run into classmates everywhere (and we mean everywhere). Holly bumped into Naureen Hassan in Hawaii last summer and then ran into Nic Volpi driving a golf cart in Hawaii over Thanksgiving. Over the holidays she ran into Dave Kennedy at a San Francisco party and Vic Parker at Christmas Eve church service in San Mateo. Holly spent time with Andrew Hee, who refused to take Holly to a UVA basketball game but did take her to lunch at Fig & Olive where they both had salads. Holly also had lunch with Erik Budde in San Carlos, but we have no information on where or what they ate. She had dinner with a bunch of classmates including Dave Perez, Chad Thomas, Thomas Killian, Clement Wang, Bob Tinker, and Erik Budde at the Battery in San Francisco in late February. In March Holly saw Alyssa Rieder at the Women’s PE Summit and also met up with Alan Cline in Austin. Holly saw Mark Davison in NYC and met his daughter, Dylan, who she says is “super cute, precocious, and going to give him a huge run for his money.” Finally, Holly ran into someone in Tokyo last fall but that person wanted to remain confidential, so let the guessing games begin.

That’s it for now. Please continue to post your news and fun updates to our Facebook page at facebook.com/groups/752044581512168.

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Mike Fee and his family just returned from a trip that turned into more of an adventure than they’d planned: They were in the Brussels Airport during the recent terrorist attacks — completely unharmed fortunately! As a result, a trip to Africa turned into sightseeing in Brussels, Ghent, and Paris and finally into an opportunity to do some work on behalf of the organization his family supports, Achon Uganda Children’s Fund. “It was the trip of a lifetime,” Mike says, “but we’re glad to be safe at home.”

Also safe at home is Robert Tomkinson, who writes in with much more relaxed news: “Relished polishing off my final bottle of GSB ’99 class wine with Willliie Quinn, Andy Fense- lau, and Gun Ruder. The wine, like the company, was smooth, mellow, and classy. But not getting any younger. Off to run the Boston (marathon) next week — a few miles behind Don Pitt. And looking forward to seeing Scott Utzinger while in town.”

Now for baby news: Travis and Kyra Nelson are happy to announce the birth of their fourth child, Keegan, on March 25. Travis writes: “Older siblings Piper, Turner, and Murphy are (mostly) excited about the arrival of their new baby brother.”

Rafael Letts and his wife, Linette, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Cristina Pilar, on January 26. She joins big sister Maria Luisa, age 2. “We are not sleeping that much but couldn’t be happier,” Rafael writes.

Jay Goldberg and his wife, Natalie Antoci, are thrilled to welcome their daughter, Tatum Scout, born on March 24. “One of her first visitors was 106-year-old great-grandpa Leo.” A big congrats to Jay and Natalie! And to Leo, too.

A few career updates: Anthony Cross has become VP of product strategy for EagleView Technologies, an aerial imagery and data analytics firm. Anthony writes, “The company is based north of Seattle, which means we don’t need to relocate — much to the relief of my family.”

Kevin MacCormack writes: “After over 16 years in investment banking at Raymond James, I joined Coast Dental as CFO in January. Coast Dental operates 170 practices in Florida, Georgia, and California (including the Bay Area). I’m enjoying the new set of challenges and look forward to many of you becoming customers soon. Was also able to get together with Jamie Iannone and Scott Utzinger in Jupiter, Fla., for a little golf recently.”

Here is some career-related news that has been publicly reported — congrats to these folks! Andres Botero has joined Aria Systems, a SaaS firm focused on billing solutions, as CMO & SVP; Florian Hunziker has joined 4moms, a consumer tech company, as COO; Jason Bender has been promoted to COO at First Republic Bank; and Marla Blow has joined the board of FactorTrust, a financial services company.

And a few general updates: Tammy Kiely writes: “Until now, I haven’t submitted an update because, quite frankly, my 17 years post b-school have not seemed terribly exciting. I am still at Goldman Sachs where I lead the semiconductor investment banking practice. I have two sons, who are now both taller than me. Am also enjoying my volunteer roles as a board member of the Silicon Valley Chapter of the American Heart Assn. and of the Orfalea College of Business at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo.”

Masahiro Yamagiwa writes in with an update from Tokyo: “Andy Fenselau came all the way to Tokyo to celebrate his own birthday. Actually, he was here on business and the timing coincided with my son Mathew’s birthday, so we celebrated together.

“Senia Maymin was very kind in sending me a copy of her book Profit from the Positive translated to Japanese and recently published in Japan. I am sure it will do well here as in the U.S. To wrap up 2015, Junko and Gun Ruder and their daughters visited during the last few days of the year. It was good catching up over a lunch of Gun’s favorite ‘tonkatsu’ pork cutlet and then some pastries. The kids are growing up way too fast.” Masa, thank you for another excellent submission.

Finally, a heartfelt submission from Carla de Cervantes: “Hi, everyone. This isn’t so much of an update but a reflection that I wanted to share. I was so touched by the number of people who reached out to me (and to Grace Kim and her husband, Daniel) after our last alumni newsletter to ask what they could do to support Grace, Daniel, and Hannah and to offer donations to the Dragon Kim Foundation. Thank you for your kindness, your concern, and your generosity. It reminded me of what amazing people I am privileged to have as classmates and as friends. Life is fleeting. None of us knows how long we have. I feel so clear that what makes life precious (at least for me) is the capacity we all have to open our hearts to one another — to be touched, to stand together through the tragedies, to share the joys, to connect, to care. I know that Grace Kim is not the only one in our class who has lived through a tragic life-changing experience. My heart goes out to all of you who have faced loss and heartbreak. Please know that you are not alone. I know how hard it can be to reach out for support. Please know that if you ever need a shoulder or an ear, I for one am here. And I know from experience that others are too.”

