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About the Cover
The haunting black and white photograph on the cover of this Bulletin was created by Tori O’Connor ’13 for her Photo I class. The assignment, reports fine arts faculty member Amanda Wastrom, was to reinterpret a piece of narrative writing such as a myth, poem or a children’s story through photography. Tori’s image of her younger sister was inspired by Maurice Sendak’s children’s classic, Where the Wild Things Are.
We Knew Her When
For two semesters, author Lily King was an English teacher at Noble and Greenough School—“the best job I ever had,” she told the audience when she returned to Dedham to read from her latest novel, Father of the Rain (Atlantic Monthly Press, 2010).

Ava Geyer ’11 welcomed King back to Nobles at a reading in the Foster Gallery sponsored by Calliope, the school’s literary magazine. “When studying acting, young amateurs are often told not to attempt to cry onstage but, as their characters, to try to hold back tears,” Ava said. “Authenticity in a performance—and in literature—comes from the genuine effort of characters to better their lives, to strive towards success, not to indulgently reveal their anguish, their sadness or even their jubilance. While Lily King’s writing is remarkably incisive in its economy, while somehow also maintaining a consistent lushness of imagery, I believe it is also this sense of restraint, of revealing conflict largely through suppression rather than through explosion, that makes her writing so powerful.”

Ava added, “It is not often that one can have a true ‘I-knew-her-when’ moment. Happily enough for all of us at Nobles, the faculty that worked alongside Ms. King during her years here can truly say that they knew her before her immense success—though probably not that they were particularly surprised by it.”

King used the reading as a teaching moment. "You write to find out what you have to say,” she told the audience, which included many aspiring writers. "Writing brings things to mind that you don’t even know you have to say. It is not always easy, but you have to trust the process.”

King said that she writes her novels in longhand in spiral-bound notebooks and revises extensively as she types the manuscripts into the computer. She advised students to get a notebook and just begin. "It can’t help but happen,” she said. "But when you are at the blank-page stage, don’t let the editor inside you out. Leave the editor outside the door.”

Our End of the Bargain
Editor’s note: Each month during the academic year, the Nobles Parents’ E-Newsletter features short essays by members of the administration and faculty. In March, Provost Bill Bussey shared his thoughts about keeping the art of personal communication alive in the age of Twitter and Facebook.

Two months ago Dwayne’s Photo, located in Parsons, Kans., (pop. 11,000), processed the last roll of Kodachrome, the 35 mm color film first produced by Eastman Kodak in 1935 and justly celebrated by musician Paul Simon in 1973. It got me thinking as to what was going to fall by the wayside next. Surely CDs and analog TVs are ready to join the diminishing ranks of milkmen, drive-in theaters, and classified ads. During the holidays, I received a few more “cards” via email then I did last year. So I can’t help but also wonder how much longer we will be using the U.S. mail service or even bothering to write notes to each other.

Case in point: A number of years ago a young student who had gotten into a little trouble was told to write letters of apology to his teachers. A week later no letters had arrived despite the student’s insistence that they had been written and sent. I had the student walk me through the process and found that he had indeed placed the letters of apology in his mailbox for the mailman to pick up. So what had happened? Although each letter was correctly addressed to the Noble and Greenough School, there was no return address on the envelopes, and more importantly, there were no stamps attached. When asked why he didn’t use stamps, the student replied that since the letters were not going very far, in essence they were “local,” he didn’t believe any postage was necessary.

Before you laugh in disbelief, know that this student, like almost all of his peers, rarely uses the U.S. mail. In fact, it is those of us with limited computer skills that are out of it. When our kids watch us crawling the Internet, they can barely stand it. For them it is like watching paint dry. They are far too polite (and perhaps sympathetic) to laugh in our presence. Most wait until we are out of view.
As feeble as it sounds—and until the U.S. mail becomes a thing of the past—I would like to make a last-ditch pitch for the preservation of the thoughtful, handwritten note. In the age of Twitter, texting and Facebook, the new normal in communication is speed, impulsivity and brevity. I guess many of us—busier than ever, environmentally conscious, and watching every penny—have come to the conclusion that there are too many steps and drawbacks involved to keep this once-common courtesy afloat, especially now that the speed and convenience of the Internet trumps all. While most people now type faster than they write and are online all the time, opportunities in which our words may resonate and show appreciation toward the deserving people in our lives, we are not, in the grand scheme of things, living up to our end of the bargain.

Trust me, for most teachers nothing beats a thoughtful, handwritten letter—and I suspect that is true for all of us no matter how we earn our living. If your child is graduating and has not yet thanked their teachers for writing a college recommendation, now is as good a time as any. Five thank-you cards and a half hour of time can do a world of good. No matter what grade your child is in, there are a slew of folks, not all of them obvious, who have worked hard on your family’s behalf. Please take the time to write a thank-you note or two over vacation and have your child do the same. Besides, if you drop them off at the front desk, you won’t have to use a stamp.

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Company with a Conscience

At the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) annual conference in National Harbor, Md., in February, Seth Goldman ’83, President and “Tea-E-O” of Honest Tea was a featured speaker. As he told the story of his successful beverage company, he gave a great deal of credit for his success to Nobles. The experience gave him, he reported:

• The confidence to lead
• The confidence to believe in, and live by, his values
• A sense of how to build and participate in community
• Endurance in dealing with adversity
• A sense of his broader responsibilities to society

It was this confidence and commitment that propelled Goldman to found a socially responsible company, he said.

Honest Tea is a successful for-profit company (it sold 100 million bottles in 2010) with a conscience, Goldman reported. Last year it planted 10,000 trees in parks throughout the United States, and its goal for 2011 is 50,000.
UPDATES

Castle Construction
Preparation for the Castle renovation process has begun. In late January the Nobles Board of Trustees enthusiastically chose to move ahead immediately with the project. Initial prep work took place over March break. Most of the early phase of the project will take place to the west of the existing building where the site must be prepared for a major addition. April and May of this school year will not see a great deal of activity other than some relatively simple site and project preparations, including the installation of fencing. Very soon after the end of classes in June, however, the project will begin in earnest. Work will proceed at a very rapid pace through the summer of 2011 and right into the winter of 2012. Throughout these months we will continue to use the Castle as always, but there will be construction barriers and lots of activity behind them. Almost all of the work in this period will be on the site to the west for the addition to the building, and in the basement and lower levels as the operating systems for the building are reconstructed. By the spring of 2012, work will begin on the existing kitchen area, and this will require the use of a temporary kitchen for much of the final months of that school year. The temporary kitchen will be located on the lawn area in front of the north side of the building. Students will continue, however, to dine in the building. Most of the faculty residents of the building will move out by this time (until the project is complete) as work begins on the thorough renovation of the upstairs apartments. Between the end of classes in late spring 2012 and the start of school in September 2012, the project will be completed.

Thirty Years on the Mat
Wrestling coach Steve Toubman marks 30 years as a wrestling coach at Nobles this spring. In Assembly, Director of Athletics Alex Gallagher ’90 spoke of Toubman’s influence on hundreds of students through the years. “He deserves tremendous recognition,” Gallagher said. Although he never wrestled with him, Paul Foss ’62 came to the same conclusion about Toubman’s influence on generations of Nobles athletes. Foss made a donation to the school in honor of Toubman, and wrote, “Dear Coach Toubman, $50.00 given—one dollar per year since my last wrestling season at Nobles. Beginning in the 115-lb weight class I participated for six years under coaches Storer, Bird and Reese, earned four letters, and was captain and undefeated in the 187-lb and heavyweight classes (we didn’t have a real heavyweight team member so the task usually fell to me) during my final season in ’61–’62. Although I never met you, sir, nonetheless I hold you in highest regard and know that you have conveyed the same depth of wisdom and of life-enriching lessons to your wrestlers as I received to my lasting benefit. For young men, I know of no other sport that places such a benevolent burden of personal responsibility on their shoulders and from which the phrase ‘physical education’ takes on such a full meaning. It is wonderful to think unto how many generations of your wrestlers these benefits will continue to inure.”
UPDATES

All Over the Map
During the March break, Nobles students, faculty and staff fanned out across the globe to participate in experiential, language and/or service projects. Here’s where they were and what they did:

- **Honduras**—Marine biology study at the Roatan Institute for Marine Science
- **Italy**—Historical/cultural language study and service
- **New Orleans, Louisiana**—Continuing assistance with post-Katrina reconstruction
- **Romania**—Volunteering with babies and toddlers in orphanages
- **South Africa**—Volunteering with Willing Workers in South Africa to renovate houses
- **Vietnam and Cambodia**—Cycling trip concluding with a service project

In the Game
**Seth Priebatsch ’07**, the dynamic co-founder of the Internet company SCVNGR, has been busy. He keynoted the SXSW South by Southwest Music + Film Interactive festival in Austin, Texas, in March, speaking to an audience of 4,000 about the next big thing in interactivity. He envisions a “game layer,” in which Web gaming—on a global platform yet to be created—will be harnessed to solve real problems.

SCVNGR reached the milestone of 1 million users in February. Their newest project, LevelUp, will offer local businesses in Boston and Philadelphia a tiered loyalty scheme for customers that is designed to keep customers coming back to get better discount deals at shops, restaurants and local businesses. “The goal is to take the level-up game mechanic and implement it in the real world,” Priebatsch told the Guardian. “One problem of the daily deals space [such as Groupon] is that it creates a local, social deal but doesn’t get users to come back.”

E-Accomplishment
We recently received word about an innovative book by Nobles grad **Daniela Salzman ’03**, Salzman has worked with Harvard Business School professor Robert Eccles P’05 ’06 ’07 ’09 and Harvard doctoral student Beiting Cheng on the subject of “integrated reporting,” the combined measurement of an organization’s performance through financial and environmental, social and governance metrics (ESG). Their book on the topic, *The Landscape of Integrated Reporting: Reflections and Next Steps*, is now available as the first eBook published by Harvard Business School Press. Go to [www.smashwords.com/books/view/30930](http://www.smashwords.com/books/view/30930) to download. The eBook is compatible with any e-reader and is also available on iTunes and Amazon.com.
Big Praise for *Big Love*

With each production, the Nobles Theatre Collective manages to transport its audience, showing them the way rather than simply describing the journey—and the 2011 Winter Mainstage play was no exception. Upon entering Vinik Theatre this February, the scenery struck first—tall Venetian columns and swags of white silk draped in front of an Italian mountain view. As the lights dimmed, audience members were welcomed to the coast of Italy by a thickly accented voice:

*Buon giorno and bienvenuti a Big Love. Tonight we will witness the glorious wedding of 50 brides to 50 grooms. As we say in Italy, when the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie, that’s amore! When the world seems to shine like you’ve had too much wine, that’s amore!*

Charles Mee’s play, *Big Love*, adapted for the NTC by Performing Arts faculty member Jillian Grunnah, is based on the classic story *The Suppliant Women*, by Aeschylus. It tells the tale of 50 Greek sisters who seek refuge at an Italian estate after fleeing their 50 cousins, to whom they’ve been betrothed. As the wedding day draws near, the characters deal with issues...
of gender identity, love, violence and relationships. While Thyona (Caroline Welch ’12), fiercely feminist and outraged by the antiquated marriage arrangement, convinces her sisters to plot murder, love-sick Olympia (Maggie Yang ’12) works through feelings of conflict, and level-headed Lydia (Isabella Kursh ’12) tries to come to grips with her true feelings for her groom-to-be, Nikos (Greg Swartz ’13).

— Julie Guptill

Down the Rabbit Hole

It might be hard to imagine that Towles Auditorium could be transformed into an underground world peopled, among others, with a talking white rabbit and a March hare, a confused duchess, a sleeping dormouse, a sinuous caterpillar, tap-dancing twins, acrobatic playing cards and a raucous Red Queen—not to mention three separate Alices. But the Middle School players did just that when they staged Alice in Wonderland in February. Director Kelly Jean Mullan crafted a show in which 30 young actors played with such verve and confidence that Lewis Carroll’s fantasy came vividly to life. Stylized oversized sets by Jon Bonner, lighting by Todd Morton and costume design by Joy Adams completed the illusion that an auditorium in Dedham was actually the other side of the looking glass. The show played to enthusiastic full houses of families, friends and faculty.

Curious questions such as “Why is a raven like a writing desk?” come up repeatedly in the play as Alice (played in
Student Directors Step into the Spotlight

In early February, four Nobles students took to the director’s chair to create the annual student-directed plays. Haley DeLuca, Jeffrey Fishman, Ava Geyer and Rosalind Watson, all Class of 2011, overseen by interim Head of Theatre Todd Morton, presented a series of dark, twisted and witty one-acts. The students took charge of selecting scripts, cast and costumes, conducting rehearsals and creating props. They provided support to one another and three directors performed in the others’ plays along with seven other cast members. (Ava, who both wrote and directed her show, did not perform.)

Within Reason, written and directed by Ava, depicts Lisa (Haley), a 1950s mother who attempts to heal her emotionally distraught daughter with everything from Western medicine to Eastern mysticism. Roy (Ben Kent ’12) is a selfless character in love with Lisa. Although Lisa pushes Roy away, he remains loyal and stands by her and her daughter (Emily London ’13) during tough times. “It sends a bittersweet message,” says Ava. “You can give so much and not get anything back in return.”

In The Edge, directed by Rosalind, Sammy (Julia Brosseau ’12), a satirical character, teases a teenager (Jeffrey) who threatens to commit suicide after seeing the girl of his dreams kiss another boy. Rather than trying to convince him not to jump off a building, Sammy chaffs him for being melodramatic. “No wonder. You theatre people are weird,” she says to the boy.

Tragedy strikes in Haley’s directorial debut, It’s Called the Sugar Plum when college student Wallace Zuckerman (Ben) hits and kills another student riding on a skateboard. The accident sends an infuriated fiancée (Rosalind) to Zuckerman’s home. Ironically, they fall in love after spending only a few hours together, erasing all sadness and guilt from the accident.

The audience was dragged into a dream in The Actor’s Nightmare, directed by Jeffrey. Puzzled George (Nolan Thomas ’14) is mistaken for an actor’s understudy. Forced to perform, George doesn’t know his lines and is confused about whether he’s in Private Lives, Hamlet, Checkmate,
into the Spotlight

or *A Man for all Seasons*, as scenes quickly shift from one to another. He believes it’s merely a bad dream and tries to wake up before he is killed in the execution scene from *A Man for All Seasons*.

The student directors said, “This is like JV theatre,” when comparing their work to the Mainstage plays. But the audience enjoyed their work just as much as more polished presentations. The student-directed plays brought together a group of 14 students including Stage Manager Alex Johnson ’13, Lighting Controller Zack Ellison ’11 and Production Assistant Katie Puccio ’11. “One great thing is it’s student fueled,” says Ava. “It’s interesting to see how our dynamics evolve. I think we had a lot of fun beginning day one. It’s cool to see your friends as directors and heads of a project because you learn so much about yourself watching them.”

—Tiffany Tran

Haley DeLuca ’11 and Emily London ’13 in *Within Reason*

Nolan Thomas ’14 and Ben Kent ’12 in *The Actor’s Nightmare*

Rosalind Watson ’11 and Ben Kent ’12 in *It’s Called the Sugar Plum*

Jeffrey Fishman ’11 and Julia Brosseau ’12 in *The Edge*
How many times has this happened? You’re hundreds of miles from 10 Campus Drive, or at least the school is the furthest thing from your mind, and then you spot it: the familiar Nobles shield, emblazoned in blue on someone’s hat, sweatshirt or car decal. Graduates share these anecdotes all the time, usually saying something like, “You’ll never guess where I ran into another Nobles grad…” We went to the corners of the country (or at least as close as we could get) in search of the northernmost, southernmost, easternmost and westernmost graduates. They told us about life away from Dedham and the surprising things they miss (or don’t!). Think your latitude/longitude tops our picks? Write to us and let us know where you fall on the grid.

**NORTHERNMOST**

**Jeffrey Urbanus ’92**

**CHUGIAK, ALASKA**

Sometimes the urge to “get up and go” strikes. The feeling hit Jeff Urbanus ’92 just after college. He left that summer for a cross-country trip, with an ultimate destination of Alaska—because he’d always wanted to see it. He arrived in 1997 and never left. Today, he lives in Chugiak, 45 minutes north of Anchorage, with his wife Amy, and their three boys, Ryan, 5, Collin, 3, and Quinn, 1.

For the past decade, Urbanus has worked for the Municipality of Anchorage in the Public Works Department.
You’ll Go!  BY JULIE GUPTILL

as a hydrologist. He tackles everything from flood management and water quality monitoring to drainage and road planning. He also teaches at the University of Alaska-Anchorage in the Engineering Department, and is about to start up his own environmental consulting business.

He says day-to-day life isn’t too different—drive to work, shuttle the kids to daycare and after-school activities, etc.—but the family’s weekend activities are far from Boston fare: hiking, fishing, rafting and working on their cabin, which is even farther north.

Although he misses summers on Cape Cod, Urbanus says nothing can compare to being so close “to the middle of the wilderness.”

NORTHERN BONUS
Diana Falchuk ’95
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Diana Falchuk ’95 wanted a change, so when a friend invited her to Seattle, she thought it was the perfect move. She fell in love with the social climate of the city and instantly appreciated the mix of natural beauty (two mountain ranges surround the city) and culture (art, music, dance, theatre, etc.).

For the past two years, Falchuk has served as director of the Arts Connect program at Hilltop Artists, which serves Pierce County, Wash.

Diana Falchuk ’95 and husband Brett Hamil on their wedding day
Arts Connect partners with Pierce County Juvenile Court and uses hands-on arts, creative writing, service learning, public presentations and philanthropy to help girls overcome the risk factors that lead to recidivism. “This work is incredibly rewarding, and I am constantly inspired by the resiliency of the girls and women I work with,” says Falchuk. “They have endured horrible abuse and loss and have not had access to opportunities for creative expression. But they are still at it, still trying to better their lives.”

In addition to working on her own art, several years ago Falchuk was appointed by the City Council to the Seattle Arts Commission, a citizen advisory group to city government. She lives in Seattle with her husband, Brett Hamil, and their dog, Wheezy.

Though more than 3,000 miles away, she thinks of Nobles often. “During my senior year, Bob Freeman and Visual Arts Teaching Fellow Jonah Schiller let me curtain off a section of the drawing studio and use it as my personal space. It’s where I learned the studio habits I have today. It’s a story I tell my friends to give flavor to what Nobles was like—a place where every student’s dreams mattered.”

SOUTHERNMOST
Gordon Grant ’58
HONOLULU, HAWAII

We expected Hawaii to show up when researching the school’s westernmost graduates, but were surprised to learn that our Honolulu natives are situated farther south than any other U.S. residents.

After many years in Japan and several more in New England, Gordon Grant ’58 and wife Fusako decided to settle in Hawaii, where today their daughter and grandchildren also live.

Gentle weather, friends and a chance to teach history and literature at Punahou School in Honolulu made the switch attractive and effortless. Grant says, “The subtropics have spoiled us in sybaritic ways: the aroma of baking pineapple, ocean swims on New Year’s Day, celebratory sunset mai tais.”

Of his time at Nobles, Grant recalls fondly classes with Richard VanKleeck: “I can still hear his voice, telling us a tale of how some German scholars, admirers of the English Romantic poet William Wordsworth, called on ‘this talented, but notorious egotist’ to ask him to explain a difficult passage in his work. Wordsworth received the Germans graciously, read the passage, and said: ‘I cannot recall what I meant when I wrote it, but I remember it was the finest thing I ever wrote, and you cannot do better than devote your lives to the discovery of its meaning.”

EASTERNMOST
Charlie Davis ’49
GOULDSBORO, MAINE

A true Mainer knows the phrase “downeast” has nothing to do with direction; it refers to a way of life specific to a region where “lobstahs” rule and the ocean breeze and tides set the pace. Charlie Davis ’49 has traveled the world, but says the pull of the
coastline, skiing and back roads of Maine has kept him coming back for more than 28 years.

After Nobles, Davis attended Bowdoin, where he participated in the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC). After serving in the Korean War, he earned his MBA at Harvard and started a career in the highly competitive food business. Davis went on to become CEO of two frozen-food harvesting and processing companies. He married, settled in Wellesley and later Weston, and welcomed three children, Linda ’76, Katherine and Chip ’84. He later moved to downeast Maine to run a large wild blueberry company in Washington County.

