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Photo of the day
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Devin Nwanuga ’04, capital campaign coordinator, plays with Nora Dowley-Liebowitz, director of Achieve, as they demonstrate art enrichment for students.

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An unattributed article on the athletic program, yielded the following statement, again asserted in the language of a bygone era, but nevertheless articulating the essence of Nobles values:

“Whether or not a win is achieved is relatively unimportant, but trying to win is all-important. In fact, the athlete who has completely spent himself even in a losing cause has a feeling inside that he has given himself for something greater and that his opponent knows it when they shake hands in mutual respect. Nobles has had a winning tradition in athletics, and (we) hope we can keep it, because if we keep trying to win as hard as we do, we will likewise learn that a hard-fought loss can be as meaningful as the win we failed to achieve.”

A current grandparent at Nobles, Walter Cabot was appointed as a trustee of Nobles that spring, and he is pictured in the magazine. Cabot has regularly attended Grandparents Day in support of his grandchildren Noelle Anderson ’14 and Nelle Cabot ’16. Also pictured in the magazine at his 25th reunion of the Class of 1949 is Bob Morrison, grandfather of Tom Morrison ’14 and Lucy Morrison ’19. There is also a small photograph of a very youthful Dick Baker in his role as the assistant coach of the undefeated varsity lacrosse team.

Clearly, the school has changed over the past four decades. Still, the conversations about academic excellence and commitments beyond the classroom resonate with clarity. The close relational connections between teachers and students are readily apparent, and the tight sense of community was clearly in place. The Castle was already the central icon of the school. I do not wallow in nostalgia for the old Nobles, the one I attended for three years in the 1970s, and I often say in public forums that I generally feel like I attended a different school on the same site. And yet, the more things change...

—ROBERT P. HENDERSON, JR. ’76, HEAD OF SCHOOL
I believe assembly is the heart of the Nobles experience. All of you represent the many lives I have come to know and love over my entire 37-year career.

—SARAH SNYDER, RETIRED ENGLISH FACULTY MEMBER, AT ASSEMBLY, ON MAY 29, 2014

Simply put, I think it means that whatever it may be that holds you back, prevents you from being the people you wish to be, from attaining the ambitions that you want most in your life, you have to confront the issues that block that route and live out the life to which you aspire.

—TIM CAREY, RETIRED ENGLISH FACULTY MEMBER, AT COMMENCEMENT, ON MAY 30, 2014

I want to give back to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) New England Chapter, the organization that supported me through my difficulties with Crohn's. I want to help others that have my disease, and in particular help children and teenagers who, like me, struggle every day. My personal connection with Crohn's disease, as well as with the CCFA organization, has truly inspired me to pursue a cure for IBD and help our community in any way I can.

—BECKY BROWNELL '14
ON THE INSPIRATION FOR HER CLASS I PROJECT

I had previously felt invisible at Nobles, but I had 600 people responding to what I was saying, and it was gratifying. That response gave me a new sense of confidence that I started to carry with me and led me to make more assembly announcements and eventually to be Katherine Kirk’s straight man for a year.

—BEN PERELMUTER ’14, CO-PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL LIFE COUNCIL, AT COMMENCEMENT, ON MAY 30, 2014

Participating in community service will make you see yourself as more altruistic and generous, which may in turn shape how you behave in other areas of your life. Practicing thinking more positive thoughts (for example, by keeping a daily gratitude journal) may help you view your life more constructively. Training yourself to practice mindfulness and deep breathing on a daily basis may help you view yourself as a calmer, more centered person.

—JEN HAMILTON, MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR AND LICENSED EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST, PARENTS’ E-NEWSLETTER, MAY 2014
Life Lessons
Freeman Legacy Dinner

REGGIE FARINA ’00, a veteran of Google, tech start-ups and a prominent Boston law firm, returned to Nobles to celebrate the achievements of 34 Class I students of color at the 17th annual Freeman Legacy Dinner on May 20. The dinner was named in honor of former artist-in-residence Bob Freeman for his commitment to diversity work at Nobles. Head of School Bob Henderson said that Freeman “became a critical anchor on the faculty and in the community” and “[an] essential part of the transformation and approach to diversity.”

Dean of Diversity Initiatives Steven Tejada said that the event has grown significantly. “Not only does our school continue to become more diverse, but the ways in which students think about identity continue to evolve at Nobles.

“There is not one definition of what it means to be a student of color at Nobles, and the depth of involvement of this group within the larger community is significant.”

Farina imparted life lessons with the soon-to-be graduates and shared three stories that have helped shaped his values and beliefs.

The culture shock of attending Nobles as a sixie and as one of two black males in the middle school was palpable, he said. He recalled the transition as personally, emotionally and academically challenging.

“It was tougher than anything I’d ever done,” he said. “The days started at 6 a.m. and didn’t end until midnight or 1 a.m... I poured myself into my work. I was naturally afraid to fall behind, because if I did, I’d never be able to recover.”

Farina told the audience that his Nobles story illustrates three important tenets of living well. Story No. 1: family first. Overwhelmed with the workload, Farina’s regret was losing sight of his priorities and family values. One example
included neglecting to spend time with his terminally ill aunt. She died before he had the chance to visit her.

Farina said that life will continue to get busy, if not busier, but no matter how hectic it gets and how many deadlines must be met, he urged students not to lose sight of what’s important to them.

“What is not guaranteed is the time you have with the people you care about,” he said. “There is so much I would give up to have the chance to spend more time with my aunt, my grandparents, friends and family I’ve lost. What do I take away? I’m always going to choose to make time for the people who have made me who I am, the people who inspire me, the people who challenge me.”

Story No. 2: learning to fail. After putting in countless hours studying for an economic statistics class at George-town University to complete a minor in economics, Farina failed his midterm.

“I thought that F+ would haunt me forever, and I obsessed over it,” he said. “I thought that my whole college career would be derailed by my F+ from economic statistics.”

“Whether you’ve realized it or not, Nobles has begun to prepare you to answer important questions you’ll face in life,” he said. “It may take stepping away from campus to get more perspective. It may take grad school. It may take failure [in order] to recognize the extent of what you’ve learned.”

Farina told students that failing is inevitable. “But your failures will not define you,” he said. “You will learn from them. They will help you grow and become more resilient for the next challenge. And you will realize—if you haven’t already—that you are far more than your grades, test scores, alma maters and job titles.”

Last but not least, lesson No. 3: Be committed to a goal. Farina shared that he was initially rejected from the MIT Sloan School of Management after a weak interview. He was devastated, but his passion and tenacity earned him a second interview.

His message? “You will decide what path you want to take,” he said. “When you do, you’ll have an amazing support network of family, friends and old teachers. But for everything that you really want, you have to decide how committed you want to be. You have to go out and make it happen.”

Farina graduated with a Master of Business Administration from MIT’s Sloan School of Management. He credited Nobles for teaching him resiliency, perseverance, and the values of community and relationships.

Finding Slate

BY SARAH DICKENSON SNYDER

Before I start in stone,
I write the letters whitely
in a script of my own—
a calligraphic amalgamation
my fingers know.

Chisel in my left hand,
held as I’ve never held
something before, not a pen,
not a shell, not a hand—
tight and loose as the guide
of the wooden mallet in my right,
which taps its own soft beat.

Settling in, I run a v-cut,
an unhindered gallop
across the cool expanse,
leaving a residue of dust,
lighter than the stone that stays
as dreams of letters half appear.

I begin with this sign and know
where I am going soon: tombstone—
letter lovely, permanent and hard,
something to keep and touch
and say out loud, her name, two dates—
birth and death, so clean and clear and real.

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Goodbyes

JUNE 2014 MARKED the retirement of two beloved master teachers, Tim Carey and Sarah Snyder, both English faculty members who have taught at Nobles 38 and 25 years, respectively.

CAREY’S LEGACY
Tim Carey’s legacy is one of love. When Carey delivered the 2014 commencement address, he said that Nobles had given him and his family enough love to last a lifetime. Based on the many— and emotional—moments the last weeks of 2013–14, Carey gave the Nobles community quite a lot of the same.

Head of School Bob Henderson ’76 met Carey in 1980 when Henderson returned to Nobles as a teaching fellow and to assist Carey coaching varsity boys soccer. “He taught me about patience, about redemption, about listening and about faith in human nature,” Henderson said.

Carey is known as a man with soul. Asked how he protected the joy and compassion that marked his career, he said that humor remains key. Dick Baker, English faculty and former head of school, talked about the importance of a good laugh. “A day without humor is a day wasted,” he told me.

“While this school does take itself seriously, it doesn’t take itself too seriously,” Carey said.

Carey recalled his arrival at Nobles in 1976 and his false assumption that he would stay one year. He remembers being interviewed on the lacrosse field by Dick Baker: “Big guy. Big voice. I was a little intimidated,” Carey said.

Carey’s first two years at Nobles were personally challenging, he said. His mother died; his first marriage ended. “I felt incredibly cared for by this community,” said Carey, “but I was afraid to trust the feeling I was having.”

Decades later, Carey expresses gratitude that Nobles educated his three children and for the deep friendship shown to him and his wife, Mary Burchenal who teaches English in the Brookline public school system.

Carey is one of the teachers whose names graduates frequently recall as a mentor—a major positive influence when it mattered. Milan Chuttani ’14, who attends Dartmouth College, was an advisee of Carey for five years. “Just the fact that he’s retiring now as I’m graduating—well, it’s just going to be a sad loss for the school,” Chuttani said.

“He cares deeply and genuinely about his students!”

Last year champion- ship tournament, and players Loring Lauretti ’17, Max Sheerin ’17, Iain Sheerin ’17 and William Wang ’16 captured third place as a team in the high school division.

Japan Visitors
Three musicians from AUN-J Classic Orchestra of Japan performed a composition featuring classic Japanese instruments and conducted workshops with Japanese students. The group also performed at a Boston Red Sox game and the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C.

An Impactful Message
Former NBA player John Amaechi, author, psychologist and social entrepreneur in the United States and Europe, spoke in long assembly, telling students that they
While at Nobles, Carey’s roles included time as dean of faculty, head of the middle school and a leader of student trips around the world. “Tim became one of the most important models that I filed away and drew upon as I constructed my own career,” Henderson said.

“Tim Carey has motivated his students by the force of his personality, by his humor and honesty in dealing with them, and by his affection.”

“I’ve always felt stimulated by what’s been set before me here,” Carey said. And—again—he clearly gave far more than he got.

**Snyder’s Legacy**

Sarah Snyder’s first teaching job was at a public school in Maine. Her first students were spectacular troublemakers who vandalized her car and made her cry.

“I was 22. They ran all over me,” she said. “That job was the hardest thing I’ve done in my life.”

When the year ended, Snyder told her mentor that she was no good at teaching.

“Sam Selby, former Navy guy, said, ‘You have to keep doing this.’”

“The next year I started to get pretty good at it,” said the master teacher, who spent 25 of her 37 years teaching English at Nobles.

When Snyder and her husband, Ben Snyder [upper school head and on sabbatical this year], arrived at Nobles, Snyder said she thought Nobles was too preppy and, with a new baby, she didn’t want to teach anyway.

“She is truly a rare soul.”

Snyder’s legacy includes the innovative English Via Latin (EVL) course that she developed with classics teacher George Blake, as well as the generations of students who, guided by her passion for the beauty and careful distillation of words, have come to love poetry.

Snyder’s next focus will be on making art—poetry, painting, quilting, carving in stone—and volunteer work, perhaps, as a tutor. In 2014, Snyder won the Vernon Greene Award, the highest accolade for teaching at Nobles.
Nobles fall 2014

the bulletin

Gia Batty and Sara Masucci announced Denim Day: In exchange for a donation to benefit the Avon Foundation for Women, students could wear jeans to school. Batty and Masucci participated in the 40-mile Avon Walk for Breast Cancer for the third consecutive year, raising almost $25,000.

By Popular Vote
The student body selected Joelle Sherman and Dana Grey, both ‘15, as next year’s School Life Council co-presidents.

Visual Arts faculty member David Roane

Arts Teacher Advises MFA

visual arts faculty member David Roane was appointed to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts Educator Advisory Board and will serve a two-year appointment. Roane joins 20 other local educators who come from public, private, parochial and charter school systems.

The board advises the MFA’s education department, which develops a variety of programs to serve K–12 educators and schools. Roane serves on a subcommittee, which helps develop programs that align with the Common Core—an optional set of academic standards for public school systems.

“What’s great about this advisory board is that it’s made up of teachers from all systems,” says Roane, who is one of few independent school teachers on the board. “I can bring some contrast and a different perspective on the profession, without feeling like I am being patronizing in any way. Nobles dignifies the profession of teaching in ways that are rarely found in secondary education. The school allows teachers to be professionals and grants us autonomy. And we’re provided with support and resources that place us in the best position to succeed.”

Roane, who has taught in public and private institutions, and suburban and urban schools, believes in continuously engaging in conversations about education reform.

“Working at Nobles has sharpened my awareness of the inequities that exist in our nation’s education system,” he says. “I believe it’s everyone’s duty to protect public education, no matter where one works. The task of educating our nation’s youth demands attention and expertise from all realms of society. It’s an issue that’s really important and has become even more important to me since I’ve been working at Nobles.”

The board recently helped with the launch of a website for educators (http://educators.mfa.org), which offers free teaching tools and resources to build interactive art-based lesson plans. Educators have access to online art collections and to create blogs, online discussion groups and activities, among other curricula.

Roane helped forge a collaboration between the Nobles visual arts department and the MFA to further examine teaching techniques, including VTS (Visual Thinking Strategies). He hopes the relationship will extend to other departments, such as the history and English departments, which could also benefit from the affiliation.

“MFA’s programming is extensive. There are so many exciting things going on—a lot of it free,” he says. “[As board members], we’re not just participating in the development of programs but also helping promote the programs.”

Serving Our Country
U.S. Army officers presented John Reilly and Max Montgomery, both ‘14, with full scholarships to Army ROTC at George-town University and Vanderbilt University, respectively.

visual arts faculty member David Roane
In spring 2014, 196 Nobles students participated in the National Latin exam, with 123 of those students earning recognition for their efforts. Bill Mizgerd '15 and Andrew Gord '16, won the Maureen O'Donnell Oxford Classical Dictionary Award for earning four gold medals on the exam in the past four years, following in the shoes of Kunal Gupta '14, who won five gold medals and received the 2014 Epes Sargent Dixwell Medal for excellence in Latin. We caught Mizgerd, Gord and Gupta for some classics talk.

**What is your favorite Latin phrase, and why?**

**Andrew Gord:** My favorite phrase is *carpe diem*, which is generally translated as “seize the day.” I think it’s a really important way to live, and it’s really interesting that cultures from a long time ago had the same way of looking at things as people today.

**Bill Mizgerd:** I like *alia iacta est*, which means “the die is cast.” This quote was supposedly said by Julius Caesar as he crossed the Rubicon River into Rome at the head of his army, effectively declaring war on Rome. I like this historical significance and the sound of the quote, both in Latin and in English.

**Kunal Gupta:** Mr. [Mark] Harrington liked to say the phrase *post proelium praemium* in a very high voice. It means “after the battle, the reward.” I think of it as “after hard work, you reap the benefits.” The meaning is great, but the goofy way Mr. Harrington said it is the real reason I like it.

**Why do you take Latin? What do you like about it?**

**AG:** Latin is helpful for English grammar and vocabulary, but mostly I like it because I’m able to read pieces of literature from a long time ago. I don’t have to rely on a translation to read something in Latin; I can instead look at a text and read it as it was written.

**BM:** I like Latin because of its similarity to other languages. Looking at Latin gives me a sense of how modern languages evolved. I also like it as a window into history; most Latin writing is about ancient Roman history, a period that I enjoy trying to understand.

**KG:** I find that one can convey things so much more eloquently in Latin than in English. Latin is more concise, and one can even change the word order because it’s an inflected language. The words sound better to me, and I can create pictures in my mind more easily, in poetry and in prose. Latin is beautiful.
IN THE 2013–2014 academic year, Katherine Cavanagh ’15 was selected to join 39 high school entrepreneurs from 18 states and four countries for Catapult—an intensive, five-month young innovators incubator founded by Ashoka and Ashoka’s Youth Venture and hosted by the Harvard Innovation Lab. Through workshops and mentorship, the program offers high school students tools to develop a business.

Cavanagh’s team, Park Pass, created a parking payment system using EZ Pass technology (RFID) to streamline the payment process in parking garages. Similar to EZ Pass, radio frequency through a transponder tracks consumers as they enter and exit the garages. Although some individual garage companies have implemented comparable systems, Cavanagh’s team hoped to launch a statewide program.

Catapult participants included both students who had operating ventures and free agents—those who sought to learn more. As a free agent, Cavanagh joined a team of four, two of whom were initial creators of Park Pass.

Over three long weekends from November 2013 to April 2014, the program exposed students to advisors from Google, consulting firm McKinsey & Company, marketing agency BBDO, lawyers and Harvard graduate students.

Outside the classroom, Cavanagh’s team conducted market research, interviewing hundreds of people, including parking garage customers. “This is something I’ve never done before, and at first it was pretty intimidating to approach complete strangers to pitch an idea. But I learned how to ask the right questions, pitch an idea and get feedback,” she says.

Between sessions at the Harvard Innovation Lab, Cavanagh connected with her teammates, who lived out-of-state, through Skype. Negotiating deals had its challenges, but it taught her to be flexible and to “not hold on too tight to one idea.”

“I thought going into it that you have this great big idea, and it’s going to be almost perfect,” she says. “But I learned that entrepreneurship is about lots of little failures, and without those failures, you don’t learn how to change your idea and you don’t think about what’s working and what’s not.

“It’s extremely valuable to learn that it’s okay to fail and to pick yourself back up and learn from what you did wrong.”

A week before the final pitch to investors, Cavanagh’s team learned that Citibank announced a multimillion-dollar idea similar to Park Pass.

“The bright side is that four high school kids came up with the same idea,” she says. “It shows the power of entrepreneurship.”

Cavanagh credits the program with helping her build skills to be a better student. “[Through the program] I learned to be able to speak up in a group of people who are really confident in what they’re talking about and learned to give my outsider’s perspective,” she says. “A lot of teamwork is involved, and you have to learn to work with different people.”

The experience helped Cavanagh earn an internship with genetics lab Claritas Genomics in Cambridge in summer 2014.

Catapult is expanding to the campuses of Stanford University and the University of Oxford next year.
Ava Brignol ’14 and Chase Haylon ’15 play pirate Frederic and barmaid Ruth, respectively, in a unique production of The Pirates of Penzance. Nobles Theatre Collective’s faculty and students turned every aspect of the show on its skullcap-covered head, blurring gender lines, and introducing an entirely new ending. The innovative use of the Vinik stage didn’t end with a theatre-in-the-round: theatre faculty Jon Bonner and his student-crew created a nightclub-like atmosphere, complete with tables, a soda bar, dancing mer-people and colorful lights. Performing arts faculty Dan Halperin, and Michael Turner tweaked the script and rearranged and reorchestrated the score, respectively.

Gilbert and Sullivan might hardly recognize the show at first glance; however, after recovering from neon-costume-induced shock, they would soon realize that the heart of the comedy was very much intact. Farcical with a modern twist, the production featured a large cast cast of pirates, daughters and policemen who kept the audience on the edge of their barstools.
Celebrating Connections

On May 27, the Class of 2014 shared Class I projects with friends, family and faculty mentors. From constructing a boat out of 670 water bottles to delving into the history of Nobles athletics or styles of hip-hop dance, students showcased their inventiveness and talent. The common thread throughout the projects was connection: to each other, to communities, to history.

Meredith Curry has loved books for as long as she can remember. “I used to go to the library and come back with books stacked all the way up to my chin,” she says. She is excited to think about the possibilities for how the campus library space and function might evolve. Curry saw an opportunity to serve Nobles and fellow library patrons by conducting market research to determine priorities for the next iteration of library services at Nobles. In addition to designing and administering surveys, she visited libraries at Harvard, Northeastern and Wellesley for inspiration. She found that what students want most is a space for silent reading or studying but also areas conducive to collaborative learning and small-group work.