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Before: Craig Bondy, Troy Noard, Miguel Espinosa, and Jeff Zimmerman, all ‘00, reminiscing about the good ole days prior to a fabulous golf trip. After (inset): Jeff Zimmerman, ‘00, bruised and battered after his fabulous golf trip. #MysteryShot

As summer approaches and most of the world emerges from hibernation, we provide a short-yet-sweet update, with a twist at the end. #Groovy.

Molly Pisula writes: “After close to nine years of being a stay-at-home mom and part-time personal chef, I decided to really put my time management skills to the test by taking a new job at a wonderful youth development nonprofit called Brainfood. Brainfood’s core programs teach D.C. public school kids cooking skills and life skills through their year-round cooking classes and activities, but I’ve come aboard to manage a new venture called Brainfood Homegrown. The Homegrown team consists of Brainfood grads who are now young adults, getting their first job experience making snack foods to sell at our new retail stand in Union Market and at a couple of local D.C. irrigation stations. It’s very much a start-up mindset, as we’re trying to build a sustainable business that will allow us to hire more employees and help financially support the Brainfood mission. I am extremely excited about it, and if you’re ever in D.C., keep an eye out for our products. The Old Bay Kale Chips and Buffalo Wing Caramel Corn are killer.” That’s what we love about our classmates. Doing good while simultaneously creating buffalo wing caramel corn.

Chris Miller writes that he “took on a new job running a direct primary care healthcare company called Paladina Health, and I’d love to connect with others in the direct primary care space. The Miller family of five is well and enjoying life in the Rockies.” Congrats, Chris, and here’s to good health!

Craig Bondy provides a bit of a mystery update. He writes that he hung out with “Troy Noard, Jeff Zimmerman, and Miguel Espinosa at Noard’s house in Florida last month for a golf trip. The photos show everyone happy and enjoying themselves beforehand, followed by Zimmerman losing a fight on the golf course. Don’t ask. It was great to get some of the boys together again to hang out.” And this is where the twist comes in. You don’t just send a photo of a battered and bruised Zimmerman in without explanation … did his ball end up in a beehive? Or was there finally a reckoning for drinking Troy’s IPA at that LPF so many years ago when he put it down to run to the restroom? Our challenge to all for the next class notes update is to share your hypotheses on “what exactly did happen to Zimmerman on the golf course?” Can’t wait for your creative responses.

Enjoy your summer, all. Send your news to: Nigel Smith, nvsmith@gmail.com; Tim Brackney, tim.brackney@gmail.com;

In the GSB 2001 news this spring: Rita Louh and Rolland Ho are enjoying raising their two little girls, Mikaela (5) and Zenaia (2), in San Francisco. Rita is engaged with independent consulting projects for nonprofit service organizations and foundations. And she serves on the board of the Homeless Prenatal Program, which empowers poor and homeless mothers motivated by pregnancy and parenthood to transform their lives. Rolland continues his adventures in navigating and modernizing the convoluted U.S. healthcare system with his latest role as SVP, enterprise analytics, for Altegra Health, a Change Healthcare company.

Creighton Reed is still living in San Francisco where he’s been since GSB graduation. Creighton’s kids are now 10 and 7, and Kerry recently retired from 20 years at Goldman. Creighton left Palantir last year and now is consulting for a few tech companies in the city and valley. Creighton writes: “Finding the flexibility of consulting is great right now — leaves time for more important things like coaching my son’s lacrosse team, long-term projects with some nonprofits, and some occasional travel. Looking forward to seeing people at the reunion and catching up.”

Jennifer Siebel Newsom writes: “This year has been a wonderful whirlwind so far. In February Gavin and I welcomed our fourth child, Dutch William Siebel Newsom, who is a joyful addition to the family. Speaking of Gavin, he continues to gain momentum for his Safety for All gun safety legislation, which will be on the ballot in November. Over at the Representation Project, we debuted a powerful campaign for Super Bowl 50 called #BeAModelMan, which was a perfect catalyst to have a powerful conversation around healthy masculinity. I’d encourage you to check it out at beamodelman.org. Also, my latest film, The Mask You Live In, was recently released on DVD, Netflix, and other digital platforms. I’m thrilled to make it easy for everyone to see and share with their friends and family.”

After 11 1/2 years at Nektar and Novartis combined, David Maltz just started a 5-month personal sabbatical to take a step back and figure out what he really wants to do next. The first couple of months David will be at home in San Francisco, mostly doing projects around the house and de-compressing a bit. Then in June/July/August, Antje and David will take the kids, Amelie (11) and Marlon (9), to Europe for two months, traveling in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Greece, including a couple of hut-to-hut hiking trips and a home exchange in Berlin. When they get back, David will refocus his efforts on defining his next career step, which will likely be at the intersection of medical device development, wearable technology, and the consumerization of healthcare. It remains to be seen whether this is something Dave can do from San Francisco within the context of a massive Swiss pharma company …

Dwight Gibson reports: “After almost four years in Belgium, the Gibson family repatriated to the U.S. last July. We are now settling into life in Charlotte, N.C. The acclimation process has been interesting with a lot of adjustments — missing the great Belgian food and amazing travel options but have a new found appreciation for same-day Amazon deliveries and Southern hospitality. E’noa is now 16 and learning to drive, Ari continues to participate in competitive gymnastics, and Ilia, the 5-year-old, is running the house. Ericka and I have engaged in the Charlotte community, and a big demonstration of that is my contribution to a fundraising effort for Carolina Breast Friends and their Pink House, an organization that provides services to men and women undergoing breast cancer
treatment. The big event is a Dancing with the Stars of Charlotte competition on April 16. Wish me luck. The entire family will be at the reunion, and we look forward to catching up."