Davis’ life changed dramatically when he was 59 years old. Skiing with friends in the Alps, he suffered an accident that left him near death. “When I returned to the business world after the accident, something changed in me,” he recalls. “My competitive nature was replaced with a strong desire to help others by counseling and teaching.”

Davis began his new journey as a member of a task force for economic development in Maine. He developed an interest in providing counsel to small local businesses. He lives with his wife Yvonne, who works for Acadia National Park.

**EASTERN BONUS**

**John “Manny” Mansfield ’65**

**BANGOR, MAINE**

Growing up, John Mansfield ’65 had a powerful connection to his father, who was raised in Blue Hill, Maine. They spent hours together, woodworking and building furniture and boats. That lifelong connection not only brought Mansfield back to Maine, where he says he always knew he’d end up, but led to a 30-year career as a carpenter. Now, he owns his own company and spends his days working alongside his own son.

Mansfield played hockey, both at Nobles and Northeastern University. When his son, Jamie, now 26, took up the sport, Mansfield and his family moved to Bangor in order to provide Jamie with the best environment in which to excel. When he wasn’t at the rink to watch his son practice or compete, Mansfield was coaching. He says he’s tried to pass along to his children and players a few of the lessons he learned at Nobles. “Mr. Putnam considered the entire person in his approach to education. It wasn’t just about classes,” he says. “He paid great attention to our character, and gave us room as a class to step out of the box a little bit.”

**WESTERN MOST (CONTINENTAL U.S.)**

**Charlie Rudd ’73**

**ARCATA, CALIFORNIA**

Charlie Rudd ’73 is another graduate who felt the urge to get up and go after graduation. After visiting relatives around the country, he wound up living in the Mojave Desert for a few months, before heading to northern California in early 1974. After moving around the area for several years, he settled in Arcata, in Humboldt County, in 1979, and has been there ever since.

Rudd taught an Irish Gaelic language course at Humboldt State University for more than 10 years and continues to teach private lessons. He’s been working on a book based on the documents he gives to his students. “I have a ways to go before publication, thanks in some part to my computer ineptitude,” he jokes.
WESTERN BONUS

Rin Carroll Jackson ’86
PORTLAND, OREGON

After college, Rin Carroll Jackson ’86 packed up her Subaru wagon, with her bike and windsurfer, and traveled to Portland, where a friend had secured a duplex in the northwest part of the city. “I had been drawn to the west after spending two summers living in Jackson, Wyo.,” says Jackson. “The outdoorsy, laid-back feel of the city was very appealing.” Today, she lives in southeast Portland, a more urban environment, in a house with a small yard where, along with her husband Joe and two sons, Corri and Sawyer, she raises two chickens, tends a vegetable garden and collects rainwater to use in her business.

Jackson is a working artist and her freelance business has morphed from being a home-based business into a commercial-based art studio and production space. Since 2003, she has been providing design services including illustration, graphic design and mural work to a variety of clients. In addition, she focused on seeking out area artists who would be interested in showcasing their work in the neighborhood for a weekend art tour. In 2004, she introduced ARTWalk, a community-driven, two-day event featuring more than 100 artists showing in 50 indoor locations. Although she no longer organizes it, the event continues to thrive and is approaching its eighth year this spring.

There is a “family-run” aspect to the business, too. Together, Rin and Joe Jackson create a line of vibrant art clothing utilizing the batik method and various dye techniques. Joe, also a musician, is the dye specialist as well as the main “educational guide” for their sons, ages 12 and 9. “We have been home-schooling our kids, utilizing local resources, organizations, community centers and sports facilities in Portland. We approach learning from an open-minded, non-religious vantage point, and continually work to bring new experiences, skill development and healthy activities into our boys’ education. ‘Life-long-learning’ has become our mantra,” she says.

Although she doesn’t miss the Boston traffic, she finds herself in a different type of bumper-to-bumper: “We live adjacent to one of the many bike routes that run through the city, and I try to bike as much as possible. I often have to wait for bike traffic!”

RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Bob Goodband ’80
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

During his days as a Nobles student, Bob Goodband ’80 had an interest in agriculture and knew it was the career path he wanted to pursue. He went to Penn State, where he majored in animal science. There, his professors encouraged him to go to graduate school, so Goodband went to Kansas for his master’s and Ph.D. degrees. After completing his Ph.D., he accepted a position at Kansas State University, where he has been ever since.

Goodband is a professor in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and is involved with teaching and research in the area of animal nutrition. He also works with farmers both in Kansas and throughout the Midwest to address nutrition- and management-related issues. He lives with his wife, Dani, and son, Brady, on a small farm just outside of Manhattan, Kansas, which is about a two-and-a-half-hour drive from the sign marking the official geographic center of the contiguous U.S.
Hunger Does Not Take A Spring Break

Each spring, however, supplies at food pantries across the country grow scarce. The generous contributions that roll in during the holiday season run low, or give out entirely, but the pressing need remains.

On May 14, 2011, during Reunion, Nobles will partner with the Dedham community to help combat hunger for the 19th annual Stamp Out Hunger Drive, sponsored by Campbell Soup Company and the United States Postal Service. For the 12th consecutive year, Nobles will serve as the Dedham collection site for the largest one-day food drive in the nation. Donations will go to the Dedham Food Pantry, an organization that Nobles assists in a variety of ways throughout the year.

On that Saturday, Dedham residents leave bags of nonperishable food next to their mailboxes, which letter carriers collect and deliver to Nobles throughout the day. The food is unloaded and sorted by volunteers from the Dedham and Nobles communities. Thirty sorting tables loaded with mail crates transform the Buildings and Grounds (B&G) shop into a community service site.

Graduate Eliza Goode ’10 says, “The Stamp Out Hunger drive brought a lot of people together on our campus. It’s a good time to socialize with teachers, parents and students, while also giving back.”

“It’s a lot of fun,” adds Dennis Hatch P’07 ’11. “It’s informal, and it doesn’t lock you into a commitment that is hard to keep. You can do as little or as much as you want.”

BY TIFFANY TRAN

Remembering the Hungry
The drive is currently the largest community-wide service event at Nobles. “We have had so many people come that the time goes really fast,” said Community Service Coordinator Linda Hurley. “Anyone can help, even kids. They don’t need to know how to read. As long as you can recognize a particular product like peanut butter, you can help.”

Nobles’ involvement with the Stamp Out Hunger Drive dates back to the 1990s, when the Dedham Middle School served as the collection site. The site moved to Nobles in 2000. Over the years, sorting that once took two to three weeks has been reduced to a two-day process thanks to all the support from the school community. “We’ve worked out a system to allow this to run smoothly,” says Louis Barassi, community service coordinator of the Afternoon Program. “We want to help the food pantry as best we can so they don’t need to devote time to sorting and deciding where to put the food once it’s delivered.”

The community service initiative wraps up the Monday after Reunion with the help of about 100 Nobles volunteers from classes, afternoon programs, clubs and organizations, and athletic teams who continue sorting, loading and delivering the food to the pantry. Each year the drive brings in about three moving trucks full of food — enough to feed some 200 families the pantry serves each month. Food from the drive typically sustains the pantry through most of the summer.

Nobles has made a long-term commitment to the Dedham Food Pantry. This fall, ArtAid—an annual student-designed exhibit that connects art with service—incorporated a school-wide food drive into a show focused on world hunger in the Foster Gallery, with all donations contributed to the pantry. The Community Service Board and the ceramics afternoon program volunteer every Thursday at the food pantry sorting donations in preparation for Saturday’s clients. They also help with the pantry’s recycling program. And in February, the ceramics afternoon program donated proceeds from the first-ever Empty Bowls event at Nobles (see sidebar on page 17).

“We’ve always been involved with the Dedham Food Pantry,” says Hurley. “It’s something that is important to us because it’s a local organization that touches many lives. Kids get to see neighbors helping neighbors, and recognize that there are hungry children and adults in their own community. It’s not just a global or inner-city problem.”
Filling Empty Bowls

At the Castle on Feb. 26, some 100 guests from the Nobles community and surrounding towns took part in the first Nobles Empty Bowls event—a fundraising initiative to address local and global hunger issues. Guests selected from an assortment of handcrafted ceramic bowls fashioned by students and faculty members and enjoyed warm soup and bread. Attendees kept their bowls to remind them that many people are hungry every day. The event hosted by the afternoon ceramics program, raised more than $1,500 for the Dedham Food Pantry.

The Empty Bowls project is an international grassroots effort developed by the nonprofit Imagine/RENDER Group to raise funds and awareness for hunger relief through art projects. Five students in the afternoon ceramics program, Edward Adams ’12, Caroline Giandomenico ’11, Alexis Leloni ’16, Katherine Pagnone ’16, and Ashley Wang ’12, along with ceramics teacher Nora Creahan, handcrafted close to 200 ceramic bowls this winter. The students learned everything from the basics of creating and glazing pottery to the challenges of producing an event to sell their work. The project became a collaboration among other groups at Nobles: the photojournalism class, led by John Hirsch, produced a video that played in Assembly to help promote the event; students in Amanda Wastrom’s graphic design class created a logo for the event; and chemistry teaching fellow Gail Corneau’s sophomore class incorporated a chemical mixing lesson to create a variety of glazes for the bowls.

“It’s amazing how far you can get in one season,” says Creahan. “It was really exciting to watch kids experience that kind of service. They learned that you can bring your skills and passion together to help others.”
Out of Tragedy, Solidarity: The Story of the ’56 Path

BY BEA TROWBRIDGE SANDERS

Decades of Nobles graduates have traversed the trail down to the gym known as the ’56 Path. It remains the fastest and easiest way to get from the upper campus to the fields on the lower campus. Many have wondered why it is called the ’56 Path; some may not even know its name.

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The Class of 1956 built the path as a senior project. It was no ordinary senior project, and no ordinary path. To understand its significance in Nobles history, one must travel back to the 1955–’56 school year and learn about the sequence of events that led the class to show its school spirit and support their headmaster in a most unusual way.

1955 was a robust year in the history of Noble and Greenough School. Led by headmaster Eliot T. Putnam and his wife, Laura, the school stood on firm ground and had a strong sense of identity. The Class of 1956 was in its Class II year, ready to assume leadership of the school in September. Already it had distinguished itself as a standout class—connected with each other and with the faculty. And if there was one thing these 28 boys had in common, it was their shared admiration and respect for their headmaster. As one graduate put it, “We would have done anything for that man.”

Then tragedy struck. The Putnams’ effective vaccine was introduced—the disease was an enormous public health problem. In 1952, the year of the worst epidemic, more than 3,000 people died and more than 21,000, mostly children, were left with mild to disabling paralysis. As a 2009 PBS documentary bluntly put it, “Apart from the atomic bomb, America’s greatest fear was polio.”

That September, four starting members of the varsity football team contracted polio: three seniors in the Class of ’56—Dev Barker, John Raye and Whizzer Wheeler—and one junior, Tom Edwards ’57. Concern within the Nobles community escalated rapidly. Two of the students had to be placed in iron lungs in the hospital. While Jonas Salk had announced the discovery of a successful vaccine on April 12, 1955, its distribution was still not widespread, and no one knew how the disease was transmitted. To avoid further spread of the disease, and to allow time to decide how to deal with the crisis, Putnam and the board of trustees closed the school following the first football game of the season. While the school was closed, the board of trustees encouraged the Putnams to take some time off campus to regroup from this crisis and from the loss of Betsy.

Unbelievably, during this period, tragedy would strike one more time for...
the Putnams and the Nobles community. On October 7, 1955, the Putnams’ 11-year-old son, Arthur, who was a Sixie, was playing with a classmate, Peter Ward ’61, on a sandbank overlooking the playing fields. In a freak accident, a huge stump broke free from an overhang and rolled on top of Arthur, carrying him down the bank and killing him instantly. Eliot and Laura Putnam had returned to campus just that afternoon from the vacation intended to ease the shock of their daughter’s death, only to learn the dreadful news about Arthur.

Many people faced with these consecutive tragedies would have crumbled, but not the Putnams. Somehow they found the strength to persevere, and the school needed them to do just that, for the polio outbreak was still casting a shadow over the school. Although the school had reopened, it took several more months before all four afflicted students recovered and were able to return to their studies.

This is the context in which the idea for the ’56 Path came to fruition. Having lived through such a difficult time together, and having watched their headmaster and his wife endure unimaginable tragedies, Class I banded together to do something positive and special for the school, something to support and honor their headmaster, and something that spoke to the unity and camaraderie of a great senior class.

Class President Fred Wells ’56 was instrumental in rallying his classmates to undertake the project. “I remember we had a meeting to consider what we might leave as a class gift to the school,” says Wells. “We could have pooled our resources to buy something like a bench. But when the option of turning a washed-out gully into a real, usable path was put forth, the whole class jumped on the idea...
A NOTE FROM MR. PUTNAM

In the opening pages of the 1956 yearbook, Eliot T. Putnam wrote directly to Class I. His “Headmaster’s Message” follows:

“It is unlikely that we shall again see a class quite like this one. Throughout their years at Nobles, these boys have deservedly earned our affection and respect, but never to such a degree as in their final year. I do not recall a time when misfortune has struck a group of boys in more varied ways or with greater impact. Their response to these blows has been spontaneous and magnificent.

“The standard of leadership which the Class of 1956 passes on to their younger brothers was born of a fundamental bigness of character, the ingredients of which are spiritual depth, complete sincerity, and unflinching courage. Their lives will be richer for the service they have performed for the school. “United we stand” seems to have been their motto, and our farewell to them can only be said with a heavy and grateful heart.”

Ascending the Class of ’56 path

unanimously. There was no debate. We all experienced a need to actually physically do something together. The feeling was, ‘Don’t buy something, do something.’ That was part of the spirit of the class. We wanted our legacy to be something that would be really used by students and faculty, forever and ever.”

“Freddy was a great moral and physical leader of our class,” says Rocky Whitman ’56, Class Correspondent. “He was the rallying point who really got us going. He was the embodiment of leadership in our class, exhibiting all the good things. Without Freddy, the path would not have happened.”

The class voluntarily devoted every Sunday of their senior spring—about three months—to building the path. They manually placed the wooden railroad ties that served as its steps, and that have lasted more than 50 years. Out of adversity came a monument that decades of Nobles graduates have put to good and constant use.

The Class of 1956 remains one of the most close-knit classes at Nobles. For 55 years they have stayed in touch, with excellent attendance at reunions. Each year Dev Barker, Newell Flather, Tim Leland and Rocky Whitman call each of their classmates for the Annual Nobles Fund. They are one of only a handful of classes to reach 100 percent participation in the Fund on a regular basis. On May 13 and 14 the Class of ’56 will return to campus to celebrate its 55th Reunion and to rededicate the path in anticipation of the Castle renovation project. Through the path, the legacy and history of the great Class of 1956 will live on in perpetuity.
Six athletes will be inducted into the second class of the Nobles Athletics Hall of Fame on Reunion/Graduates Day.

Gerard Cassedy ’29 and Austin Harding ’35 will be inducted posthumously for their accomplishments in rowing and ice hockey, respectively. Cassedy, “possibly the best known of Coach Monk Terry’s oarsmen, was a great Nobles stroke,” according to *The Story of Noble and Greenough School* by the late Richard T. Flood ’23. He rowed in the 1936 Olympic Games and was inducted into the Harvard Hall of Fame in 1970. Harding, whose three brothers were also superb Nobles athletes (Goodwin ’39, Ned ’41 and Bill’42), played football and baseball and was a standout in hockey. He was inducted into the Harvard Hall of Fame in 1971 and the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in 1975.

Two members of the 25th Reunion Class of 1986 will be inducted: Garcia Major (basketball) and Steve Jordan (football). Major was twice All-League in football, but it was on the basketball court where he left his mark on Nobles athletics. He is the second-leading all-time scorer in boys’ basketball history. He was the Most Valuable Player in the Independent School League in 1986 and went on to a successful college basketball career at Williams, where he was an All-American and once scored 47 points in a game. Jordan, who joined Major on the basketball team as well, is described by former head football coach Nick Marinaro as “the most dominating football player I have ever coached.” A defensive tackle and tri-captain, Jordan was the ISL Player of the Year in 1985 when the Nobles team was undefeated and outscored its opponents 169-58.

Tom Welch ’82 and Jill Havlicek ’91 were standout three-sport athletes, Nobles Shield winners and successful college athletes. Welch, a tri-sport captain who played football, basketball and baseball, is recognized as one of the school’s most well-rounded overall athletes. He earned a total of 11 varsity letters—three in football, five in basketball and three in baseball. Havlicek earned nine varsity letters in three years at Nobles, three each in soccer, basketball and lacrosse. A decorated All-League player in all three sports, she won three ISL championships in basketball and an NCAA Division I National Championship in lacrosse at the University of Virginia.

All are welcome to attend the Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Saturday, May 14, at 2:00 p.m. in the Morrison Athletic Center.

For more information on the Class of 2011 or to nominate a fellow graduate for the Hall of Fame Class of 2012, please visit www.nobles.edu/halloffame.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Hall of Fame honors and celebrates the proud athletic tradition of Noble and Greenough School; reflects a standard of excellence to which current Nobles students might aspire; and emphasizes the character, leadership and teamwork that are fundamental to the Nobles definition of athletic distinction.
THE ESPN CONNECTION
Linking Passion and Profession

Bristol, Connecticut—If overseeing the broadcasting of 1,100 college basketball games seems like your dream job, stand in line. Nobles graduate Dan Steir ’80 already has a lock on the assignment for ESPN and its affiliated networks. “We’re particularly interested in covering games that feature the ‘hot’ stories,” Steir said when I visited his office in the vast set of buildings that comprise the ESPN complex.

Steir sees ESPN (himself included) as being in the “content delivery” business, which includes helping coaches and fans make meaningful decisions about who’s hot and who’s not. According to Steir, some five to seven staff members determine which games air on any given night. As Senior Coordinating Producer and Event Producer, he is involved in virtually every decision that is made about college basketball on ESPN.

“It’s a dream job,” Steir said, noting that he hires the talent (color analysts, game commentators, etc.) and coordinates matching the sports facilities with the television trucks, and more. In other words, he helps manage and dictate all the production aspects for ESPN’s content delivery.

To get it all done, he oversees a staff of 30 to 40 plus another 200 to 300 freelancers. “I have an insatiable sports appetite,” he said.

“The main rule of thumb is not to let the talent or technology get in the way of the game but enhance the product,” he said. He noted that although the technology has advanced tremendously since he began working in the field, “the objectives are the same.”

While Steir’s love for sports was expressed at Nobles on the basketball court and the soccer field in Middle School, his professional experience began during his undergraduate years at the University of Michigan where he moonlighted as a production assistant for Detroit television station WDIV. He also met his wife, Heidi, mother of their four daughters, there. Steir moved up the ladder to become an associate producer in sports, and in 1986 accepted a position as research associate at the ABC affiliate, WABC, which positioned him uniquely for an eventual opening at ESPN in 1989.

The number of Nobles faculty who shaped his life is legion, including Dick Baker, John Paine, Chris Mabley, Ned Bigelow, Bill Kehlenbeck and Peter Mansfield Jr., with a particularly loud shout-out to Ted Gleason, who was headmaster during Steir’s years here. “The school and the faculty prompted free and quite forward thinking,” he said.

Asked how today’s graduates might break into the highly competitive sports journalism field, Steir recommended, interestingly enough, attending a school “like Nobles that uses a curriculum that develops critical thinking…. The most essential skills in today’s workplace are those of communication, decision-making and critical thinking.” On a more practical level he suggested experiential learning opportunities such as internships, which allow “up close and personal” on-the-job training.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Joyce Leffler Eldridge is at work on a history of Noble and Greenough to be published in celebration of the school’s 150th anniversary in 2016. This profile is the second in a series based on her visits with Nobles graduates during the course of her travels for that project.
Dan Steir ’80 in his office at ESPN
Elucidating the Everyday

These images are from an ongoing body of work comprised of tintypes of quotidian objects. Tintypes are a direct positive photographic process invented in 1853. Each image is made on a sheet of metal that has been coated with collodion, a base for photo emulsions, and then sensitized to light with silver nitrate. While still wet, the plate is loaded into the camera, exposed to light and then processed by hand in the darkroom. The resulting image is one of a kind. These images are explorations of the physical objects that make up our everyday lives, and how these simple objects become icons and relics when removed from all contextual information. For more information visit www.tincanco.com.