Christopher Conway and Ryan McCarthy explored video games as a medium for storytelling. They were interested in the inferiority of most video-game storylines to narratives found in films or books. They investigated, assessed and analyzed the artistic structures of several games in which players choose their own story path. “When a game can play out in so many different ways, because of the choices a player makes, it becomes personal,” says Conway. “Interactivity is powerful because it substantially narrows the gap between the story and audience.”

Becky Brownell, who was diagnosed with Crohn’s Disease in her Class IV year at Nobles, volunteered at the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA). Although Brownell is in remission, she spent four years with continual hospital visits, medications and physical challenges. She saw her project as a way to give back to the CCFA and to help educate and support others, especially young people who suffer from the disease.

Other students combined science, engineering and artistry through design and construction. Timmy Demirjian and Jake Mercier constructed a water bottle boat that exhibited the principles of physics and the displacement of water-necessary to support their weight on the river. Henry Muggia handcrafted a wooden surfboard that would have made Duke Kahanamoku proud. Will Dean, under the mentorship of science teacher Dominic Manzo, built and programmed a quadcopter drone that reached heights of 300 feet. Dean equipped it with GPS capabilities and mounted a GoPro camera, videotaping a unique bird’s-eye view of Nobles that had visitors queuing up “three deep,” Manzo recalls. “For the mentors, it’s wonderful to guide students in their passion and see them get the credit they deserve. We’re their partners (and limited ones at that) in their independent pursuit.”

This is a continual process of growth, and it will be especially true as the program becomes part of the burgeoning EXCEL [Experiential and Community Engaged Learning] program at Nobles.”

Experiential learning literally took center stage for the second portion of the evening as the community assembled to hear musicians, writers, thespians, historians and more. Milan Chuttani introduced an original musical arrangement called “May,” which was inspired by his love of diverse genres of traditional and modern music. The piece incorporated strings, percussion and even tubular bells, and Chuttani played piano. Kate Rosner recorded Mozart’s “Quartet #4 in C Major,” playing all four parts herself and then layering the tracks. Many of the musical performances were prefaced by heartfelt dedications to the senior class.

The tone became more serious as Max Montgomery presented “The Effect of Combat,” for which he interviewed 15 veterans from a variety of armed forces. From Vietnam to Afghanistan, Montgomery told the soldiers’ stories of combat and its repercussions. Among his interviewees were Nobles graduates George Bird ’62 and Chris Irwin ’93, as well as faculty member, coach and
former head of school Dick Baker. “I heard many incredible stories: Why they chose to serve, what combat means to them, taking an enemy’s life and coming home,” said Montgomery. Among the most important lessons he learned: “One of the most important things you can know and understand is the why and how of your own decision making.”

John Beadle’s research on the “History of Nobles Athletics” examined the teacher-coach model central to the Nobles experience (see below).

Brigit Bergin, Lauren Dillon and Haley Mullins’s short film “Why Nobles Sports?” put the question to Nobles graduates, several of whom have returned to Nobles to coach. In one interview, varsity girls basketball coach Alex Gallagher ’90 explains that choosing Nobles is “not a four-year decision, but a lifetime decision.”

That message of the projects resonates: Each student pursued passions and formed connections that reveal emerging interests and talents. They have graduated. What’s next?

Beadle Features Favorite Rivalry

In his final year at Nobles, John Beadle ’14 said that he wanted to contribute to the school. Upon learning that archivist Isa Schaff held a trove replete with relics of the Nobles-Milton athletic rivalry, Beadle found the subject that ultimately became the core of his Class I Project.

At a fall 2013 assembly, Beadle led a de facto pep rally peppered with facts about the rivalry and echoing an historic chant, “Fired up, ready to go.” The coming football game would be a huge upset if Nobles won, he said, based on Milton’s Independent School League (ISL) dominance last season. He closed the talk saying, “If Nobles beats Milton, it’ll be something that no one will ever forget.” And Nobles won, marking a huge win that will earn its way into the archives.

Beadle’s talk that day evolved into his video project and presentation, “The History of Nobles Athletics,” which examined the Nobles’ teacher-coach model. He conducted 30 hours of interviews with graduates and faculty. While grads recalled the desire to impress their mentors in the classroom and on the field, faculty valued getting to know their students in multiple venues.

Beadle said that his project was about athletics but that he could not isolate the athletic program from the rest of the school culture. “I think the most amazing thing I discovered was that the school’s athletic success really improved alongside improvement in the academic program,” Beadle said. “In 148 years, the school has had only six headmasters. I interviewed Bob Lawrence ’44, who has known five of the school’s six leaders.”

Of his inspiration for the project, a legendary prep school rivalry, Beadle said, “The rivalry is still as dynamic even though the times have changed.”
my 5 books...

PHILOSOPHICAL IDEAS

BY MIKE KALIN, HISTORY AND ENGLISH FACULTY MEMBER

The books that I love most deal with weighty themes and philosophical ideas, the kind of texts that leave the reader with more questions than answers.

**THE REPUBLIC, BY PLATO**

I believe that the questions raised in this ancient Greek text still demand critical attention today: How do we define a just society? What are the most important aims of education? What virtues must citizens demonstrate? What qualities characterize an effective leader? How does one pursue “the good life”? In the spirit of exemplifying Nobles’ commitment to “leadership for the public good,” I hope that my own students wrestle with these questions in the same manner that Socrates did centuries ago—through vigorous dialogue with those who differ in their fundamental beliefs.

**THE ADVENTURES OF AUGIE MARCH, BY SAUL BELLOW**

Reading Bellow’s exuberant and unapologetic prose in this novel is a joy in itself, but it is the eponymous protagonist, a young Chicago boy growing up during the Great Depression, who makes this book one of my favorites. On the surface, the novel may seem plotless, as it takes the reader on many of Augie’s twists and turns that never culminate in any major revelations. But underneath it all, Bellow’s tale is the ultimate coming-of-age story made for the modern world. Augie is a contemporary Huck Finn, maintaining his idealism and buoyant spirit in a society that rarely feels just.

**THE BLANK SLATE: THE MODERN DENIAL OF HUMAN NATURE, BY STEVEN PINKER**

Pinker’s ambitious scholarship sets out to answer philosophical questions about human nature by referencing recent research in cognitive science, behavioral and social psychology, and linguistics. I disagree with many of Pinker’s assertions, especially those concerning the supposed limits of parental influence on children’s development, yet I appreciate Pinker’s attempt to bridge the gap between science and the humanities. I, along with many other faculty members at Nobles, share Pinker’s convictions about the importance of an interdisciplinary education.

**CIVILWARLAND IN BAD DECLINE, BY GEORGE SAUNDERS**

Saunders’s collection of short stories is a reminder that authors of satire, at their best, can critique the world around them without succumbing to condescension or moralism. I’d never guess that an author could draw attention to America’s consumerism through a story that takes place in a theme park called CivilWarLand, where gangs run wild and a Verisimilitude Inspector ensures that the park retains its 19th-century flavor. The violence and destruction in these stories might alienate some readers, but like all great satire, Saunders’s warnings about the future of our nation should not be ignored.

**THE METAPHYSICAL CLUBBY, LOUIS MENAND**

Menand’s Pulitzer Prize–winning book tells the interconnected stories of four American scholars who fundamentally shaped America’s intellectual history: Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., William James, Charles Sanders Peirce and John Dewey. Especially at a time today when academic research is increasingly specialized, I am inspired by the breadth and scope of these thinkers’ theories about politics, education, democracy, philosophy and law. Among many reasons, I became a teacher because I believe in the power of the intellect. The lasting influence of this philosophical club formed well over 100 years ago proves that ideas really do transform the world.
by the numbers

A MASTER TEACHER’S STORY

Math faculty member and senior masterNick Nickerson celebrates 40 years at Nobles

6:05 a.m. The time Nickerson starts his day

13 The number of times Nickerson has climbed Mount Whitney in California—at 14,505 feet, it’s the tallest peak in the United States, outside of Alaska

13 bears encountered during hikes (almost all in Yosemite National Park)

2 children, ages 19 & 21

22 years as the girls varsity basketball coach from 1975–1997

57 different math tests given in the 2013–2014 year

0 The number of jobs after college before Nobles

$\times 40 = 2,000$ The estimated number of students taught since 1974

The number of New England Math League (NEML) problems Nickerson got wrong in 2013–2014

22 different math tests given in the 2013–2014 year

8 gallons of iced tea consumed per week
Three-sport Athletes Claim Highest Athletic Honors

Among the awards students earn at the close of every school year, four awards, two Shield Cup and two Davis Cup awards, exemplify the best of the Nobles athletic program.

**THESE CLASS I AWARD WINNERS**—John Keally and Lauren Dillon, and Johnny McCarthy and Brigit Bergin, who won the Shield and Davis awards, respectively—were all three-season athletes at Nobles, an increasingly rare choice among strong athletes in competitive programs. In addition to the Shield, Dillon was named NEPSAC Female Athlete of the Year by the *Boston Globe*.

*Nobles* magazine asked them to consider what the awards—and their experiences as scholar-athletes—mean to them. These are their reflections.

**Significance of the award:**

**Lauren Dillon:** Sports have always been at the core of what I do at Nobles, and being on 12 Nobles teams throughout my high school career has been the biggest honor. Part of this honor is how successful we’ve been throughout my four years, and that's due to the talent around me, in my teammates than I've been blessed to play with. With this being said, a whole bunch of people were qualified to win this award, many of them some of my closest friends, and I’ll be forever thankful to them because I never would have received the award without them. It has been the greatest honor of my life to represent Nobles athletics.

**Brigit Bergin:** This award was really an honor because it is a vote of the coaches. The coaches I have had at Nobles have all had a tremendous impact on me, and I, along with my teammates, worked hard at practices every day to make those coaches proud. I think Nobles teams have such success because the athletes work for each other and their coaches. I feel good about my Nobles athletic career knowing that I have served my coaches well and made them proud after all the time and effort they have put into me and everyone else on their teams. It was also an honor receiving the award with Johnny Mac!

**Johnny McCarthy:** Receiving the Davis Cup award serves as a symbol of the many great memories I experienced in Nobles athletics during six seasons over the past two years. It also represents the care I had for all three of my teams and the hard work that I put in to succeed during all three seasons each year.

**JM:** Playing three sports kept me constantly involved in the athletic program. It also allowed me to meet a variety of kids, especially since most of my teammates weren’t on my team for more than a season. Playing all three seasons allowed me to develop a greater connection with the school. I hope that the success that all the award winners had as three-sport athletes during our time at Nobles sets an example for other kids and encourages them to participate in a sport for all three seasons, even if a sport isn’t their “best sport.”

**BB:** I couldn’t imagine high school without having a practice or game to go to every day after school. I’ve seen kids before me specialize in one sport, and many of them have stopped playing by the time they get into college because they are burnt out, injured or just don’t enjoy playing it like they used to. I was always switching it up. I like to say my favorite sport is the one I am playing at the time.

**John Keally:** Receiving the Shield meant a lot to me in terms of how much the coaches and athletes respected me. I knew that I was an example to some of my close teammates, but to receive the shield from the school meant to me that I made a difference at the school.

**The value of being a three-sport athlete:**

**LD:** Remaining a three-sport athlete was always very important to me. Although my focus is basketball, whatever sport I was in became my focus. Being on a Nobles team is a full-time commitment, and I fell in love with each sport and team I was playing with that season. There were times when it became hard to play three sports—keeping up with grades in school, studying for SATs and playing club sports, but Nobles helps you get through it, and it was always worth it for me.

**JK:** During my time at Nobles, I never thought about not playing three sports. I have always played multiple sports during the year. I love all the sports I play, and I can’t picture myself doing anything less.

**Best memory on a Nobles team:**

**LD:** All of my favorite memories from these past four years involve me wearing blue and white. One of my greatest moments was winning New Englands in soccer my freshman year and first season playing for Nobles. It was a perfect
way to enter into Nobles athletics. The nerves I felt during that championship game, playing as a freshman, surrounded by the best and most talented players I had ever seen, were intense. The only other emotion that could be matched to how nervous I was was the excitement I felt winning that game. The sprint from the right corner of the offensive end to the full-fledged celebration pile in front of the net has me getting goose bumps right now just thinking about it. One of the most intense moments (there were a lot) was that next season, my freshman-year basketball season, losing the New England championship game. We were the underdog and let the game slip out of our very eager hands. The locker room after the game was full of emotion, and the words coach Alex Gallagher said to us still resonate with me today. Although it was a loss, that game was undoubtedly the most important game of my high school career, because from that day on, we weren’t losing another championship game.

JK: My most memorable Nobles athletic moment was in 2012, when our football team beat Milton in our last game. We had only won one game up to that point, and Milton was looking to roll right over us. We were able to hold Milton on defense when they were only a yard or two from the end zone, and we won the game.

BB: There are so many amazing Nobles sports memories for me, but one of the best was winning New England my freshman year for soccer. We had a really talented team but didn’t do so well in the ISL, and then really came together post-season. It was my first New England championship, and during my first high school season, so that was pretty cool.

On the Playing Fields

VARSI TY BASEBALL

Overall Record: 10–9
ISL Record: 7–8
All-ISL: Johnny McCarthy ’14 and Cody Todesco ’15
Honorable Mention: Andrew Freeman ’14 and Domenic Nardone ’16
Awards: John Eliot Cooke Award (for significant improvement, devotion to the team and a genuine love for the game): Andrew Freeman ’14. The Lovett Medal (for excellence in baseball): Johnny McCarthy ’14

2015 Captains: Alex Dhionis ’15, Cody Todesco ’15, Sam Rowley ’16 and Seve Tocci ’16

BOYS VARSITY CREW

1st Crew: 5th Place
2nd Crew: 9th Place
3rd Crew: 10th Place
4th Crew: 6th Place


2015 Captains: Will Shadek ’15 and Hayden Folgert ’16

GIRLS VARSITY CREW

New England Championship Results:
1st Crew: 7th Place
2nd Crew: 12th Place
3rd Crew: 9th Place
4th Crew: 3rd Place

Awards: The Janice L. Mabley Award (to the oarswoman whose spirit and dedication exemplify the ideals of Nobles rowing): Monica Ordonez ’14. AC “Clint” Allen Bowl (for competitive, tough spirit in rowing): Mia Murphy ’14

2015 Captains: TBA

VARSI TY GOLF

Overall Record: 12–3
ISL Record: 12–3 (ISL co-champions)
Kingman Championship Tournament: 2nd Place
All-ISL: John Beadle ’14 and Jack Roberts ’17
Awards: Dewey Golf Award (for overall contribution to golf): John Beadle ’14 and Lucas Hicks ’14

2015 Captains: TBA

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

Overall Record: 12–7
ISL Record: 10–5
All-ISL: JC Brassard, Morgan Cheek and Parker McKee, all ’14
Honorable Mention: Harrison Alpaugh, Max Montgomery and Thomas Soule, all ’14
All-American: Morgan Cheek ’14
Boston Globe Player of the Year:
Morgan Cheek ’14

End of Year Awards

The Greg Monack Passing of the Shield Tradition (recognizes the long-standing importance of athletic camaraderie, competition and sportsmanship in the overall life of the school): Walker Jester and Olivia Mussafer, both ’15

The George Washington Copp Noble Cup (to athletes in Classes V and VI, for sportsmanship in athletics): Skye Henderson ’18, Bridget Mussafer ’18, Ed Duggan ’19 and Ava Lung ’19

The John Paine Award (to a junior varsity or third-level participant for sportsmanship and consistent work in athletics): Caroline Freeman ’17 and Andrew Phillips ’15

The Robert J. Agostini Award (.presented with the support of coaches and captains of Nobles teams for greatest contribution to the school’s athletic program other than as a competitor): Bryan Huynh ’14

The Davis Cup (to a member of Class I for sportsmanship and consistent work in athletics): Brigit Bergin and Johnny McCarthy, both ’14

The Nobles Shield (to the most respected athlete whose skill, sportsmanship and competitive spirit have personified excellence and the ideals of Nobles athletics): Lauren Dillon and John Keally, both ’14
Awards: Arnold Lacrosse Prize (to the player whose skill, dedication and enthusiasm most reflect a love of the sport): Morgan Cheek and Max Montgomery, both ’14. Samuel P. Dawson Award (for significant improvement, sportsmanship and a genuine love for the game): Parker McKee and Jack Bliss, both ’14
2015 Captains: Alex Notman and Teddy Strzetelski, both ’15

**GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE**

**Overall Record:** 14–1  
**ISL Record:** 11–1 (ISL co-champions)  
**All-ISL:** Colby Chanenchuk ’14, Lauren Dillon ’14, Kenzie Kent ’14 and Tori Chanenchuk ’16  
**Honorable Mention:** Tess Dupre ’16  
**Award:** Girls Lacrosse Bowl (for significant contribution in spirit and performance): Colby Chanenchuk ’14  
**2015 Captains:** Sam Jacobson, Perry Lawson and Olivia Mussafer, all ’15

**VARIES SAILING**

**Overall Record:** 2–0  
**Fleet Racing Record:** 1st place team overall in Mass Bay League C-Division; #1 Skipper in C-Division (Sonia Lingo-Usley ’17); #2 Crew in C-Division (Jordan Sandford ’15); #3 Crew in C-Division (Andrew Boghossian ’15)  
**Award:** The Sailing Award (for overall contribution to sailing): Cate Ellison ’14 and Sonia Lingo-Usley ’17  
**2015 Captains:** Andrew Conway ’15 and Sonia Lingo-Usley ’17

**VARIES SOFTBALL**

**Overall Record:** 15–0  
**ISL Record:** 10–0 (ISL champions)  
**All-ISL:** Amanda Gonzalez ’14, Casey Nunnelly ’14, Mallory Souliotis ’14 and Alix Santos ’15  
**Honorable Mention:** Camille Walter ’16  
**ISL MVP:** Amanda Gonzalez ’14  
**Award:** The Bird Bowl (for the greatest contribution to the softball team): Amanda Gonzalez and Casey Nunnelly, both ’14  
**2015 Captains:** Alix Santos ’15, Maggie Seitter ’15 and Camille Walter ’16

**BOYS VARSITY TENNIS**

**Overall Record:** 10–7  
**ISL Record:** 9–6  
**All-ISL:** William Samuels ’14  
**Award:** The Rice Cup (for enthusiasm, skill and sportsmanship): William Samuels ’14  
**2015 Captains:** Armen Festekjian and Will Holding, both ’15

**GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS**

**Overall Record:** 14–3  
**ISL Record:** 11–1  
**All-ISL:** Melanie Weinsten ’14  
**Honorable Mention:** Rachel Janfaza ’16  
**Award:** C.F. Olney Prize (for enthusiasm, skill and sportsmanship): Melanie Weinsten ’14  
**2015 Captains:** Caley Dickinson and Lucy Lyons, both ’15

First-Time Varsity Letter Winners

**BASEBALL**
- Andy Casamento ’15  
- Kyle McGrath ’16

**CREW**
- Greta O’Marah ’14  
- Samantha Gordon ’15  
- Katie Hooker ’16  
- Inna Oh ’16  
- Amy Feldman ’15  
- Trevor McEvoy ’17  
- Geoff Skelly ’17  
- Hillary Umphrey ’17

**LACROSSE**
- Morgen Montgomery ’15  
- Dan Brosseau ’16  
- Teagan Atwood ’17  
- Coby Goldstein ’17  
- Rachel Kennedy ’17  
- Chase McKee ’17

**SAILING**
- Andrew Boghossian ’15  
- Manny Villa-Gomez ’16  
- Camille Fougere ’17  
- Abby Wright ’18

**SOFTBALL**
- Courtney Collins-Pisano ’17  
- Katie Giordano ’17

**TENNIS**
- Armen Festekjian ’15  
- Allison Schlager ’17
FORGET THE POLAR VORTEX of winter 2014. The weather was spectacular and breezy on May 30, when Noble and Greenough School graduated 120 members of the Class of 2014.

The morning included awards and the granting of diplomas to a class characterized by its cohesiveness, intellectual force and palpable spirit. Speakers shared words of gratitude, stories of fortitude, and ruminations on what skills and attitudes might allow young people to become leaders for the public good.

School Life Council co-presidents Katherine Kirk and Ben Perelmuter were among the first to address the audience. Kirk reflected on her earliest Nobles days in the middle school. “Those were days full of joy and faces full of braces,” she said. “[Through my Nobles experience] I have learned to open up my heart center.