Martin Arzac and Alison Ruddy were married at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Notre Dame, Ind., in June 2015. Martin is managing dir. in the leveraged debt capital markets group at Deutsche Bank, and Alison is a dir. in the prime brokerage group at Wells Fargo Securities. They live in NYC on the Upper West Side near Lincoln Center.

Channing Davey reports that last year she and her husband, Paul, moved back to their hometown of Houston from Abu Dhabi in order to be closer to family. A few weeks ago they had a son, Patrick Michael. They are feeling very blessed that he’s with them and are all doing well.

From Alvaro Fernandez: “Most exciting news of the month is that my book, Sharp-Brains’ Brain Fitness Guide, just came out in Japanese, including a great story in Newsweek Japan. The publisher there added a preface by a Tokyo university professor of which I have no idea what it says ... so I hope some GSB classmates can help.”

Jeremy Parker joined Macquarie Capital to lead the aerospace, defense, and government services business.

Jennifer (Smith) Mellum writes: “New city, new job, new life. After 12 years in San Francisco after the GSB, in January 2014 I picked up and moved to Minneapolis—a city I’ve always been fond of after growing up in northern Wisconsin. I thought 2014 was going to be all about the news of the month is that my book, Sharp-Brains’ Brain Fitness Guide, just came out in Japanese, including a great story in Newsweek Japan. The publisher there added a preface by a Tokyo university professor of which I have no idea what it says ... so I hope some GSB classmates can help.”

Michael Krot and Lisa Stefanac would like to introduce Griffin, their son and first baby, who was born on December 25. Michael writes: “We absolutely adore the little guy and parenting has been life changing in all the best ways for both of us (well, except for sleep). For the last six years we have lived in Mill Valley, amidst the redwoods and just across from the Muir Woods (come visit for a hike). Aside from the joys of parenting, we cofounded KSE Leadership in 2014 where we accelerate talent readiness and team performance for enterprise clients and startups. This started as a dream of mine at the GSB, and I’ve been steadily building toward this for the last 15 years.”

Apart from the great news on her promotion, Tamimira had more excitement to share from Houston and beyond. She connected with Horacio Trujillo when he came to Houston for the Final Four and had lunch with Jim Twiss in Houston as well. She made it to Canada for the first time ever and got to see Robert Henry on their family ski trip to Banff.

Rod Morris left Opower shortly after the IPO and has been working on starting a new business in the child development space, planning to launch in 2017. The business involves software and hardware, so Rob mobilized the GSB network, getting terrific insights from classmates like Chuck Seiber, Nancy Yen, and others along the way, and he navigates the world of industrial design and manufactured goods.

Sarah Welch started a new job as SVP, consumer mkting, at CarGurus — a disruptive car-shopping site that lets people easily shop all local inventory for the best deals in their area on the car they want, backed up by dealer reviews to check whether an offer may be too good to be true. The family also just moved into an rental for six months (or at least they hope), while renovating and adding on to their new home. They look forward to having a new guest suite come fall and adding on to their new home. They look forward to having a new guest suite come fall and adding on to their new home. They look forward to checking whether an offer may be too good to be true.

Jamie Russell is very proud of his wife, Dawn, whom he met at Stanford and has recently started an amazing company called 8 Greens. She not only has read The Goal but also has been applying the lessons we were taught in operations, marketing, and especially negotiation. While Jamie is not sure Prof. Kreps’ “textbook” has been rigorously applied, if she makes it as successful as it looks, then Prof. McDonald would be sure to ask her in to speak. Jamie is trying to keep their marriage together by serving as investor No. 1 and part-time chairman, and nothing full time. Dawn’s in Nordstrom, on the web, and will be on QVC starting in May. It has been the most useful application of our whole MBA course he has been involved in. Go check it out.

Alissa Douglas tied the knot in San Francisco in early April. The Class of 2002 was very well represented by Kathy Lipscomb Strahs, Michael Strahs, Joy Guidi, Amy Wilkinson, John Maul, Alex Abell, Kathy A.N. Grant, Angie Popek, Kelly Hoffman Zafar, Jen Bergeron, ’04, and others.

Mario Ribera and his family are ready for another international adventure, and they are moving to Mexico City this summer. They will be there for a few years, so start making your plans to visit them.

Victoria Dimitrakopoulos took a 9-month professional leave to travel the world and prepare for the family’s new arrival. Eve (now 11) skipped three months of school to join Michael and Victoria in their travels to France, Greece, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Vietnam, Qatar, Switzerland, Italy, and the U.K. Victoria still intends to return to executive search in the public and social sector but hopefully only after giving herself time to complete a couple of cartooning projects that have laid dormant for years.

Doreen Oliver will be performing a one-woman show in August in New York City! Her show, Everything Is Fine Until It’s Not, was accepted into the New York Fringe International Festival and will play for five dates during August 12–28. She’s writing, producing, and starring in it — something she’s never done before, so she’s super excited and extraordinarily terrified. Make sure to check out the theatre festival’s website fringenyc.org in July to find specific dates for Doreen’s show. She’s looking forward to seeing some of us in the audience!

Until next time.

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03 Consummated Betrothals — It couldn’t have happened to a better guy: Mark Breimhorst married Abigail Dalmau in March 2016. Gene Cook, Eddie Garcia, and Leena Ved, ’02, represented the GSB. Mark is raising funds for his feature film, the story of a reluctant participant of a political sit-in who falls in love with a militant activist — set in the true event of the 1977 month-long occupation of a federal building in San Francisco. Mark hopes to make the Milk for the disability rights movement.