John Hirsch teaches photography at Nobles.
ALPINE SKIING
Girls’ Overall Record: 24–1
ISL Champs
Boys’ Overall Record: 31–1
ISL Champs
Awards: James H. Bride
Ski Bowl (for enthusiasm, spirit and sportsmanship)—Ellis Tonissi and Caroline Vietze, both ’11; Coaches’ Award (for selfless attitude and consistent effort)—Gigi Anderson ’12 and Ashley Conley ’13
All-League: Ashley Conley ’13, Alex Katz ’13, Nicola Katz ’16 and Caroline Vietze ’11
Honorable Mention: Lucas Hicks ’14 and Ellis Tonissi ’11
All-New England: Lucas Hicks ’14, Alex Katz ’13, Nicola Katz ’16 and Caroline Vietze ’11
2012 Captains: Boys’—Connor Hickey ’12 and Curt Petroni ’12; Girls’—Gigi Anderson ’12

BOYS’ VARSITY BASKETBALL
Overall Record: 12–14
ISL Record: 9–6
New England Class B Quarterfinalist
Awards: Clarke Bowl (for contribution to team spirit)—Tommy Kelly and Phil Stansky, both ’11; 1983–84 Basketball Award (for the player who best exemplifies the spirit, dedication, determination, attitude and improvement of the 1983–84 team)—Phil Hession and Brian Edgerley, both ’11
All-League: Phil Hession ’11
Honorable Mention: Brian Edgerley and Tommy Kelly, both ’11
2012 Captains: TBA

GIRLS’ VARSITY BASKETBALL
Overall Record: 21–5
ISL Record: 12–0
ISL Champs (8th consecutive)
New England Class A Finalist
Awards: Seadale Bowl (given by the Seadale family for overall contribution to the basketball program)—Reilly Foote, Nora Kelly and Darla Wynn, all ’11; Richard Nickerson Award (in honor of the 21-year coach, awarded to a non-senior for courage and determination)—Lauren Taiclet ’12
All-League: Lauren Dillon ’14, Nora Kelly ’11 and Lauren Taiclet ’12
Honorable Mention: Reilly Foote ’11 and Kate Kerrigan ’14
2012 Captains: Karly Finison ’12, Alli Parent ’12 and Lauren Taiclet ’12

BOYS’ VARSITY HOCKEY
Overall Record: 17–10
ISL Record: 8–6
New England Division 1 Quarterfinalist
Awards: Todd Flaman Award (for the JV player who demonstrates spirit, enthusiasm and love of hockey as exemplified by Todd Flaman ’97)—Cody Todesco ’14; ’74 Award (for improvement in hockey)—Max Franklin ’12; Sziklas Hockey Trophy (for contribution to the team)—Thomas Park ’11
All-League: Andrew Doane ’12 and Matt Harlow ’11
Honorable Mention: Tim Boyle ’12, Chris Calnan ’14, Brandon Shea ’14 and Thomas Park ’11
2012 Captains: TBA
GIRLS’ VARSITY HOCKEY
Overall Record: 20–2–2
ISL Record: 11–0–1
ISL Champions (12th consecutive)
New England Division 1 Tournament: 2nd place
Awards: Anne Dudley Newell Hockey Cup (for dedication and excellence)—Taylor Blake and Michelle Picard, both ’11
All-League: Taylor Blake ’11, MK Cruise ’12, Mary Parker ’12 and Michelle Picard ’11
Honorable Mention: Kaleigh FitzPatrick ’11
2012 Captains: TBA

BOYS’ VARSITY SQUASH
Overall Record: 12–2
ISL Record: 9–1
Awards: Cutler Cup (for the team member who shows the greatest devotion to the sport)—Aneesh Chuttani and Cam Rahbar, both ’11
All-League: Aneesh Chuttani, and Scott DeSantis, both ’11, and Liam McClintock ’13
ISL Sportsmanship Award:
2012 Captains: TBA

GIRLS’ VARSITY SQUASH
Overall Record: 11–2
ISL Record: 5–2 (3rd place)
Awards: Cutler Cup (for the team member who shows the greatest devotion to the sport)—Zoey Carey and Lily Grant, both ’12
All-League: Caroline Monrad ’13
Honorable Mention: Zoey Carey and Lily Grant, both ’12
2012 Captains: Lily Grant and Madeleine Smith, both ’12

VARSITY WRESTLING
Overall Record: 9–5
ISL Record: 8–4
Awards: Warren E. Storer Award (for hard work and improvement)—Caleb Kirshner and Belle Tuttle, both ’13; Wilbur F. Storer Award (for the most outstanding wrestler)—Clem Chanenchuk ’11
All-League: Clem Chanenchuk and Hans Vitzthum, both ’11
Honorable Mention: Ben Kirshner ’11 and Dan Toubman ’13

Graves Kelsey Medalists: Ryan Diamond ’11, Clem Chanenchuk ’11, Zach Ellison ’11, Ben Kirshner ’11, Caleb Kirshner ’13, Jackson Timm ’12, Dan Toubman ’13, Hans Vitzthum ’11 and Brendan Yucel ’13
2012 Captains: Caleb Kirshner ’13, Jackson Timm ’12 and Dan Toubman ’13

FIRST-TIME VARSITY LETTER WINNERS
Alpine Skiing: Noelle Anderson ’14, Milan Chuttani ’14, Cat Dickinson ’13, Henry Dixon ’14, Lucas Hicks ’14, Hannah Jones ’12, Nicola Katz ’16, Jake Oh ’12, Mary McDonald ’13, Charles McIntyre ’12, Ilana Solomons ’13, Nike Usen ’11 and Morgan Yucel ’11
Basketball: Timmy Demirjian ’14, Devin Caccavaro ’13, Colby Chanenchuk ’14, Alexandra Charon ’14, Tyler Martin ’13 and David Rosner ’12
Ice Hockey: Brigit Bergin ’14, Tim Boyle ’12, Chris Calnan ’13, Adam Gilmour ’13, Lexie Laing ’14, Connor Maher ’13, Bridget McCarthy ’16, Stephen Miller ’12, Mary Parker ’12, Will Sleeper ’13, Molly Slowe ’15 and Mallory Souliotis ’14
Squash: Becky Brownell ’14 and Sarah Riley ’13
Wrestling: Omar Augustin ’13, Raheem Barnett ’13, J’Quan Oliver ’11, Hannah Robinson ’11, Jay Son ’12 and Brendan Yucel ’13
A Passionate Life

Jim Newell ’61

Nobles is a school that inspires lifelong passions. For Jim Newell ’61 one of those passions has been foreign languages. “Largely because of studying German with Mr. Bird and French with M. Bevillard—both great teachers—in 1960 I went on a summer program as an American Field Service student in Berlin,” he says. “That was a life-changing event. I hadn’t had much exposure to different cultures, and that experience inspired me.”

Newell went to Harvard College, where he majored in international law and relations and began studying Russian. After college, he enlisted for four years in the Army Security Agency, which sent him to the West Coast Defense Language Institute and then to Germany from 1967 to 1969. He stayed on in Europe, studying at the U.S.S.R. Institute and the University of Paris. He met his wife, Sally, in Paris—though it turned out that she was a Massachusetts native and the two had lived on the same street without knowing one another. The pair spoke only French for six months, Newell recalls. They returned to the United States and Newell earned his Master’s in Russian at Middlebury College in 1972. He and Sally married that fall and in 1973 moved to the rural Northeast Kingdom in Vermont, where they raised three sons and continue to live today.

In 1975, a call came from Nobles seeking a substitute for George K. Bird Jr. ’39, who had fallen ill. Newell spent one semester covering the German teacher’s three classes—and discovered a passion for teaching. In 1981, he and Sally helped found the Riverside School in Lyndonville, Vt. He went on to serve as its head for 15 years.

A master of understatement, Newell says he “keeps pretty busy” in retirement. He and Sally enjoy foreign travel, and Jim serves on several boards, including Riverside School, Catamount Arts and the Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital.

Through it all, he has been writing—another passion that might have had its roots in his experience at Nobles. “I came to Nobles in seventh grade,” he recalls. “Mr. Coggeshall praised stuff I wrote that year, and I’ve never forgotten it.”

Newell has written several screenplays—including one about Sam Patch, who jumped over Niagara Falls in 1828 and lived to tell about it, and another about the young Herman Melville. “None of them have been produced—yet,” he says. He is currently writing about another passion: his conviction that Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford, wrote all those 16th-century Shakespearean plays and sonnets. “I’m a fervent believer that the author isn’t the guy from Stratford,” he says. “When you mention that to academics they go crazy.”

And those foreign languages? When we spoke to Newell for this profile he had just started in on Memoirs of Hadrian by Marguerite Yourcenar, the first woman elected to the Académie française. He was reading it in French.

—Catherine O’Neill Grace
During his six years at Nobles, Joshua Cutler ’66 enjoyed his academic classes and his athletic teams. “Under Eliot Putnam athletics was very important,” he says. “I played football and hockey and I rowed crew. All of those taught me discipline, and I am grateful for that.”

Cutler’s life has taken him far from the athletic arena. Today, he is director of the Tibetan Buddhist Learning Center in Washington, N.J., where he has lived since graduating from Harvard. The Center is a nonprofit dedicated to the study, practice and preservation of Buddha’s teachings. The first Tibetan Buddhist dharma center in the West, it was founded in 1958 through the efforts of Geshe Ngawang Wangyal, who received his training in Tibet and became Cutler’s guru in the 1970s.

Cutler says that while his family observed Easter and went to church occasionally, his early life was not centered on religion. That began to change in college. “I had a few experiences that got me thinking in religious terms,” he says. “One powerful experience was that I had to help a close friend at Harvard from committing suicide. That was very traumatic for a young man of 20, and it got me thinking about life and death issues.”

He looked for a teacher to help him explore those questions—and Eastern religion and practice were very much in the air in Cambridge in those days. “Gradually I got exposed to Buddhist ideas—by coincidence and serendipity, really—and it clicked for me. I tried Zen meditation, and then in my senior year I became very involved in studying Tibetan language and Buddhism.” Two weeks after graduating from college he moved to the Center. “I have been here ever since,” he says.

“When I think about the totality of the education I got at Nobles, it was quite helpful for what I do nowadays,” he says. “I thank all the teachers I had there for having trained me well, especially in languages, because now I spend a great deal of time doing translations.”

While studying with Geshe Wangyal, Cutler formed a strong bond with his teacher. “The teacher-student relationship was also very important in my experience at Nobles and Harvard.”

In 1983, just before Geshe Wangyal died, he gave his work over to Cutler and his wife and fellow student, Diana. Today, the Cutlers work together at the Center. “We don’t take a salary,” he says. “We get room and board and medical insurance. I am very happy doing what I am doing. A human has a need for an inner life and an external life. Our education falls short of teaching us about an inner life, so I came here to search for that. You can always go deeper for an inner life.”

—Catherine O’Neill Grace

Joshua Cutler ’66 at the Tibetan Buddhist Learning Center
John Dewey ’71 never imagined that he’d move to Texas, but he has lived there for more than two decades. The Massachusetts native was a California resident before relocating to the Lone Star State—a decision that led him to a career with American Airlines and an opportunity to travel the world.

Dewey was finishing up his master’s in business at the University of California, Los Angeles, when American Airlines conducted interviews on campus for a job in finance. “The position meant I would have to move to Dallas, Texas,” says Dewey. “It’s the last place I thought I would end up. But they hooked me by saying you could work during the week and on the weekends you could visit your family in Boston or go to California to see friends—not to mention the perks of traveling around the world.”

The last opportunity sold him and since then he has traveled to all 50 states, seven continents and some 75 countries. Dewey’s multifaceted career at American Airlines began in the financial and budgeting area and transitioned to the new business division, where he helped expand projects such as the duty-free business. He’s also been involved in international business and customer relations management at the airline.

Dewey says he maintained an important belief throughout his career—to sustain a diverse perspective in life. That’s something he learned from his Nobles education. He says, “Even in this era of specialization, I think it’s very important to maintain a generalist perspective whenever possible. When you’re not doing different things, it’s easy to get lost in a single perspective.”

The September 11, 2001, attacks profoundly affected American Airlines, leading to deep budget cuts and massive layoffs. Dewey chose to take an early retirement option in 2003 and transitioned to teach part time at the University of Phoenix in Dallas, Texas. He also works as director of marketing and sales for Rich–Heape Films, a company that covers overlooked historical topics about Native Americans. Ironically, Dewey—whose father was a part-time teacher at Nobles from the 1960s to 1980s—didn’t want to teach after he earned his BA in sociology and philosophy from Harvard College. “I loved what I learned at Harvard, but it wasn’t very practical unless I planned to teach,” he says. “Given the time, I didn’t see that I could make a decent living from teaching. It’s a delayed reaction. But it is in my blood.”

—Tiffany Tran

John Dewey ’71 leads a canoeing group on the Trinity River in Dallas, Texas.
Eli Ingraham ’76 has been all over the map—literally and figuratively—and she couldn’t be happier about it.

After Nobles, Ingraham attended Wellesley College, where she majored in political science, history and French, which fueled an interest in international affairs. She also took pre-law classes, thinking law school was the next step.

Before committing to law school, she worked at Hale and Dorr as a corporate paralegal, but quickly became more intrigued by the emerging technologies that were changing the business world. Realizing technology would likely be essential for any career choice, she enrolled at MIT where she spent two years building microprocessors and writing code in the pre-PC world.

Ingraham went on to work in investment finance as a technology-managerial hybrid, designing database systems and creating internal startups. Through a series of fortuitous mergers and acquisitions, she was able to take time off every five years to travel. Ingraham explains, “I took the buyout every time, grabbed my backpack and disappeared until the money ran out.” Her colleagues called her crazy for “getting off the fasttrack” during these years, but Ingraham preferred being unconventional. She says her sense of adventure and risk-taking was first sparked at Nobles. “Nobles was so important to my self-confidence,” she says. “It was there I learned to believe in myself, to be bold, to take chances, to rely on my track record as an indicator of my future.”

By age 29, Ingraham was a senior vice president in the investment world, but she felt unfulfilled. She quit—and joined the ministry. For 10 years she continued that work, traveling to South America, Africa and Eastern Europe. Ingraham became increasingly conflicted as she finally came to terms with her sexuality. She left the ministry and returned to Boston, where she started her own consulting company developing technology solutions for corporations and law firms. Yearning for something more creative, she moved to Toronto just as the move to all things digital was getting underway. She spent four years there, working in the film industry and for IMAX as a creative director and consultant.

Ingraham has been back in Boston for nine years and now works for WGBH advising a number of their digital television and Web programming initiatives. According to Ingraham, “It is a perfect blend of my creative, technical and cultural interests.” Even her WGBH office is a blend of unique styles; the sleek cabinetry provides a minimalist background for the colorful artwork created by her 6-year-old daughter, Tasman, adopted from Kazakhstan, who lives with Ingraham and wife Nancy in Newton. Alongside the newest tech gadgets and computers on her desk sits a Tiffany-style lamp, bursting with color. It’s truly an eclectic space—true to Ingraham herself.

—Julie Guptill
John Fiske ’81 admits that his path to college teaching was a meandering one. “I have not had a linear, focused post-Nobles existence, but I feel as though I am where I should be,” he says. That place is a classroom at Bunker Hill Community College in Boston, where Fiske has been teaching English and writing since January 2010.

During his years at Nobles a career in college teaching was the last thing on his mind, Fiske says. “Even when I graduated from Trinity I wasn’t thinking much beyond the present moment. I was interested in boat building and going on canoe camping trips in the summer, so I did that for a while.”

By 1988, he realized that he was interested in teaching— and landed a job at Landmark School in Manchester, Mass., where he taught geography— and caught the travel bug.

“All I had at the time was an apartment and a job. I quit the job and dumped the apartment,” he says. Unencumbered, Fiske traveled around Indonesia, Thailand and Australia, then returned to a middle-school teaching internship linked with the graduate school at Lesley College in Boston. He earned his M.Ed. from Lesley in 1992.

But, he says, “I’m just not wired right to be a middle school teacher.” After a period of job hunting and subbing, he decided to try writing for a living. He started freelancing for the Appalachian Mountain Club and went on to be what he calls “minimally prosperous,” writing brochures and bylined articles for corporate clients, as well as creating river guides for the AMC.

Then, in 1999, he and his wife Mary, a bond trader, adopted Alex, “He was born in Romania, and had been in an orphanage for two and a half years,” says Fiske. “I immediately became the at-home person. My presence was essential, crucial for Alex.” During his at-home-dad years, he wrote and published a novel, The Library Book.

Fast-forward a decade. “In the fall of 2009, I realized that my full-time, on-call role for Alex had become increasingly unnecessary,” he says. The possibility of college teaching appealed to him, so he contacted the dean of the education school at Boston University, who put him in touch the dean at Bunker Hill Community College, who put him in touch with the chair of the English Department.

“I interviewed on a Saturday morning; he gave me the book and told me which classroom to show up at on Monday morning,” Fiske laughs. He has been teaching at the community college ever since.

“I really like BHCC,” Fiske says. “The students come from all over the world. I have students from Vietnam, Morocco, Japan, India, Togo, Hong Kong…. Their diversity is the best part of the job.”

Fiske says he as found his niche teaching at BHHC.

“I am in the right place. I want to teach college kids how to write.”

—Catherine O’Neill Grace
College sweethearts Kristin and Stephen Jordan ’86 needed a change. The fast pace of city living wasn’t for them, and with no real ties to Boston, they decided in 2003 to move to a quiet town in Maine. “We wanted a simpler life,” explains Jordan. “We wanted to stop living in the past or always looking to the future. We realized that we just wanted to enjoy the present.”

The couple loved their new location, but considering the downward turn in the economy, Jordan decided it was best to keep his job at Putnam Investments in Boston. He had been working in financial services since he and Kristin graduated from Boston College. The four-hour daily commute gave him a lot of time to think. His job at Putnam was respectable work, and Jordan excelled in his role in client services and sales. But there was something missing, so when the company downsized in 2007 and had to let Jordan go, he considered the situation a positive thing. “Even though I was laid off, I knew it was the right time to figure out what I really wanted to do,” he says.

Still looking for change, Jordan decided to go back to school to get his manicurist license. He opened his own nail salon, Panthera Natural Nail Bar, and ran the small business for almost 18 months. During this time, the economy continued to spiral, and despite loving his new venture, Jordan realized the salon couldn’t support his family. He returned to the corporate world in 2008, accepting a position with Bank of America. The work was more reliable, but not what Jordan would call fulfilling. Unlike his days at Putnam, however, Jordan wasn’t feeling that there was a void in his life. He and Kristin had found something unexpected to fill that space.

During the time when Jordan was commuting to Boston, his days were long and tiresome. Kristin started planning weekend activities so the couple could have as much quality time together as possible. One weekend she suggested they go the D.E.W. Animal Kingdom and Sanctuary in Mt. Vernon, Maine. The two fell in love with it.

The Jordans were blown away by the facility. There, in the middle of Maine, was an amazing animal sanctuary, home to some of the world’s most exotic animals. Owned and operated by Bob and Julie Miner, the farm has more than 200 animals, including lions, tigers, leopards, kangaroos, monkeys and more. Steve and Kristin returned to D.E.W. Animal Kingdom every weekend—and eventually became close friends with the Miners. They help with farm chores, like feedings and cage cleanings, and Steve set up their website (www.dewanimalkingdom.com). He even wrote a book about a lion cub who was born during the 2008 presidential campaign, named Mufasa Obama.

—Julie Guptill
**Whitney Post ’91** came to Nobles as a shy ninth grader in the fall of 1987. She remembers English teacher Bill Bussey encouraging her to take to the morning Assembly stage and perform a Shakespeare soliloquy. “It was scary! But I couldn’t turn down the challenge. It’s funny that this is one of my enduring memories of Nobles... but it set the stage for learning to take risks and put myself out there.”

A former world champion and Olympic rower, Post is now committed to creating tools and opportunities for girls and women to have positive self-image. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Brown University and a master’s in counseling psychology from Lesley University. As a consultant, she has provided wellness training workshops and individual coaching to high school, collegiate and national team athletes, and has designed and implemented eating-disorder treatment programs at Boston hospitals. Over the past 10 years, Post has run hundreds of groups helping women develop healthier relationships with their bodies.

Post currently serves as the director of the Women’s Sports Foundation’s GoGirlGo! Boston. GoGirlGo! was founded in 2001 by Billie Jean King. Upon hearing that only one in three American girls was physically active at the time, King raised the question, “What about those other two girls?” GoGirlGo! works across the country to improve the health of sedentary girls and to keep girls involved in physical activity through education, funding, public awareness and networking. Post brings to the position her dedication to the transformative power of sport, and every girl’s right to have access to it and to a healthy, active life. “My favorite part of the work is being out on the fields with the girls who benefit from GoGirlGo’s programs,” she says. “I am humbled by their exuberance, athleticism and transformation.”