“I want to thank the faculty who believed in me more than I believed in myself.” And she encouraged classmates to be proud and confident as they embark on their next adventures.

For self-proclaimed nerd Perelmuter, a pivotal moment came when he made his first assembly announcement about the newly founded Diplomacy Club, with an initial membership of one (himself). “I experienced incredible communal support,” he said, adding that the moment fueled his confidence for other pursuits.

Head of School Bob Henderson announced the awards that were accepted by students the previous evening. He also recognized seniors who earned distinction, high distinction and highest academic distinction.

In addressing the Class of 2014, Henderson quoted a post by “Ruminations” blogger Aaron Karo: “Life progresses through a series of questions,” Karo wrote. “‘Can I have some juice?’ becomes ‘Why is the sky blue?’ becomes ‘Why doesn’t she like me?’ becomes ‘How am I gonna pay the rent?’ becomes ‘Will you marry me?’... becomes ‘Did you notice all these gray hairs?’ becomes ‘Where are my teeth?’ And then, once again, ‘Can I have some juice?’ We are taught from an early age to question everything.”

Henderson also cited the hiring practices of Google—seeking cognitive ability and humility, for example—as worthy of consideration as students embark on college and subsequent careers. “My point,” said Henderson, “is not to say you should be prepared to obtain employment with Google. Rather, I happen to believe that I seek precisely the same qualities in people to work at Nobles. And, indeed, I think Google has identified a rather timeless formula for what a great education should foster. I think it will be as relevant in 20 years as it is today.

“So I say goodbye to you today with great affection, accompanied by the hope that your years here have laid the
foundation for a life characterized by the passion for learning, with the capacity for leadership and collaboration, with sincere humility along with the perspective to own fully, and learn from, both your successes and failures.”

Before introducing faculty speaker Tim Carey, Henderson also bestowed the Vernon Greene Award for excellence in teaching to master teacher Sarah Snyder, who is retiring after 37 years in the classroom, 25 of those at Nobles. Henderson spoke of her conviction and commitment. “She loves words and delights in poetry,” he said. “She is truly a rare soul.”

Faculty speaker Tim Carey, who is also retiring after more than three decades on the faculty, began by quoting e.e. cummings, suggesting that graduation day is a moment of sadness and of rejoicing. He said:

“I thank you God for most this amazing day/for the leaping greenly spirits of trees/and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything/which is natural which is infinite which is yes!”

Carey shared the zig-zag of his journey of becoming a teacher. Over time, he said, he learned how to overcome fears and recognize how his ability to connect with people could help him teach children with empathy, encouragement and kindness—in contrast to the harshness and mockery he had encountered as a young student.

“The essence of teaching involves relationships,” he said. “I had to accept that fear [of school] and make that fear work for me instead of against me.”

Class I members Mo AfDhal and Abbeygale Anderson also spoke to the Class of 2014. AfDhal read his letter of appreciation to the admission office at Belmont Hill for fortuitously placing him on the wait list, resulting in his remarkable experience at Nobles. Anderson told how she came from Jamaica, a traumatized young girl, and found her voice. Witnessing an act of violence at age 7, she said, contributed to the stuttering with which she still struggles. She explained how when she entered the classroom of Head of School Bob Henderson to confess her speech impediment, he said, “And? So what?” “I’ve been given the opportunity to be who I am without apologies,” she said.

The ceremony included additional awards such as the Head of School Prize, Miller Medal and Gleason Award, which went to new graduates Elizabeth Orscheln and Melanie Weinstei, Andrew Fai and Milan Chuttani, respectively.

The final musical performance, after a week filled with many memorable performances, was the First Class Ensemble with “Your Song” by Sir Elton John and Bernie Taupin and arranged by Director of Music Michael Turner. After accepting their diplomas, the graduates greeted and thanked faculty and family members.
Answering the Call
The Success of Rally Day 2014

THE FIRST NOBLES RALLY DAY took place on April 11 and proved that one should never underestimate the tenacity and spirit of the Nobles community. On this day, Nobles parents, graduates and friends showed their support for the school by making gifts to the Annual Nobles Fund (ANF) and surpassed an historic goal of 500 new ANF gifts by the end of the day.

Volunteers and staff made calls and sent email and Facebook messages, and Nobles brought in an astonishing 650 new gifts totaling $136,512 for the ANF. In 24 hours, graduate participation in the ANF increased from 22 percent to 34 percent, and parent participation moved from 60 percent to 78 percent.

“Nobles Rally Day surpassed all of my wildest expectations,” said Casey Hassenstein, director of annual giving.

“Many colleges and universities have had great success with one-day giving initiatives, but few, if any, independent schools have done them in a formalized way. We didn’t know what to expect, but this incredible community literally answered our calls and rose to the challenge.”

The message was simple: Rally with us and make history for Nobles! The ANF team helped spread the word about Nobles Rally Day through a variety of channels. Some of the most memorable promotional pieces included a trio of spirited Nobles Bulldawg videos, each with the tagline, “This is Nobles,” spoofing the well-known ESPN SportsCenter commercials. Community members were given the chance to make an early pledge online through click-to-pledge email communication.

On the day, the Castle Library was transformed into Nobles Rally Day headquarters, and volunteers, faculty and staff called more than 1,200 Nobles graduates and parents asking for support. Hourly updates were sent out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram with photos showing students posing with Buddy the Bulldawg and holding personalized thank-yous and updated gift numbers on small whiteboards. One of the day’s social media highlights was the #SpesSelfieQuisque “selfie” challenge, which encouraged students to upload Nobles “selfies.” More than 80 Nobles students and graduates submitted photos for the contest.

When the day ended, the Nobles community had, indeed, made history. Never before had Nobles received as many ANF gifts on a single day.

“It was a milestone,” said Hassenstein.
In the never-ending journey of parenthood, Suzanne Priebatsch considers her children’s years at Nobles a great privilege. “At Nobles, there is an emphasis on creating a whole person,” says Priebatsch. “There is, of course, a significant amount of attention paid to the basics, but it’s the expansion of vision, of recognizing each student’s individual talents and the development of critical thinking skills that makes the Nobles experience so exceptional.”

In gratitude for what Nobles provided to the Priebatsch children, Daniella ’03 and Seth ’07, the family recently established the Norman Priebatsch Memorial Fund to provide grants to faculty for projects that are designed to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship in Nobles students. Suzanne’s husband, Norman, died tragically in 2012 as a result of a hiking accident on Tuckerman’s Ravine in New Hampshire.

“Norman and I were consistently impressed with the Nobles faculty,” Suzanne explains. “When Daniella and Seth each arrived at the middle school, we were impressed by the school’s exceptionally warm and caring structure. It’s almost as though the building itself, and the teachers within it, was a protective enclosure within the larger context of the middle and upper schools.”

“This gift to support faculty endeavors is a way to ensure that the funds will have the greatest leverage,” continues Priebatsch, a senior vice president at Morgan Stanley. “When faculty are energized through programs that support them, it radiates outward to inspire the students. Nobles is known for playing a leadership role in developing educational strategies, and this fund is meant to encourage both existing and new efforts that are a catalyst to innovation.”

The faculty’s emphasis on encouraging students to ask for help resonates with Priebatsch. “The students are taught that questioning is a sign of strength, not weakness,” she says. “And, at Nobles, there is also a pervasive, gentle sense of humor which highlights the delightful ironies and insights that occur when working with young adults. A sense of humor often enables one to get through challenging times and Nobles stands out in that regard, even including the word ‘humor’ in its mission statement.”

Priebatsch was particularly grateful for the faculty’s skill at developing each student’s natural talents. One of Daniella’s teachers recognized that her height would be an asset in rowing and suggested that she join the crew team. “It provided a tremendous sense of accomplishment for Daniella, and Seth had a similar experience with his participation on the cross country team as well as the debate team.”

Today, Daniella, a Brown University graduate, is an online advertising manager with Google, and Seth, who won the Princeton Entrepreneurs’ Network Business Plan Competition, is founder of both SCVNGR, a gaming platform for smartphones, and LevelUp, which provides a mobile payment system through cell phones.

“The school often takes on the role of educating the parents as well as the students,” she says. “‘Prepping’ us for the social awkwardness of our offspring’s first dance to explaining the college application process, Nobles was there for us, as parents. Norman and I experienced an enormous amount of fulfillment as parents, which stemmed, in part, from our appreciation of the faculty’s commitment to the students.”

With that in mind, Suzanne and Norman made a gift to the school’s faculty lounge in 2007. A plaque at the room’s entrance reads, “Dedicated to The Exceptional Faculty of Nobles, Whose Excellence in Teaching Shapes Lives for Generations,” which Priebatsch explains refers not just to students, but to parents as well.

“I am always surprised that people often forget to say ‘thank you’ for many daily gifts that are taken for granted, but which are truly extraordinary,” says Priebatsch, who emphasizes that her gifts to Nobles stem from a deep sense of gratitude. “The level of energy and commitment of the Nobles faculty is truly a privilege to experience, both as a student and as a parent. To be taught by teachers who are so extraordinary is a gift for which there can never truly be enough thanks.”

Campaign Gains Momentum

Since September 2013, the Be Nobles Bold Campaign has raised more than $13 million toward the $112 million goal, with the total now standing at $70 million. In addition, donors have helped establish, with matching gifts to the endowment, 10 new named funds and 13 unnamed endowed funds.
Bees in the Yard
Watching the Foragers Fill the Sky

BY PETER RAYMOND, ENGLISH FACULTY MEMBER

Why bees? How we notice things when they disappear, especially things whose absence reveals, like a link missing from a chain, a much larger matrix we might not have appreciated.

When in 2003 feral honeybees vanished from the clover in my yard, I had imagined neither that it could happen nor what the whole, now missing a vital part, had been. I stood in the grass, looking from one blossom to another, and experienced what Rachel Carson had foretold in *Silent Spring*, the book that launched the environmental movement: an unnerving, frightened helplessness.

How could there be no bees? Even though my mother had once taken a passing interest in beekeeping, I didn’t particularly like the little buzzers—mostly they stung bare feet—but this was because of something greater than the bees themselves. Had trees or clouds disappeared, my reaction would have been the same.

How could there be no bees? While experts debated the answer, my wife and I, graduates of Norfolk County’s Bee School (diplomas on our walls), installed our first colony.

Then something unexpected, something beyond lots of buzzing, happened.

First, we realized that one does not “keep” bees as one keeps pets or sheep. The relationship is less controlling, more like that of the rare parents who in admission interviews speak of their children with a dumbfounded detachment, saying, “We have no idea where s/he came from.” A beekeeper provides shelter, medications and sometimes food, and tries not to interfere. Bees, even in my yard, are feral, engaged in dynamics whose complexity is largely unknown. Mostly, we just watch.

Second, although we harvest honey, our purpose has been to return bees to the yard. People have long exploited bees for both honey and commercial crop pollination, but for now, we try to help bees survive winters and such threats as disease, parasites and pesticides.

Hosting bees makes one remarkably sensitive to variables that affect them: good and bad bee weather, good and bad landscaping (“bad” such as the Monsanto corporations producing sterile blossoms in its campaign to control all planting), mosquito control and bears (one wandered through Dedham two years ago, but it was looking for love, not honey)—but mostly, weather.

Finally, bees change the yard. They change us. So much so that when our two colonies died in the final cold snap of this long winter (a failure of their beekeeper), Laurie could tolerate their absence (and my funk) no more than a few weeks before announcing, “We need bees” and fetched from Rhode Island a package of three pounds of bees replete with a virgin queen.

Until there were no bees, I hadn’t realized how repeatedly I glanced to the place beneath our tall white pine where the hives sit, or how habitually I checked blossoms or looked for bees streaking in the air.

I have tried to describe to tolerant listeners how, late on a clear summer day, sunlit bees trace curves against the...
deep shadow of our trees, descending to or rising from their hives. Laurie and I stand on our back porch and watch the sunworks for long, quiet moments, following a bee accelerating away over a neighbor’s roof or appearing downward on the same flight path, sensing the dimension of her foraging.

More than this, though: Their presence seems no less significant than that of our horizon-filling dawn redwood and tulip poplar, perhaps because the dynamics by which bees thrive are as untouchably natural as those that lift and spread those trees.

For now, two colonies are growing in population, covering the frames in their hives, and doing what bees do. The foragers march out onto their front porches, clean their antennae, unhitch their locked sets of wings and lift off as others waver to a landing, rear legs orange or red or blue with pollen. Laurie and I watch.
Q: In a challenging educational landscape, what could help teachers be their most effective?

American education has been a story of innovation, differentiation, and sometimes deep and prolonged frustration. From the first public schools in Boston, to racial segregation, to the 1983 report *A Nation at Risk*, to the No Child Left Behind legislation passed by Congress in 2002, the national conversation about how to educate young citizens continues—now within the complexity of a global community that demands an ever-evolving set of competencies.

In the contemporary educational landscape, what might allow educators to be more effective? *Nobles* magazine asked this question of graduates who have worked as teachers and administrators—many of them in challenging environments.
I’ve worked in education for most of my time since graduating college—starting and running schools and after-school programs. The things that make Nobles an incredible school are just not widespread, particularly in lower-income neighborhoods. A strong culture and great teachers are essential. With great teachers, a school ensures that knowledgeable, inspiring, capable, engaging leaders are in every single classroom. I think about my experience at Nobles. The culture had very high expectations—academically, but also socially. What would you do with your knowledge in life?

The fundamental shift I would like to see is upping the national expectations related to how we produce and train teachers. Nobles finds people who are great both in terms of managing the classroom but who also really know their content. I had Dr. Philip Burnham as my AP European History teacher. That man knew as much about European history as anyone in the world. He was a scholar. So were my other teachers. They were experts on their subject. They could also connect with kids and manage and plan a classroom.

Countries around the world have updated their education systems and are beating the United States in math and reading pretty badly right now. We’re 16th in reading. We’re 26th in math. Countries like Finland, Germany, Poland, and multiple countries in Asia have changed where teachers come from. It’s competitive in those countries to become a teacher, and you have to be fantastic in your field. You have to go through more years of training and rigor to be there. That’s where I would begin. I would also find ways to help people who work in schools understand how to build a culture like Nobles does—where there’s a shared set of values, shared set of high expectations, and a shared sense of team and fun and traditions. That keeps everybody tied to each other’s success.

There is so much to look at in the sphere of education reform, and as a second-year teacher, I am far from an expert on the subject. One thing I have observed, however, is that the mindset of students and teachers has a profound effect on the success of both parties. Students who believe they can be successful through hard work and persistence outperform those who think you are born either “smart” or “dumb.” The same occurs with teachers. Teachers who believe that all of their students can learn at a high academic standard provide the unspoken understanding and trust that allow their students to do just that. Studies have shown that this way of thinking can be taught in the classroom. It is a very sensitive matter, but character education can be taught. Students can learn through a list of strategies that they can accomplish their goals and be successful through hard work and effort. Teachers can be taught that same message. I think teaching character (hard work, effort, determination) in a structured way to entire school systems would have a profound effect on students. It is something that Nobles does subtly during morning meetings, instilling in the community that effort and learning are worthwhile. If that same level of care were taken in schools across the country, the effects would be remarkable.
The one fundamental change I would like to see every school make is to have an open forum similar to the Nobles assembly. Assembly is amazing in that it provides a forum for an entire community to come together, share a common experience, and learn from one another. It allows for moments of vulnerability that create empathy for others and encourages ownership for what happens within a community.

For this to happen in the wider community, teachers need to demonstrate their leadership in this forum and allow students to emulate and learn from their example. Then students can take their own risks to grow as leaders and further the goals of the community.

Finally, schools need to allow their constituents the freedom and opportunity to take these shared experiences and continue conversations in classrooms, hallways or wherever else its members want to engage. Having unstructured time allows members of the community to engage with one another and build trust and respect within the community.

This trust and respect furthers the engagement and daily learning that happens in the classroom, hallways and playing fields, which is ultimately what we want for our students.

A: I have been working in New York City classrooms for 18 years. The students I teach would be given labels such as “underprivileged,” “underserved,” “at-risk,” etc. While there may be truth to all those words, there is no need for them. My students are incredibly driven, intellectual, and committed to their education and their future. They are teenagers who come to school because they believe it is fundamental to their future success, but also because they feel loved in our community, and we consistently strive to ensure that they think critically about the world around them, challenge the status quo, and remember that their voice matters as much as anyone else’s. The labels assigned to them by society are only a result of the reality they were born into. This should have no bearing on the education they receive nor the way they are perceived in society—but it does.

At our school, individually as an educator, I cannot wave a magic wand that erases the land mines these young people must navigate way too early in life. There is no resource to change that. What can and needs to be changed is the equi-
There is no single resource that would cause a fundamental shift in my work. For me, the fundamental shift in urban education will come when the people leading the classrooms, schools and districts reflect the cultural, linguistic and socioeconomic diversity of the students therein. We need role models who can inspire kids to believe in their own potential for success. We need school leaders and administrators who understand the life and school experiences of the students and who will therefore be equipped to foster their academic and personal growth. At the district level, we need the right people in place who will make good, sustainable decisions that keep students’ best interests in mind. It’s not a resource that we need; it’s a whole mindset shift.

Working in the Boston Public School system was the best decision I ever made. My students showed me more about myself and life and joy and heartbreak and justice (and injustice) than I had ever learned before. I still consider each and every one of the kids I taught a part of my extended family. And yet, my work as a teacher in an under-resourced urban context was often emotionally and physically draining.

Though I felt very successful as a classroom teacher, I, the person inside the teacher, needed more support to succeed, especially in the form of peer support. It was difficult to balance personal priorities with my work priorities, since my work at school simply required that much more from me—from all of us.

The problem is that our schools with the most need and the highest stakes face the greatest amount of budget cuts, red tape, teacher turnover and inconsistent leadership. Our students, therefore, who often face challenges related to poverty, disenfranchisement and institutional racism, are continually sent to schools that are not equipped to support them through the most important period of their lives. My exhaustion is a small side effect compared with the population that is truly suffering—our students. For our students to be—and contribute—their best, we have to give them our very best as well. This is a tough labor of love, but a necessary one if we really want to claim equity and fairness in our country.

“We need role models who can inspire kids to believe in their own potential for success.”

Managing Director, Leadership Development for Teach for America, Nobles Trustee

MARIEL NOVAS ‘06

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ty of public education. Put quick fixes, porous Band-Aids and fleeting policy aside. Every school should have equal financial resources regardless of property taxes or student population. If we want to live in a society that truly believes in equal opportunity, we need to provide equal opportunity. There are people who argue money will not solve the problems of the urban education of low-income students (though most of these people were educated in well-funded educational systems). I agree that it will not change everything. It will not change the land mines that I cannot change. It will also not make me create a better curriculum or love my students any more than I already do. It will, however, be a strong signifier that every child actually does matter and does deserve equal educational opportunity.

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Anthony Ackil and Jon Olinto, both ’94, obviously didn’t know Anne Sholley ’07 at Nobles. With more than a decade separating their graduations, it’s unlikely that they would have ever met had it not been for an unlikely catalyst: kale. So how did the vegetable of the moment cause these paths to cross? Ackil and Olinto are cofounders of b.good restaurants, establishments that are focused on sourcing local ingredients with a passion. Sholley is director of marketing and communications and oversees operations at Recover Green Roofs, LLC, which helps b.good set up rooftop and indoor gardens that supply kale, mint and other fresh produce for b.good restaurants. Among the three, they share an entrepreneurial spirit, an interest in wellness and community, imagination and commitment to their pursuits. Here are their stories.

the b.good story

ACKIL AND OLINTO have been best friends since middle school. They attended Nobles together and started their first business, a landscaping service, while at Nobles. “We started AMO Landscaping, which was the worst landscaping busi-ness in the history of the world. We passed out a couple of thousand flyers, and we waited. We never got any calls. Finally, we realized we’d printed the wrong phone number on all 2,000 flyers—Anthony is dyslexic.”
They both had previously worked in management consulting, traveling a lot and helping other businesses succeed. But they just weren’t finding the work personally fulfilling, Ackil says. One night in a bar, they decided to present each other with business cases until one felt right. Shortly after, b.good and its “real.food.fast” concept—food made with care and with quality ingredients—was born. They wanted food made by people, not factories. They focused on surviving as a new business, working long hours, taking second jobs, and living at home with parents. Their first restaurant opened in 2003, when Ackil and Olinto were in their mid-20s.