Career News — Amit Jain was recognized by Fortune magazine as an India 40 Under 40 award recipient in his role as pres. of Uber India. Will Kuntz has joined Peak Rock Partners of Austin, Texas, as a principal and will work closely with Peak Rock’s senior leadership team to help drive the firm’s technology and tech-enabled services investment strategy. He was previously a principal at Housatonic Partners where he led investments in technology businesses including the software, digital media, and technology-enabled services sectors.

Samantha Greenberg recently founded Margate Capital, a multisector equity long/short alternative asset manager, in partnership and with seed funding from Ramius, the global investment management business of Cowen Group. Sam is the managing partner and chief investment officer of Margate. This follows Sam’s success as partner and media/consumer sector head on the investment team of Paulson & Co. where she managed equity investments in media, cable, consumer discretionary, and staples sectors. Sam has previously been named to the Hedge Fund Journal/Ernst & Young’s “50 Leading Women in Hedge Funds.” You are making us proud.

And finally, in a slight change of careers, the GSB quartet also known as the Side Street Boys (Matty Yohannan, Ryan Frick, Tod Sacerdotti, and Boris Shursiep) performed at the Pandora event at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas recently. See their website for future tour dates.

We know there is a lot more going on out there with everyone, so let’s get those updates next time.

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04 Prepare to be inspired by our awe-some classmates. We’ve culled and cribbed from various press outlets all sorts of stories about our friends. Our class is certainly trying our best to shake up Prof. Pfeffer’s featured guest lineup for Paths to Power!

In recent Department of Defense news, Aaron Hughes was touted as one of the top DOD officials, serving as deputy asst. secretary of defense for cyber policy. In the interview, Aaron says he found success by staying focused on his goals, pursuing education, working hard, and remaining positive when challenges popped up along the way. “His path to success, Hughes said, included education [go GSB!], hard work, taking high and low points in stride, and not being afraid to be the first in your family to try something new. ’I was blessed that my parents reinforced education with me, but no one in my family had served in the military before,” said Hughes, a member of the Maryland Air National Guard. He is the director of mission integration for the I75th Cyber Operations Group in the Maryland Air National Guard as well as a mission commander in one of three Air Na-
Las Vegas. during the Consumer Electronics Show in all ’03, performed at the Pandora event Side Street Boys: Matty Yohannan, Ryan India Amit Jain, ’03, on the 40-Under-40 Fortune on their San Francisco wedding day. Mark Breimhorst, ’03, and Abigail Dalmau managing dir. of Lagos Deep Off shore Logistics, you contribute to your community. She recently about her efforts to build Africa’s larg- est fabrication and integration facility. The ar- ticle deftly explains Amy’s unique background including her medical and business degrees, investment banking experience at Goldman Sachs, and her versatility, intelligence, and competence as the source of her ability to ex- ecute a massive and ambitious project. “After I moved back to Nigeria, I got involved in LADOL because of my finance background.” She ex- plains LADOL is a Nigerian company whose focus is to build strategically important infra- structure. The first project entails the construc- tion of a $150M industrial hub and logistics base at a port in Lagos, the second phase involves a $450M industrial village, where they will offer accommodations and offices so that people can live and work there. This will be Africa’s larg- est fabrication and integration facility, built as a joint venture with Samsung Heavy Industries and designed to attract business into Nigeria and create 50,000 jobs in the country. “We have encountered every conceivable difficulty you can think of when you are starting a new busi- ness, especially when you are taking on a proj- ect as large as this. And that is everything from choosing the location to choosing your manage- ment team, recruiting staff and training staff to your interactions with governments, getting your approvals, and retaining your approvals.” When asked about how she has found people’s attitude toward her as a female managing direc- tor in a male-dominated industry, Amy said, “As a female managing director, when you walk into a room, you are put in a spotlight and you are expected to prove yourself. I try to build consen- sus. I focus more on teamwork. My leadership style is based on two things — one is meritoc- racy, the other is collaboration.” Melissa Pianko, EVP of development at Go- tham Organization Market, was recently named one of 10 female developers in the United States who are disrupting the male-dominated status quo and changing the face of U.S. real estate de- velopment by Bistrow. Melissa is the only woman on the executive team of Gotham Organization, a major family-run development firm in NYC. Since joining the company in 2005, she’s been behind some of Gotham’s major projects includ- ing a massive 1,230-unit residential complex in Manhattan’s Hell’s Kitchen and a 250,000-sq. ft. mixed-development on the Upper West Side. Tiffany Griego-Crowe was recently named by Silicon Valley Business Journal a 40 Under 40 in Silicon Valley honoree. Tiffany leads strategic planning, real estate development, and operations of the Stanford Research Park, Stanford’s preeminent real estate asset and largest single revenue-generating business unit. She and her team manage this 700-acre, $7B marketplace comprised of 10.3M sq. ft. of improved R&D and office buildings and 250 housing units. During her 9-year tenure with Stanford, Tiffany has successfully executed more than 40 transac- tions yielding more than a half-billion dollars in income to Stanford Univ. She was also recently elected a director of Stanford Professionals in Real Estate Board of Directors, which oversees the university’s alumni organization designed to connect Stanford alumni, students, and edu- cators and facilitate the sharing of knowledge about real estate. Another 40 Under 40 in Silicon Valley hon- oree from 2011: Paraag Marathe continues to make his mark on Silicon Valley. He was just elected dir. at Sequoia Hospital Foundation Board of Directors. Paraag serves as chief strat- egy officer and EVP of football operations for the San Francisco 49ers, where he oversees the team’s $120M salary cap and player compensa- tion and acts as the team’s lead contract nego- tiator. He also was one of the brain trust who successfully delivered the 68,500-seat 49er stadium in Santa Clara, which played host to an incredible Super Bowl and awesome half-time show this year. “Send your news to: Tiffany Griego- Crowe, tgriego@stanfordalumni.org; Carrie Siu Butt, csiubutt@gmail.com; Richard Wang, rwang@alumni.stanfordgsb.org

Hello, GSB 2005. Ken Natori put on a concert at Red Rooster in Harlem for his 40th birthday with an amateur band he put together for the event. There were about 25 people from our class there, and Lorri Elder joined him for a duet (“When Stars Go Blue”). Check out the picture of Lorri and Ken on stage. We know who will be rocking at our next reunion.