“When I was at Nobles and asked what the school motto, spes sibi quisque, meant, I was told it could be loosely interpreted as ‘paddle your own canoe.’” Post says. “I think it is funny that I left Nobles and went on to learn some of the greatest life lessons from the sport of rowing. I talk a lot about the notion of self-reliance in my work, where I make the pitch that a huge part of being self-reliant is acknowledging that you sometimes need help from other people. For many of us, sports taught us that we rely on ourselves and our teammates for success. I want to teach young women how to have relationships and communities to rely on for the rest of their lives. In my work in both the suburbs and the inner city, I’ve seen over and over again that girls need to know how to have healthy relationships with others. It goes so far in the development of a positive self-concept.”

Post draws a parallel between lessons learned through sports and working with young women: “Girls are set up to encounter negative self-image and body image pressures in our society, and, by their very nature, eating disorders are isolating. Our job as women is to teach girls strategies to help them cope with body image pressures in a healthy way. I believe self-reliance includes the ability to let people know when you are not doing okay and could use some help from those around you.”

—Brooke Asnis ’90

To learn more about GoGirlGo! visit www.gogirl goboston.com.
Food writer and actor Sally Jackson ’96 combined her passions to create her career.

The broad range of activities that were part of her Nobles experience prepared her well for the multifaceted nature of her work today. “Being encouraged to try new things at Nobles taught me to be open to all experiences and, by extension, to all career paths,” she says. “I learned from my teachers to discover what you love and to make it into a life for yourself.”

Jackson graduated from Connecticut College in 2001 with a degree in English—and dreams of becoming an actor in New York City. She moved into an apartment with classmate Vanessa Raptopoulos ’96 and joined the repertory theater Eastcheap Rep. Over the next nine years, the group wrote, directed, produced and starred in a series of off–Broadway plays that included Friction, Natalie and Jumper. Jackson remembers it as one of the busiest periods of her life. “At one point, we were putting on six shows a week for a month straight—and that was on top of my day job!”

At that time, her “day job” consisted of hostessing at Bolo, a Spanish restaurant owned by celebrity chef Bobby Flay. A foodie herself, she had spent her college summers in a restaurant kitchen. She enjoyed the work at Bolo but had no intention of making it a career, so she was surprised when, in 2003, she was invited to interview for a newly opened position as Flay’s personal assistant—and even more surprised when she got it. She took the position without hesitation and has not looked back.

What began primarily as an accounting, scheduling and research job quickly expanded when she was asked to write a proposal for Flay’s cookbook, Grilling for Life. The Food Network star loved the proposal and asked Jackson to join the book’s full-time team of writers. Grilling for Life was published in 2005 and was an instant seller. Since then, Jackson has been a contributing writer for three more hits: The Mesa Grill Cookbook (2007), Grill It (2008) and Burgers, Fries, and Shakes (2009). A fifth book, The Bar Americain Cookbook, comes out in October.

These days, Jackson considers food and writing to be her primary pursuits, but she continues to act on the side. She still performs in one Eastcheap Rep show a year—A. R. Gurney’s Love Letters, a play that she first heard Erika Guy and Bill Bussey recite from in Assembly.

Looking back, Jackson is still surprised at how her career has unfolded. While she could never have predicted where she is now, she is delighted with the direction her passions have taken her. “My job combines two of my favorite things: food and writing. I can honestly say that I love what I do.”

—Megan Ryan
Need help packing for a trip? Jessica Koningisor ’01 is the person to ask. Whether you’re traveling lightly for a monthlong backpacking trip or trying to take a semester’s worth of clothes for a term abroad, most likely she’s already done it. Koningisor’s global interests and passion for travel have taken her all over the world. Her newest adventure will allow her to marry that love of travel with another one of her life’s passions—public service—as a lawyer with the United States Navy Judge Advocate General’s Corps (U.S. Navy JAG).

The Koningisor family (Jessica, dad Jim, mom Trish, who has worked as Nobles’ school nurse since 2003, sisters Chrissie ’03 and Jenny ’05 and brother Danny ’08) has always loved traveling together. But Jessica’s first solo exploration came during her junior year at Nobles, when she studied away from campus for a semester with the Class Afloat program. “It’s amazing that Nobles not only allows students but encourages them to study away during their high school years,” says Koningisor. “The school played a crucial role in developing my passion.”

After Nobles, Koningisor attended McGill University in Montreal, where she studied political science and history. She always knew she wanted to go to law school, but before she did, Koningisor took two years off after graduation. She backpacked through the Middle East and Southeast Asia, and visited Central America before applying to Boston College Law School. (As an undergraduate at McGill, she also did a semester abroad in New Zealand.)

Her initial interest was in international law, which isn’t as widely practiced as other fields. Although she hadn’t considered it when first applying to law school, after she gave thought to a career in the military—where she could practice international law and someday operational law—it started to make sense. “I grew up in a family that put a strong emphasis on service,” she says. “The thought of military service wasn’t too far off.” She started interviewing with the Navy and got word in spring of 2010 that she had been accepted into the elite JAG program.

This April, Koningisor will leave for Sasebo, Japan, where she will be based for the next few years. She’ll be providing legal assistance to men and women serving in the military. “I think it’s the most important job I could do,” Koningisor says. She’ll also have the opportunity to do defense work for courts martial, among other things. Her command, Navy Legal Service Office Pacific, provides legal services to the forces of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, which covers an area of 50 million square miles, including Japan, Hawaii and Guam.

Although not 100 percent sure what to expect, Koningisor says she’s very excited about the opportunity. “Nobles always stressed the importance of trying new experiences and taking risks,” she says. “It taught me to be open to any possibility.”

—Julie Guptill
“M y dad once said to me that my life was going to get a lot more interesting when I found multiple things that I have to balance,” says Chase Hensel ’06. And Hensel’s life has been anything but static since he graduated from Columbia University with a bachelor’s in computer science in 2010.

Hensel, a former Natick, Mass., resident, describes himself as a “big city person” with a passion for traveling and foreign language. After completing college a semester early in December 2009, he fulfilled his desire to travel abroad with a solo backpacking trip to South America, beginning in Texas and traveling as far as Argentina. During three months living mostly in hostels, he soaked up the culture and revived his Spanish. “I realized how much I appreciated traveling,” says Hensel. “I didn’t know what to expect. But this type of travel, learning and seeing new things, is something I really value. And when you’re living by yourself, you have to make friends and do as much as you can to meet people.”

Shortly after returning, Hensel traveled to Washington, D.C., to intern as a public policy fellow for the Computing Research Association as the winner of the 2010 Eben Tisdale Fellowship. The fellowship awards a $5,000 grant to explore public policy issues in high technology.

Now living in San Francisco, Hensel is an associate product manager for Google—a position that he secured before graduation—developing and enhancing online products such as Google News. Most recently, Hensel and his team launched Google One Pass, a service that allows publishers to sell digital newspaper and magazine contents or subscriptions on the Web or mobile devices. (Hensel was a software engineering intern for Google in New York in the summer of 2009.)

Hensel developed an interest in engineering during his senior year at Nobles when he had a chance to explore robotics in an independent study. After learning the basics of creating a computer program, he built a tic-tac-toe game that allowed a human player to compete with a computer. Toward the end of the semester, he constructed a remotely operated submarine. “It required a lot of self-discipline, and I wouldn’t have continued unless I really cared about the material that I was learning,” he says. Hensel also landed an internship at Machine Science, a nonprofit organization that supports engineering programs, the summer after graduation—an accomplishment that he credits to science teacher David Strasburger.

Landing a job at Google hasn’t slowed down Hensel’s travel plans; the 22-year-old’s next big adventure will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro this summer.

—Tiffany Tran
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CLASS CORRESPONDENTS
Peter Briggs

Sid Eaton, Jr.

Gordy Rice reports selling his house in Westwood and no longer having to pay property taxes on his house and its surrounding 2.5 acres. Now he has to decide where to move by April 1, the day the new owners take possession. He’s seriously considering moving into the spacious retirement center known as Fox Hill, which just happens to lie or stand adjacent to his house. In addition to housing a large number of Nobles graduates, Fox Hill also houses former Bruin great Mitt Schmidt—right up Gordy’s athletic alley. Other than real estate and visiting the office, Gordy spends his time watching his grandchildren’s sporting events and recalling the names of old sports stars with Eddie Stimpson, who reports Gordy’s talent for recalling the names of all the old greats.

Dudley Hall tells of having had a very enjoyable Christmas holiday visiting his wife and grandkids in Carolina and Georgia. Says he, “The kids gave me a Barnes and Noble Nook, which I find quite a change from the old days of opening a new book, cracking it open...” He is still trying to sell their Florida property. He sends his best regards to all who read this news bit.

Parker Perry, now 12 years into retirement, says that things are going well for him in Palm Springs, Calif. He busily serves on the board of the local English Speaking Union, a group with about 100 members, the monetary support for which derives from monthly cocktail parties and yearly dues. Good going, Parker!

Bruce Palmer reports that he has finished and had copy edited, ready for publication, the several novels and the play he has had in process for a considerable time now. His next step is to find a literary agent to help him auction his works to the highest paying bidder, a task he doesn’t feel he can handle solo at his advancing age.

He recently was involved in an automobile accident, just a fender bender, he says, but enough to throw his back out of line and cause his recently replaced left hip to function poorly at best. One morning just before he was about to call the chiropractor for an appointment, he rolled over in bed, heard his spine sound off like a xylophone, and, eureka, his hip was functioning perfectly. Since then, he and the hip have been enjoying Signal Mountain’s spring weather: 60 degrees, no wind and much sunshine.

Asked if he’s still singing in his church choir, he replied, “No, I’ve switched churches. I was christened an Episcopalian in Wellesley many years ago, but I’ve been both a Lutheran and a Presbyterian in my adult life. Now I’ve come full circle, having recently joined a small Episcopal church called St. Andrew’s. Since the youngest person in the congregation is 68 and the oldest, the minister, is 83, a better name for the church would be St. Geezer’s.” Bruce happily reports that Signal Mountain, a town of but 7000, has 29 churches, a situation quite familiar to a Southerner, not so to a Northerner.

Bruce’s dog is fine but in need of female companionship, a need Bruce hopes to resolve soon via a trip to the humane society. Bruce lacks not for family companionship. His oldest son, Mark, lives on the other side of the mountain, where he has a small sixacre farm. Daughter Maria lives on the Delaware River in Erwinnna, Pa., where she and her husband are property sitting for the owner, who has an extended assignment in London. Bruce’s son, Matthew, a former Navy man, dwells in Pensacola, Fla., which he likes because it gives him many chances to see his naval buddies as they pass through.

No dull moments in Bruce’s and his family members’ very active lives.

Tad Powell tells us he is still working almost fulltime at the University of Minnesota Medical School’s Department of Pathology, adding proudly that when weather permits, he rides his bike to work—14 miles in each direction. Says Tad, “Minneapolis-St. Paul and Portland, Ore., are reputed to have the best trails for bike riding.” His son, regardless of the weather, rides his bike to graduate school, a round-trip ride of six miles.

Debbie and Tad plan to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary by cruising among the Greek Isles this fall.

He recently skied at Beaver Creek, Colo., with his two youngest sons, the 10th time they have so done. He also recently had cataract surgery, a procedure he termed “extraordinarily slick.”

He confesses that he has finally accepted that he hasn’t enough time to do all that he wants to do in life. One of the things, though, that he is looking forward to achieving is seeing Howard Jellemoe and his wife, Robin, the next time the Powells visit their Nantucket Island cottage.

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CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Bill Gorham

1952 & 1953
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Winston “Hooley” Perry

“It’s all about staying healthy and taking good care of yourself,” which is my important message to all of you, my classmates and friends. As you all know, Louis Newell ’53 had another incident: he fell down and broke his hip, which has since been replaced and, as his beautiful wife, Emmie, says, “My God, what more can happen to this man?” Louis is tough as nails, and he will get through this, which he always does, but our beloved classmate is being tested beyond belief, and is the front runner for “Bionic Man of the Year.”

Running a close second is Bill Allen ’53, who, after being in coma for five weeks, was then, as Billy put it, “cut open from stem to stern,” and had two major valves replaced in his heart. When I last talked to our Cuban Superman he was in good spirits, and he was being well taken care of by Ms. Margo, his beautiful private nurse, so all is well with my Round Room Buddy.

I know many of you have also had both major and minor medical problems, some more than others (I won’t name the others that I know of, other than Louis and Billy, because many of you want to maintain your privacy, and I respect that), but at our wonderfully advanced age, that is to be expected, and thankfully both our classes’ present survival rate is way above average.
All that I can say is that, short of replacing everything, it’s all about taking real good care of yourself and what you’ve got. For my 70th birthday I gave myself a membership to a gym, and it was the best health investment that I ever made, but you have to use it regularly for it to do any good. Everyone should exercise in some way, eat right and light, and think and practice good health. If your doctor says that he is going to cut you open and/or replace something, get a second opinion. If you still don’t like what you hear, get a third opinion before you have anything done. And for goodness sakes, if you or your partner smokes cigarettes, STOP NOW. I know that it isn’t easy, but if your smoking doesn’t kill you, the secondhand smoke will.

I also know that Bob Cumings ’52 has found that acupuncture has finally worked well for his bum left hip (short of the replacement of his original hip replacement); Sam Bartlett ’53 practices yoga and really enjoys it; David Horton ’52 and Bob Hoffman ’53 play tennis regularly; Bill Stevens ’52 regularly exercises at the YMCA; Pete Hallett ’53 with his replaced left knee walks a mile or two every day; and Pete Summers ’52 periodically relives his halcyon days of yore as captain of the Harvard College Hockey Team by playing in a Cape Cod Hockey League. So what are you doing to get/stay in shape? OMG, it sounds like we are all getting old(er).

To celebrate and ring in 2011, those wild and crazy partygoers Nancy and Pete Bennett ’52, and Carol and Pete Hallett ’52 came to our home in Homosassa to party, eat, drink and be merry, which was reminiscent of the First Annual Nobles Redneck Reunion held in 2005. I’m not sure that anyone made it to watch the ball drop, but as they say, a fun time was had by all. The Bennetts then headed south to Naples for a couple of months to escape the many (and I mean many) snowstorms in the Northeast and beyond.

In late January, Connie and David Thibodeau ’53 ventured from the east coast of Florida (Vero Beach) to the west coast (Homosassa Redneck Country) for dinner (I keep telling them that “the West Coast is the Best Coast”), and we had a great time reminiscing about our many classmates and our years at Nobles.

Now for the fun part, and news of this year’s “Lucky Seventh ’52 & ’53 Special Guests Nobles Class Reunion Extravaganza—The Not-To-Be-Missed Event of the Year,” which will be held in Newport, R.I., Sept. 20-22, 2011. After a great deal of haggling, I was able to get a great and relatively inexpensive nightly rate at the Newport Harbor Hotel & Marina, which is located right in downtown Newport, and is in easy walking distance to everything. By the time that you read this in the Nobles Bulletin, I will have sent everyone a detailed schedule of events, but here is a short synopsis of what’s in store for everyone.

Arrive Tuesday, Sept. 20 at the hotel (4 p.m. checkin), join us for a cocktail party in Andrea’s and my room, and then grab dinner at any restaurant of your choice in downtown Newport. On Wednesday, for your late morning pleasure, I am trying to arrange a sailboat and/or powerboat ride around the harbor (approx. 1 1/2 hours), and then that evening at 6 p.m. we are having a lobster clambake in Middletown, where we can play horseshoes or bocce (for you athletic types). On Thursday, at 6 p.m., we are going to have dinner and drinks at the fancy Officer’s Club at the Newport Naval Base (thanks to Navy Commander Peter Bennett ’52). Before or after these scheduled events you can shop and/or visit the many interesting sites in and around the area, or just relax at the hotel’s outside marina bar watching the world and the boats go by. Take your pick, and be there or be square (Dave).

So, my very best friends and classmates, take good care of yourselves, and get out there and exercise your way to good/great health and longevity.

Your Yearly Reunion Party Organizer & Class Correspondent
Winston “Hooley” Perry ’52 & ’53

1954 CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Peter Partridge

1955 CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Jim Doty

Bob Taylor has recovered from a very mild stroke and is still involved with rehab.

David Fisher writes, “The plans for the Cuba trip fell through. We did, however, have a memorable trip to St. Petersburg and up the Dniepe from Odessa to Kiev. I found the small city my grandfather was from and visited the village of my grandmother. In November, we went on a terrific two-week educational tour of Sicily. Fascinating given the fact that Sicily was conquered and occupied by at least seven different nations starting with the Greeks.”

1956 Class Correspondent
Gren "Rocky" Whitman

For a story on the Class of 1956 and the "The ’56 Path," turn to page 18.

“My oldest son, Chris, was playing baseball for Wellesley High School at the Babson College Field in Needham,” reports John Fritts. “As we sat in the stands behind the Wellesley bench, I heard a voice behind me say, ‘No hitter there. That Fritts kid can’t hit.’ My wife looked back and then asked me who the guy yelling was. As she was about to confront him, I recognized Mr. [Bob] Warner in the back row by himself. Laughing. I hadn’t seen him in nearly 30 years, but knew who he was right away. I moved and sat beside him for the rest of the game, while my wife stayed in front, apparently not appreciating his ribbing. It was a delightful reunion with one of our favorite teachers. Chris got three hits that game, Wellesley won, and I invited Mr. Warner to attend all the remaining games of the season.”

A short note from Sam Edwards: “I am in touch with Mike Christian’s widow, Anthea. She owns and runs a horse farm in Florida and plays competitive tennis. Their son, Jamie (Middlesex, University of Vermont), is married, has two children, and lives in Kenya.”

Recalls Brad Snow: “No fun was the blast from you (ahem, Class of ’56 Correspondent and Nim Marsh’55) making matches in chem lab for the Science Fair. I remember your perforated blue shirt, the burns on the left side of your face. I was walking behind you with a beaker of sulfuric acid and said, ‘Watch out,’ so you turned your head (good move). Tossed
the beaker—who knows where—got a finger nick that progressed to blood poisoning, and had to stay home, unable to take dear Alison Strieder to the dance. Other lasting memories were Charlie and Dave Hoffman’s cut-down Merc; all the Model As we had, like a fac; Eliot Putnam’s annual “puther-on-a-pedestal” speech to seniors (isn’t that the old days?) and his annual Opening Day reading of “Casey at the Bat”; our postgrad party at George Waterman’s in Rhode Island, where I was introduced to his stump-lifter. But what I probably remember most is “The Path,” or more accurately, the steps. Glad to see that the Castle’s renovations will save it!”

“I’ve been thinking about late one night in our sophomore year when short-term boarder Bob Bach’s mattress managed to slide out of the Castle’s third-floor long-dorm window,” recalls Newell Flather. “It landed right next to where [master] David Horton was parking his car. Is it funny or sad that I am using limited memory storage to save such a thought? What was funny was the way Mr. Horton handled the situation. He raced to the third floor, as only he could, peered into the room, and declared his car. Is it funny or sad that I am using limited memory storage to save such a thought? What was funny was the way Mr. Horton handled the situation. He raced to the third floor, as only he could, peered into the room, and declared”

Dev Barker remembers: “In a football game at Belmont Hill in our Fourth or Fifth Class year, my chin hit the ground when I was tackled. Out popped a central lower tooth which I picked up and headed for the dentist, and when the game was over, we sped into Boston. The tooth was put in place by the dentist, and when the game was over, we sped into Boston. The tooth was put in place”

“Continuing on to bounce from Chatham to Naples,” reports John Raye. “We’ve had a fantastic winter so far here in the south, with most days in the low 80s! So happy to avoid the icy/snowy winters which are treacherous for us. Our ‘big event’ this year was Paula’s 70th birthday. We took the whole family (15 of us) to the Beaches Resort in the Turks and Caicos to celebrate. It was the most fantastic family holiday ever. Fantastic spot and we recommend it highly. Getting the whole family together is one of our greatest pleasures, and seeing all the grandchildren interact and really love each other is the best!”

Suggests Whiz Wheeler, “Why not report that certain members of the Class of ’56 have recently spent more time hammering out a plaque text than we did deciding to build The Path in 1956? Can you imagine if we had the whole class involved in the wording? Two factors were at play: we are a lot older now and we didn’t have Bea [Sanders] then.”