“We took all the orders. We cleaned all the floors. We lived it,” says Olinto. “By living it we started to ask ourselves a little more about what ‘real’ meant.”

This question led them to start meeting the people who produced the food and sourcing locally. A co-op in Maine provided their beef; local farms were the source for seasonal vegetables. They started buying ice cream in Cambridge.

“Then it just kept growing. We resolved that the idea of real food relies on knowing people. You have to have real relationships with actual people, and that’s hard to scale,” says Olinto.

But just because it’s hard does not mean it can’t be done. Since January 2014, b.good has ended relationships with food and beverage behemoths Coca-Cola and Heinz, trading financial efficiencies for greater adherence to the mission.

They have 17 restaurants, both corporate- and franchise-run, opening in locations from Nashville to New Hampshire, with a plan to double the number of locations and open in another major market in the next year. For each new location, the b.good team helps new leadership identify local partners.

Part of the brand refinement has been to expand the menu from great burgers to include options such as quinoa bowls and kale shakes. “We want to take a leadership position on what ‘real food’ means,” Olinto says. “We think people can connect with the idea of a local farmer.” Ackil and Olinto have also started a foundation that awards grants to individuals who want to engage in projects that benefit the community.

Their philosophy of how to do fast food better extends to their employment practices and the more than 250 people who now work for them. After three years, managers begin to earn stock options—and they get to pick their own mint. Not your typical fast food gig.

Ackil explains the evolution of the on-site garden, now a staple of their brand: A customer who worked in agriculture thought growing tomatoes on the roof of one of the restaurants aligned with other aspects of the business. “We paid him in burgers, and we put seven baby pools on the roof, used organic compost, and grew about 50 pounds of tomatoes that year,” Ackil says.

Customers could see the tomato plants from the street, and they could see staff watering the plants. “It became a great community piece,” Ackil says.

Since then, the number of garden sites and the variety of vegetables has grown. In May, b.good harvested 200 pounds of kale. To celebrate, restaurants gave free kale smoothies for a day.

b.good partners with Green City Growers to care for the gardens. Green City Growers introduced Ackil and Olinto to Recover Green Roofs—Sholley’s Somerville, Mass.–based firm—which specializes in vegetated green roofs, rooftop farms and living walls.

Recently, Recover Green Roofs installed an indoor garden for b.good’s Harvard Square location. The plan included indoor irrigation and grow lights. They also built for b.good in Bedford and at the newly opened Boylston Street location in Boston.

Scenes from a restaurant: Ackil’s late Uncle Faris, pictured at left in the Legacy Place location in Dedham, inspired Ackil and Olinto and gave them advice that guides their business: “take it easy,” “live life,” and “be good.”
Small-scale farming is on the rise and poised for growth, according to the June 21, 2014, Boston Globe story “Urban Farming Takes Root.”

“In 2012, there were 20 farms in Suffolk County, up from just seven in 2007, according to the Department of Agriculture,” the Globe reported. “In December, these efforts got a boost with the passage of Article 89, a package of zoning changes that lowered the barriers for establishing commercial farms in Boston.”

For Anne Sholley ’07, this trend dovetails nicely with her entrepreneurial passion. In 2005, Sholley traveled to the Island School in the Bahamas through the Nobles program. “It was a huge transformation for me,” she says. “I was just blown away by the work they were doing with the fusion of hydroponics and aquaculture [the synthesis of growing vegetables in water and raising fish]. You basically link the two systems so that the fish are filtering out the water from the plants and the plants are eating the nutrients from the fish.”
Sholley was hooked. She returned to the Island School to intern in college, she says. “I became inspired by the possibilities of growing food in places where it’s not necessarily possible right away.”

When Sholley graduated from Connecticut College in 2011, she wanted to work for Recover Green Roofs, which at that time was still a start-up. They weren’t hiring, so she volunteered to fill in part time, as needed. Three years later, she oversees marketing and operations. “I was an English major in college and a philosophy minor. I really did not expect to be working with numbers. I think all my math teachers at Nobles would probably find it pretty funny that I’m doing all of the accounting for Recover.”

Recover Green Roofs’ founders, Brendan Shea and Mark Winterer, specialize in urban agriculture and initially focused on vegetated rooftops, Sholley explains. “Many cities, including Boston, have huge issues surrounding storm water management. A lot of Boston sewer systems and water pipes are made out of wood. With the rise in rainfall annually in Boston, [rooftop vegetation is] a city-wide movement to control storm water management. “The benefit of a green roof is that it basically acts like a sponge on a rooftop. Depending on the design, it’s able to retain anywhere from a half inch or more of rain as well as delay the flow into nearby drains. When a rainstorm comes, the majority of the water is absorbed by both the soil and the plants on the rooftop. In Boston, it’s not mandated yet, and there are no tax incentives. The fact that our company has survived on its own merits without incentives is, we think, a good indication.”

Since the firm’s founding in 2009, its mission has evolved from promoting rooftop vegetation that improves storm water management and insulation, to helping companies and businesses grow food in urban environments. “That’s what led us to Jon and Anthony at b.good,” Sholley says. Sholley is excited about the Boston Redevelopment Authority’s passage of Article 89 in December 2013, which lifts many regulations about agricultural zoning in the city. For example, farm stands on city streets are no longer prohibited. “A lot of the projects that we were working on required a lot of jumping through hoops [before Article 89],” she says.

Sholley says that the community of rooftop farm organizations is more collaborative than competitive. “We’re all working together to make this work and to spread the benefits in cities across the country and even across the continent. At the forefront of this movement is a Toronto-based company called Green Roofs for Health Cities.” The company hosts annual conferences and connects groups with intersecting and overlapping missions. 
“They have lists of installers, designers, manufacturers. I think they’ve done a really good job of setting the precedent for partnerships rather than competition,” Sholley says.

Sholley says a rooftop garden for Whole Foods in Lynnfield has been one of the most satisfying projects so far.

The produce there is sold in-store. It’s amazing, she says, to see the ecosystem evolve—to see the birds and bees and butterflies congregate on what was once a bare rooftop.

Recover has also worked with schools, including Phillips Academy Andover and some public schools in Quincy and Natick, to introduce community gardens. “I think my personal interest really lies in educating people about growing food in urban communities,” she says. “Starting at the elementary school age is really the perfect first step. I’m really excited to see how Recover partners with not only restaurants but also schools.”
PLAN A MEMORABLE ROAD TRIP

BY GIA BATTY, DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT

GO WITH A LOOSE PLAN OVER A STRICT SCHEDULE. If you overschedule, you'll feel like you are rushing to get to the next place without time to stop and see anything. Instead, get together as a group, pick a few spots you want to see, and build the trip around getting to them. The most memorable parts of a road trip are what you find by accident by looking out the window and stopping along the way.

STAY OFF THE HIGHWAY. Find the old road and take that. The two-lane roads are often just as fast as the big ones and will often take you through towns and villages and the best aspects of the area. If you are near the water, you should be able to see it out your window. If there are mountains, test your fear of heights by driving through them.

GET A GOOD MAP OR AN ATLAS. I mean a real map, like one made of paper. I love using digital maps and apps to help us along the way, but sometimes that tiny iPhone screen just doesn’t cut it, and you need to see the whole state (or country) spread out on your lap.

Director of Academic Support Gia Batty has logged more than 35,000 miles with her family over the past five summers, crossing through all 48 continental United States and a handful of Canadian provinces. Follow her adventures at www.drivenbatty.com.
We are all busy. Most people have to work really hard to fit in their runs. To simplify the training, do a combination of the following: hard runs, easy runs, cross-training, long runs and one to three rest days. Don’t be fooled into thinking that only lazy people take advantage of the rest days. You will perform better and be less prone to injury if you allow your muscles to recover. Here is the breakdown:

**EASY:** 1.5 miles for beginners or 3 miles for advanced

**HARD:** 2.75 miles for beginners or 5 miles for advanced

**LONG RUN:** 3.5 miles for beginners or start at 5 miles and work up to 7 miles for advanced

**CROSS-TRAINING:** Do an activity you find fun such as spinning, swimming, kickboxing, boot camp, dance classes or speed workouts around a track.

**FOOTWEAR:** Get fitted for the right sneakers before training. Depending on your fitness level, you may be ready to run a 5K right now or need up to eight weeks of training.

**HYDRATE:** Stay hydrated and drink half your bodyweight in ounces of water (if you weigh 200 pounds, drink 100 ounces of water each day).

Cruz is the director of corporate responsibility for John Hancock. She has completed three marathons and has been closely involved with organizing the Boston Marathons.
Are ants bothering you? Do you want to get rid of them without using chemicals because of kids or pets? If so, here’s how I’ve done it.

**PART I: FINDING THE COLONY**

1. If you already know where the ant colony is, skip to Part II.
2. If you don’t know where the colony is, find an ant that is out scavenging.
3. Add some honey or sugar (mixed with a little water to make a paste) to the back (nonstick side) of a piece of scotch tape.
4. Put the tape on the ground in front of the scavenging ant (sometimes you have to move the tape around a lot to get the ant to walk on it).
5. Wait until the ant finds the sugar and eats it.
6. Now that the ant has found the mother lode, it will make its way back to the colony to inform other ants.
7. Follow the ant back to the colony. This may take some time (ants don’t move super quickly). If you’re indoors, the ant may go into a wall. If this happens, try to figure out where the ant is heading.
A BOW-TIE GUIDE
BY JIM BRIDE, FORMER NOBLES FACULTY

1. Place the bow tie on the shirt collar with the manufacturer's label right-side up and facing back, with the bow-tie ends hanging vertically in front.

2. Take the right side and place it over the left, and then move the right behind the left to make a simple knot (this requires both hands).

3. Now you have an option: Make a fold with either the left and wrap over the right or right and wrap over the left.

4. Fold right and push through behind left or fold left and push through behind right.

5. Grip both loops to tighten and adjust

6. Check in the mirror and adjust accordingly.

Bride was a Nobles faculty member from 1967–1993. He was well-known for donning a bow tie for 26 years at Nobles and continues to wear them today.

PART II: DESTROYING THE QUEEN

1. Now that you’ve found the colony, you have to destroy the queen. Warning: You may find this hard to do.

2. If the colony is under a rock—a popular location because it’s warmed by the sun and protected from the rain—or in the ground, you have to expose it. Dig it up, lift the rock or whatever you need to do. If you’re digging, I would recommend dumping the dirt onto a tarp or into a large container so you can keep track of things.

3. Once you reveal the colony, act quickly. Ants don’t like being disturbed.

4. Look for ants carrying what look like pieces of rice (these are eggs). The queen will be nearby because she’s the one laying the eggs.

5. Identify the queen. It’s not that hard. She will be the biggest ant in the entire colony—at least five times as big as that scavenging ant in Part I. We’re talking about a big ant! But she’ll try to hide, so look quickly. Also, many queens have wings, but there are some other ants that have wings too, so this is not a foolproof method for identifying the queen.

6. Kill the queen. That’s it. The majority of the time, the colony won’t survive without the queen, and it will die off in a week or two.

Manzo is a robotics and conceptual physics teacher. Over the past 20 years, Manzo has dedicated his spare time to studying ants and other social insects, including bees and wasps. Distinguished scientist E.O. Wilson, who studies myrmecology, the scientific study of ants, is one of Manzo’s heroes.
Percy Nelson writes about his grandson’s prowess as a fisherman. “Each summer, Nelson deCastro ’06 spends vacation time on the Nelson family island, located among the archipelagos along the north coast of the Georgian Bay, in Lake Huron, Canada. Occasionally, some Nobles classmates will spend time on the island with Nelson. Nelson is the family’s expert fisherman, and he has adopted a strict catch-and-release policy. A couple of years ago, he caught a large muskellunge, the largest member of the pike family. He hooked it and brought it alongside the boat using a 10-pound test line with no leader. The fish was 42 inches long and probably weighed 25 or 30 pounds. In order to not harm the fish by landing it with a gaff, Nelson took off his shirt, leaned over the edge of the boat, hugged the fish, lifted it out of the water, had his cousin take a picture, lowered the fish back into the water, and released it unharmed. Nelson is also the nephew of Edward Nelson ’68 and Paul Nelson ’72, and cousin of Alex Nelson ’06 and Tim Nelson ’08.”

Notes reprinted to accompany photo on page 40.

1946
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Gregg Bemis

Gregg Bemis writes, “Sadly, we have lost two more members of our dwindling class. On Feb. 27, we lost Bill Almy, a longtime resident of Bronxville, N.Y. Bill was a very active and strong member of the class while at school and well remembered for his significant sports prowess during all seasons. Pete Sholley died in early April. Highly creative, always the comedian, Pete leaves behind several local community legacies as well as remarkable efforts at bringing clean water to developing countries. Meanwhile, at the annual Noble and Greenough reunion festivities, I understand that Beezer Almy was recognized with an award for his years of service to the school. Congratulations, Beezer, from all of us! And Dick Lucas, my most faithful correspondent, reports much family activity as well as his usual plans for summer in Marion and the opportunity to visit local classmates. His welcome mat is out.”

1950
CLASS CORRESPONDENTS
Henry Briggs and Sid Eaton, Jr.

Henry Briggs writes, “Ned Bliss is back home from what he calls his ‘pony farm’ in Florida, and as always has a lot going on. Ned and I watched the Harvard-Penn football game together last fall, seated beside coach Tim Murphy’s wife. And since I’m so much of an expert about sports, as a proud Nobles jock, I assured her that ‘This is all over’ at halftime, when Harvard barely hung on to win. Ned still spends two days a week loyalty advising several families that have been seeking his financial advice for years, and interestingly explained why most of his clients are from cities other than Boston. That rather surprised me. I had not realized that he has lots of beautiful land in Sherborn, which tenant farmers use to raise sheep and gather hay.”
We agreed that we are very lucky for two 82-year-olds and that it’s fun to still be quite active even though we’ve long since given up going ‘full throttle’ (his words). It must be genetics for Ned since he says that his equally beloved older brother, Bill, stopped running the Boston Marathon only several years ago and has raised lots of money for Nobles by inviting fellow runners to make contributions to support his team’s training and competing. Ned continues, indeed, to be our class’ “Energizer bunny.”

Just a word about me: I have studied voiceovers and audiobook readings the past year with the chair of the speech department at our excellent Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and would always welcome a few new clients who might enable me to return to Cincinnati from Massachusetts more often. I have a website (Peter Briggs) and sample CDs to share.

The luckiest day of my life was when I met my wife, Charlin, 30 years ago. We went on our annual two-week cruise, starting in Marseille and ending in Venice, working our way along the Adriatic/Dalmatian coast for the first time. She is still doing some interior design, with the grandkids and even great-grandkids as her earliest clients. She is a major volunteer in Cincinnati’s excellent fine and performing arts.”

Sid Eaton reports that Bruce Palmer has been in and out of hospitals for the past four months, but doctors are unsure what it is. He says, “I know there’s a bump in my heart rhythm, so I’m on blood thinner, but that’s all I know for sure except I have no energy and have lost lots of weight.” Maximillian, the dog, follows Bruce everywhere when he’s home, and the church is same old. He’s toying with moving back to Massachusetts as soon as his health improves.

Jack Whiting reports the birth of another grandson as well as the college graduation of his and Jill’s seventh grandchild. His grandson graduated from Springfield College, where he furthered his love of and involvement in athletics. Jack, in addition to playing tennis twice a week, is tucking in some golf along the way and chopping up a lovely tree that didn’t survive the winter. He is busy, busy, busy. When I asked how many family members reported for the annual Christmas photo, Jack answered, “Over 20.” Busy, indeed.

Ed Stimpson writes, “Doing well on Cape Cod. I’m planning to be married again in August to a lady who shares my love of golf and boating.”

1951
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Galt Grant

1952 & 1953
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Winston “Hooley” Perry
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Winston “Hooley” Perry writes, “The Dalai Lama was once asked by a young man, ‘What is the meaning of life?’ The Dalai Lama answered immediately: ‘The meaning of life is happiness.’ He then paused. ‘Compassion and a good heart? This is the question that all human beings must try to answer. What makes true happiness?’

Therefore, for all of you classmates who have yet to submit your ‘My Life After Nobles’ treatise for everyone’s reading and enlightenment and enjoyment, you might want to include how you found true happiness in your life after Nobles.

After a two-year period of the Classes of ’52 and ’53’s whirlwind tour of their 60th reunion celebrations at the school in Dedham these past two years, we were all relieved to be allowed to take a reunion breather to rest and catch our breath. Not to be denied, our classes’ perennial partygoers Bob ‘Stretch’ Cumings ’52, David ‘Scroot’ Horton and Bobby ‘Hoffie’ Hoffman ’53 were the only Friday night (free) dinner eaters and drinkers at the Castle this year. As for Saturday’s festivities, I know that Dicky ‘Floodo’ Flood ’53 was in attendance as his dad, Richard T. Flood ’23, was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame for all of his years of effort on the field and on the ice at Nobles.
Periodically, Galen Clough ’53 sends me one of his well-written literary efforts to read and enjoy, which this time was about a number of his surprise encounters with a neighborhood fox in his yard and how they eventually experienced from a distance some sort of silent communication and/or connection with one another over time. A fun read.

Periodically, I receive a postcard from Bo-Bub Wakefield ’53 handwritten in his hard-to-decipher, very, very tiny letters, which, after I get out my trusty magnifying glass, I can follow the tales of his and his wife, Katherine’s, meandering travels throughout the Australian outback. From what I gather, it is quite desolate, and the small towns with a bar (which hopefully serves food) and a gas station are few and far between. Also, for your additional reading enjoyment, I am including an email co-written by Bo-Bub and Katherine that I received earlier this year, which coupled with their rather unique way of presenting their adopted Australian vernacular, and the manner and style of how Bo-Bub presents his ideas. I am quite sure this would send our most favorite English teacher, Sidney Eaton, into a state of severe apoplexy. So here it is, dated Feb. 16, 2014:

‘The Tug and Trailer will depart 23 March into the mountains the Snowy (NSW) and the Grampians (Victoria). Hopefully in their hi-country autumn hardwood tree colours will be top of the beauty scale. Then north into South Australia and the dirt tracks across the Flinders Mountains to Wilpena Pound & Akaroola; out onto the flat dust tracks Lake Eyre (by the time we get there, maybe new water flowing into it from North QLD). Northeast though the Stoney Deserts on gravel and sand to the remote settlements of Birdsville and Innamincka. Then a 1000 kms trek through desolate dry-red dirt to Tibooburra, NSW and Cobar; to eventually find the hard roads home ETA-Est 12 June! (Total maybe 12,000+ kms—about half on rough dirt track @ 50-60 kph where possible). On the dirt trip from Lake Eyre to Cobar home will be long stretches with little varied landform or watercourses, very little vegetation, there are a few huge cattle stations and mines where emergency assistance with tyre repairs, water and petrol and medical support can be radioed in. (Bo’s first aid kit and qualifications only go so far.)

This trip will carry two extra mounted spares—one each for the Tug and Trailer. One hundred litres of drinking water—for us and Tug radiator if needed! And 60 litres of additional petrol on board necessary for the very passages between fuel pumps. We carry recovery gear and compass and flat maps only. Bo will undoubtedly have his Sony Walkman tuned to weekend news and football. We have talked, but not yet installed, two-way radio communications. If we buy a radio, we definitely won’t need it! If we don’t make the installation, we will get wet-bogged midtrack till the next truck comes past and all cousins yelling that the daft old Marine Captain should stop chancing probabilities. (Gee, it is great to be retired and making our own problems!)

And that is from our classmate who was born and brought up in Dedham and Dover, and after graduating from Nobles has, over time, matured into an Australian wombat.

I recently received the following epistle from our newly anointed bionic man Peter Willauer ’52: ‘I’ll not be at this year’s reunion. Carol and I will be in Nevis mid-March to June 10. I’ve been doing PT, recovering from several falls last June and July, then knee replacement late August, broken hip repair in mid-October, then rotator cuff operation in January. Boat is hauled in Portland, Maine; I expect to be back on board by July. Stay tuned. This year is the 50th anniversary of my founding the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School. How time flies (and I must add) when you are having fun.’