Onto a bit of start-up news. Michelle Fish- berg has recently launched a San Francisco- based digital commerce startup in the sleep wellness space called Slumbr. Sleep has been a hot topic in the zeitgeist, and they are aiming to bring a new perspective to the space. Michelle says the GSB community has been an incred- ible resource for her in this entrepreneurial

Mark Breimhorst, ’03, and Abigail Dalmau on their San Francisco wedding day.

Amit Jain, ’03, on the 40-Under-40 Fortune India magazine cover.

Side Street Boys: Matty Yohannan, Ryan Frick, Tod Sacerdoti, and Boris Shurslep, all ’03, performed at the Pandora event during the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.
Carolyn Yahari Becher.


journey. She is grateful to so many in our class that have given them advice, support, endless encouragement, and inspiration with their own professional pursuits.

Ron Gutman reports some great news about his company, HealthTap (awarded the World Economic Forum Technology Pioneer award this year). They have just crossed 100,000 U.S.-licensed doctors in their medical expert network, making them the world’s largest network of doctors delivering care (representing 141 specialties and subspecialties in more than 3,000 cities and towns across all 50 states). Having served more than 4.3B doctor answers to people in more than 100 countries and built the first health operating system, they are disrupting healthcare everywhere, helping hundreds of millions of people live healthier, happier, longer lives.

Joanna McFarland has started HopSkipDrive and was featured in the New York Times for her startup. “The company is a ride service for kids and is ‘especially useful for families without fulltime nannies, stay-at-home parents caring for more than one child, and divorced parents,’ said Ms. McFarland, a former gen. mgr. for the consumer website Oversee.net.”

I look forward to receiving more updates the next time around.

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We have many inspiring stories of our classmates in the news. Here are just a few.

Zola, the New York-based e-commerce startup led by Shan-Lyn Ma, is on a mission to reinvent the wedding registry by transforming how couples and guests share, buy, and ship wedding gifts. Zola’s digital platform allows couples heading to the altar to conveniently personalize and streamline their wedding registry, simplifying the process and making it fun for everyone involved. Since Zola’s launch in 2013, over 100,000 couples have created a registry. Innovative features include an all-in-one registry management system, a 200-plus name-brand product selection with the ability to add items from any store on the web, a Zola smartphone App to scan the bar codes of any in-store products, plus the opportunity to design a registry page with personal photos and a welcome message for guests. Zola has raised more than $15M in venture capital funding to date.

Garena Interactive Holding Ltd. has raised $170M in fresh capital in a fundraising round led by Malaysia’s state investment arm Khazanah Nasional Berhad, valuing the Singapore-based online entertainment and e-commerce startup at about $3.75B according to a person familiar with the situation. China native Forrest Li founded Garena in 2009 as an online gaming company. Garena says it has now grown to become Southeast Asia’s largest web and mobile platform, with users spread across countries such as Thailand, Vietnam, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. Its PC and mobile gaming services together attract some 28 million users monthly.

CompareAsiaGroup, a consumer finance startup backed by Goldman Sachs, has appointed Sam Allen as its new CEO. Sam previously worked at KKR where he was a director on the private equity investment firm’s portfolio operations team. The company runs sites in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam that allow consumers to compare rates and terms on loans, credit cards, insurance plans, and other financial products. It closed a $40M Series A last year led by Goldman Sachs, bringing its total backing so far, including seed funding, to $45M.

Announced in October, Golden Globe winning actress Gina Rodriguez joined lingerie-tech startup Naja.co as a cofounder to CEO Catalina Girald. “Naja.co is a socially conscious lingerie brand founded with a mission to empower women. Their innovative supply chain is challenging norms in apparel manufacturing through its short lead times, environmentally friendly production practices, and an ethical factory model, which Catalina designed to help mothers balance work and childcare. Sharing the same commitment to supporting all women on their journeys, Catalina and Gina have come together to create stylish, high-performance designs using premium fabrics and construction to compliment a variety of body types.”

Forbes India featured an article on India Inc. “In possibly the five toughest years for India Inc, the Piramal siblings have brought a new vitality to the group’s healthcare and realty businesses. And they’ve just begun. Last year Nandini Piramal introduced cross-functional management development programs for middle and senior managers across four group companies, which involves improving leadership skills, building an entrepreneurial mindset toward each business, and grooming individuals for a greater role.

“The consumer products division, or the over-the-counter (OTC) business of the healthcare segment that forms part of their holdings and listed firm Piramal Enterprises, which Nan dini heads, has expanded rapidly, rising to be the seventh largest of its type in India in 2015 from 40th in 2008. Last year, it acquired baby-care products maker Little’s and also five OTC brands from global drug maker Merck.”

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As usual, we have happy and exciting news to report from the Class of 2007. Congratulations to all.

Wendy Pryce (Lowe) and Kenneth Pryce were married on July 25 in Wendy’s home country, Harbour Island, Bahamas. GSBers Abby Andrietsch (Ramirez), David
Bruder, Wing-yan Choi, and Lindsay Louie were there to share in the celebration. Wendy reports, “We even got the rainbow we ordered.” Wendy met her prince charming following her recent move back to NYC after more than six years abroad in London.