“Just learned I passed the board certification exam in palliative care medicine. It’s good for 10 years, so I guess it’s good for a lifetime,” writes Bob Bach. “Looking back, the one thing that has always stayed with me is Eliot Putnam’s emphasis on our being very privileged and the need to give back to society. This morning I thought of Mr. Putnam starting the day many years ago when he read Kipling’s ‘If’ like nobody else. On the lighter side, I think that Newell Flather was the chief instigator in my mattress being thrown out of the castle window. One more thing—I will never forget the courage of Whizzer [Wheeler] and Johnny Raye.”

This from George Waterman: “How about the time, after evening study hall, as we were saying goodnight to Mr. Putnam in his den as was the custom? Taking me by the ear—he was quite good at that—he said, ‘I want to see you after everyone else has left.’ Then he said, ‘We have about had it with you.’ It seemed harsh, as I am certain I had only broken about 10 rules that day. Anyhow, his good heart and patience prevailed and I made it to graduation.”

The proud entrepreneur of S. Fernald’s Country Store, Kit Hayden, reports that “as the winter wears on, it becomes increasingly evident, as any eighth grader should know, that it is almost impossible to achieve a profit through a small business in Maine. But that’s okay, the store adds ambience for the locals, and where else is one to spend his money, frugally accrued over the years? Give it to some school?” (For Kit’s current view on education, visit to: http://knox.villageups.com/blog/blogpost/dumb-and-dumber-notreally/379065).

“One of my enduring memories of life at Nobles (there are many others, of course) is bittersweet,” recalls Tim Leland. “It involved a bitter event and a sweet result. The bitter part occurred during a hockey game against Middlesex on Motley’s Pond. Hockey was a sport I loved, but I was skinny and light, easy to knock around as a defenseeman on the opposing team discovered early in the second period when he checked me into the boards with a resounding smack. (Collisions with John Felton often had the same effect in our practices.) I was a boader at the time and woke the next morning with a terrible, scarlet-blue hematoma on my hip that sent me limping to the infirmary, where I stayed for the next week, feeling very sorry for myself. But every night I was there, I received a visit from the man we all idolized. Mr. Putnam would suddenly appear at my bedside, his blue eyes glinting behind his wire-framed glasses. ‘Hello, old boy,’ he’d say in that gravelly voice of his, putting his hand on my shoulder. ‘How are you feeling, sport?’ That was the sweet part, and I’ve never forgotten it.”

Babs and Dave Carroll ’56

Dave Carroll writes, “After 14 months in our new house in Dexter, Mich., Babs and I have decided that we’re tired of knocking ourselves out with hard labor, costly improvements and unending fixup. We’re planning to move a mile down the road to a brand-new senior living community. It’s beautiful, well built and highly rated. The biggest draw: no maintenance. We’ve put our money down and plan to move in around late May. Meanwhile, we’re heavily into downsizing, a big job in itself.

We celebrated our second wedding anniversary on Feb. 5, and haven’t regretted one second of our second chance together. In spite of the work, we’re having the most fun we’ve ever had. Love to you and all our classmates.”

“My turn,” sez Rocky Whitman. “After obtaining my heavily redacted surveillance files from the FBI under the Freedom of Information Act in 1974, I discovered that, in their zeal to keep an eagle eye on this dangerous Nobles grad, the feds made inquiries even at my old school. To my everlasting delight, on page 4 was Nobles’ formal reply, to wit: ‘He was generally considered to be a good student and a good
campus citizen.” This, my best report card ever, helped greatly to counterbalance the FBI’s overall assessment of me as a “non-Communist Party member” on their “Agitator Index.” Those were strenuous times, and to this day, I thank Nobles for sticking up for me—so forcefully, too!

(By the way, Nim was making the matches. I was an innocent bystander!"

1957
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
John Valentine

Wade Williams writes, “Penny and I were visited by our daughter Sarah and new grandson, Charles Samuel Moser, who was 4 months old on Feb. 6. Since Charlie’s father, Damian Moser, was away on business for the week, Sarah and Charlie spent the whole week with us. We were thrilled! We got to watch Charlie grow up a little. I had forgotten how fast they learn new things at that age.”

Robert McElwain addressed winter thus: “Writing this on the 15th of February, my 72nd birthday, I’m here to tell you that all this ice has about done me in. Last month I fell on it and nearly wrecked my hip. I walk in the streets to avoid the ice on the sidewalks. I can’t cross-country ski on it. It scares the hell out of me if I do have to walk on it. All my thoughts are on the spring. The days ARE getting longer. The ice WILL melt. The Sox ARE becoming up right now in Florida. Pitchers and catchers report today. In a few weeks I’ll be back working happily outdoors, and all this ice will be forgotten. There’s one thing I’d like to add to my warm weather to-do list: a return to the golf links after about 30 years of inactivity. John, Fred, Bill? Anyone? I still have a few of my hand-me-down clubs from the 1950s, including my lethal approach putter, enough to beat any of you guys.”

Nim Marsh reports that late in January, on a miserable snowy and slushy day, he and Bill Gallagher met at Don’s Diner in Plainville, Mass. (roughly halfway between Cranston, R.I. and Westport, Mass.) to catch up, reminisce and laugh. Why Don’s Diner and not the likes of the Union Club or the Algonquin Club, where our fathers were more likely to meet decades ago in another world? Did the latter establishments have “breakfast all day”?

John Paul Brisson writes, “I am going to be playing tennis with my ILTC (International Lawn Tennis Club Uruguay) against the ILTC France, (in Roland Garros, yes, sir), then Monaco and finally Berlin. This is planned for June. After that a few days on the Dalmatian Coast around Split.

Besides tennis, lots of reading and hard working on the ranch; watching eucalyptus forests grow and cattle fatten is exhausting.

Strangely enough, our tiny country (3.5 million people) didn’t suffer much from the last world financial crisis. For the time being, the country is booming from extremely high agricultural commodity prices and from idle international money investing in real estate (Punta del Este and Montevideo)."

John Damon writes, “Cathy and I finally caught up with Naomi and Nim Marsh this February. Nim was here to exhibit ‘Points East’ at the fifth annual Cape Cod Boat Builders’ Show—modeled after the venerable annual Portland event. Nim and I carefully perused the display of custom-built boats, related marine gear and generally chatted it up with the host builders. Afterwards critiquing a builder’s technique we agreed that we would have done it better ourselves. We then joined Cathy and Naomi at a favorite watering hole in Sandwich, arriving just after a beautiful magenta wintry sunset. We imbibed a most welcoming and warming mug of cinnamon cider, spiced with Captain Morgan’s and downed some incredible roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. A most jolly time was had by all.”

Bill Gallagher received an email from a friend that contained an attachment of the “Virtual Wall!” of the Vietnam Memorial and writes, “It is actually quite a wonderful site. Doug’s name appears……under Dedham, Mass., of course. Anyone interested can reach it at its site www.virtualwall.org.”

David Woods writes, “Inevitably I must report that we were in Egypt and Jordan for three weeks in January 2011. We flew out of Cairo on Jan. 22. I’m sure you have been following what happened a few days later in the news.

This was a Smith College-sponsored trip. We had an articulate and knowledgeable Egyptian guide who took us through Cairo, Aswan, Luxor and Alexandria and many places in between. We got totally absorbed in the interpretation of Egyptian art on the walls and ceilings of every tomb and temple visited. This linguist showed his age when trying to learn the hieroglyphs of Ancient Egyptian and the right-to-left loops of modern Arabic. The trip included several days on a boat on Lake Nasser as well as a stay on a boat going down the Nile from Aswan to Luxor.”

Elliot Putnam writes, “Of late I’ve been thinking a lot about luck. Somewhat counter-intuitively, this was brought about by a spate of aches and pains that have served to remind me in no uncertain terms that I am without doubt approaching middle age. Like my trusty old Subaru, I’m finding with annoying regularity that gaskets are getting a little frayed, ball joints are tending to seize up, belts and hoses are losing their flexibility.

And yet, if that is all I have to complain about, I must and do marvel at how lucky I am. I am not, nor have I ever been, homeless. I am not a refugee from conflict or natural disaster. I have never known the agony of disease or malnutrition. I have never suffered from discrimination. (Well 1/4. I may not be getting consulting jobs I used to because potential clients perusing my CV figure out that I’m not 45 anymore, but there you are.) My community is not wracked by violence. My health, aforementioned aches and pains notwithstanding, is excellent. Jen’s and my children and grandchildren have all developed, or are developing, into smart, productive, tremendously interesting individuals.

This sense of good fortune has only been underlined by recent events in Tunisia, Egypt and elsewhere, where people are feeling newly empowered to argue and fight for rights and freedoms that we take for granted. While I may be a tad envious of the freshness and excitement of their battles (Was the air similarly charged at the time of our Revolution 235 years ago?), I can do without their perils. We have battles to fight here, but we have the freedom to fight them in whatever peaceful way we think best. They should be so lucky.”

John Valentine writes, “The events in the Middle East grab attention every day right now. We cannot know what will have occurred by the time this Bulletin arrives at our door, if we have sidestepped the Mayan Calendar’s prediction about May 12. As an actor who has played Elwood P. Dowd, I do believe in Harvey, the tooth fairy and a peaceful settlement between Israel and Palestine.”
I hope the movement toward divesting the undeserving rich of their excessive control of world oil grows in the Middle East and catches on in our country. Fortunately, visits from Mary Buford and Fred Hitz and later from Mary Lou and Bobby McElwain have dispelled much of my cabin fever, and the addition of a puppy now keeps me from thinking about anything besides her. No more time for the Think Tank. *Quelle fromage!*

1958
Class Correspondent
Bob Puffer

1959

Turn to page 56 to see a photo of father-of-the-bride Whit Bond, who celebrated last summer with his daughter, Laura '02.

1961
Class Correspondent
Jim Newell

Greetings, Class of 1961! We trust that everyone is getting ready for and looking forward to our upcoming 50th Reunion on May 13-14, 2011. The big event is just around the corner and your Reunion Committee is pleased to report that the following classmates are either definitely coming or hoping to attend Reunion:

Chris Brown, Tuck Buffum, Abbot Cutler, Bert Dana, Sam Emerson, Stu Gauld, Boynton Glidden, Ned Gray, Jim Henry, Tom Jansen, Charlie Jennings, Jay Johnson, Chuck Kaman, Jack Lowell, Sam Mandell, Peter Meek, Jim Newell, Sam Perry, Harry Precourt, Tim Russell, Chris Schmid, Sam Sears, Vince Spadea, Peter Ward, Brad Willauer and Tony Wood. Plus, we have two maybees—Reb Forte and John Merril, both of whom we really hope can make it.

We look forward to seeing one and all very soon! Warm regards from your 50th Reunion Committee: Chris, Bert, Jim, Sam, Jim, Tim and Peter.

1963

Class Correspondent
Jim Lehan

Jim Lehan writes, “I hope this note finds everyone well. It’s hard to believe this energetic group of 18-year-olds is all signed up for Medicare. Betty and I celebrated our 41st anniversary with a wonderful trip to France. We spent several days in Normandy, which we both found deeply moving. With such incredible wines and wonderful food, a return trip is in the offing.

Since retirement from Aetna Financial Services, I have maintained a consulting relationship with several old Aetna clients and am now in my third term as Selectman in Norfolk. Running the Pension Operations for Aetna was much easier than being a Selectman, but I must admit I have found the experience to be quite rewarding. Public service must truly be a ‘calling’ to endure the public enthusiasm. Betty and I now have eight grandchildren, with six of them residing in our hometown. We are blessed.

Hockey officiating is still my passion and I had the pleasure of doing a Nobles game this year. I have had Milton several times and despite my best effort, they won! The years of abuse have taken a toll on my right hip and I fear a replacement is scheduled for April, hopefully recovering in time for the next hockey season.”

1964

Class Correspondent
Ned Bigelow

Bill Priest writes, “I am alive and well (and warm) in Wilmington, N.C. At times, I really miss the New England winters, but possibly not this one! I stay busy supervising the maintenance of a senior independent living community and doing volunteer work in several prisons here on the lower Cape Fear. I’m really looking forward to another World Series run for the Red Sox this year and will be doing my part from down here via TV and laptop. Be well, all.”

Bob Botsford writes, “Our son Rob and his wife, Frances, now have fraternal twins, Athena and Leo. They were 1 year old this January and by the time this is printed, should be foot mobile.”

1966

Class Correspondent
John Martinez

Pat Grant writes, “I am looking forward to catching up with everyone at Reunion this spring. From the early returns, it looks like we are going to have a lot of classmates coming back for the event. A golf outing is being organized for the preceding Friday, followed by dinner for anyone (golfers and non-golfers) who wants to come. Susie and I are expecting our second granddaughter this coming April. We have been having a lot of fun watching our first granddaughter, Molly, grow up. Grandparenting is an even more enjoyable experience than parenting. I still own my medical products company, Splash Shield, which I formed in 1989. Still skiing and playing golf for as long as my health will allow.”

**Skip Wood** writes, "I’m excited for our 45th Reunion this spring and looking forward to seeing so many returning classmates. I retired a little over a year ago at 62, and I am happily living in Duxbury, Mass., having started a second marriage (we just celebrated our ½ year anniversary!) My wife, Karen, adds three children to the mix, for a total of six! Mine all went to and loved Nobles—Brett ‘02, Ashley ‘03 and Ryan ‘04. They are all launched; two working as consultants and one in sales. I love having graduated from my 40 years of sales/sales management and I am now keeping busy with lots of tennis/golf/paddle/sking/travel, coaching junior golfers all summer, and spending time with family. It is great to have the time in this phase of life to try new challenges."

**Dietrich Klinter** writes, "I have run a practice caring for children’s health since 1988 in Neumarkt/Opf. My wife, Karola, and I have three children. Anne studied architecture and business administration in Munich and Paris. She and her husband are living and working in Interlaken, Switzerland. Andreas studied material science in Berlin and Brisbane. For postgraduate studies he was at McGill in Montreal. He too is working now in Switzerland. Eva during high school was with AFS in Chile for one year. She now is teaching Spanish and Social Affairs at a high school in Bensheim, close to Heidelberg.

I cannot be with you this year [for Reunion], but we might come in 2016."

**John Martin** reports: “PRESIDENT Judy and I are happily, if frantically, running the same small art business in Dallas we started 23 years ago (www.artzdallas.com). The current depression in the domestic design industry has taken a lot of the wind out of our sails, but we’re surviving thanks to our kids, who work with us, and all the rest of our unbelievable staff. Having a little airplane (or two) makes getting out of Texas in less than a day possible (it’s a big state), so we spend as much time at our other houses in SW Florida and New Mexico (Taos) as we can. These days, since we’re all wearing lots of hats, that’s not much. Maybe next year. We’re planning on being at the Reunion. It’ll be fun to compare notes—and laugh.”

**Peter Pach** writes, “I spent some time catching up with David Brown, who was back from writing a series of stories about U.S. battlefield medicine in Afghanistan. We also talked about what seemed like the relative uniformity of our class when we graduated. ‘It’s like we were shot out of a shotgun,’ he said of all the places we’ve gone and the different work we’ve done. Great stories all.”

**Steve Baker** is among those drifting eastward. He writes, “In the summer of 2010, I ran out of money and opportunity in California, so after 35 years in the West I have returned East to my family’s home in Hyannis Port on Cape Cod. I’ve just spent an intense few months repairing and winterizing my new home, which is about 150 years old.

Now, I’m comfortable, even though I’ve actually had to shovel snow for the first time in decades. Watching it fall, looking up and letting it drift onto my tongue, I guess I’m recapturing some of my inner child. If any of you are coming to Hyannis Port, just get my number or email from www.nobles.edu and visit me. I’d love to reconnect.”

**Todd Whittemore** writes, “My family and I are back in New England after living in the Sonoran desert in Tucson, Ariz., for 17 years. During that time, I married Lorraine, whom I met on a cattle drive in northern Wyoming. We adopted three children from Russia, who are now in the thick of their teenage years.

At our peak we had seven horses, now we have two; riding still brings great joy. Since school, I have had a number of occupations: driving semis in Boston, fulltime square/contra dance caller (I even led a dance at Nobles for the faculty, a story for another time), a decade in IT and a consulting/coaching position. Now we live in Danielson in the quiet corner of northeastern Connecticut so our children can experience small town living with grass, trees and seasons.”

**David Polk**, whose Hartford orbit seems to circle mine, dropped a note to say that in the summer of ‘09, he emerged from retirement after 24 years at Aetna, in Hartford, Chicago and LA, and 12 years at Hartford Hospital to become president and executive director of The First Tee of Connecticut. “This is a youth development organization that uses golf to teach young people from all walks of life about core values and life skills. The values include honesty, integrity, perseverance, judgment,
sportsmanship, respect, courtesy and the like. Based in Rocky Hill, the organization works with 47,000 kids in the state. It’s a rewarding career at this stage of my life and I’m having a very good time.”

Polkie lives in West Hartford with his wife, Rennie, and lives one mile from his grand-daughter, Lucy Jane Polk, 6 months old. His oldest son, Tyler, works in financial services in Hartford, as does his daughter-in-law. “We are truly blessed. Our second son, Benjamin, is single, lives in NYC, and comes home often.”

“Incidentally,” he adds, “I terrified enjoyed our 40th Reunion catching up and reconnecting. More fun than I anticipated.” He was pictured on the inside back cover of the last Nobles Bulletin, sitting on the bench (with crutches) with baseball coaches David Horton and Dick Flood Jr. some 40 odd years ago.

Peter Litman is living in Wellesley with his wife, Deborah. “My son Henry is a junior at Penn. I practice law and run a development stage medical device company.

Generally speaking, I am feeling pretty good. I am, however, concerned about climate change and even more concerned about the inclination of humans to ignore facts that require real change and/or do not fit with their ideologies. In this regard, Jared Diamond’s book Collapse was an eye-opener for me. I hope that it is required reading at Nobles. I have decided not to travel to Mumbai as an advance man for Stew Young’s campaign but was flattered that he asked me. Kudos to Leigh Seddon for leading the way on alternative energy.”

Toby Burr checked in from Marion and says he and his wife, Barbie, recently moved onto the same street as Jeff and Craig Lawrence. “We are only about 50 yards away and delighted to be neighbors.” Toby’s son Tucker is working at Burr Brothers Boats and his daughter Alaska is working in Boston. Toby noted, “This may be the first news I have ever sent to Class Notes.” (Class Correspondent’s note: Not often enough!)

Farther up the New England coast in Portsmouth, N.H., J.T. Clark is “fighting age with immaturity, occasional smart eating and mostly riding my bicycle to work as often as I can—15 miles each way along almost all of New Hampshire’s coastline. After 60 round trips in 2010, I am looking forward to starting the 2011 ‘Tour de Foss’ soon. My best to all of my classmates.”

Not too far away, Chip Harding is living in South Berwick, Maine, with his wife, Madeleine. “We’ve raised three sons, all of whom are now out making their way in the world. We’ve been in southern Maine since 1986. I’ve been a working musician pretty much forever…and have been teaching music at Berwick Academy for more than 15 years. The headmaster at BA is another (much younger) Nobles graduate, Greg Schneider ’92, who is simply one of the most amazing people I’ve ever met. I spend a lot of my time working with teenagers and their music—running open mics, summer festivals and coffee houses. I have many private students, at school and in my home studio, and I also teach guitar classes to middle school kids, do sound for major events on campus and help coordinate the applied music program.

I spent most of my 20s and 30s performing my own music around the Northeast with various bands. In the late ’70s/early ’80s I had a contract with RSO Records, who also had the Bee Gees and Eric Clapton at the time. They released several singles that got a lot of airplay nationwide, but didn’t sell much. After my second son was born, I decided to start playing weddings and doing music more as a business to raise my young family. I also started recording my original music on my own label, doing so strictly as a creative outlet while I worked with my band. In 2001, CBC Radio in Canada got hold of a song I wrote about John Morris Ramkin—a legendary Cape Breton fiddler who died a year earlier in a tragic accident—and ended up playing it a lot in the Maritimes and then nationwide on the first anniversary of his death. Most of the creative work I do now is in supporting young songwriters in the process of making their songs, and in the studio. I can’t tell you how gratifying it is to have them share their ideas with me.