For those of you who may recall my treatise in the 2013 winter Nobles magazine regarding the saga of the whereabouts of my two missing ’52 and ’53 class rings, I had recently returned one 1952 class ring to Bob ‘Dizzy’ Dymsza ’52 (much to the delight of Trini Dym- sza) that I had received from a long ago lady friend, who shall now be called ‘The Lady from Nantucket.’ The young Nantucket lady for some unknown reason (without looking at the initials inscribed on the inside of the ring) had erroneously thought that it was my class ring gift to her (sorry, Dizzy), which she, in turn, gave to me when we visited her and her husband in Savannah, which was how I eventually ended up with it. I later found out from Dizzy that he had dated her (after me, of course) while working on the island one summer, and much to my surprise he, in fact, many years ago, had actually given her his class ring. (Young love can be so confusing and misleading at times.) Subsequently (as in many years later), and being that Andrea and I are in the jewelry business (among other businesses), Andrea happened to be looking through one of her many jewelry stashes one day and somehow came upon my 1953 class ring (Yeah!), which I then happily had cleaned and polished so that it looks and feels like new. It now teaches us all that one should always keep a careful and watchful eye out for those ‘ladies from Nantucket,’ for they can dazzle and ‘dizzy’ your mind and heart’s eye. And more importantly, it now begs the question of who out there has possession of my 1952 Nobles class ring? The saga continues.

In closing, I am saddened to announce that my older brother, Parker Dodd Perry Jr. from the Class of 1950, passed away on May 3 at his home in Palm Springs (see Memorial announcement). I, with all of the family members, attended a Celebration of Life Memorial Service on June 7 in Tucson, Ariz., where he lived for many years prior to retiring in the Hollywood section of Palm Springs. I couldn’t have asked for a more loving brother than Parker, and I will miss him terribly.”

1954
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Peter Partridge

1955
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Bob Chellis
Bob Chellis writes, “The reunion weekend in May was great—even if an off year for us. Next year you must come to the Noblest Dinner on Friday. It’s for all grads beyond their 50th reunion, and you’ll be delighted with the buffed-up Castle and the new banquet hall. This year, eight of us shared a ’55 table—Susie and Wally Stimpson, Sally and John Harrison, Larry Flood, Sandy and me, and Koko Doty. It’s a casual but elegant affair with great hors d’oeuvres and beverages abounding, and an excellent dinner. Next year, it will be our 60th! We should mark calendars now for Friday night and for Saturday, which includes the Graduates Association assembly, Athletic Hall of Fame presentations, a cookout, all the afternoon sports and a cocktail party. Even if you’ve been back lately, the school will dazzle you.”

I checked in with Mike Jonsberg in Maryland and, after a tough year, he is again as upbeat as ever. Last year, he sold the long-time summer cottage he loved on the Cape and then suffered a cascade of medical problems, starting with an angioplasty and ending with the loss of one leg. Luckily, below the knee. And then the ‘residual’ had to be recut to better fit a prosthesis. But now he is delighted that he’s learned to walk again, greatly enjoys his Irish water spaniel, Charlie, and he and Susan are both proud of their daughter, Karen, who is teaching English at a local college while she studies for her MFA in publishing and writing. So that was an upbeat call!

I booked Fox Hill’s auditorium for a preview showing of Jim Bride’s filmed legacy tributes to Eliot Putnam (20 minutes) and Ted Gleason (15 minutes) on June 4. The best picture on the announcement was Eliot Putnam carrying the ball for Harvard against Michigan in 1927, leather helmets and all—a pretty great picture. And the two films were a great success. Sixty to 70 or more attended, and 19 grads from the Classes of 1940, ’42, ’43 and ’44, through the era of coeducation, all lined up for a picture. The Putnam film was so good that at least one tear was seen. Nobles finally has an archivist—former controller Isa Schaff. She attended and made a plea for Nobles memorabilia.

She now has ideal air-conditioned and humidity-controlled spaces to store things in or near the Castle’s dungeons. Are you ready to part with your football stripes? Letter sweater? Class pictures? Filled-out dance cards? Candid pictures? Isa would love to hear from you. She is especially charmed by the dance cards she’s seen.

Since our Darthia Farm fire, we’ve reported regularly on the struggle of Bill Thayer and Cynthia to recover from that catastrophe two years ago. They’ve done it! You should visit their website. If you do, for something special, click on ‘Cynthia’s Own Website.’ You’ll glimpse a lifestyle, beyond their organic farming, that is creative, original, fulfilling and bold—writing, weaving, farming, teaching. Her four books are reviewed. I’ve read the first three, and each is different and compelling. In A Brief Lunacy, you might even relate to the situation of the happily retired couple in their mid-70s until their world shatters. And Cynthia’s sections on farming, teaching, talks and locavore marketing are all stunning. Her 30-member Wednesday weaving group produced a naked spinners calendar, complete with recipes and weaving tips, that sold nearly 20,000 copies and was covered by CNN, Fox News and Japanese TV. The group gave proceeds to breast cancer research and took themselves to Ireland. And the last time I visited, Bill was playing the drums in a big band in Bangor, a swing band, most Wednesday nights. Over the past 36 years, more than 250 lucky apprentices have lived on site to learn organic farming. Their ‘Farm Stand’ is really a store. They have a fine Christmas catalog. Bill does hayrides and sleigh rides. Cynthia and Bill have developed an amazing creative nexus on this quiet and remote spot on the coast of northern Maine.”

1957

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
John Valentine

Robert McElwain writes, “I’d like to share some things I’ve been doing every once in a while over the past several years: I go to Pease (formerly Air Force Base) in Portsmouth to take part in greeting the troops as they head over to or back from the Middle East. Their plane stops in Portsmouth for refueling. The organization that sponsors these events is called Pease Greeters. Information about it is online. I always have a conversation or two with individual soldiers, members of the Air Force, Marines, Army, Navy and National Guard after they get off the plane. I don’t really ask much about the war. I ask about their hopes and plans for the future, for themselves and their families. I ask about anything that seems appropriate and natural. I ask them about their favorite sports teams. A couple of
months ago, I asked a couple of guys, National Guardsmen from Rhode Island, if they were Sox fans. Of course they were! (One of them was an owner of a health club in Rhode Island, and the other was a fireman. I’m sorry, I can’t recall the town.) A few weeks ago, I met two members of the U.S. Army. They had Spanish accents, so I asked them where they were from. Puerto Rico. We talked a bit about their hometowns and their families.

Then I came in with the big question: Who is your favorite baseball player? One of the guys immediately put his right hand to his heart and said ‘Roberto Clemente.’ We shook hands on that! I told him he had to watch the PBS special on Clemente. He promised he would. The men and women I have met at Pease seem to represent all racial groups, and the conversations I’ve had with them have meant a lot to me. They are really fine people.”

Wade Williams writes, “Penny and I can’t wait to welcome our new grandson! Daughter Sarah K. Schindler-Williams and her husband, Damian J. Moser, are expecting their second son. The newborn will be joining his brother, Charlie, who will be 4 in October. They are currently living in Philadelphia. This will be our fifth grandchild! Not quite enough for a hockey team, but we can field a basketball team and most of a wrestling team.”

Lance Grandone writes, “Life is still at a slow and easy pace here in the Sarasota area. I have given up my volunteer job as the president of our HOA—too many hard-to-work-with board members. Guess what? I don’t miss it. It’s a relief not to have to wade through 50 to 100 emails a day and loads of telephone calls, complaints, etc. I was able to reduce my telephone and Internet costs significantly. I am now devoting most of my time to philately. In checking my philatelic investments, I noted rare stamps appreciated over 10 percent per year during the last 10 years—better than that lottery called the stock market.

I am working around the house doing lots of small repairs. Once a home hits 15 years in age, all sorts of things need work. I’m doing very little traveling because of the security hassles at the airports, although Karin got back from visiting our daughter, Susan, who works in Lima, Peru, for Rio Tinto Mining. I’m not thrilled about her being there as safety is a huge concern, and she is provided security to and from work and cannot move around the city alone or with other women. This is not my idea of a fun working environment. On the upside, the compensation is terrific and she only has another one and a half years left on the Peru assignment. Before that, she was in Serbia working on a lithium mine. She has also bought two condos in the Sarasota area, so if anyone is looking for a clean and attractive rental, let me know. We’ll get you the special Nobles rate. Our son, Cass, is still working for Abbott Labs and is looking forward to fully vested retirement in two years. He is a real rarity—one employer since graduating from the University of Illinois. I added up my job experience the other day: 12 different employers, excluding self-employment and volunteerism.

Health-wise I’m still vertical, although the arthritis is a bit touchy at times. I try to stay off the meds and use natural supplements and eat good stuff like fish. I have a friend with a good-size boat that I crew on. We go out 20 to 40 miles into the gulf to fish. I try to eat everything I catch. There are some really big critters out there in the water and you definitely don’t want to fall overboard.

The weather has been great and we have more rain this year, so no drought. As I’ve said many times before, all classmates and families are welcome to stay here for a visit. We have plenty of room and I’d love to see some of the old gang.

With best wishes from the Warden of Walpole (let’s see who can figure that one out).”

David Woods writes, “Last summer, Eleanor and I spent six weeks driving around our country staying with a dozen or more of our college classmates. This summer, we’ll fly to Vancouver, then on to Victoria to visit our classmate, Walther Mohr’s, youngest brother, Erich Mohr, who is married to a Canadian. We will wind up on a one-week train ride through the Canadian Rockies with stops in Banff and on Lake Louise. After a brief stay back in D.C., we’ll head to Jaffrey, N.H., for two weeks at the end of July.”

Eliot Putnam writes, “On a sunny May 30, Eliot T. Putnam V, aka ‘Finn,’ graduated, with highest distinction, as a member of the Nobles Class of 2014. In attendance were his father, Eliot Putnam IV, and mother, Kara Putnam; his grandparents Jan and Robert Putnam; his sisters Caroline and Katherine Putnam, both ’15; aunt Jennifer Putnam; cousin Everett Putnam Mackey; and numerous other cousins and friends.

As befits a school more than three times larger than when Headmaster Eliot Putnam (one may be excused for noting a certain lack of originality in the naming of this line of descendants) conducted graduation exercises under the oak trees near the old gym (all long since disappeared) graduation took place under a massive tent below the Castle, before many hundreds of family members and friends of the graduating class. Also different was the fact that no less than four members of the graduating class offered remarks, none of which matched the eloquence of JW Valentine’s valedictory in June of 1957. But the sense of completion, of hope and anticipation, on a sunny late spring day were familiar and heartwarming, and bespoke a school that, while different and far more diverse from the one we knew, still does a fine job of launching young lives into the wider world.”

John Valentine writes, “Classmate Stewart Burchard has returned to the East Coast. He had been in Arizona for the past 14 years. Now he is back, living in Little Compton, R.I. His email re- mains the same, stewartburchard@hotmail.com.

Shutesbury continues to play mind games with us—a particularly vicious winter has been followed by a steady stream of wonderful weather, which makes a person wonder why they’d want to live anywhere else. Plus, what other town can bring you an event like Sexual Harassment Day? We’re all busy planning for this gala, which is scheduled for July 1.”


1958

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Chris Morss

Bill Russell writes, “On short notice in April 2014, I had the special pleasure of spending four days with my French ‘brother’ Jean Paul Brisson ’57 (honorary ’58), indulging in extended conversations, from philosophical matters to cherished memories over 58 years. I am happy to report that he is in very good shape, still playing competitive tennis in a seniors international league, sense of humor undiminished.”

Peter Norstrand writes, “On the news front, I find that retirement doesn’t mean respite from work, just respite from pay. I am currently a board member and treasurer of the Brookline Teen Center, open now for almost a year after a 20-year gestation. It is a fabulous facility, offering a safe and healthy alternative for kids, from sound studio to basketball, from bowling to mentoring—a place to gather, learn and play.

I am also the treasurer and president-elect of the board of the Brookline Community Mental Health Center, an institution that for more than 50 years has provided care and transformed lives for those, regardless of means, who deal with mental health issues. Both organizations rely on philanthropy. I’ll be following Bob’s example of calling on friends to support these worthy organizations.”

Peter Wadsworth writes, “My email address has changed to PeterAWadsworth@gmail.com. The pedantically long name before the @ was a forced choice when I found all shorter versions and abbreviations spoken for.

All else remains the same: living in East Hampton, active member of the town Budget and Financial Advisory Committee, environmental lawyer, girlfriend still living in D.C. Life is good, and I find that I continue to value the Nobles connection as a foundation for many, but not all, of my values. The visual beauty of where I live and the deep connection to the ocean continues to sustain me on a daily basis. There are very few places on earth about which I have similar feelings. I look forward to hearing from any or all of you. We are all brothers after a fashion.”

George Foss writes, “We have sold our New Hampshire house and will make the final move to North Florida in mid-July. We are the first exit in Florida, #380, so I expect to see all of you at one point or another.”

Tappy Wilder is thrilled to report that he is a grandfather for the first time. Niven Wilder Labrum, the world’s most beautiful baby girl, was born last August. She lives with her parents in Salt Lake City. Tappy now lives in Sausalito, Calif., but he keeps his house in Blue Hill, Maine, where he hosted Chris Morss for two nights over the Memorial Day weekend. He remains very busy as literary executor of his uncle, Thornton Wilder.

With grave concern about the irreversible effects of global warming, Larry Daloz organized a first-ever conference of climate activists in the Pacific Northwest two years ago. A second meeting focusing on the moral and ethical dimensions of the crisis was held this past April with double the attendance. A third conference is slated for next April. Larry writes, “The more I lean into this work, the more energized I get, the less discouraged I am by the reality—and the denial of that reality—surrounding us.”

Bill Danielson writes, “Esther and I continue to migrate semi-annually between Wiscasset, Maine, and Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Recently, I completed MIT’s terrific online course on global warming science. It deepened my understanding and alarm about this developing catastrophe and has provided great material for a monthly column on weather and climate I write for a Cape Breton newspaper.”

1959

CLASS CORRESPONDENTS

Whit Bond

Buzz Gagnebin

John Gibson

Buzz Gagnebin and Connie were delighted to host Nobles class-mates in Cambridge on May 10. There were endless reminiscences and tales to tell. It was almost like being back in Dedham. See photo below. Not pictured but of big help were Whit Bond’s wife, Faith; Renny Damon’s wife, Dottie; Tom Quigley’s wife, Janet; Bill Cutler’s wife, Penny; Rob Ladd’s wife, Beth; and Buzz’s wife, Connie.

All but three in the photograph were able to also come to the Friday, May 9, Nobles dinner in the Castle for post-50th reunion classes. Chip Morse and wife Susan, Dick Frazee and wife Marcy, and Ted Miles were in attendance. John Gibson reports that coming in to the Boston area from his home in Shreveport, La., for the Class of ’59’s 55th was the start of a delightful week. He reports that it was great to see 16 of the 27 remaining ‘59 graduates over the weekend as well as members of other classes Friday, May 9. It was good to see Bill Gallagher ’57, who was like a big brother to him at college. Bill’s actual brother, Dick ’58, was joined by Peter Norstrand ’58.

Dinner at Buzz Gagnebin’s home in Cambridge in May. From left, top row: Borden Snow, Ted Mann, Steve Lister, Bill Cutler, Steve Grant, Rob Ladd, Whit Bond, John Gibson; Bottom: Bill Taylor, Tom Quigley, Buzz Gagnebin, Renny Damon and Henry Schwarz
John Damon ’57 and others in filling in details of the famous harmonica incident in the airshaft of Foxy’s classroom. The reminiscence was like seeing Foxy, Square, the Deke, Pecker, Wilbur and Blackie again, and all of the wonderful teachers who were so dear to us in spite of the awful nicknames we gave them. It was a great thrill to visit (if only briefly) with Mr. Coggeshall on Saturday morning. John reports that he could barely hold back tears when the Coggeshall prize was awarded. Later in the week, he caught up with his former dentist—Jon Wood ’60—who has been teaching at Harvard Dental School in addition to sailing and continuing his dental practice. The only disappointing part of the week was going to the rain-delayed Sox-Tigers game to see the best team in baseball play. It turned out that the Tigers may be the best team!”

Mike Poor was bestowed the Common Good Award at Bowdoin College, which honors alumni who have “demonstrated an extraordinary, profound and sustained commitment to the common good, in the interest and for the benefit of society, with conspicuous disregard for personal gains in wealth or status.” Mike has been the leader in the establishment of the McKeen Center for the Common Good at Bowdoin, and he and his wife, Loel, established the Forest Foundation, which provides start-up funds to new and emerging nonprofit organizations in the Boston area and has created summer internship opportunities for students over the years.

Roger Berle writes, “It was with great admiration and respect that I sat with many Bowdoin ’64 50th reunion classmates to witness Mike Poor being awarded the college’s top honor, the Common Good Award. It is highly deserved for work he has done for a very long time. Some of it is happening now in collaboration with Nobles through his Forest Foundation.”

Jim Newell celebrated his friend’s birthday this spring on a riverboat along the Neva. Every Russian he spoke to wants peace, not strife, not war. So understandable given the long history of foreign invasion and internal oppression.

D.A. Mittell writes, “My 24-year plan to trespass on the estates of the 24 living members of the class climbed a Swiss Alp when I spent three days in May with Marianne and Dag Sehlin at their chalet, 850 vertical meters and 12 kilometers by car above the French-speaking city of Sion. The views down to the city and up to the 3,000-meter Alps are too beautiful for words or pictures to do justice.

In false denial of the passage of time, I brought with me the same Nobles Outing Club backpack I had carried when Dag and I hitchhiked in Switzerland in 1963. A better affirmation of continuity is the sweet, slow torrent of lifetime friendship.

Next stop: Rose’s Cantina in El Paso, Texas. I’m told that’s near Brownsville.”

Ned Bigelow writes, “Having badgered our classmates for the past year plus in preparation for our 50th Reunion, Ned [Lawson] and I decided that we would put together a piece that attempted to capture the essence of our gathering. Anyone who chooses to submit a comment will be doing so because they felt so moved.

The weekend of May 9, 10 and 11, 2014, will remain a cherished
memory forever. The Class of 1964 gathered in Dedham at 7:45 a.m. to begin the festivities by being warmly greeted by the school and then listening to our accomplished flamenco guitarist and luthier classmate Fin ‘Guillermo Rios’ Glidden. This was a wonderful way to begin a full day of catching up—an excellent tour of the school led by business manager Steve Ginsberg, which included a visit to a robotics class and ended with lunch in the newly renovated Castle. It must be pointed out that three members of the group had not been back to the school since we graduated, and a fourth joined us later in the weekend. You can imagine the reaction to the new plant and student body that had grown from almost 200 boys to a class of '64 powerpoint presentation, ETP on Clint Smith’s superb piece viewing of Jim Bride’s documentary and presentation of Nobles gatherings, lunch and games in the afternoon. Certainly one of saturday’s highlights was the successful launching on Motley’s schoolhouse for dinner. This was followed by a robotics class and ended with lunch in the newly renovated Castle. It must be pointed out that three members of the group had not been back to the school since we graduated, and a fourth joined us later in the weekend. You can imagine the reaction to the new plant and student body that had grown from almost 200 boys to a

Bill Priest, Sam and Frank Reece, Diane Gonzales and John Riley, Karen and Steen Rydahl, Dick Shipley, Elizabeth and Clint Smith, Bob Waldinger, Art Watson and Carol Golubock, Gail and Mike Wiggins, B Wolbach and Brandy Wheeler, Joel Richman and Bill Miles. Alan Gauld had hoped to come, but business and health issues got in the way. We send our very best wishes to Forrest Booth, Ian Burr, John Paine, Jim Nicolls, Steve Roy and Andy Stanhope—we sincerely wished you could have been with us. At several points in the weekend, we remembered our four deceased classmates: Jeff Jewett, Jim Ritvo, Peter Snell and John Warren, who are sorely missed.