Dana Fox writes: “Ann and I got married in October at a church in Ross, Calif. It was hands down the best day of my life. The convenient location allowed us to celebrate the occasion among many friends and family. In attendance were Eric Kim, Dave Park, Julio Quinones, Jason Bosh, Kenji Gjovig, John Cranston, Micah Rowland, Andrew Chung, John Foong, Kelun Zhang, Rob Bland, ’08, and Al Lee, ’05. I have a 4-week sabbatical from work coming up in January during which we will be honeymooning in New Zealand and Fiji.”

Thomas Brenninkmeijer writes: “News from our side is the arrival of No. 4. Genevieve was born on Oct. 21, 2015. Brett and I are thrilled, and so are Dylan (10) Isabella (8), and Vivian (4). Visit anytime in London.”

John Foong writes: “I got married on November 21 to the lovely Faith Wu. The wedding reception was held at Mountain Winery, Saratoga. Lucky enough to have a bunch of GSBers in attendance—from 2006: Tracea Routie, Arul Velan; from 2007: Jason Bosh, Julio Quinones, Dave Park, Andrew Chung, Micah Rowland, Dana Fox, Eric Kim, Kenji Gjovig, Steve Chung, Ned Tozun; from 2008: Rob Bland; from 2009: Jeanne DeWitt. Still at Google after all these years, as director for Google apps partnerships.”

Thank you to all who submitted these updates. We are glad to hear from you, and your classmates love to keep tabs on what’s going on, so please email us anytime with new jobs, companies, relocations, weddings, or children.
— Love, Katy and Pete.

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Faith Wu and John Foong, ’07, enjoy celebrating their wedding along with classmates and friends.
Puru Vashishtha, ’08, and wife Diviya, ’09, in Goa.

John Kucera and Sarah Patterson, both ’08, introducing 7-month-old Riley to s’mores at Carmel Valley Ranch this winter.

Newborn Grace, welcomed as the newest member to the Hobson family by mom Leah and dad Louis, both ’08, and big sister Isabelle.

John Kucera and Sarah Patterson, both ’08, introducing 7-month-old Riley to s’mores at Carmel Valley Ranch this winter.

Puru Vashishtha reports: “After living in Palo Alto for more than nine years, my wife, Diviya, ’09, and I moved to Delhi in India last fall. It’s been great to be close to family. We celebrated our first Diwali with family in a decade. Fun times. These days I am spending most of my time with a couple of startups I have invested in, while Diviya is busy running a hedge fund she cofounded. Life is all about people and, therefore, more than Palo Alto, we miss our Palo Alto friends. Do let us know if you are visiting Delhi/India; we would love to host you. Hope to see you in Delhi soon.”

Ben Chan, his wife, plus two kids, are still in Melbourne, Australia, where he was recently promoted to exec. gen. mgr. at Envato. So now he’s head of a 100-person group that includes product, engineering, marketing, and customer support and is responsible for the P&L of a U.S. $350M business. He has no idea how to do his job, so any and all help is appreciated. And please visit them in Melbourne; they have a guest room waiting for GSBers.

After an amazing two years in Dallas working on a startup with our classmate Steven Riskey, Pepe Rodriguez and his family (including 14-month-old Pepito) relocated back to NYC, and he’s back at BCG. Congrats, Pepe.

Louis and Leah Hobson headed home with their newest addition, Grace, in January in Chicago. Grace joins big sister Isabelle in the Hobson family. Great to see the GSB Class of 2045 growing.

John Kucera and Sarah Patterson welcomed Riley Kucera last year. She already mastered the art of the s’more in seven short months.

Michael Rogers continues to build success as pres. of Dorsey Alston Realtors. It began in 1947, and is Atlanta’s oldest privately owned residential real estate company. Michael returned to the company in 2008 after earning his MBA and has grown Dorsey Alston from about 55 to about 240 agents who work as independent contractors. Dorsey Alston was just chosen the top midsize workplace in the 2016 Atlanta Top Workplaces project by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution — congratulations.

Another update on the job front: Jeff Landauf has just been named VP of bus. develop. within Catalyst Biosciences Inc., a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on creating and developing novel medicines to address serious medical conditions. Jeff will be spearheading Catalyst’s business development initiatives.

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Earl Valencia and his wife, Patty, and sons, Rocco and Max, recently moved back from a 4-year stint in Manila to Westport, Conn. Earl joined Bridgewater Assocs. a few months ago. Tarey Gettys and his wife, Kim, and his son, Tarey Dean, packed their bags and moved east to Durham, N.C.


Class of 2009 women Karishma Baijal, Jennifer Cain, Kerrie Weis, Andii Davis, and Judy Tsao jump-started the year with a yoga retreat in Bocas del Toro, Panama. Vegan, gluten-free never felt so good. Hoping this is the start to an annual tradition.

Laura Jones and her husband, Brian, welcomed their newest family member, Mila Avi Matthay. Mila was born August 30 and is a seventh-generation San Franciscan. Laura recently started a new role at Uber, leading product marketing for their new business initiatives.

Stephanie Wilson Itelman and husband Ron welcomed Alexa on August 12, 2015. All three family members share the same birthday week, with Ron on the 14th and Steph on the 15th. They welcome visitors in Denver anytime.

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The year 2016 is hot out of the gates with lots of future GSB alumni being born and new SOs being brought into the GSB family. Despite one epicurean tragedy, life continues to march on.

Rafat Kapadia and her husband, Abhi, welcomed a daughter last year. Baby Vara is now 7 months old. Rafat is enjoying the U.K.’s more civilized maternity leave policy and looks forward to returning to Standard Chartered’s corporate development team in a few more months.