Lately I’ve been performing and recording with a trio called La Madeleine (www.lamadeleine.info), which features my wife, Madeleine, singing classic songs from her native Quebec as well as tunes from Edith Piaf, Jacques Brel, Charles Aznavour and other French artists. We are joined by an amazing young fiddler named Melissa Waterhouse. Melissa and I balance the romantic French ballads with a variety of really fun Celtic instrumentals.”

Peter Gates was just back from a weekend of club ski racing in New Hampshire when we connected. I didn’t get his results, but he was touting the first place finishes of his son Sam ’98 and daughter Callie ’01. Sam is in his second year at Suffolk University Law School and Callie is studying for a master’s degree in education at Harvard. Peter remains busy trying to stir up deals in the health care private equity business. His wife, Debbie, is active with Gore Place, a historic house in Waltham, where she is president of the board of governors.

Wes Wellington stopped his world travels long enough to write. Although I still consider New England my spiritual home, I uprooted the wife and two boys in early 1995 and headed west to take a job with a somewhat obscure Los Angeles money management firm with a quirky but compelling investment strategy. Our friends and family were perplexed that we had chosen to leave a lovely Victorian home in Needham and move to the smog capital of the country without knowing a soul there. We told them we were on the five-year plan and would move back if things didn’t work out. Sixteen years later we’re alive and well and living in Pacific Palisades, an easy bike ride to the office in Santa Monica on Ocean Avenue. Yes, it overlooks the beach—somebody has to live here.

Working at a firm with Nobel laureates roaming the halls has been a great learning experience and it’s now somewhat less obscure, having grown to become the ninth-largest mutual fund firm in the U.S. I spend a lot of time on the road making presentations to professional financial advisors as well as their individual investor clients. The pitch is straightforward: most of us are wasting our time and money when we hire so-called experts to identify appealing investment opportunities for us. Odds are we’ll do better just holding a simple diversified portfolio (and we do mean diversified—12,000 stocks!). Needless to say, this viewpoint raises a few hackles among conventional money managers, and the intellectual combat that comes with the job is part of the appeal.

There are many clichés about the Southern California lifestyle and I can report that there is some substance to almost all of them. But with several million neighbors you can always find some kindred spirits if you search long enough. When I’m off duty, I can usually be found in the garage tinkering with one of several Harley-Davidsons or making a little too much noise on the Pacific Coast Highway.
Anyone finding their way to sunny Santa Monica is entitled to a free meal on the nearby Third Street Promenade. Look me up at Dimensional Fund Advisors.*

1970
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Lev Byrd

1971
Scott Adams reports from Columbia, Mo., that he and his family absolutely love it in the Midwest. Dave Amory and his wife Sukie, with the kids grown, have recently moved from Brookline to Duxbury. Laird Boles is keeping busy performing and recording with a variety of groups and playing many different styles of music. Ames Byrd is on the Energy Committee for his town of Norwich, Vt. We hear that Peter Chadwick is now selling real estate in Florida and we hope that the market is recovering and that he is doing well. John Dewey reports that in April he will have completed his eighth year of teaching business classes at the University of Phoenix.

Jeff Franklin sends best wishes from sunny (or is that rainy!) southern California. Bruce Jones reports from the Land Down Under that all have responded to the recent flooding and Cyclone Yasi with characteristic fortitude and resilience. As the newspaper The Guardian reported: ‘Australians greeted the threat of the cyclone with black humour and defiance: on the plywood sealing up the front of the Hog’s Breath Café in Cairns, were spraypainted the words: ’Kiss my Yasi.’” BBN recently named Rob Leith the first recipient of The Founding Paideia Master Teacher Chair at the school and in late 2009 Ken Tyler was appointed Chairman of the Department of Neurology at the University of Colorado, Denver—congratulations to both of them!

Bert Shaw is working and living on the New Hampshire coast and doing well. Peter Smith recently did some Barrel Racing while on a riding vacation out West. Ride ’em Cowboy! Jeffrey Schwartz recently remarried. Best wishes to him and Robin! Jim Rosen is on the St. Maarten Time Share Association. Maybe we should hold our next reunion gathering in the Netherlands Antilles! Speaking of our Reunion—hope all calendars are marked with the date of May 14. From all indications there will be a great turnout.

John Bailey, Harry Blackman, John Dewey, Greg Garritt, Nick Mittell and Win Perkins had a mini-reunion at the Nobles-Milton Game last fall, at which they also had a chance to catch up with former faculty member John Paine. Nick and Harry got some exercise in the annual Nobles vs. Milton Alumni Soccer Game to start the day, but their effort still came in second to that of Win as he paced the sidelines in the exciting climax to the football game (unfortunately, won in overtime by Milton).

Most of the group, inspired by the school’s plans for “Reclaiming the Castle” (see the Winter Nobles Bulletin) took an impromptu tour of that beloved building rediscovering its secrets—dungeons, hidden rooms, etc. When the tour ended, two of the party had disappeared and have not been seen since! Perhaps they will emerge at the Reunion with tales of discovering the fabled secret Prohibition Era smugglers’ passage to the Charles River! Doc Dewey has this question for the class: Which profession has the largest number of adherents in the ‘71 Class: law, medicine, teaching, financial services/banking, computer industry, business, carpenter/contractor, architect, media/arts or “other”? Send us your responses. Winners will be announced at the Reunion Dinner. Hope to see you there!

Win Perkins writes, “As of fall 2011, my new home will be Austin, Texas. Ava will be graduating from high school in June, and after that happens, we will go to Texas. I have been working down there constantly over the last three years, and it is an environment where airports and airplanes are well-loved, and very necessary. They also like electric guitars in Austin. So I’m looking forward to finding some people in cowboy hats with Telecasters to play live music with. There is a lot of open space, and houses frequently come with backyards large enough to set up full-scale goalposts, so you can practice field goals and extra points, while your wife and daughter watch with admiration, and then shag the balls. You don’t even need a special zoning variance or building permit for it, because in Texas, goalposts are considered to be covered under the First Amendment as religious symbols.

The picture on the next page is of Austin-based Chris Mabery and me before the Texas-Wyoming game in 2010, while we were enjoying the experience of a 12-hour, LBJ-sized, full-blown Texas tailgate party in the parking lot outside Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium with approximately 80,000 of our close friends.
It will be nice to live where there is a proper balance between football and life its own self. Looking forward to the 40th Reunion, and hope to see everyone in the class who can make it back to Nobles.

George Parker writes, “Empty nest is just around the corner as our youngest Hannah will graduate from Elon in May. She may boomerang for the summer, but then it’s the real world. Older daughter LeeAnn graduated from Vanderbilt in 2008 and after two years teaching in Dover is now teaching first grade at a charter school in downtown Washington—very challenging! Son Corwin graduated from SMU in 2007, worked in real estate for three years, and is now looking to combine business and pleasure through a job in the golf world. Any ideas? I, for one, will be jealous! Ginna is a flower associate at the MFA, volunteers for many organizations, and keeps our two Labs happy at home. I’m still working as a consultant liaison at SSgA. The past three years have been challenging, but each day has its rewards. I’m involved with multiple outside activities with church and golf currently at the top of the list. Hope to see everyone in May for the Reunion and updates!”

Ed Newhook writes, “I plan on visiting Nobles in May for the Reunion. My wife, Maureen, and I moved to Washington, D.C., in 1984, and except for two years in Seattle have been here ever since. Our daughter Emily graduated from William and Mary last year and is contemplating grad school after an extended trip to Europe. I work at the United States Postal Service in D.C., and have been developing new programs and services for saturation and high-density mail class products. It’s more exciting than one would imagine. On the other hand, it is a 200-year-old quasi-government agency with more than 500,000 employees and $8.2 billion in debt. I’ve stayed in touch with Charlie Wyman and Bert Shaw and hope to see more old, aged faces from the Nobles community this spring at Reunion Weekend.”

1973
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Craig Sanger

1975
CLASS CORRESPONDENTS
Andrea Pape Truitt

Jed Dawson

Doug Floyd

Andrea Pape Truitt writes, “Great news, everyone! Albrecht has responded at last. I will start working on him for our 40th.”

From Albrecht von Loewenich: “I am still alive and kicking. Life is busy, our kids are growing up fast and we are aging likewise. I am a partner of Essen’s largest law firm, Kummerlein (www.Kummerlein.de). I hope you are well and apologize for not responding earlier. All the best”

Steve Kropper is very busy with his business as evidenced by the lead on a press release I received from Arkansas: “WindPole Ventures and AWS Truepower LLC recently announced plans to build a wind resource monitoring network for Arkansas. The data collected will provide wind farm developers with a better understanding of the wind resources available and thus encourage development in the state.” I trust it meant for me to glean whatever news I could as he is obviously up to his neck in windgators.

Wendy Taylor Patriquin writes, “Anne is home living with me now, 24/7, and I realize how blessed I was to have Cardinal Cushing Centers provide a home, an education and a loving, nurturing environment for our daughter for 10 years. The friendships she has made, the support she was given and the kindness she was shown have helped her grow to be the wonderful, fun-loving young lady she is today! I will find ways to continue to support the Cushing Community and those they serve! Our son, Josh, will be leaving us in May to begin his deployment training in California. He will be heading to Afghanistan, I think, in August or early September. Anne, faith and loving one day at a time will keep my chin up! Aside from shoveling, roof raking and ice breaking, we are surviving what seems to have been a wild winter! Thank goodness for Facebook, my camera and wonderful friends for keeping me smiling, challenged and knowing that there is a reason for everything!”

Bob Phinney writes, “It was really great to get together last spring for our 35th Reunion, but why wait ‘til the 40th? Let’s do it again this spring!”

Not much news in my family. My wife, Susan, is still an executive director at Johnson & Johnson, and my son, Matthew (now 26), is coaching boxing and MMA and, as a two-time Golden Gloves champion, is now training to go ‘pro’ in the ring. I am still director of the Clay Center at Dexter and Southfield Schools, teaching science and Latin, and running the summer Sci-Tech Camp.

I enjoyed attending Joe Swayne’s photography exhibit at Nobles’ Foster Gallery last fall and was pleased to see there Jim Bride, Bill Chamberlin, Tim Coggleshall, as well as Joe and Joanna. I bought two wonderful prints that remind me daily of Joe’s classes.”

Tee O’Shea writes, “Okay, okay. . .I know I have been silent for a while, but after numerous surgeries to fix things, maybe it’s time I say hi to you all. Life is good in Milford, Conn. I’m in touch with Bobby mostly, as well as Joel.”
and Fitz. My wife Susan is doing great things with Remax Right Choice. My daughter Erin, 16, is beautiful and about to get her driver’s license. No folks, she won’t go down the wrong way on a one way street, like I did.

She is on the swim team (sorry guys, no hockey sticks). Erin is pursuing the school record in the 100 Breast Stroke. Golf is good. Hey, Ted Almy—you’re close to me... our tee time is when? Your course or mine? My apologies for missing the last big Reunion...miss you all.”

By the time you get these notes the wild winter of 2011 will be a distant memory. It would have been a great winter for ski team and I hope our classmates were able to enjoy the wonderful snow if they so chose. We do have a few classmates that have fled for the Sun Belt.

Deceased classmates:
Dave Daniels
Gary Courtis
Charlie Craig
Doug Boles
Jim O’Donnell
Ruth Witbeck
Debbie Gray Wood

Rob Piana was promoted to Professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and still thrives on interventional cardiology, finding new ways to repair hearts, valves and vessels with less invasive techniques than traditional surgery. He writes, “The patients used to seem old, but now... With one in law school, two in college and one in high school, there seems little chance of transitioning to a life with no ‘on call,’ but it remains a privilege to help patients and to be stimulated by one’s profession. I am especially thankful to Nobles for giving me the chance to pursue an exposure to medicine as an elective with Cathy Gray’s dad, ‘Doc’ Gray. Doc Gray was truly inspirational, and I keep trying to live up to his legacy. Business visits to Harvard provide an excuse to catch up with Rob Shapiro periodically. Rob and our son, Mark, have also developed a friendship over his undergraduate career at Harvard. Thanks for the pointers, Rob. Most of all, I am very thankful to Cindy for 27 years of marriage to an amazing woman.”

Penn Young

Thirty-five years! Thanks to the Reunion Committee for planning the festivities for Saturday, May 14. Let’s all get there for a great day.

On behalf of the Reunion Committee, we would love to have all of you return to Nobles on May 14 for our 35th Reunion. We will swap stories of our lives, our children and have a nice meal with a few drinks.

We sincerely hope you will make the effort to return to campus not only to take in the physical beauty of the campus but also to renew and strengthen friendships fostered many years ago along the banks of the Charles River.

One bittersweet aspect of planning our Reunion is that it is a reminder of the classmates we have lost. Thinking of them inspired us to take a moment for remembrance. We hope you’ll do the same and perhaps bring some memories to share at Reunion.

Cathy Gray writes, “I am getting very excited for our 35th high school Reunion. It will be great to see everyone and catch up. Just as a little sneak preview, here is what is going on in my life. I am finally happily divorced and have returned to my own name—Cathy Gray! I have one fabulous daughter at the BU School of Ed. who first term made the Dean’s List and also helped the BU ski club to the regional. She is going to be living off campus as a sophomore, so that should be a fun experience for her mother! My other wonderful daughter is a sophomore, doing fabulously at Newton South High School and is also getting her time in on the slopes on the JV ski team. Bob the dog is now 8 years old, still a crazy halfhound, halfLab that doesn’t ski, but will do everything else on and in snow! And thanks to the marvel of hair coloring and being a card carrying member of Weight Watchers, I look pretty good for 52! Just try to tell me otherwise! And Lisa Weber Wood and I are still hitting the slopes together. The fun never ends.

Really hope I see everyone at the Reunion. It will be a blast, and it is always so nice to reconnect to people who all shared that tumultuous time together we call the high school years! And look, Rob Piana—I finally wrote something for Class Notes! Where is my gold star?”

Caroline Coggeshall writes, “I am still living in Boston’s South End with my husband, David Banta (with whom I will be celebrating 29 years of marriage in April—how did THAT happen?), where we have been experiencing quite the winter of snow and ice. General consensus is that we won’t be out from massive snow piles, now black with city dirt and hard as rocks, until sometime in April. Our younger daughter Emma ’13 is currently a sophomore at Nobles, and often comes home from school that involves friends whose last names—Henderson, Somerville, Sargent and the like—definitely have a familiar ring. Her older sister, Cara ’07 is now a senior at Colgate University, but will be returning to the nest next year to pursue her master’s in Middle School Ed at Lesley College in Cambridge, so we will have everyone back under one roof again. As luck would have it, her graduation is the same weekend as Reunion, so that will explain my absence!

I continue to feel lucky to have the time to involve myself in some wonderful local organizations that serve families and young students in Boston, especially Horizons for Homeless Children, where I volunteer in a daycare program for children whose families are in shelters, and Beacon Academy, a unique one-year eighth-grade school to help prepare kids for a transition to competitive independent high schools. The other night, Emma asked David and me what our favorite phase of life was, and we honestly told her that it just keeps getting better. How lucky we are to feel that way.”
Tom Lamb writes, “Since I’m not a ‘skier’ the only good thing about all the snow this winter is that hopefully more people will be looking to get away to places like BERMUDA! I’m still enjoying running my family’s Bermuda resort, the Pompano Beach Club, with my younger brother, Larry (I commute back and forth between Boston and Bermuda throughout the year and handle all of our sales and marketing out of my Acton office). Any Nobles classmates or alumni looking for a getaway this spring, summer or fall should give me a call and I’ll put together a deal for you! My wife, Sandy, and I have been married for more than 26 years (my, how time flies!). Our older daughter, Stacey, is in her sophomore year at Florida State University (She’s been laughing at all our snow filled photos as she studies in her flip-flops and shorts!). Our younger daughter, Rachael, is in her sophomore year at Acton-Boxborough Regional High School and is getting ready for the upcoming spring softball season. We have an adorable new Norfolk terrier named Brady. All the best to my Nobles classmates—hopefully I’ll get a chance to see you all at our 35th reunion in May!”

Elliott Pratt writes, “This July will mark my 25th wedding anniversary and I have to say that Tricia has truly been the BEST partner. We are enjoying the empty nest and have found the time to do more skiing, which was put on hold as the kids did not take to the snow and cold weather all that well!

The nest may not be empty for too much longer as our daughter Katie will graduate from Gettysburg College the weekend after our 35th Reunion and right now her plans are up in the air, though the offer to teach English in Barcelona doesn’t sound too bad to me!

Our twin boys will be finishing up their freshman years, Chris at Colby and Michael at Gettysburg. Both boys love where they are and in addition to focusing on academics, Michael is playing on the tennis team, and Chris is on the soccer team. Hope to see MANY of you on May 14th!”

1977

Elizabeth O. Riley writes, “I am living in Durham, N.H., and Bethel, Maine. Jay ’75 has become an English teacher and Dean of Athletics at Gould Academy. He is fulfilling a dream of teaching that he abandoned 30 years ago to pursue a business career. We live on campus and have six advisees to keep track of.

1979

CLASS CORRESPONDENTS
Holly Casner

John Almy

And so it came to pass that no one had anything to report. Nothing, nada, zippo, zilch. This is partially my fault for not following up with you about what’s going on in your life, but there’s nothing I can do about that now. What I do have are memories and right now I’m thinking about January and February 1979. In particular, I am for some reason fixated on the Boys’ Varsity Ice Hockey show-downs that winter against Belmont Hill. If I remember correctly, the game at Nobles was actually televised because it was such a big deal. It was a bitter cold night and because the Bliss Omni (as I think it was then called) was a covered but open air rink, the announcers on television referred to the arena as the icebox or the igloo (I’ll leave it up to you to decide). For some reason, I seem to recall being at a party in Wellesley to watch the game, possibly at Mark Byers’ house, but that detail is not confirmable (nor any of the other activities from that night of quiet debate and contemplation in a most scholarly fashion).

We had a very strong team that year led by our classmates Donnie Crowley, John Almy, Jaime Taylor, Paul Swartz, Kerry Kehoe, Bill Bliss and Sam Flood (if I omitted anyone,
do let me know). Belmont Hill also had a very strong team, one which had been at or near the top of the ISL for several years. It was a very close game, but here’s my problem: I can’t remember whether we won 2-1 or lost 2-1. I would be grateful if you could supply me with the answer.

And while you’re at it, share a little bit about your lives. I know I would be glad to hear from you.

1980
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Rob Capone

Rob Capone writes, "Well, folks, it has been awhile since I could get it together for our Class Notes but I am happy to say that I am back in the saddle once again and am riding that pony to give you the latest news on a few sharing classmates.

I did hear from one Mr. Rob Feldman who addressed his note to me as ‘Capo.’ I know I have not been called Capo in a very long time but it did remind me that we never had that nicknaming contest for this class and we may need to follow through with that effort at some point.

Anyway, Robbie Feldman wrote in and shared with me news about a mini Nobles Reunion with Paul Swartz (Swartzy) and Paula Swartz Pollack ’81 on Christmas Eve in Westwood, Mass. Turns out that Rob’s daughters are very good friends with the children of another Swartz—younger brother Robert (who did not go to Nobles) who, lo and behold, lives about a mile and a half away from your humble Class Correspondent and who hosted the Christmas Eve party. Some way, somehow, I completely missed that bash.

Rob is keeping himself very busy playing Saturday morning pickup hockey EVERY Saturday at the Roche Arena on VFW in W. Roxbury at 5:45 a.m. He was very gracious to invite me to come over anytime to play and while I appreciate the offer, I am actually busy at the same time taking my son to swim practice.

Rob has three children—Danny, 17, Jenna, 15, and Becca, 13—who are all in the Westwood schools and doing very well. They are actively involved in a ton of sports and keep extremely busy. Rob owns and runs a business called Atlantic Printing Company located in Needham, Mass., whose core market is private schools and colleges in the Boston area.

Lastly, he was very proud to tell me that he bought his second motorcycle recently—a Harley-Davidson Electra Glide. I like motorcycles but I couldn’t tell an Electra Glide from the Electric Slide. However, I think Rob F. knows what he is talking about and I assume the Electra Glide is one sweet ride. He is very much looking forward to the warm weather (true that in these parts!!) so that he can get it out on the road.

Next up, I heard from Caleb Tower with a quick but interesting and inspiring update. Caleb went on safari in Botswana and Zimbabwe at Christmas time with his parents, brothers (Seth ’74, Ethan ’75 and Josh ’78) and families. It seems that Caleb is auditioning to replace Bear Grylls on the Man vs. Wild reality show. His son Elliott took some incredible wildlife photos (see below). Caleb also mentioned that Victoria Falls earns its reputation as one of the ‘Seven Natural Wonders of the World’ and he mentioned that the Class 5 whitewater rafting below the falls is not to be missed.