On Saturday, Head of School Bob Henderson spent an hour with the class, fielding a myriad of questions and responding to a variety of observations. It was unanimously felt that the school is in just the right hands at this time, and Bob received very strong reviews. The rest of the day, we enjoyed a variety of graduate gatherings, lunch and games in the afternoon. Certainly one of Saturday’s highlights was the successful launching on Motley’s and rowing two shells down to the Bridge Street bridge and back. It should be noted that excellent form was displayed by all involved.

Saturday night, after an all-graduate cocktail party in the Castle, we gathered back in the schoolhouse for dinner. This was highlighted by a documentary viewing of Jim Bride’s superb piece on ETP and Clint Smith’s updated Class of 64 PowerPoint presentation. What followed was quite a remarkable series of statements from a variety of classmates. It would be folly for these authors to try to capture what was said. Let us simply say it was a powerful, memorable, special evening full of laughter, emotion and reminiscing.

On Sunday, we wrapped things up with brunch at the Dedham Country and Polo Club, which provided a nice setting to wind things down and say our goodbyes.

A sincere thanks to all who made the effort to come from far away, and also to those who returned for the first time. You made a huge difference. The reunion exceeded all our expectations. A plea to all: Please stay in touch and be well.”

1965

Rick Railsback writes, “At 67, the thrills of my life usually include ‘the diaspora.’ I’m over the moon in preparation for my visit with my two grandsons in Mill Valley, Calif. I haven’t seen them since December. River is 1 and his big bro is 4 1/2. It doesn’t get any better than this!”

1966

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Ned Reese

Bill Sargent writes, “My newest book, Islands in the Storm, will be released in July. It concentrates on how barrier island communities fared before, during and after hurricane Sandy. It focuses particularly on Plum Island as a case study.”

Skip Wood writes, “I went skiing twice with good friend Pat Grant last winter at Sunday River, and I am soon playing golf with my buddy Steve Owen at Kittansett. My wife of four years, Karen, and I are all settled into our new house at Hicks Point, Duxbury, so the South Shore is home, and we love it down here. To all my classmates: Good health, peace and drop by!”

Tom Paine writes, “As the Class of ’66 turns 66, the only update on my personal Route 66 (to quote a TV show a bunch of us watched back then) is that a lot of what I learned at Nobles stays with me, even found its way into Cities with Heart, a forthcoming bilingual Chinese/English book on improving the quality of life in Chinese cities through better open-space design. While we of ’66 got to go to college, no one of our age in China did—not during the Cultural Revolution. One of its survivors overcame that handicap to form what is now the largest developer in China. He became a passionate environmentalist, even visited Walden Pond five times, and happened to be at the finish line of the Boston Marathon during the bombing and honored me with an endorsement of the book.”

1967

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Drew Sullivan

1968
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Andy Lord

Peter Pach writes, ‘Terrific 45th reunion, thanks to Toby Burr, Wigs Frank, Peter Gates and Stew Young, our committee members. The Friday night dinner at the Gates’ home in Weston roared from beginning to end. Many brought along their significant others, who probably left knowing more about us than we did.

Wes Wellington of Austin, Texas, and New Castle, Colo., appears to have come the farthest distance. Steve Baker, who was up from the Cape, reports having had a fine time, ‘relaxing and laughing more than I thought I would.’

Brad Wilkinson echoed that refrain: ‘Reunion was the highlight of my spring. The rapport was instantaneous and almost overwhelming. It was just great to catch up with old friends. Looking forward to the 50th already!’

Mark Haffenreffer, Parkman Howe, George Pendergast, Leigh Seddon, Toby Talbot and Tod Whittemore rounded out the crowd. Parkman remains happily ensconced teaching at Concord Academy. Mark continues his well-known orthopedic practice. George reported enthusiastically about becoming a coach of the Tufts University golf team. Toby has retired as an Associated Press photographer and now serves as a selectman in Calais, Vt., in addition to beginning as an officer in the volunteer fire department.

More important, he has populated the Class of ’69 Facebook page with plenty of photos from this reunion and the reunion five years ago, plus old photos of us from days gone by. You can see it at: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Nobles-69/150200362002372.

Tod and his wife are involved in a travel business. David Brown was among the missing but provided a decent excuse: He was walking across Scotland. You can read his account of the trip at www.oweewalk.com. If you look at it, start at the bottom and read up, if you want to go from start to finish.

Leigh Seddon is also looking forward to the 50th with designs on getting everyone involved. ‘I realize that in addition to hunting down Svante (Norlander) and bringing him back for the 50th, I’ll have to track down Kit Walker in Uruguay too. Please consider a donation to the Class of ’69 Global Rescue fund to bring back our overseas classmates!’

Kit Walker didn’t make it back from Uruguay but sent me a fabulous update, which, unfortunately, I had to edit for space. He writes, ‘I met the love of my life four years ago after leaving a 30-year relationship with my previous partner. I went to Spain to visit a friend and met Mariana Ingold, who is a very talented musician from Uruguay, and, well, it was immediately obvious to us both that we were to be together and that our music fit together as well as we do. I actually never thought it would be possible to have a life partner that I would see eye to eye on music with. She is an amazingly courageous and talented soul whose life path mirrored mine in so many ways it’s a bit uncanny. She has 14 CDs of her own and is somewhat of a cultural icon in this little country. We’ve been in Uruguay for the last year and a half.

I never wanted to go the academic route. I didn’t finish music school because, at the time, there was no jazz department in either school I went to. I got very good at it, at composing and playing, and I worked in every context you could imagine. Lately, however, with the Internet, everything changed, and it has become virtually impossible to make a decent living in music unless you have some kind of tenure in a university, which would have driven me crazy. So at age 62, I am reinventing myself once again. The idea of ‘retiring’ is out of the question. We are playing some concerts here and also teaching music workshops. It’s very sporadic work, but at least here there is a little government support for the arts.

I have always been more interested in creating something new of my own rather than rehashing the music from the past over and over, so I am finding my way, day by day. Nothing is guaranteed.

The latest music is all with Mariana. She sings beautifully and plays keyboard really well, also guitar. We have two albums and a couple of videos online: http://ingoldwalker.bandcamp.com, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msF4raJNE and http://www.kitwalker.com.

Our longer-range vision is to create a school where students can come to learn music in a meditative context. There is no such place to study music as far as I can see. The silence is always left out of the equation. Anyway, that has been my other main focus in life—meditation and spiritual practice—another activity that doesn’t translate into ‘success’ in the usual terms. But let’s put it this way: I have no more doubt as to the nature of reality or who I truly am. It’s as plain as day.’

David Polk was in the headlines in Hartford in June 2014. The charitable fund he advises provided key funding for a workshop and then full production of the musical A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder at the Hartford Stage.

The show then moved to Broadway where it won a Tony for best new musical among four awards. David was in the crowd at New York’s Radio City Music Hall when the prize was announced. As Frank Rizzo, the theatre critic at The Hartford Courant, said of David’s support for the show, ‘Let’s have a hand, too, for those very special folks in the balcony.’

1970
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Levy Byrd

1971
Reported by Harry Blackman, John Dewey, Nick Mittell and Win Perkins:

Here is the latest round of hearsay and innuendo from your unofficial,
Chad. Lee would have loved that! His ice hockey team. Way to go, Chad went on to a practice with his son, Elliot, who has served on the MCF Volunteer Committee for almost 25 years, helped to organize this event and get the Lee Sargent Scholarship up and running. Several other Nobles grads, including Chad Callahan, attended the dinner to show their support for this new endeavor (for a picture from the event, see page 53). The goal and purpose of the MCF (and the Lee Sargent Scholarship) is to provide “scholarships for post-high school education and career training to all qualified deserving sons and daughters of Marines and Navy Corpsmen, with particular attention given to children whose parent has been killed or wounded in action and those who have demonstrated financial need.”

We hear that after dinner, Chad went on to a practice with his ice hockey team. Way to go, Chad. Lee would have loved that! In August 2013, Curt Gowdy Jr. and other members of the Gowdy family (including Trevor ’73 and their mother, Jerre) participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the opening of the new visitor center at the Curt Gowdy State Park in the Laramie Mountains of Wyoming. Of course, all of us remember Curt Jr.’s dad from his work with the Boston Red Sox and The American Sportsman, but also more fondly and personally from our time at Nobles. No one who was there for his talk at morning assembly will ever forget it. Funny and wise!

As we noted in our spring report, the marriage of children and the arrival of grandchildren are currently high on the list of noteworthy current experiences and milestones for our class. Ames Byrd’s son, Elliot, got married this spring. Nuptials took place in the passenger cockpit of a sky-jump airplane. The newly married couple then jumped and were followed into the air by 20 or so wedding guests. In free-fall the couple linked outstretched arms while the other guests formed a circle around them. Then each jumper broke away, colorful parachutes blossomed, and all descended to terra firma to continue the celebrations. It was a great giggle and grin to watch the video (Elliot Byrd on Vimeo). Wow! What a way to start a marriage! Best wishes to Elliot and Lauren. One question remains: Ames, did you jump?

Many moons ago, Nick Mittell and Win Perkins completed a one-day jump, photographed for posterity by Chris Cutler, and John Dewey famously sailed away from his Harvard graduation in a hot-air balloon. We are wondering if any other classmates have also launched into the great blue yonder. Are there any other skydivers, balloonists or bungee jumpers out there? Cowabunga!

Harry Blackman was recently honor’d (along with a few other employees) by Skadden Arps for his 30 years at the firm. Harry’s take: “I am not sure that that is something to celebrate.’ Like the story of Jonah and the whale, the question remains; Is it about survival, grace or just bad luck?—What is certain is that it has been an interesting journey—one that began when I was rehearsing a show at a funky East Village club and needed a job. My involvement has principally been in mergers and acquisitions, which has certainly played its part in creating the world of today. Like most things, some effects are positive and some negative. The astronomical increase in executive compensation compared to that of the average worker is probably the most opprobrious.” Harry had to finish with a word right out of Doc Dewey’s frantic 50!

Laird Boles is still based on Cape Cod and playing and recording with a number of different bands and musicians. We loved this description of one of those bands: “Tripping Lily is like having that 5 o’clock scotch—a perfect blend of folk/Americana and pop that helps you unwind and brings you home.”

Bruce Jones has been winning in both fours and pairs bowling competitions in the land Down Under. That is bowling as in Lawn Bowling—what Francis Drake was doing when the Spanish Armada was sighted off England (he famously finished the match). Bruce will need to educate the rest of us on bowling terms, such as bias, Kitty, draw, set the mat and roll the jack. Apparently, in the bowling world, there is a sport-specific adaptation of the Rudyard Kipling poem well-remembered by all of us from ETP’s morning readings:

IF
If you can always roll the jack, right at your skipper’s feet
If you can always draw the shot, the one that must be beat
When asked to play a “yard on,”
do you judge it to perfection? And when you’re called to drive,
can you always make correction?
If you can come up smiling when the other blake
Puts your good shot out of play and treats it as a joke
If you’re the one who saves the day, I’ll say to you my son
“You’re a bloody hero, what’s more the only one!”

There you go, Bruce. Good on ya, mate! And good on ya, all our fellow classmates!

1972

John Linehan writes, “I’ve been in San Francisco for just over 30 years now and still loving it. Connie and I have been in the same 1870 Victorian since 1986, when we were married, although I don’t think there is an inch that has not been redone at least once. We have two boys who are great and two dogs who are terribly behaved. Go figure? Corey, our oldest son at 24, graduated from Georgetown in 2012 and just finished his two-year contract with Teach for America in St. Louis. He’s received a Fulbright Grant to study in Madrid for the next year or so. I kind of think maybe—just maybe—Connie will have sudden business needs in Madrid a couple of times in the next few months. Casey just graduated from Boston College’s Honors Program and will begin work with Oracle in July. He also received an offer to play paintball in Australia, but Connie had that one DOA. Moms these days, eh? I’m happy and healthy and with offices in L.A. and Atlanta. I’m on planes a couple hundred thousand miles a year, but no complaints. I love what I do. Greetings to all my classmates!”
Kevin McCarthy writes, “As summer approaches, I reflect upon the events of spring and my 40th reunion. We came together, and the magic that is the Class of ’74 has once again created a feeling of personal achievement. The privilege of being class agent and the honor of presiding over our classmates’ life reflection ceremony only serves as a reminder of what is special about being a part of the Nobles family.

In the fall of 2013, we lost classmate Jeff Ingraham, and this reunion weekend we proudly planted a tree and placed a bench on the rise just above Keller Field as a place for our class and the rest of the Nobles community to reflect upon all of those lifelong friendships that are born at 507 Bridge Street. On behalf of our class and Jeff’s family, I want to thank Nobles for all that it has done to honor his memory.

Entering my final year of graduate school has presented its challenges, but I look forward to the opportunity to develop the additional skills that I will need to continue to help people and be of service to the common good. I look forward to a summer with friends and family. I enjoyed spending time with my classmates during what was another successful reunion weekend. Thanks again to Jim Vogel for hosting our Friday-night get-together and to Harry Elam for coming so far to participate in our celebration of life.”

Jed Dawson

Doug Floyd

Albrecht von Loewenich writes from Germany, “Our eldest daughter, Teresa, married last August. She and her husband, Mirko Maek, gave birth to our first grandson, Oskar, on May 27, 2014. We are happy, all went well, and we are grandparents now.”

Peter Rice shared his remembrance of Lee Sargent, having read of his passing in the last magazine. “Although I last saw him on graduation day almost 40 years ago, I thought of him often, and I would like to share a few memories.

Lee Sargent changed my life. I didn’t know it then, and it is only now as I consider the arc of my life and career that I value my interaction with him. It must have begun one day after football practice, when a senior communicated to me. Sargent told him, ‘Rice has some talent, but he isn’t really working up to his potential.’ Now here is the interesting thing: I had spent time ‘not working up to my potential’ in some things (see French class), but for some inexplicable reason, this affected me greatly, and there must have been some deep respect I had for him that strengthened my resolve to try hard at this game. Jewish boys (Sid Luckman notwithstanding) do not usually excel at hurrying themselves at others, particularly those who are bigger and weigh more. I remember standing in one-on-one tackling drill lines and counting whom I would be up against and quaking in fear when it was someone like Peter Kistner. It was like being hit by a small foreign car.

I remember a preseason practice when we were running 40-yard dashes for time, and I ran a 4.9. Sargent couldn’t believe it, and he made me run it over. Again, a 4.9. He just walked away, shaking his head. It felt better than an A in calculus. But I think what affected me the most was his pedagogy about football. He was extraordinarily prepared every day. He shared that enthusiasm for ‘preparedness.’ Every practice was timed. Horns blew to signal a move to another drill or station. Tuesday we ran the opponent’s offense; Wednesday, their defense. He once said, ‘If you don’t get better, you should never have gone out there.’ He explained why he did something. I do not remember the difference between a participle and a gerund, but I remember why we had the defense that we did. It reflected the fact that our linebackers (Bryson, Williams, Barker) were the strongest players, so the philosophy was to have the line play in such a way as to allow the linebackers to make the tackle. We ran the triple option because ‘if done correctly, it is unstoppable,’ he said with a solemnity usually reserved for occasions like dedications or eulogies. He could be ribald—always a plus for adolescent boys.

After 30 years as a surgeon and now a high school teacher, I learned two qualities from Sargent that you need to be successful: executive functioning and metacognition. Whether it was studying in medical school or taking care of patients, I used these skills to be successful. In the classroom, I encourage my students to ask themselves what they need to do to understand better, to identify who can help them. I coach ice hockey (ridiculous, I know), but I plan practices so that they are organized. A whistle substitutes for a horn. I try to tell the players why we are doing something. Executive functioning and metacognition are educational buzzwords today, but they are important.”
Any remembrance would be incomplete if it failed to mention that he had his demons. I know this. While I know that he was in Vietnam, I did not know he was captured and received a Purple Heart. That he did not tell us says something. I am glad he found a place after Nobles. I am sorry that I did not get to tell him how much he influenced me. Henry Brooke Adams said this: ‘Teachers affect eternity; no one can tell where their influence stops.’ This I believe.

1976
CLASS CORRESPONDENTS
Tom Bartlett

Rob Piana

Thomas Lamb writes, “Just relocated from the frozen tundra of New England to sunny Florida! With one daughter in her freshman year at Ole Miss and our other daughter graduated from Florida State, my wife, Sandy, and I are looking forward to the empty-nester stage of our life.”

Robert Piana writes, “Nashville is definitely an outpost for Nobles graduates. And over the years, we have managed to draw some tremendous visitors: Joanna and Joe Swayze, Jonathan Eder and now Cathy Gray. Unbelievably, Cathy and I crisscrossed in flight. As she flew to Nashville, I actually traveled back to Boston for a weekend visit. Arriving back in Nashville late on a Sunday night, Cindy and I met Cathy out at the Opryland Hotel. Congrats to Cathy, who was presenting a talk for the Massachusetts Tumor Registry. We had a great conversation—wonderful to be able to pick up so spontaneously. We enjoyed hearing updates on Cathy, Carol and Mrs. Gray, Eliot Putnam, Ev Henderson, Ed Dow and others. And Cathy still looks like a high school kid! Great genes. Cathy, let’s pick it back up on Cape Cod this summer when we make our annual trek to the Atlantic. Anyone else heading to Nashville?”

1977
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Linda Rheingold

1978
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Christopher Reynolds

1979

CLASS CORRESPONDENTS
John Almy

Dan Rodgers

Dan Rodgers writes, “And then it was over. But what a fine reunion weekend it was! It started with golf at the Dedham Country and Polo Club (DCPC), where Bill Bliss led a group of hearty men and Fiona Roman through the misty rain on a golfing adventure that will long last in our memories. Giving the old course a run for its money, and possibly each other’s money as well, were John Almy (who was psyched!), Danny Corcoran, Phil Haughey, John Hoagland, Phil Rueppel, Jamie Taylor, Tim Mansfield and yours truly. I think Haughey may have edged out Corcoran and Hoagie, but then again Haughey had probably spent the prior four weeks strategizing his attack. Rueps announced that he is retiring and planned to work on his golf game over the summer. So everyone beware of old ‘Bagger’ Rueps down the road (as he may be visiting a sand trap near you soon). But what really stood out is how almost everyone on the course plays on what seemed to me to be a fairly regular basis over the spring and summer at DCPC and other clubs (of ill repute), all within a 30-minute or so radius around Boston, but no one ever seems to play with one another. (That didn’t come out right, but take your minds out of the gutter.)

How about some mini-reunions going forward on these courses? I’d be happy to drive up from NYC for any of these little get-togethers.

Friday night found the Class of ’79 at BonCaldo Ristorante in Norwood. Again organized by Bill Bliss (who definitely gets the award for greatest contribution to the reunion weekend), we had a chance to hang out in style while laughing our way through drinks and dinner. Joining in a raucous food fight toward the end of the evening (we really wrecked the joint) were Patsy McCormick DiGiovanna, Lisa Heavey Evans, Nina Zaldastani Torr, John Almy (who was still psyched!), Danny Corcoran, Alex Childs Smith, Donna Murphy, Kathy Newell, Amy Tayer Goldman, Brian Guarente, Tim Mansfield, Walker Whitehouse, Bill O’Toole, Tom Elcock, Bruce Weber, Joe Selle and Charlie Dow. My distorted memory may not be complete (how did that happen?), but I would swear that there were two copies of Lisa Evans in the room, or perhaps it was her daughter. And it was also a lot of fun to see the long-lost Nina make it to a reunion.

Saturday was class day at Nobles, and many of our kind and understanding teachers were there. During the Nobles Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony, I had a chance to speak with Dick Flood ’53, who accepted a well-deserved induction on behalf of his father, Dick Flood ’23 (for being one of the most successful, if not the most successful, boys varsity hockey coach in Nobles history). I also spoke with Tim Carey, who led us on the soccer field after John Paine, whom I also ran into, passed the baton in 1977. There was also
a cool picture of Sam Flood and his brother, Dickie ’77 (is there a pattern here?), in their varsity hockey uniforms from the winter of 1976-77. And while Sam is today the splitting image of his father and grandfather, he was sporting in that picture quite a ’70s-style ‘fro on top! I then wandered over to the baseball field, where I ran into Bill Kehlenbeck on the sidelines before the game. I find it hard to comprehend that Bill, who is now among the éminences grises on the faculty, was just 22 years old and straight out of Princeton when both he and I came to Nobles in September 1975.