Danielle Peltier Andrews and her husband, Jon, welcomed their first child, Sawyer Freeman, on March 10. They love him so very much more than any sleep they miss.

Tito Hubert and Sharbani Roy welcomed their little girl, Sushmita Inés, on January 24. After five and a half years, they’re still loving Seattle. Both GS Bers work at Amazon, with Tito focused on advertising and Sharbani in Alexa. They also love hosting visiting classmates and encourage everyone to look them up next time you’re in town.

On March 17, Brenden Millstein and his wife, Amanda, welcomed a baby boy, Cameron. He is awesome. Cameron and mom are healthy and happy, and they all love living in Rockridge.

Siddiqui wedding: Omar Siddiqui, ’10, marries Najeeba Fathima in August 2015.


Michael Treskow accidentally ordered his ginger stir-fry with tofu instead of chicken, effectively ruining his entire evening. The one saving grace was the presence of his eight adopted kitties.

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Robert Lopez popped a certain question to Diana Wierbicki earlier this year in Kyoto, Japan. They met in NYC at the end of 2014 and have been lucky enough to travel quite extensively over that time, making the occasion special in Japan during cherry blossom season seemed fitting.

Jeff Enquist and Ilana Stern, ’10, celebrated the entrance of Theodore Asher Stern Enquist on Oct 22, 2015. Jeff reports that lightning and thunder filled the sky as little T.A.S.E. was born!

Tamar Rudnick writes: “We are incredibly fortunate and happy to welcome Aviv Brin Inger to our family and into the GSB community. Born on December 18, Aviv is excited to meet you all at our reunion in May.”

Congratulations to Sam Price — recently named one of the “2016 Rising Stars of the Profession” by Consulting Magazine for her work at Keystone Strategy, a boutique economic and strategy-consulting firm that specializes in digital transformation for Fortune 500 companies.

What a great reunion! GSB Class of ’11 is now the current record holder for the most alums in attendance for the most recent 5th reunion. Out of 382 classmates, 292 attended the 5th reunion (76% of the class). A total of 471 people attended with their guests. A big thank you to the reunion planning committee team, including Micah Siegel, JJ O’Brien, Franklin Winokur, Thabet Alfishawi, Mambi Madzivire, and Dana Worth, for making this such a great weekend.

Send your news to: Lawrence Patrick Noonan, lpnoonan@alumni.stanfordgsb.org; Micah Siegel, siegel_micah@gsb.stanford.edu
Courtney McColgan and Daniel Benavides got married Feb. 13, 2016, at Hacienda Huamaní in Paracas, Peru. They were lucky enough to have the attendance of 50 GSBers and to hear some amazing speeches by Emily McGinty, Kevin Diestel, and Annie Hazlehurst, ’10.

Al-Hassan Hleileh married Tara Jaffar on Dec. 4, 2015, at the Montgomery Golf Club, Dubai, UAE.

Leslie Emmons Burthey and Grover Burthey welcomed son Luke Durham on Jan. 30 in Los Angeles, Calif. Luke weighed in at a healthy 9 lb. 11 oz., and 22 in. and is already asking to meet his GSB family whenever you’re in SoCal.

Pablo Diaz Rozic and Julieta Duek were married in Buenos Aires on November 29. Huge show of support from our class with almost 50 GSBers joining them.

Enjoying the large contingent of 50-plus GSBers and SOs attendees from the classes of 2013 and 2014, Clara Siegel and Rob Katz, ’14, were married on October 24 in Seattle, Wash., where they now live and work. GSB Prof. Carole Robin officiated the ceremony.

Morgan Cox and his wife, Katie, had their second baby, Anna, on March 9. Her big brother, Ethan, is in love with and already very protective of her.

Lauren Tanner joined Whisper as their dir. of international expansion in Venice, Calif. Get in touch if you want to join regular GSB ’13 events in Los Angeles.

Please send us your news and photos to the email below.

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In 2015 Malcolm Collins was married to Simone Collins in Edinburgh, and together they raised a search fund in 2016, Collins Family Ventures.

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Here are some exciting class updates we received before reunion weekend including weddings, babies, and new businesses:

In a thrilling turn of events, Bryan Solar recently decided to make the big/difficult life decision to move off his parents’ Netflix account. He also got married.

In addition, Peyton Edwards and Grace Burridge celebrated their wedding on July 25, 2015, with friends and family in Athens, Ga.

A number of classmates also welcomed new members to the family over the last few months. Jordan Murray and his wife, Annie, welcomed their son, Patrick Michael, into the world on March 9. He was 5 lb. 7.5 oz. and 17 in. Mom and baby are doing fine.

Lanae and Dan Stratford welcomed their daughter, Raya Lanae, into their home on February 11. They are still loving life in Palo Alto where they’ll be for the next few years.

Corina and Jorge Marcos welcomed their first new member of the family, Elena, on March 9 in Dallas, Texas. They’re bummed to be missing reunion, but hands are full at the moment.

Finally, Philippe Leroy also welcomed his daughter, Hélène, on March 10. The whole family is doing very well.

On the new business front, Sarah Dajani and Sarah Toukan, MS ’14, engineering, launched their new pastry company, Ferdos, in London and will be selling their products in Harrods this summer. Ferdos sells gourmet pastries inspired by the Middle East.

We had a very successful 1st reunion over the last weekend of April, with 284 classmates attending (tying the GSB record for a 1st reunion) and a variety of special programming just for our class including pop-up courses with Gary Dexter and Ed Batista, a discussion on gender and diversity issues in the workplace, TALK, a Giving Circle meet up, and our after party. Many thanks to our fellow classmates who volunteered to plan these events and drive class participation in our annual gift campaign including Melanie Axelgaard, David Berkal, Rachel Romer Carlson, Anshuman Didwania, Sam Duboff, Kevin Ferguson, Sherif Kassatly, Cathy Liu, Jared Murphy, Ashley Prince, Dawson Shamblin, Jenn Wilcox Thomas.