In addition, Caleb keeps busy growing his company, P3Software, playing squash and trying to keep up with his sons, Alexander and Elliott, on the ski slopes.

Keep those cards and letters coming—Until next time."

1981
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Kim Rossi Stagliano

Barbara Swinton deButts writes, “As a member of our 30th Reunion committee, I have had the opportunity to get in touch with some old classmates, several of whom I had not seen since graduation. I had coffee with Berni Connelly, who I found out is living an hour away, drinks with Joan Alker, and conversations with Paula Swartz and Amanda Crane, just to name a few. I am happy to report that all are doing well. After each encounter, I was reminded of the intensity of the experience we shared at Nobles as well as how interesting my Nobles classmates are. It was really fun to hear what each was doing and nice to know that many of us are still trying to figure out what we want to be when we grow up.

To this end, I encourage you to join me and the rest of our class for our 30th Reunion at Nobles on Saturday, May 14, 2011. We will swap stories of our lives, our children, have a nice meal with a few drinks and take time to remember

Above: Caleb Tower ’80 and his family met a few new friends during an African safari.
Left: A family photo from Caleb Tower ’80; from left, sons Alexander (13), Elliott (13) and wife Dede
our classmates who are no longer with us. We sincerely hope you will make the effort to return to campus to renew and strengthen friendships fostered many years ago. We look forward to seeing you there!"

John Fiske writes, "My son Alex (14) and I went to New York in January. We visited the Intrepid aircraft carrier museum, the New York Public Library, MoMA, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Alex loved New York, but I was ready to leave when we did!

The second edition of The Library Book is now out, and I have just published The Pilots’ Guide to the Airports of Historic Massachusetts. Information is at www.johnfiske.com."

1982
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Holly Malkasian Staudinger

1983
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Nancy Sarkis Corcoran

Doug McLeod (Johns Hopkins University B.A. 1987, J.U. School of Law J.D. 1990) has been appointed Energy Commissioner of Maui County, Hawaii, where he will continue his work implementing renewable energy in an effort to make the islands less dependent on imported oil. The county has an annual budget of $520 million and includes the populated islands of Maui, Molokai and Lanai.

1985
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Ginny Stimpson Vatcher

1986
CLASS CORRESPONDENTS
Heather Markey Zink

Jessica Tyler writes, "Hi, everyone! Can you believe it’s almost our 25th Reunion?? It seems like yesterday that we gathered in the Bliss Omni and received our diplomas!"

Hopefully you are planning on attending our Reunion weekend on May 13-14, 2011. We have lots of fun and interesting stuff planned. For Friday night, Alicia Hesse Cleary is arranging an interesting and unique presentation called VOX Nobles 1986 that you won’t want to miss. This will be immediately followed by a cocktail party at Heather Markey Zink’s home in Needham. Saturday will be jam-packed with family-friendly events, including a live animal exhibit by Joy Densler Marzolf, the presentation by our class of the Coggeshall Award to Tim Coggeshall and the induction of two members of the Class of 1986, Steve Jordan and Garcia Major, into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Following these events will be our class dinner, which will be held Saturday night in the Castle.

To help get you up to speed for the Reunion, here is the latest news from members of our class:

Maryann Gately Post writes, “We adopted our daughter, Zoe Ann Post, from South Korea this fall. She was born on November 21, 2009, and joined our family on October 9. I traveled to Korea for 10 days with my dad and stepmom, and had the most incredible, emotional trip to meet Zoe. Her big brothers Charlie (7) and Brady (5) just adore her. We feel so happy and fortunate that Zoe is part of our family.”

Another new addition is the birth of Jack Madison, the first child of Jim Bisson ’87 and wife Beth. He was born on August 25, 2010 and he, like the Post children, is a Red Sox fan.

Craig Perry writes that he is “Holding down the fort here in Los Angeles. My 3-year-old Viking child Conner stands at a monstrous 3’6” and is providing exhausting fun for Courtney and me. I was in Vancouver for five months last year shooting Final Destination 5 (!!!) which is scheduled to be released this coming August 26, worldwide. And if everything goes according to plan, I’ll be in Atlanta this summer shooting a theatrical sequel to American Pie, featuring the original actors going to their 10-year high school reunion. I hope to be able to hop up to Boston and see everyone for our

25th! Needless to say, my goal for 2011 is to make a movie that isn’t a sequel... although I won’t jump off that gravy train anytime soon!”

On the move this year was Sarah Fullerson Le Roy. She moved with her family to Boulder, Colo. They are “loving Colorado and all it has to offer.” If you are in the area, she’d love to hear from you. Email her at leroy.sarah@gmail.com.

Eliza Kelly Beaulac

Jessica Tyler

Jack Madison, son of Jim Bisson ’87 and wife Beth, is already a member of Red Sox Nation.

Big brothers Charlie and Brady watch out for new sister, Zoe, while mom, Maryann Gately Post ’86 snaps the photo.
Also on the move was Jim Boyle. Jim writes, “I am delighted to report that Hanna and I moved to Lexington in 2008 with our kids Elena and James (now 5 and 4 respectively). At about the same time, I founded a best practices research company called Sustainability Roundtable Inc. We recently closed a Series A funding round and are growing aggressively to help meet the global need for ‘shared-cost’ services to support more sustainable business. I see Tim Kirk all the time and cannot wait to catch up with more folks from ’86.”

As for Tim, he emailed a photo of his wife Raphaelle and their two daughters at his daughter Laura’s graduation from Nobles in 2010. Laura is now enjoying her freshman year at Brown and Helen is a member of the Nobles Class of 2013.

Steffi Hartwell emailed a photo of her and her daughters. She writes that the photo was taken by her husband Doug while they were “in Florida visiting my mom (Mrs. H), who most will remember. She is a nurse, and I cannot get her to retire and move back north. Ella is 6 and Lela is 3. I am excited for Reunion.”

Stephen Jordan writes, “Things in Maine are going well and just waiting for all the snow to melt. We are still working at D.E.W. Animal Kingdom on the weekends and enjoying ourselves. We are in the process of trying to raise funds for the farm, which helps to support the animals (more than 200). If anyone happens to vacation up here during the summer, please stop by and visit. I wish the best to all of our classmates and their families. See you in May!”

DJ Murphy writes, “Karen and I welcomed our first daughter, Kate, into the world on Feb. 3. Our boys, Joe (6) and Jack (4), are coping well with the first real infusion of pink into their lives and, judging from their reaction, I expect she will be well protected and cared for.”

As for me, Jessica Tyler, two years ago I joined a small, startup catering firm called Lavishly Dunn as an event planner and manager of sales. We are growing steadily and I love being a part of the success and growth of the company. My son, Sam, is in fourth grade here in Duxbury and is keeping me busy with his active sports schedule!

Please try to come to our 25th Reunion in May. It will be a special weekend for us all!”

The New York Times gave a big shout-out to Lindsay Pollock, who has been named editor in chief of Art in America. The magazine’s publisher, art collector Peter Brant, referred to her as “among the most respected art journalists in New York. She brings a dynamic news sense and experience with Web-based arts coverage that will enhance our publications and platforms.”

Kate (Becher) de Mul writes, “My husband, Marc, and I welcomed Willem Robert Frederik de Mul into the world at 2:27 a.m. on October 16. Willem tipped the scales at 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 20 ¼ inches long. We are all doing well and are overjoyed!”

Jeff Foresman writes, “My wife Suzanne and I had our first child, Alexander, on October 28. It’s a real thrill. Who knows, maybe a future Nobles student!”

Geoff Doyle writes, “Hi, everybody! We are excited to announce the arrival of our latest addition, Graham Philip Doyle. Graham arrived early Wednesday morning, December 29, and tipped the scales at 7 pounds, 14 ounces and 21 inches long. Kristen and Graham are both doing great, and Caroline (3.5) and Patrick (2) are enjoying their new brother.”
Danielle (Coutu) Silletti writes, "I got married in 2008 at the Boston Harbor Hotel. Missy Wood Savage, Kelly and Rick Laferriere '87, Amy McCarthy Donovan and my brother Chris '89, were the Nobles grads at the wedding. I moved to NYC right after and work at Memorial Sloan Kettering. I had Julia on June 29, 2010."

Deb Nicolls Barbeau writes, "In December, Kelly Flynn and her husband, Peter Olugosch, welcomed a son, Theodore (Teddy). Teddy joins his older brother Charlie, 2. They live in Cambridge and Kelly continues to work as an equity research analyst at Credit Suisse in Boston.

Jeff Abrams writes, "I will not be able to attend the Reunion, as I am currently living in Kenya (Africa) with my wife and two young boys (ages 4 and 2). I am a microfinance consultant, working with an exiting microfinance bank here in East Africa. I'll be back in July, living in Dover. Have fun!"

Amy McCarthy Donovan writes, "Last year, my husband, Robbie, and I moved to Milton with our two little girls, Lauren (2) and Alexa (6 months). I'm still working from home for Allscripts, a medical software firm, and trying to catch up on so much needed sleep. Hope you are well. See you in May!"

Amy Farber writes, "I don't have much to report. However, when I am not teaching spinning, cooking, cleaning or driving around in circles taking my three boys to their various commitments, I can be found playing 'Words With Friends' with Nobles classmates Kelly Flynn and Amy McCarthy Donovan. It has been a great way to reconnect after all these years!"

Banker White reports, "I'm a multi-disciplinary artist splitting time between Dedham, Mass. (Yes, that's right, Dedham, Mass.!), San Francisco, Calif., and Freetown, Sierra Leone. I directed and produced the award-winning documentary Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars (www.refugeeallstars.org) and recently founded WeOwnTV—a film school and Media Center in Freetown, Sierra Leone (www.wewonntv.org). In a perpetual state of creation and collaboration, recent work in film/video and the fine arts has been awarded and supported by The Tribeca Film Institute, Sundance Documentary Fund, among others. I'm a graduate of Middlebury College (BA 1996) and California College of the Arts (MFA 2000)."

Nick Jackson recently returned to Boston to open and run an office of planners and engineers for Toole Design Groups—a small design firm recognized as a national leader in walking and bicycling. Nick is currently leading the development of new street and sidewalk design guidelines for the City of Boston. His firm is also responsible for the design of new bike lanes sprouting up throughout the city—including on Commonwealth Avenue through
I was back in Natick for a week in February looking for a real job (teachers’ conference in Boston courtesy of Carney Sandoe) and bumped into Jeremy Delinsky and Sherry (Selwyn) Delinsky at Roche Bros. Pretty cool. Chatted with them for a bit. They are still together after 18 years! I didn’t end up getting (or really wanting) a job as a teacher but I did get to see Ben Snyder briefly which was nice. He was extremely helpful in trying to get me into the independent school world and I greatly appreciate all that he did.

So bottom line is that we will soon be back in New England and I’m really looking forward to the 20th. Should be fun. Look for my music on FB, ITunes and the web (once I get it all on there)."

Sam Jackson is an executive director at Haverhill Crossings Senior Living. He still resides in Andover with his wife, Nicole, and children, Brooks (7) and Maeve (5). This past January he went back to school, starting the completion of his Master’s of Aging Services degree from the University of Baltimore-Maryland County. He will be flying back and forth to Baltimore every three weeks over the next 16 months. In October, he attended the wedding of old friend Carolyn Flynn and Dana Chamberlain, which was a beautiful affair.

1994
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Annie Stephenson Murphy

Hunter Woolley writes, "We did have baby #2—Duggan John Woolley. He was born on November 5. He and my wife, Ann, are doing great.”

Congratulations to Stephan Seiffert, who married Nina Parameswaran in Hamburg, Germany, on October 30, 2010. He is a tax attorney at Ernst & Young and she is an attorney at Freshfields, an international law firm.

Kevin Sullivan writes, "My wife, Adrienne, and I welcomed our third, Claire, in May. Kevin (5) and Andrew (3) love her to a point of danger. We’re having a great winter getting the boys up and running on skis, and they love every minute of it. Still practicing commercial real estate law in Boston (WilmerHale) and living in Hingham, and not planning to go anywhere soon—we love the town."

Jeb Bentley is living in Milwaukee with his wife, Maia, and their three kids, Sarah (5), Emerson (4), and Jack (1). They have been keeping busy this winter with skiing (there are some very small skiable hills in Wisconsin) and hockey (coaching Sarah’s “Atoms” team).

Stephan Seiffert ’93 and his wife Nina Parameswaran

Jessica Becker Cooperman announces that on October 5, Alexandra Erin Cooperman was born. At 4 ½ months old, Alexandra already has Jessica and her husband, Mike, wrapped around her little finger. They live in New Jersey.

Chris Irwin sent this update. "Still living in Germany but leaving this May after three years abroad. I’m actually detaching from the Navy after 14 years of active duty and plan to (get this) just play music in bars around Newport, R.I. Pretty much getting rid of all the excess stuff that I have been dragging around and renting a small family house in Newport for the near future. It’s amazing how cheaply you can live when you have no mortgage, no debt and no car payments. My wife and I will still be Reservists which pulls in some extra income each month. Our two boys are now 4 and 2.5 and are doing well in the local German kindergarten.

1992
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Lynne Dumas Davis

Erin Purcell Gallo

From left, Classics teacher George Blake with his cousins, Kate Mandell ’92 and Laura Mandell Goldworm ’98, visiting the Castle

1993
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Sam Jackson

"We did have baby #2—Duggan John Woolley. He was born on November 5. He and my wife, Ann, are doing great."
1995
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Kelly Flaman

Vanessa Berberian writes, "We actually have some news to share. We just welcomed the newest member of our family. Frederik Mattias Fernquest was born on Friday, February 11. Two-year-old Magali is very excited to be a big sister and we are all doing well! We are still in London—avoiding all the snow storms over here."

Danny Fine writes, "Sarah and I recently moved to London, where Sarah is on the faculty of University College London, teaching international history."

1996
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Alex Slawsby

Ben Thompson writes, "I married Courtney Urfer in Seal Harbor, Maine, last August, followed by honeymoon in South Africa and Zambia. Courtney and I recently moved into our new home up the Upper East Side in NYC. I’m still working as a producer for CNBC and Courtney just completed her master’s program in psychology."

Kate (Connelly) Wade writes, "Our daughter Emily Ann Wade was born on July 23, 2010. Although she started at a wee 6 pounds, 15 ounces, she’s almost 20 now (and getting bigger every day...we’ve taken to calling her ‘Thunder’...not sure how she’ll feel about that someday!). We had a wonderful visit this summer with Jenny Sherman Moloney who took some beautiful family photos. Check her out at www.jennymoloney.com! Also, ‘Uncle’ Paul (Guthrie) hung out with Em this winter and was a huge hit. I’m looking forward to the reunion in May and some serious beach time this summer! All the best to ‘96..."

Christopher Tennant writes in that he recently started a new job as online editor of Vanity Fair magazine.

Tom McBride writes, "This past summer I began work on a new solo record, A Brief Head Spin, which was recorded up in Brooklyn, N.Y., at Seaside Lounge, with additional tracking back here in D.C., and mixed in Dallas. I started the project with 30-plus songs floating around and, with the help of a longtime friend of mine, Sean Greenhalgh, who produced the record with me, we scaled the album down to the best 10 tracks that capture the mood and style I was going for. Despite the challenges of completing a record as a solo, independent artist, I’m really happy with the final album and what was captured.

The record released in digital format on Thursday, March 17."

From left, Ben Thompson, Patrick Kelly, Jon Rechner, all Class of ’96, and David Levinson (Belmont Hill ’96)

From left, Ben Thompson, Patrick Kelly, Jon Rechner, all Class of ’96, and David Levinson (Belmont Hill ’96)

Courtney and Ben Thompson ’96, with their wedding party

The Wade Family: Kate (Connelly) ’96, Emily and Kenneth

Bring on the sun! Emily, daughter of Kate (Connelly) Wade ’96, is ready for summer.
honeymoon to London and Paris, and then settled back to our lives in Vermont. We are very happy to announce the birth of our
daughter Sadie Anne Lizotte, born on December
7, 2010. She was the most fabulous
Christmas gift!

Laura Mandell Goldworm '98 and her
sister Kate Mandell '92 popped by 10 Camp
us Drive to visit their cousin, Classics teacher
George Blake. They couldn't resist a visit to
the Castle! Check out the photo on page 54.

Caroline Geuss Farris and her husband Paul
Farris celebrated the birth of their second child,
Abigail Farris, on August 4. They are living in
Scituate, Mass. Caroline is a sixth-grade English
teacher at Hingham Middle School.

Julie Palombo writes, "My husband Greg
and I welcomed Zackary Michael Wallace on
May 20, 2010. Zack loves spending time with
his uncles, Joe Palombo '00 and Steve
Palombo '06!"

1999
CLASS CORRESPONDENTS
Kate Treitman

Stephanie Trussell

Leanne Gallagher started a new position
as the global director of strategic accounts
for the Global Hotel Alliance, Omni Hotels &
Resorts, and Kempinski Hotels. Congrats,
Leanne!

2000
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Lisa Marx

Ali Fahey writes, "I got married on July 10,
2010, to Kent Harrington in Falmouth, Mass."

"I was ordained an Episcopal priest on
January 8, and have been the assistant rector
at St. James's Episcopal Church in Cambridge
for nearly eight months," reports Edwin
Johnson. "Life is great."

Karen Abraham Silver reports, "I ran the
NYC Marathon in November 2010, and plan
to run it again this coming fall! I will be graduat-
ing with my PsyD in Clinical Psychology"
from Yeshiva University in May 2011 and will be beginning a postdoctoral fellowship at the Center for Cognitive and Dialectical Behavior Therapy on Long Island, N.Y."

"I'm working as an associate at a mid-sized civil litigation firm in Boston and am engaged to Aaron Wyatt," writes Kate O'Donnell. "We are planning a June 2011 wedding."

Meredith Anas recently finished graduate school and is working as a psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner. "I have a behavioral health fellowship at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates where I do outpatient individual, couples, and family therapy and prescribe. Children are my specialty so I spend a lot of time on the floor doing play or art therapy," she reports.

Lisa Marx writes, "I am a first year at Emory University's Goizueta Business School focusing on marketing and technology. This summer I have received a fellowship to work in Israel with Israeli entrepreneurs on patents they are developing at Technion—Israel Institute of Technology."

2001
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Lauren Kenney

Congratulations to Lisa Cahan on her recent engagement to Cory Rhoades.

Jason Krugman writes, "I got married on December 19, 2010! My bride's name is Rumi Ishino. She is a jeweler and we met in the building where we both have studios. We just moved to the Bedford Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn and continue to work as an artist, making custom LED pieces and interactive installations. Right now I am finishing up a chandelier commissioned by United Colors of Benetton."

Kea Gilbert writes, "I'm immensely enjoying being a fourth-year medical student at the University of Pennsylvania. This year, I traveled to Florence and Puglia, experienced the phenomenon known as Burning Man, almost died backpacking in Yosemite, and am tempting fate again by embarking on a six-week trip to India this spring. Although I wish I could be a professional MS4 forever, matching in a combined Medicine/Pediatrics residency to eventually pursue Adolescent Medicine would be a pretty sweet second choice. I still think of Fred Sculco as the spark who started it all, and am forever indebted to him for his unbridled love of teaching, which helped me realize that biology is just plain awesome."

Jillian Tuck writes, "I am a second year law student at Northeastern University but have spent six of the last nine months on the Mexican border in El Paso, Texas. I'm currently working for Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center where I provide legal services to folks fleeing the drug cartel violence in Ciudad Juarez and are seeking asylum in the States."

Astrid Lewis-Thorne writes, "I am living in New York and am recently engaged to Thomas Burns. Also, I have become certified at UVM in Artisanal Cheese making through their agricultural school and have also started my own jewelry company, astридpetersonjewelry.com. I had a great time seeing Carol Bercovitch, Katherine Mahoney, Elizabeth Besser Novak, Andrea Berberian and her husband Steve Gardos '98 for dinner in January."

Gabe Abromovitz writes, "News for me since college: from 2007-2009 I was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Thailand, I returned to school for a master's in International Development at George Washington University, but took a leave of absence after my first year and have been working in Haiti since June 2010 for International Relief and Development (IRD) on a USAID funded project. I will resume my classes in May of 2011 and hope to finish my MA in the fall semester."