Saturday night culminated with an all-classes cocktail reception in the Castle, where Kerry ‘Boom-Boom’ Kehoe put in a brief but memorable appearance. It was also there that Jamie Taylor and I wandered through the Castle to find the Usen corner, named, of course, for our dearly departed classmate Peter Usen. We miss Peter, Julie Griglik, Chip Bacon and Keith Elam, but they will always be with us as our young and vital friends.

Following the drinks (and a flash rainstorm as we exited the Castle) was dinner in the Vinik Theatre, and it was there that the class photo was taken and we had the biggest turnout of the weekend. It was there that the class photo was taken and we had the biggest turnout of the weekend. The picture is somewhere in this edition of Nobles magazine, and it speaks for itself. But just so I can get a few more classmates into this column, I’m going to take a shot at naming everyone in the picture: Front row: Fansie Connolly, Maura Cassidy, Alex Childs Smith, Brian Guarante, Ginny Aldous Emerson, Fiona Roman and Amy Goldman. Back row: Charlie Dow, Phil Haughey, some idiot wearing sunglasses, Lisa Evans, Kitty Breen, Nina Torr, Scott Leland, Almo (still very psyched!), John Stimpson (who provided a wonderful video of our days at Nobles that we first saw 10 years ago at our 25th reunion), Phil Rueppling, Bill Bliss, Bruce Weber, Joe Selle, Jamie Taylor and Patsy DiGiovanna.

It was indeed a great weekend. And if you were there and I missed naming you above, the fault is mine. So sue me, or give me material for the next edition of the class notes.

Fortunately, before this column was due, I heard from Bob Roach that he came through a surgical event that was by no means minor, and I can say for all of us that this is just very good news.”

1980
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Rob Capone

1981
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Kim Rossi Stagliano

John Fiske writes, “I am now volunteering for the PEN New England Prison Writing Program at Bay State Correctional Center in Norfolk, Mass., while continuing to teach college writing at Bunker Hill Community College.”

Joan Alker writes, “I still live in Washington, D.C., with my husband, John Walsh, and two daughters, Emma (16) and Vera (13). Having a high school-age daughter is reminding me of my Nobles days—the groughy look I reserved for my parents when I got home from school, for example. But this too shall pass, and then it will be sad because the girls will be in college. Fortunately, my day-job running a health policy center at Georgetown University focused on children’s health keeps me very busy.”

Kim Stagliano writes, “I continue to write, blog and speak around the country about autism issues. After a home invasion in 2010 (yes, for real) I began training in Shito Ryu karate and Matayoshi Okinawan weapons. I plan to earn my black belts before my AARP card! Kids are growing up: 19, 18 and 13. Autism hobbles my beautiful daughters, but they work hard and do their very best. Count your blessings, friends, every day.”

1982
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Holly Malkasian Staudinger

Amy Hart Adams ’82 writes from Florida that she will release her first published suspense novel on July 1. Entitled TAGGED, it is the first of her three-book Great White Adventure series set in Cape Cod and Florida. The TAGGED eBook is available after June 15 and print books are available after July 1. Writing from experience, Amy crafts a fiction story loosely based on her years of experience alongside her husband, Doug, who is a shark biologist working in Florida’s fish-tagging program. In order to increase financial support for great white shark research and education, she is donating a portion of her book proceeds to a local nonprofit, Atlantic White Shark Conservancy. Visit www.TAGGEDthebook.com.

1983
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Nancy Sarkis Corcoran

Sudie Naimi DiGiovanni writes, “I recently moved to Milton, Mass., from our home of almost 15 years in Barrington, R.I. Our three oldest sons are at Milton Academy, and they will be in senior, junior and sophomore years, respectively. If you know a way to slow time, let me know. They will no doubt be leaving us in the blink of an eye. Our youngest son is currently in grade five at Park.”

On April 5, Haley Clifford Adams, Jane Fogg Schleifer, Amy McCulloch Brown and Betsy Morris Rosen traveled up to Maine for Sarah Thibodeau Deck’s surprise 50th birthday party.

Nancy Sarkis Corcoran writes, “Marianna McKim sent me a link to a great article about classmate Peter Wylde and his horseback-riding career. He is riding and teaching in New York after many years in Germany. Here is the link if anyone wants to read more: http://side-linesnews.com/sidelines-feature/peter-wylde-is-back-in-the-u-s-a.html.”

All is well in the Corcoran family. In June, our son, Holden, graduated from Dedham Country Day School, where he gave the graduation speech. By the time you read this, he will be starting his freshman year at Nobles. Steve and I can’t believe he’s the age that we were when we first met! Time flies.”
1984

Nobles classmates joined Trip Sargent at the United States Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation dinner in May, where the Lee Sargent Memorial Scholarship was presented in honor of Trip’s father, Lee Sargent, former Nobles coach. See photo above.

1986

CLASS CORRESPONDENTS
Heather Markey Zink

Jessica Tyler

Eliza Kelly Beaulac

Craig Perry writes, “Hello, all! Things are moving quickly out here in Los Angeles. Conner is just about to finish kindergarten and loves his new school. At 4 feet 3 inches, he towers above the rest of his class. He also grew three inches since January, which is disturbing. When will it stop?

Courtney is teaching history at Loyola Marymount University this fall, as well as supervising the archives at Conner’s elementary school. And I’m in the middle of shooting a small movie called ODDBALL in Australia. This summer holds a lot more travel for us—Seattle, Park City, London, Scotland, Lake Arrowhead and Maryland—which we’re looking forward to. Hope to see everyone soon!”

Steffi Hartwell writes, “I wanted to give Mrs. Duffy a shout-out of appreciation for writing about Mike’s nephew. I am sure we all think about Mike, and it was very considerate of her to let us know how his family and namesake nephew are doing. Michael always made me laugh—year round—in carpool and at the camp where we worked. He also taught me some ‘notable’ songs that I will teach my kids when they are of age.

My kids are 7 and 9, and we recently adopted an awesome Australian cattle dog puppy who keeps us all running and on our toes (because all the shoes in our house are eaten). See below for a picture of Ella (9) and Lela (7) marching at the Mother’s Day Walk for Peace in Dorchester in May.”

Jessica Tyler writes, “Many thanks to Craig and Steffi for sending in news, and to Mrs. Duffy for staying involved with Nobles Class of ’86, and for keeping us up-to-date on the Duffy family. Enjoy the fall!”

1987

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Emily Gallagher Byrne

1988

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
John Hesse

1989

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Rachel Spencer

1990

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Elena Weiss MacCartee

Rachael Combe writes, “My husband, Orlando, and I welcomed our third child in fall 2012. Sylvia Marigold Krauss (almost 2) joined her brother, Theodore (7), and sister, Louisa (5). She’s a ray of sunshine.”

1991

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Kelly Doherty Laferriere

Amy Farber writes, “I look forward to returning to campus next fall as a Nobles parent! As crazy as it sounds, my son, Max, will be joining the Nobles Class of 2020 as a sixie! I am feeling extremely old!”
Dave Robinson graduated from medical school at the University of Southern California. He is going to Boston next to be a psychiatry resident.

**1992**
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Lynne Dumas Davis

Ned Bigelow is engaged to Christie Kemple.

**1993**
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Alex Slawsby

Lisa Zeytoonjian Glenn welcomed her third daughter, Cecily, in March 2014.

**1995**
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Kelly Flaman

George Shalhoub writes, “Due to my refusal to properly stretch and maintain a consistent and healthy diet (because I keep it real), I’ve recently sustained several minor injuries (‘tweaks,’ if you will) over the past few weeks (ankle/hamstring/hip flexor/lower back) while playing in two slow pitch softball leagues. Both teams are in first place, by the way—whatever… no big deal. Other than that, the hairline is doing great, despite a few grays here and there, and I’m looking forward to seeing my pal, Albert, when he comes back to the East Coast in early July.”

Bobbi Oldfield Wegner and Jessie Sandell Achterhof write, “Also, George forgot to mention that he recently became engaged to his super awesome longtime partner in crime, Magee Giarrosso. Clearly, she is a saint. Sending best wishes to both of them.

And thank you to Kristin Savage Willoughby for sending in a picture of her darling little girl. She and Nick Willoughby welcomed Rose Elspeth Willoughby on March 4. Kristin reports, ‘She’s the best! A happy, healthy baby.’ All great news. Congrats, Kristin and Nick!”

**1996**
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Jessie Sandell Achterhof

Adamma Obele writes, “Best wishes to the Class of 1996 and the Nobles community! The first half of 2014 has been very exciting, with several big changes. I decided to change gears from a more traditional legal career and began working at PwC as a consultant in the performance governance risk-compliance group, where I assess and create plans to remedy risk exposure for banks, retailers, manufacturers and all sorts of other companies. No two days are the same, and it’s wildly interesting and analytical work. My husband, Stephen, whom I married in 2012, has continued to expand and grow his own business as a private tutor in the Lincoln/Sudbury area. And if a new job and a growing business weren’t enough, we are expecting our first child, baby Obele Muise, in September! Wish us luck, everyone. I have a feeling we’ll need it!”

Jenai Emmel reports, “I’ve recently moved to Tennessee and started working as the chief of schools for KIPP: Memphis.”

Ned Parent writes, “Jessi and I welcomed our first child, James Benjamin Parent, on March 30, 2014. I think he looks like his mom. See page 60 for a picture. He’s amazing—parenthood rocks!”

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Thank you, Albie Ackil, for letting us know you are still alive despite hiding out across the country. He writes, ‘I am still living in Seattle with my beautiful wife, Sarah. I am about to finish my chief resident year at UW in internal medicine and will start my first real job at the VA hospital here this summer. I’m looking forward to coming home to Boston for the Fourth of July and will be doing a lot of other traveling this year, including going to Senegal for a month to visit my wife, Sarah, who will be the director of a college semester-abroad program there this fall. I’ll also be back in Boston quite a bit, hanging around with George Shalhoub, who was recently engaged to his longtime better half, Magee.’

Since we have seemingly become old, we don’t remember if we announced her not-so-little Desi. Jacque Burke writes, ‘It’s hard to believe nearly a year has passed since Desmond ‘Desi’ Jeremiah Burke O’Connor joined us on July 17, 2013, weighing in at a graceful 10 pounds 15 ounces. The big man has given us a lot of joy. See page 61, where he is in art ‘class’ with his sister, Ellie, hoping to build a portfolio for his Nobles admission. Both kids spend lots of time with their cousins, Frannie and Cormac Mills, kids of Lauren Burke Mills, and the Oldfield/Wegner clan.’

As for me, Bobbi, besides my recent gray hairs, Mark and I also had a baby almost 8 months ago! Evelyn ‘Eve’ Margaret was born on October 7. As you can see, she is a happy ball of joy. Cam (5) and Tyler (3) adore her, and we are so thrilled to have her in our family, despite our late announcement!”
We hope everyone is doing well, and we love receiving tidbits from anyone who is willing to take a minute to send them to us. Please shoot us an email or Facebook message when you think of something to share.

1998
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Melissa Tansey

1999
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Stephanie Truswell Driscoll

Bianca Mauro writes, “Although I was disappointed to miss the reunion, I am happy to report that it’s because I’ve been extremely busy. I’m still traveling the world with the Michael Bublé tour and have been part of some exciting innovations. I have a gallery show of my photography in July, and I’ve begun work on a major project that will be taking up a significant amount of my time in the future, which leads to my regrettable exit from the touring industry. But an exciting journey lies ahead! Life is pretty fantastic.”

Stephanie Truswell Driscoll writes, “Danny Ackil and his wife, Eve, welcomed Lila Mae Ackil on Dec. 22, 2013. Dan’s brothers, Albie ’97, Mike ’94 and Anthony ’94, are all battling it out for the title of favorite uncle. Lila already has beautiful hair, and it was so fun to meet her at the reunion.”

Meagan Rock writes, “I graduated from Tufts Veterinary School in May. I am so excited to start a small-animal medicine and surgery internship at Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston in June. It will be a grueling year but well worth it. Dr. Rock at your service!”

Kristin Harrison writes, “I’m moving to Framingham in August and looking forward to capitalizing on some of Pat Driscoll’s expertise as I renovate. I’m simultaneously overseeing the construction of McAuliffe’s new campus/facility in Framingham. We’re excited for our program’s growth in conjunction with the building project and the move.”

2000
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Lisa Marx

Andy Wellington reports, “I recently graduated from Pratt Institute’s Masters of Fine Arts program and am currently living in New York City.”

Jill Urbanus Pitino writes, “My husband, Rick, and I moved to Minneapolis last summer. We love living in the twin cities! We managed to survive the winter and welcomed our son, Jack, on April 21, just a few days before big sister Ava’s 3rd birthday!”

2001
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Lauren Kenney

Lindsey Marich Owen ’01 and Christopher Owen ’00 welcomed Cameron Christopher Owen on April 5, 2014.

2002
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
William N. Duffey III

Megan Markey shares that she recently moved from Washington, D.C., to New York City. She is working as a real estate agent at the Corcoran Group and is “loving living in the best city in the world.”

Zach Foster writes, “I recently moved with my wife, Janie, and 6-month-old baby, Jane, to St. Louis. I’m loving the new Midwest life. Raise your hand if you can find us on a map.”

Billy Duffey writes, “As for me, I graduated in May with an MBA from Boston College and recently started a new job at CVS Caremark. I’m working in their strategic analytics department and am still adjusting to the Boston to Woosnocket, R.I., commute.”

2003
Mariel Manzone graduated from the Harvard Graduate School of Education with a master of education in mind, brain and education in May. In addition to the core coursework in neuroscience, cognitive psychology and learning, Mariel focused on leadership and entrepreneurship and was accepted to the Harvard Law School Negotiation Workshop. This summer, Mariel will be at the Harvard Innovation Lab as part of the inaugural Intrapreneur Lab program, which is a new venture accelerator partnership between the iLab, IDEO and Fidelity Investments.

2004
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Carolyn Sheehan Wintner

Roy Crockett served as captain in the U.S. Marine Corps in Afghanistan. He will return to the States for a short time to marry fiancée Anaïs Torres. In July, they will travel to Japan for a three-year assignment with the Marines.
Saul Gorman writes, “I am moving to Philadelphia this summer for business school, and I will be there for the next two years. If you are passing through Philly, let me know.”

Chelsey Reynolds writes, “I hope you all have been doing well. A few of us played in the Carey Classic soccer game a few weeks ago to say our farewells to Mr. Tim Carey. Devin Nwanagu and Amy Joyce McBrien ’03 played as well.”

Nick Hayes writes, “I’d like to share my big news that I’m getting married May 9, 2015, at the Chatham Bars Inn. I proposed to my longtime girlfriend, Niki Holtzman, on Christmas eve in Paris. I was there with both of my sisters (Alex ’07 and Brett ’09), my mother, and Niki’s mom and brother. We currently live in the South End together and couldn’t be more excited for our wedding next year!”

E.B. Bartels writes, “Fittingly, since our very own Greg Croak coined the term, the Class of 2006 has fully embraced the #SpesSelfieQuisque craze, from East Coast to West. Jay Kelly, Josh Pollack and Ryan Oliver gathered in D.C., while Abby Mayer and Anabel Lippincott joined Arthur Levy for ‘keg stands, kosher hot dogs and a killer view of San Francisco Bay’ in honor of Arthur’s 26th birthday. And then some ’06-ers took the #SpesSelfieQuisque to the next level at Mariah Rich’s wedding on May 25, 2014. Check out the photos on page 60.

Brett Simon wrote via email, ‘I’m moving to Brooklyn June 1 to pursue yet another master’s, this time in interior design at Pratt. Looking forward to all that Brooklyn has to offer, including death metal shows with Caroline Harrison.’

And as for me, E.B. Bartels, except for that pesky little thing known as my thesis (due Aug. 1), I have finished my MFA in nonfiction writing at Columbia and will be back in Massachusetts next year, living in Cambridge as I finish researching and writing my book. While I am excited to hang out with all you Boston-area Nobles people, I am devastated that I will no longer have Erin Greene as my roommate. She baked cookies for me in honor of my last day of classes and is, generally, the best.

Also in June, I went to Mother Caroline Academy’s eighth-grade graduation and took the photo below. It shows me with Jessica Metelus ’13 and Jelinda Metelus (an incoming freshman this fall—Class of 2018?! That’s crazy!). I used to teach at Mother Caroline from 2010 to 2012 and was Jelinda’s teacher when she was in fifth and sixth grade and now she is on her way to Nobles! It’s pretty exciting.”

Left: Abby Mayer, Anabel Lippincott and Arthur Levy, all ’06, celebrate Levy’s 26th birthday; Middle: E. B. Bartels ’06, Jessica Metelus ’13 and Jelinda Metelus ’18; Right: Jay Kelly, Josh Pollack and Ryan Oliver, all ’06, in D.C.
mobile money platform into new markets, with a personal focus on Latin America.”

Charles Madison Riley writes, “I am living in Washington, D.C., and working at a think tank called the Center for Strategic and International Studies. I just finished a project studying the trends in the ministries of defense and militaries of various Asian countries. I am also working as a crew coach, and the season ended yesterday—we had a good year.”

Christina Matulis, Ana Alvarado, Liz Johnson and Dayna Mudge will all be going back to school in Boston after this summer. Christina will be attending Tufts University School of Medicine, while Ana, Liz and Dayna will all be attending law schools in the Boston area. They are all excited to be attending law schools in the Boston area. They are all excited to be working full time on my company, and we have raised more than the largest hospitals in New York care. Our product is live in one of our projects studying the trends in the ministries of defense and militaries of various Asian countries. I am also working as a crew coach, and the season ended yesterday—we had a good year.”

Holly Foster writes, “Hello, Class of 2010! I hope you are all well. It’s hard to believe that most of us are finishing up school and are headed out into the real world. I think the next journey will bring a lot of fun and success for us, and hopefully the opportunity to reconnect with some of our Nobles classmates in our respective locations. Also, 2015 is our five-year, so mark your calendars for early May. The more people who come back, the better! Here are some updates from members of our class. Please continue to send in your location and what your plans are for next year. If your emails have changed after college, please send them along.

In Hanover, Caitie Meyer, Dan Samost, Juliet Hollingsworth and I have enjoyed the past four years of cold winters, foliage-filled falls and so many fun moments—traditions, sporting games, outdoor trips and more. Dartmouth, like Nobles, is filled with school spirit, and we have all loved and embraced that!

Dartmouth has been a great place for me, and I have really thrived during my time here. While I am nostalgic about graduating, I look forward to starting my job in Boston at State Street this fall and plan to stay connected with the college by serving as the president of the 2014 class for the next five years. Nobles classmate Caitie Meyer will be serving on the committee with me as one of the class-project chairs. We are both really excited to keep our class connected with one another and with the college moving forward. And here are some updates from our classmates.”

Mollie Young writes, “I am moving to New York City in mid-June and working at RF Binder (a PR firm). I am living with two friends from Middlebury, and I am so excited to meet up with all the Nobles kids from our class living there.”

Mark Hourihan writes, “I am moving to New York City and working at Ipreo (a financial services company) doing market research. I am living downtown with Nick Raffone”.

Nick Raffone is moving to NYC and working in investment banking at Goldman Sachs. He is living with Mark Hourihan in the financial district.

Kaveh Veyssi writes, “I’m going to graduate school in the fall to get my master’s in film, television and new media production from the Peter Stark Producing Program at USC, so I’m moving to L.A. in August and will be starting out there!”

Jake Eickson will be working at Atflec in Newton this summer.

Andrew Kouri writes, “I’ll be moving out west to Northern California (Palo Alto) working as a systems engineer for Tesla Motors. It is a very exciting time for me, but I am a little nervous about how few connections I have on the West Coast. If any other Nobles graduates are in the area, I’d love to catch up.”

Emily Wingrove will be a graduate student in Yale's Pharmacology Ph.D. program starting in the fall.

Sarah Kistner had a great final season as co-captain of the Colgate ski team and is off to New York to work at a small IT staffing company. She is also going to work with her advisor this summer hoping to publish her psychology thesis. She writes, “I hope to meet up with lots of other Nobles grads in the city this coming year!”

Owen Minott was one of 10 current Bates students or graduates who received the prestigious Fulbright grants for teaching and research abroad. Owen is moving to Brazil to pursue an English teaching assistantship.