Siegel/Katz wedding: Clara Siegel, ’13, and Rob Katz, ’14, with Prof. Carole Robin who officiated the ceremony and GSBer guests.

Katz/Siegel wedding; Clara Siegel, ’13, and Rob Katz, ’14, and a group of the GSB attendees.

Collins wedding: Malcolm, ’14, and Simone Collins.
Catherine Vaughan, Dorothy Walter, Wendy Wen, and Elise Xu; and to the chairs of our reunion weekend and campaign, Aditi Banga, Anwar Ghauche, Elizabeth Shribman, and Evan Schlossberg.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon. Warmly, Lauren and Aditi.

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88 Kurt Stammberger was named chief marketing officer of Fortscale Security Ltd., pioneer in autonomous, machine learning–based user behavior analytics systems, in February.

89 Tom Falk was profiled in *Dallas 500*, “a special edition produced by D CEO on the most powerful leaders in north Texas.” As CEO of Kimberly-Clark Tom found that women were under-represented in the upper ranks. “So in 2009 he spearheaded a program to help change that and by 2013, women accounted for 25% of board members.” Tom’s key things to guarantee success: “Taking good care of your customers, developing your people, and finding a way to grow.”
loans and mortgages. It’s soon planning to roll out a wealth-management tool, insurance products, and something that resembles a checking account. ‘We’ve always wanted to change the system,’ says Cagney, a former Wells Fargo derivatives trader. ‘We can do some things that really get you to start to rethink how your relationship with a financial-services firm should work.’” Cofounder Daniel Macklin is quoted in a related article on Businessbecause.com: “Business school gave us that advantage to be able to develop and incubate an idea in a safe environment.”

Santiago Garcia Martinez was appointed chmn. of Old Mutual Colombia in February. Previously he was senior manager in the consulting unit, strategy and growth, of financial services companies of Ernst & Young in San Francisco.

Claudia Fan Munce, a venture advisor at New Enterprise Asocs., was appointed to the bd. of dirs. of Best Buy Co. in March. She joined NEA this year after 30 years at IBM, most recently as a founding member and managing dir. of IBM Venture Capital Group and a VP of IBM corporate development.

David McMurtry was named CEO of Stars Foundation Ltd. by the family-run holding company Al-Dabbagh Group in December 2015. Stars Foundation represents the global philanthropic arm of Al-Dabbagh Group. David was formerly SVP, strategy, for Habitat for Humanity International.

Mike Cagney is a cofounder and the CEO of Social Finance, a 4-year-old nonbank lender. Per Bloomberg News - Online: “SoFi started with student loans. Now it wants to kill banks. The company gained popularity by refinancing student loans, but quickly started to pursue a more ambitious vision. SoFi began making personal

Kirk Hawkins is cofounder of Icon Aircraft, which manufactures the Icon A5, a personal amphibious plane that has a retractable landing gear and a hull-shaped fuselage that makes it capable of operating from either a runway or the water and requires just 750 feet for takeoffs and landings. He says a non-pilot can be trained to fly one in as little as two weeks.

Sergio Grea sends: “A few notes from Milan, Italy. Everything is (almost) all right. Have some what reduced my teaching at Genoa University (economics) as well as my cycling but still biking 3,000 km/year. Have published my fifth thriller, Vite di sabbia (Lives of Sands). Getting around talking about a book is great fun. Keep well.”

Allan Schimmel reports on next year’s reunion: “SEP ’92 will gather Sept. 20–24, 2017, in San Francisco for its 25th reunion. Here is an update on the plans for that weekend: Hotel Nikko (http://www.hotelnikkosf.com) will be the headquarters for the weekend; the welcome reception and dinner on Wednesday evening will take place on a cruise of San Francisco Bay; Thursday will be our Stanford day — speakers at the GSB — a campus tour including a stop at Lagunita Court and dinner at the alumni center; Friday morning will feature some interesting speakers and the afternoon will be a trip to Napa with visits to wineries with great art collections and end with a ‘lobsterfest’ dinner; Saturday will see a panel of SEP ’92 colleagues in the morning, a free afternoon, and the traditional gala dinner dance that evening at the Hotel Nikko. For more information SEP ’92 colleagues can contact Ian Leverton (I.Leverton@comcast.net) who is coordinating the work of the Organizing Committee or Allan Schimmel (schimmela@comcast.net).”

Vivek Pendharkar was named chief develop, officer of HomeUnion, an online real estate investment management firm, in March.

Mike Moir is dir. of property for the Hong Kong Jockey Club, HK’s largest and most active nonprofit. Currently Mike is leading the conversion of HK’s historic central police station into an arts and community center. He was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. Gerard Roth, a Parisian, is sr. EVP of EDF Group. He received the National Order of Merit from the French Republic for his long service to international business. Prasad Varaprasad recently published his first book, 50 Years of Technical Education in Singapore.
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What does equity mean to you?

Equity means giving everyone a fair share of resources and opportunities for growth. Setting a level playing field equips people with tools to change their lives, change their organizations, and change the world, regardless of their background.

— Lois Tankam, MBA ’16

Equity does not imply equal distribution of resources. However, a world where individuals irrespective of cast, creed, or religion have equal opportunities to gain knowledge is certainly an equitable one.

— Ali Maaz, MSx ’16

“I would say that equity to me is synonymous with fairness. It is being afforded the same opportunity to show your value or state your opinion.”

— Onsu Wegner, MSx ’16