Eliza Goode writes, “I am now living in New York City and loving it. I moved quickly after graduation to have time before work to settle in and explore the city. I am looking forward to returning to American Express, where I interned last summer. I will be working at American Express in consumer services marketing in July. I am excited to reconnect with Nobles friends in the area.”

Nike John writes, “I’m graduating next spring since Northeastern is five years, but I’m so proud of everyone who graduated. I am in a co-op at State Street. I am also still doing real estate, so if anyone is moving out on their own, they should reach out. I would love to help.”

Kirsten Karis writes, “I’m sad to see four great years at Colby College come to an end, but I had a great senior year living next-door to both Nathan Ellis and Chris Pratt (don’t worry, Dylan Cowley
made regular appearances. The four of us and Ariel Martin all graduated from Colby on Memorial Day weekend!"

2011
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Katie Puccio

Katie Puccio writes, "It's been a great year for the Class of 2011. It's amazing to think we're coming up on our senior years. Hope everyone on Campus Drive is doing well. Here are some of the things members of our class have been up to recently."

Pete Sholley writes, "This past fall, I studied at a liberal arts/business program in Barcelona for four months. Loved it. This summer I'm looking forward to interning at Vice Magazine in New York City."

Stacy Radley writes, "I'm living in New York for the summer while working at a fashion start-up called shoptiques.com. It's an online shopping site that features boutiques (and boutiques alone) from all over the globe. We have boutiques from Paris to London to New York to L.A. I've been doing styling, photo shoots and fashion writing for them so far, and I love it!

Ngina Shillingford writes, "I'm currently in London, and just finished up my studies at University College London. I'm studying anthropology. But I came to London to deepen my understanding of West Indian culture here and compare it to that of the U.S. I'm really fascinated by the way immigrants from the West Indies define home in the U.S./U.K. and how that changes based on generation. I plan on writing my senior thesis on my findings and returning to London in the future to continue to write and research and possibly live here permanently because I love it so much."

Darla Wynn writes, "I spent this past fall semester in the Dominican Republic, participating in CIIE's service-learning program. I completed 156 hours as an English teacher and teacher's assistant at a local community school while completing a research project about the causes and consequences of violent behavior in the third-grade classroom. I took classes at one of Santiago's universities, Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM). I lived with a wonderful host family; I miss them so much! This spring I won the Research Excellence Award at GW's Service Learning Symposium for a research paper and poster about the effects of parental involvement and parent-child relationships on children's behaviors and academic performances. Through the course that I wrote this paper for, I completed 200 hours of service working with Kid Power Inc. as a development and communications intern and volunteer at one of its after-school programs."

Bennett King writes, "This summer, I received a fellowship from the American Cancer Society to do research at Brigham and Women's Hospital. I will be helping compare canine mammary tumors and human breast cancer to see if there are any similar proteins found in both types of cancer. I am really excited about this summer and hope everyone else in our class is doing well."

2012
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Coco Woeltz

Hannah Matlack writes, "My summer is really exciting, and I am looking forward to a couple of things. I'm going to Brazil with a select team of D3 soccer players to play internationally for four days in Rio and São Paulo. And I am interning at the Boston Breakers, which is fun, and I get to interact with them directly."

Conor McLaughlin writes, "This past year at Dickinson College, I became involved in the student sports broadcasting organization. I commented, filmed and produced games for all different sports teams at Dickinson while working closely with the director of communications and multimedia. One of the highlights was being able to do play-by-play for Dickinson's basketball team in the conference championship game. This summer, I am interning at WCVB-TV in Needham in the sports department, where I am working closely with anchors to produce the nightly news."

Ashley Wang writes, "Hello, Nobles! Can't believe it's already been two years since I graduated with the great Class of 2012—and I'm now halfway through my college career. I'm doing well and have gotten used to life away from home, though it was tough being the only person from Nobles last year as a freshman. But I was happy to be joined by fellow classmate and friend Julianna Wright this year after she returned from her bridge year in Senegal. I've declared a chemistry major, and I look forward to all the things I'll do with the department. I'll actually be spending the summer with the department conducting independent research. I'm excited for the opportunity to get to know faculty members and their ongoing projects.

When I'm not busy with schoolwork, I enjoy running on the beautiful campus. I've been involved with a student group called Team U, which raises funds and spreads awareness about global health and poverty issues while promoting healthy lifestyles. With Team U, I trained and ran my first half-marathon this past April. It was a truly rewarding experience, and I know it's something I'll keep doing."

Hope everyone else is doing well, and I'm excited to hear about people's adventures. I also just want to thank Mr. [Tim] Carey and Mrs. [Sarah] Snyder for everything they've done for the Nobles community, and I wish them a wonderful retirement. Thank you for your years of dedication and hard work—you'll both be missed dearly!"

ERRATA: In the spring 2014 issue of Nobles, we neglected to include Stephen H. Brooks '66 in our list of Olympians. Brooks rowed in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City. Brooks (at left) and friend and teammate Charlie Hamlin (right) at the Xochimilco course in Mexico City in March 2014, 46 years after racing the course.
memoriam

Channing Bacall ’45 died Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at the age of 87. Bacall was widely involved at Nobles as a member of the football and track teams, as well as the manager of the baseball team. He served as a member of the Student Council, the Nobleman Board, the Library Committee, Cercle Français and the Glee Club. Bacall excelled academically, winning the Trustees Prize in 1943, as well as the Wigglesworth Medal and the Alumni Prize in 1944.

After leaving Nobles, Bacall attended Harvard University, graduating with an A.B. degree in U.S. History, and joined the U.S. Army, where he served as Corporal. He worked as a financial executive for Park Brothers for 25 years and was committed to community service. Bacall was a trustee of the Salem Hospital for 35 years as well as a trustee of the Salem Five Cents Savings Bank for 31 years. He also served as a trustee of the House of the Seven Gables, the Bertram House for Aged Men and the Salem Public Library.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Joan H. Brownwell Bacall; his sister, Mary Bacall; his children, Charles Parker and Emily Bacall Winton; and six grandchildren.

William Almy III ’46 of South Dartmouth, Mass., died Feb. 27, 2014, at the age of 85. Almy was an avid sportsman, participating on the football, track, baseball, crew and hockey (captain in ’46) teams. He gave the Class of ’46 “something to be proud of” (Classbook, 1946), earning nine varsity letters during his career. Elected as most bashful and as class “gabber” by his schoolmates, Almy was beloved by the Class of ’46 and was voted as most likely to be playing football at Harvard in 10 years.

After he graduated from Harvard in 1950, Almy moved on to work in newspaper advertising, starting his career at the New Bedford, Mass., Standard-Times. Following his time in New Bedford, he joined the Boston Globe’s New York-based national advertising staff in 1957 and then joined the sales company Milton Market Newspapers in 1963 as New York sales manager. In 1964, Almy assumed a position at the old Boston Herald Tribune’s representative firm, Sawyer, Ferguson, Walker, and was named vice president and partner in 1988, where he remained until his retirement in 1988.

He is survived by his wife, Alyce “Bunny” Micolino Almy; his children, Carol Lemay, William G.C. Almy and Thomas Almy; his two sisters, Susan Yacubian and Sylvia Wright; and his cousins Bob Almy ’46 and Ned Harding ’50. Almy also leaves behind three grandsons.

Peter Burrill Sholley ’46 died on April 3 surrounded by his loving family. He was 87 years old. Born on Oct. 24, 1927, in West Newton, Sholley graduated from Rollins College in 1950, and then he served as first lieutenant and ordinance instructor in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked as a vice president of marketing for Keystone Custodian Funds before becoming an inventor, focusing on finding ways to bring clean water to developing countries. His most recent invention, the Safewater Sensor, is currently in a pilot program in South Africa and will soon be introduced in Haiti.

Sholley was a devoted community activist and a founder of the Wellesley Community Center. As president of the Sholley Foundation, he sought to provide support for a variety of nonprofit organizations.

He is survived by his sister, Janann Clanton; his children, Lucy, Adam ’77 and Nicholas; and his grandchildren, George ’04, Anne ’07 and Peter ’11.

Parker D. Perry Jr. ’50 died peacefully at his home in Palm Springs, Calif., on May 3, 2014. Born in Evanston, Ill., on July 18, 1932, he grew up in the Boston area. At Nobles he sang for many years in the Quartets and Glee Club and was president of the Glee Club in 1949 and 1950. He was a member of the Dramatic Club, the manager of the hockey team, and he played on the soccer team. He went on to attend Williams College, Class of 1954, and then served as a first Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve, and was stationed at the Westover Air Force Base.

Perry moved to Tucson, Ariz., in the 1960s. As a businessman and passionate world traveler, he established and led three very successful travel agencies for more than 30 years. He was president of the Tucson Festival Society and the Tucson Museum of Art. He was an early supporter of the Tucson AIDS Project and contributed to many community and philanthropic efforts throughout his life.

Perry retired to Palm Springs in the late 1990s, where he was active in the English-speaking union. He enjoyed cooking, gardening and Broadway musicals. He was a loving father, devoted partner and compassionate friend.

He is survived by his life partner, Stanley J. Schaeffer, of Palm Springs, Calif.; his brother, Winston C. Perry ’52 and ’53 of Homosassa, Fla.; and his four daughters and sons-in-law, Laura Barton and William Matthews, Robin Lynch and Frank, Jennifer Gross and John, and Anne Shivers and Sam, as well as eight grandchildren who all live on the West Coast.

(Submitted by Winston “Hooley” Perry ’52 and ’53)

Arthur Murdock Stewart ’58 died on June 1 after a long illness. At Nobles he was the baseball manager and a member of the Nobleman Board, the Dramatic Club, the Debating Club, the Honor Roll and Cercle Français.
Cecily, daughter of Lisa Zeytoonjian Glenn, shows her Nobles pride. James Benjamin Parent, son of Ned Parent ’96

Clockwise from upper left corner: Pam McDevitt, Mariah Rich, Lauren Finkelstein, Drew Oppenheimer, Whitney Kelly, Jessye Aibel and Hilary Segar, all ’06

From left: Marc Pulde (former Nobles classmate), Whitney Kelly, Pam McDevitt, Mariah Rich, Drew Oppenheimer, Hilary Segar and Jessye Aibel, all ’06 unless otherwise noted

Phoebe, daughter of Tom Ruzzo ’93, shows her Nobles pride.

Cecily, daughter of Lisa Zeytoonjian Glenn

James Benjamin Parent, son of Ned Parent ’96

announcements

Engagements
Ned Bigelow ’92 to Christie Kemple
George Shalhoub ’97 to Magee Giarrosso
Nick Hayes ’05 to Niki Holtzman

Marriages
Mariah ’06 to James Collins on May 25, 2014

New Arrivals
Lisa Zeytoonjian Glenn ’94 and husband Rich had a girl, Cecily, in March 2014.
Ned Parent ’96 and wife Jessi had a boy, James
Bobbi Oldfield Wegner '97 snaps a photo of daughter Eve and husband Mark.

Benjamin Parent, on March 30, 2014.

Bobbi Oldfield Wegner '97 and husband Mark had a girl, Evelyn “Eve” Margaret, on Oct. 7, 2013.

Kristin Savage Willoughby '97 and husband Nick Willoughby had a girl, Rose Elspeth Willoughby, on March 4, 2014.

Danny Ackil '99 and wife Eve had a girl, Lila Mae Ackil, on Dec. 22, 2013.

Christopher Owen '00 and Lindsey Marich had a boy, Cameron Christopher Owen, on April 5, 2014.

Owen '01 had a boy, Cameron Christopher Owen, on April 5, 2014.

Jill Urbanus Pitino '00 and husband Rick had a boy, John “Jack” Richard Pitino, on April 21, 2014.
FORECAST OF RAIN on the spring weekend of May 9 and 10 did not deter more than 600 graduates and guests from returning to campus for reunion weekend. From the Morisson Athletic Center to the Castle to the Arts Center, graduates visited their old stomping grounds and reminisced about the good ol’ days. The event kicked off on Friday, May 9 with the Noblest Dinner in the Castle for graduates who have already celebrated their 50th reunion. Saturday brought a full schedule of events including a Q&A session with Head of School Bob Henderson ’76, a graduates assembly, the Athletics Hall of Fame ceremony, a carnival and a cookout lunch, generously provided by b.good owners Jon Olinto and Anthony Ackil, both ’94.

Several graduates were also recognized. Henderson announced Jeff Grogan ’74, former trustee 2007-2013, as the 2014 Distinguished Grad for his longtime leadership in business and his commitment and service to Nobles, the Boston and greater Boston community and the country, as a former officer in the U.S. Navy. Sherrie Delinksy ’94, vice president of the Graduates Association, awarded Bob “Beezah” Almy ’46, former trustee 1983-1989, with the Lawson Service Award. Beth Carney and Nate Bride, both ’89, presented Jim Bride, former Nobles faculty member, with the Coggeshall Award, voted by the 25th reunion class and given to a faculty member who was of particular importance to the members of the current 25th reunion class. In addition, the Nobles Athletics Hall of Fame inducted Jack Carney ’49, Richard T. Flood Sr. ’23, Kim Griffith Hyland ’89, Helen Resor ’04, and the 2002 boys soccer team.

Former girls varsity soccer players spanning the Class of 1987 to the Class of 2012 also gathered together to honor beloved faculty member and coach Tim Carey’s retirement [see retirement story on page 6] in the women’s graduate soccer game, renamed the Carey Classic.

The evening concluded with reunion dinners taking place throughout campus.
Clockwise from left: Maurice Hamilburg, Ned Lawson and David Brooks, all ’64; Benjamin Johnson ’74 and Katie Guay, major gifts officer; Tim Carey with former Nobles girls varsity soccer players; the Athletics Hall of Fame inductees and coaches are from left, back row: John Dorsey*, Alex Bain ’04*, Tom Zingale ’04*, Mike Videira ’04*, Chris Tierney ’04*, Ben Snyder*, front row: Von Gryfska ’71 (accepting on behalf of Jack Carney ’49), Kim Griffith Hyland ’89, Helen Resor ’04, Larry ’55 and Dick ’53 Flood (accepting on behalf of their father, Richard Flood ’23), Todd Levin ’03*; Natalie Hession ’15 leads grads on a campus tour; Andrew Hayes ’04; Bob “Beezah” Almy ’46; Nat Garnick and Amanda Tripp Hayes, both ’99.

*Members of the 2002 boys varsity soccer team
1964 50TH REUNION

1969 45TH REUNION

1974 40TH REUNION
From left, front row: Ethan Goldman, Benjy Johnson, Harry Elam, Harris Thompson, Doug Harvey, John Howe. Middle row: Paul Ayoub, Geoff Brooks, Jim Vogel, Dan Brown, Bill Chandler. Back row: Kevin McCarthy, Seth Tower, Peter Martinez, Ted Wales, Jeff Grogan

1979 35TH REUNION
From left, front row: Fansie Connelly, Maura Cassidy, Alexandra Childs Smith, Brian Guarente, Virginia Emerson, Fiona Roman, Amy T. Goldman. Back row: Charles Dow, Phil Haughey, Dan Rodgers, Lisa Heavey Evans, Kitty Breen, Nina Zaldastani Torr, Scott Leland

21,926 miles (one way)
The total distance the 50th reunion class traveled (one way) for reunion weekend from eight states and one country. Five members returned to campus for the first time in 50 years.
John Almy, John Stimpson, Phil Rueppel, Bill Bliss, Bruce Weber, Joseph Selle, Jamie Taylor, Patricia DiGiovanna

**1984 30TH REUNION**


**1974**

**1979**

**1984**

**1989 25TH REUNION**

From left, front row: Scott Govoni, David MacTavish, Jeff Foresman, Josh Struzziery, Tara Manley Miller, Paul Staton, Mike Pitts, Nick Lundgren, Amy Morse Winslow. Middle row: Dana Rogers, Andy Hyland, Kim Griffith Hyland, Amy Chick Dempsey, Beth Carney Struzziery, Paul Staelin, Tim Jones, Paul Earle, JP Plunkett, Janet Barringer, Julie Guillemin, Eric Aronson. Back row: Jack Higgins, Derek Boonisar, Brian O’Neill, Susan Weintraub Stein ‘89, Annie Reed Roy, Jessica Lawrence, Rachel Spencer, Nate Bride, Mark Epker, Craig Burns
1989

1994 20TH REUNION
From left, front row: Lisa Glenn, Jon Olinto, Lawson Albright, Hunter Woolley, Ruth MacQuiddy, Starr Peteet, Monica Curtis, Sherrie Delinsky, Alissa Kissell, Lauren Brodsky, Kirstin Schena, Karen Anderson, Kathryn Berman, Heidi Muccifori, Serena Mah, Lauren Heller, Anthony Ackil, David MacKay, Jim Hampe. Back row: Mike Ackil, Justin Alfond, Matt Glassman, Kiwi Blake, Heidi Swierupski, Tim Weld, Phil Higgins, Annie Murphy, Nancy Cremins, Andrea Voldins Dix, Robin Westerberg, Dan Primack, Dan Ryan

1999 15TH REUNION
From left, front row: Eric Hanson, Stefanie Noering Alfond, Stephanie Trussell Driscoll, Elena Raptopoulos-Orselli, Amanda Tripp Hayes, Meagan Rock, Susan Roy Greenbowe, April Levin, Amanda Green Helming. Middle row: Rich Quincy, Ambrose Faturoti, Justin Gaither, Reis Alfond. Back row: Dave Costello, Alex Foster, Jeff Raider, Josh Police, Nat Garnick, Kate Lynch, Kate Treitman, Olivia Achtmeyer Boger, Kristin Harrison

2004 10TH REUNION
From left, front row: Emily Dawson, Andrew Hayes, Lilah Aubrey, Erin Summe, Rob Linsalata, Sasha Kukunova Pang, Nicole Allen. Second row: Mike Videira, Emily Keneally, Brittany Burke, Jenna Gomez Davis, Tara Ryan, Emily Rafferty Muther, Kristen Coletti, Cally Donahue,
El Lawson. Third row: Ben Maslowski, Heather Vincent, David Jackson, Tom Zingale. Back row: Rob Horgan, Chris Trovato, Joe Cappellano, Edgar De Leon, Chris Poli, Alex Bain, Helen Resor, Caroline Spillane, George Sholley, Austin Lord, Peter Grape, Brian Lynch, Sam Chud, Wadi Muhammed

2009 5TH REUNION


2004

Join classmates and friends for reunion on May 8–9, 2015. Reunion committees for classes ending in “0” and “5” are forming. If you’re interested in serving on a reunion committee, contact Director of Graduate Affairs Greg Croak ’06 at 781-320-7018 or Greg_Croak@nobles.edu.

save the date

5/9/15
I was in Mississippi when it happened. Bill Chamberlin, then the business manager, called and announced, “They dropped the house.”

“What do you mean, ‘They dropped the house,’” I responded, somewhat hysterically.

“Dr. Betts (we called him ‘Dr.’ because his initials were ‘D. R.’) moved the headmaster’s house about 20 feet, and then the house broke its supports and one corner dropped about six feet.”

“Is it ruined?” I asked. I had little faith in the whole process, although I had waged a strong campaign to save the house as the new business office because I didn’t want to have to build yet another structure, this time for school administration. Now I was nervous that I had made a big mistake.

“No, but it will take another two weeks to ready it again.”

So the house in its depleted glory sat in the driveway to the Castle for two weeks, being readied (again) for the 400-yard odyssey to its new destination. From my office window, I watched it finally move… so slowly I wanted to scream. Then, out of sight of my office, it paused before engineering a hard right turn and struggling up the incline to its future home. But it didn’t make it. Not enough truck power. So the next day there were two trucks to do the pulling, and the following day, three. And inch by inch, Dr. B grappled the old house onto new moorings, where it sparkles today.

—DICK BAKER,
ENGLISH FACULTY AND FORMER HEAD OF SCHOOL

LAWSON HOUSE RELOCATED, 1995
Devin Nwanagu ’04, capital campaign coordinator, plays with Nora Dowley-Liebowitz, director of Achieve, as they demonstrate art enrichment for students.

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Kyoto, Japan

Eight students and two chaperones traveled to six Japanese cities over three weeks in June 2014 for cultural and language immersion.