Alexandra Templer writes, "Hello! I live in St. Louis and am preparing to apply to Clinical Psychology programs specializing in pediatric/adult neuropsychology. I work at Washington University medical school managing a study on neurofibromatosis and executive function after spending three years helping run a startup residential green consulting company. I am submitting my first publication this week. I also teach yoga in several studios/gyms and teach a mindfulness class for cancer patients through the Cancer Support Community. I am constantly bringing science to meditation and meditation to science. What fun! Can't wait to see everyone at the Reunion."

2002
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
William N. Duffy III
Laura Bond writes, “This is long overdue, but I got married in June 2010 to Kevin Sunderland in York Harbor, Maine.” Congratulations, Laura! Check out the photo (above), which includes her dad, Whit Bond, and his friends from the Class of ’59. The couple lives in Maine, where Laura is an art teacher.

Zach Foster recently got engaged to Janie Mackay. Janie and Zach met at Middlebury and will marry this September in St. Louis.

2003
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Nick DiCarlo

Congratulations are in order as a Nobles ’03 wedding is upon us! Meaghan Tanguay and Tom White are engaged! According to Facebook, a lot of our classmates are excited about it. Congrats, Meg and Tom.

Teodoro Barros writes that he is currently working for Housing Opportunities Unlimited as a youth outreach specialist. “I primarily work with 18- to 25-year-old youths to help them stay in school, graduate and hopefully go on to college. We also help those who prefer a different route into GED programs or employment by building their resumes.” Teo also works part-time as a real estate agent with Century21, and is practicing Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, trademarking a Jiu Jitsu clothing/merchandise brand, getting ready to purchase his first car, and applying to law school.

Christine Moynihan is running the Boston Marathon for a second straight year for Dana Farber in memory of her mom. “It has been a very challenging winter for training with all the snow and I am looking forward to spring! If you are in the Boston area on April 18, please come out and support my teammates and me, as we strive for the ultimate finish line, A World Without Cancer.”

Jeff Egizi is “managing a pool of financial assets for ultra-high net worth individuals in the hopes of one day becoming an ultra-high net worth individual.”

Ian Graham writes, “I have retired and play World of Warcraft from my sailboat in the Bahamas in the hopes of one day challenging Paul Rietz in ‘Magic the Gathering.’”

Nick DiCarlo writes, “As for me, I begin law school at Georgetown in the fall. I plan on staying at my job as a congressional aide for Rep. Tommy Baldwin (D-WI) and going to class at night. Given that I will have absolutely no life, I need someone else to assume the duty of cultivating our Class Notes.” Any takers? Contact Director of Graduate Affairs Brooke Arnis at brooke.arnis@nobles.edu or Assistant Director of Communications Julie Guptill at julie.guptill@nobles.edu.

2004
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Carolyn Sheehan

We’ll be seeing more of Chris Tierney on the soccer field. The New England Revolution re-signed him to a long-term contract this January. Congratulations, Chris!”
**2005**

**CLASS CORRESPONDENT**

**Saul Gorman**

Nick Kistner writes, "I am currently working for the Nielsen Company in New York, N.Y., measuring TV and online ad effectiveness. Past projects include seeing which Super Bowl advertisements Americans liked the most and reporting to companies such as Microsoft and Amazon Kindle on how well their ad campaigns are performing. I am also living with fellow classmate Sam Farber ’05. While our rent is slowly bankrupting us, we are having a great time!"

Marya Stansky writes, "I am co-directing Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, the spring play at my school (PS 69x in the South Bronx) and wrapping up my second year teaching fourth grade!"

**2006**

**CLASS CORRESPONDENT**

**E.B. Bartels**

In this Spring 2011 edition of the Nobles Bulletin, I write to you from sunny Los Angeles with guest correspondent Erin Greene by my side. An impromptu Nobles reunion occurred serendipitously as I—E.B. Bartels—along with Mike Shanahan and Jason Levine each journeyed to the West Coast to visit Erin Greene and Nelson DeCastro.

Some updates learned over the course of our visit: Nelson DeCastro is still enjoying West Coast life after graduating from the USC School of Cinematic Arts, currently working on various animation projects. Erin Greene is desperately avoiding writing her graduate thesis for her master’s in International Relations at USC by road tripping to Las Vegas with friends in search of Dunkin’ Donuts. Mike Shanahan is finishing up his last semester at Georgetown and has taken up “Urban Camping” (your guess is as good as mine). And Jason Levine has not gotten any better at bowling since graduation.

Other updates since our last issue together: Adam Benjamin graduated from Williams College in June 2010 with a degree in Art History (a focus on architectural design). After a summer internship with Suffolk Construction for the past three summers, Adam was hired fulltime into the Suffolk Career Start Program, working as a project engineer. He enjoys his work, gets to work really early in the morning, and is following his childhood dream to “build cities.” During his years at Williams, and now in his spare time, Adam (a.k.a. KidBeats) is a DJ in the Boston club scene and his genre is House Music.

Greg Croak writes, “Matt Cambria ’05, Rob O’Block ’05 and I have continued working to further the greatness of Project Blue Book, our funk/jam/rock/psychadelic gutbusting groove band. We will release our first full-length album titled ‘Cheetah Speed’ in the next few weeks, and it will likely be available on iTunes by the time the Bulletin comes out. It was produced by Alan Evans, the drummer for Soulive, a legendary local funk band. The CD release tour will have traveled through New York City, Los Angeles, Santa Clara, San Francisco, and Boston by that time and featured Cam Goodrich ’03 and Offiong Bassey ’03.”

Krysten Keches writes, “Hi, everyone! I’m spending the year in Canberra, Australia, pursuing a graduate diploma in harp performance at the Australian National University. I’m having a great time living ‘Down Under,’ but I’m sad that I won’t be able to make our Reunion. Looking forward to hearing all about it when I get back to Boston!”

And as for me, E.B. Bartels, in an out-of-character move, I am currently training to run half of the Boston Marathon—from Hopkinton to my alma mater, Wellesley. Let’s see if I survive and make it to the Reunion.

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Study break! Marya Stansky ’05 poses with some of her students.

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A serendipitous ’06 reunion in Los Angeles’ Little Ethiopia. Left to right: E.B. Bartels, Erin Greene, Nelson DeCastro, Jason Levine (who had to leave on an earlier flight) and Mike Shanahan.
Front row, from left: Ben Wiggins ’10, Chris Steele ’08, Doug Parizeau ’07. Back Row, from left: Whit Bond ’59, Chris Burr, Mike Griffin ’08, Nick Resor ’08, Tim Carey and Mark Spence

Speaking of which, what’s that? If you haven’t already heard, our Five Year Reunion is this May 14. After a fun-filled day of general reunion merriment, we will have the chance to eat, drink and let slip what we’ve actually been up to recently (unemployment, moving away from home, crushed dreams, etc.). Erin and I will be there. Will you?

2007
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Matt Stansky

2008
On January 15, Nobles graduates and faculty members gathered at Middlebury College for a celebration of the 1961 Middlebury hockey team. Among those in attendance were three current Nobles teachers who each served as captain of the Middlebury team—Chris Burr (1973 captain), Tim Carey (1965 captain) and Mark Spence (1999 captain) and five Nobles graduates who currently play hockey for Middlebury—Mike Griffin ’08, Nick Resor ’08, Ben Wiggins ’10, Chris Steele ’08 and Doug Parizeau ’07. Whit Bond ’59 was also there to visit two former recipients and one current recipient of the Edward L. Bond Memorial Scholarship, in memory of his brother Ted ’58, (Middlebury ’62).

2009
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Liz Rappaport

2010
CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Holly Foster

Marriages
Danielle (Coutu) Silletti ’91 to Joseph Silletti in 2008
Stephan Seiffert ’93 to Nina Parmeswaran on October 30, 2010
Ben Thompson ’96 to Courtney Urfer in August 2010
Rachael (Karp) Lizotte ’98 to Michael Lizotte on September 19, 2009
Ali Fahey ’00 to Kent Harrington on July 10, 2010
Laura Bond ’02 to Kevin Sunderland in June 2010

New Arrivals
Maryann (Gately) Post ’86 and husband Charles welcomed daughter, Zoe Ann Post into the family on October 9, 2010. She was born on November 21, 2009, in South Korea.
DJ Murphy ’86 and wife Karen had a girl, Kate, on February 3, 2011.
Jim Bisson ’87 and wife Beth had a boy, Jack Madison, on August 25, 2010.
Kate (Becher) de Mul ’89 and husband Marc had a boy, Willem Robert Frederik de Mul, on October 16, 2010.

Jeff Foresman ’89 and wife Suzanne had a boy, Alexander, on October 28, 2010.
Geoff Doyle ’90 and wife Kristen had a boy, Graham Philip Doyle, on December 29, 2010.
Marta (Magallanes) Gonzalez ’90 and husband Manuel had a girl, Maria Alvarez Gonzalez, January 12, 2011.
Danielle (Coutu) Silletti ’91 and husband Joseph Silletti had a girl, Julia, on June 29, 2010.
Deb (Nicolls) Barbeau ’91 and husband JB had a boy, Harry Rex Barbeau, on September 12, 2010.
Kelly Flynn ’91 and husband Peter Drugosch had a boy, Theodore “Teddy,” in December 2010.
Kevin Sullivan ’93 and wife Adrienne had a girl, Claire, in May 2010.
Jessica (Becker) Cooperman ’93 and husband Mike had a girl, Alexandra Erin Cooperman, on October 5, 2010.
Hunter Woolley ’94 and wife Ann had a boy, Duggan John Woolley, on November 5, 2010.
Vanessa Berberian ’95 and husband Matthew John Fernquest had a boy, Frederik Mattias Fernquest, on Friday, February 11.
Kate (Connelly) Wade ’96 and husband Kenneth had a girl, Emily Ann, on July 23, 2010.
Rachael (Karp) Lizotte ’98 and husband Michael Lizotte had a girl, Sadie Anne Lizotte, on December 7, 2010.
Caroline (Gess) Farris ’98 and husband Paul Farris had a girl, Abigail Farris, on August 4, 2010.
Julie Wallace Palombo ’98 and husband Greg had a boy, Zackary Michael Wallace, on May 20, 2010.

Engagements
Kate O’Donnell ’00 to Aaron Wyatt
Lisa Cahan ’01 to Cory Rhoades
Astrid Lewis-Thorne ’01 to Thomas Burns
Zach Foster ’02 to Janie Mackay
Meaghan Tanguay ’03 to Tom White ’03
Elissa Hoagland ’05 to Ruben Izmailyan
In Memoriam

We offer the following corrections and additions to the obituary for Robert Bradley “R.B.” Cutler ’31, which appeared in the Winter 2010-2011 issue of the Bulletin:

R.B. Cutler had three brothers, Roger, Joseph Bradley ’35 and Eric ’36. He received the Miller Medal in 1931 and was a member of the Riverside Boat Club for 75 years, from 1935 to 2010 (not 89 years, as was previously printed). Cutler was the first of his generation to attend Nobles and was followed by 11 brothers and cousins. His father, Roger W. Cutler V’07, was one of five Cutler brothers from the Volkman School, which merged with Nobles in 1917.

Philip Thayer ’32 died on January 28, 2011, at the age of 96. He was born in 1914 in West Newton and raised in Boston. He came to Nobles as a freshman and, according to his classmates, “immediately assumed the scholastic leadership of the class.” He received the Trustees’ Prize three years in a row, and he was also a standout on the baseball and the crew teams.

Thayer went on to Harvard and graduated in 1936 with an A.B. in physics and A.M. in communications engineering. He then went to work for Bell Laboratory, where he was employed for more than 50 years, retiring as executive director of computer technology. Thayer was also a veteran of the U.S. Navy, in which he served from 1943-1953. Outside of work, he was on the Montclair College Board of Trustees, Board of Trustees at the Morris Museum of Arts and Science and, throughout his life, he was an avid golfer, swimmer, sailor and volunteer. He leaves his daughter, Marjorie Brown, and his daughter, Juliette Thayer.

Richard Williams ’43 died on January 19, 2011, after a brief battle against cancer. He was born in 1925 and came to Nobles in Class III. At Nobles, Williams (also known to his classmates as “Shorty”) took part in the Glee Club, Quartets, Orchestra, Student Council, as well as the football, baseball and track teams.

He attended Harvard College and left in his third year to join the Navy. He served for three years on the U.S.S. Champlin during World War II. After returning from the war, Williams took a job at the Shawmut Bank of Boston. There, he worked his way up to senior vice president in charge of the real estate department, retiring after 39 years. He enjoyed his retirement by playing tennis and golf and by traveling. Williams is survived by his wife, Cynthia; his two daughters, Emily and Susan; and his three grandchildren, Emily, Richard and Courtneu.

Robert Huson ’45 died on November 26, 2011, at the age of 84. He was born in 1926 and spent his childhood years in Wynnwood, Pa., and Boston. Huson came to Nobles in Class IV, where, among other activities, he played football, hockey, and crew and was in the Glee Club. He went on to Amherst College and then served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Herbert C. Jones destroyer escort in the South Pacific during WWII.

In his career, Huson worked in the building materials field in sales and marketing. He retired from Lumberman’s Merchandising Corporation in 1994.

Huson loved his family and friends, his cottage on Biscay Pond, Maine, sailing, tennis, skiing with his children, and all dogs. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Elizabeth “Betty” Dalbeck Huson, his children Robert, Richard, and Elizabeth Finegan; and his grandchildren Mark, Kimberly Zorch, Noah Finegan, Jack Finegan, John Relic, and Matthew Fair.

James Walker ’45 died peacefully at his home on January 6, 2011, in Avon, Conn. He leaves his loving wife of 46 years, Audrey; two children, James Jr. and Holly Nixon; six grandchildren; and two siblings. Walker was born in Bryn Mawr, Penn., and joined his older brother Peter ’44 at Nobles as a sophomore. At Nobles, Walker was involved in numerous activities, including Student Council, Glee Club, Dance Committee and three athletics squads. He received a B.A. from Williams College, a M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and a M.S. in Hygiene from Harvard University. After graduation from medical school, he entered the U.S. Army, where he served as a captain in the medical service branch during the Korean Conflict.

Walker returned to Boston to begin programs to benefit urban poor by establishing preventative medical outreach programs. In 1965, he helped found the University of Connecticut Medical Health Center, where he worked as a professor for many years. In the mid-1980s, Walker became medical director at Avery Heights in Hartford. He gave to his community in numerous ways, including serving as the associate director of the Center on Aging at the University.

Maynard “Bunt” Powning ’49 died on February 23, 2011, from complications of Alzheimer’s. Powning leaves his wife Andrea, son Philip, daughter Caroline Arbury and three beloved grandchildren.

Although he traveled the world, he was born in Boston and spent most of his life in Massachusetts. At Nobles, Powning was well-liked among his classmates for his “varied outside interests and quiet modesty.” During his three years at Nobles, Powning received the Harvard Club Prize for Scholarship and the Davis Cup for Sportsmanship, on top of his involvement in Glee Club, the Quartets, and Student Council, and other activities.

Bunt graduated from Harvard in 1953, with a degree in psychology, and then served in the U.S. Air Force in Korea as an aircraft controller. He ran Koehler Manufacturing Company in Marlboro, Mass., for 40 years. Outside of his career, Bunt was an avid hunter, fisherman, and skier. He was a member of the Somerset Club, the Harvard Club of Boston and Acoaxet, Mass., and the Spindle Rock Club of Westport, Mass.
William “Hart” Perry ’51 died on February 3, 2011, after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Gillian; his five children, William, Theodore, Alissa Cumprech, Alexandra Mills and Colin; and 12 grandchildren. Perry was born in Newton in 1933 and came to Nobles in Class V. He was a terrific three-sport athlete whose skill and “undying spirit” made him an asset to the soccer and hockey teams. It was also at Nobles that he was introduced to the sport of rowing, leading to a lifetime of “passion and dedication that would touch thousands of lives beyond his own.”

After Nobles, Perry attended Dartmouth College and then joined the faculty of Kent School for more than 40 years. He leaves a tremendous legacy within the rowing community. Throughout his life, Perry held numerous coaching positions at Dartmouth, Kent School and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, among others. He also worked as an official at numerous world championships, including the World Rowing Championships, the Olympic Games, and, in 1974, he became the first non-British citizen to be elected a steward of the Henley Royal Regatta. He served as the president of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen (predecessor to USRowing) and was the Executive Director of the National Rowing Association. Perry received numerous honors throughout his career, including the U.S. Rowing Medal of Honor, the 2010 World Rowing Distinguished Service to Rowing Award, and induction into the National Rowing Hall of Fame.

David Perry ’59 died peacefully on January 23, 2011, in San Francisco, Calif., after a long battle with cancer. Perry was born in 1940 and grew up in Dedham. He attended Dexter School with a number of his soon-to-be Nobles classmates and lifelong friends, including the late Edward Bond ’58, Whitford “Whit” Bond ’59, Richard “Dick” Frazee ’59 and William “Bill” Frederick ’59. At Nobles, he played soccer and tennis; was a member of the Debating and Dramatics Club; and was on the Nobleman Board. After Nobles, Perry attended Amherst College and then Law School at Berkeley. Ultimately, he settled in San Francisco and worked at Kaiser for many years before becoming their General Counsel.

His classmates write that, “Dave was very loyal to his Nobles classmates, attending most Reunions and quietly sponsoring many class events. His kind and gentle approach to life will be sorely missed. Our 50th Class Reunion in 2009 was one of Dave’s happiest memories as well as the trip in 2007 to France that he enjoyed with several classmates in Strasbourg and Paris. It was on this trip that he hosted one of our most memorable dinners.”

John Warren ’64 died at his home in Natick on February 6, 2011. He was born in Boston and grew up in Dedham. Warren spent six years at Nobles, where he was a member of Deutscher Verein and the Dramatic Club. He attended Harvard College and then pursued his studies of German language and literature at the German for Foreigners Institute in Munich and at the University of Indiana.

Warren’s lifelong vocation and talent was in music, beginning in his childhood with the study of piano. In the 1964 yearbook, his classmates noted that he would be “best remembered for his diverting performances on (and off) the music room piano.” Later, he studied composition with Herman Weiss and composed numerous pieces, including string quartets, piano sonatas, symphonies, concerti and other chamber music. Warren leaves his sisters, Janet Rogers and Constance Mery; his brother Richard; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Kim Smith; An Appreciation
Kim Smith, longtime business manager at Noble and Greenough, died at his home in Concord, Mass., this winter. We asked former Head of School Dick Baker to share his memories of Smith.

Kim Smith was one of those individuals who came across as larger than life—an ebullience of humor, a stentorian voice, a directness in his approach to almost everything and an inspirational generosity of spirit. While forceful when it was necessary, his personality was geared more to tact and diplomacy, listening carefully and drawing others out. Optimism was his hallmark, and he sprinkled it liberally in all aspects of his life.

He was a man of independent schools, possessed of an eclectic resume that spanned the full range from teacher/coach to headmaster with lots of administrative experience in between. He came to Nobles as something of a knight in shining armor prepared to rescue the school after a particularly devastating administrative loss. Ben Lawson, the venerable Business Manager for decades, who had superbly guided the school financially for decades, had retired in spring 1979. An able replacement lasted only a few months and then decided the job was not to his liking. He departed immediately. Headmaster Ted Gleason drew on an old friendship, asking Kim to become the Business Manager (Kim had probably planned a few gentle years of retirement after serving as the Head of Fenn for nearly a decade.) But, he rode in, took control and at least in the years of the late ’80s and early ’90s, was the primary force for upgrading the entire institutional infrastructure. He was, in a sense, the architect for much of the school that exists today.

In 1987, he must have an almost overwhelming sense of increased responsibility when the tried (Gleason) was replaced by the untired (Baker). I often wondered whether he asked himself, “do I have enough still in me to break in a new Head?”

He did and he did, and I was always the wiser for his counsel.

The image of the knight whose role was always slanted toward rescue was reinforced by Kim’s most magical innovation, a kind of alchemical transmutation of base metal into gold. At moments when decisions about the construction of new buildings teetered on the knife-edge of the achievement of the Development Office and time pressure was acute, Kim always found a financial way to resolution. And, because of him and his replacement, Bill Chamberlin, the buildings went up—one, two, three, four, five. No single person was as responsible for that architectural transformation as Kim Smith. And, to take that transformation one step further, the school’s identity, its psyche, differs today because of what Kim accomplished. As Churchill once said, “We shape buildings and then our buildings shape us.” In a sense Kim is still “shaping us.”

His final years must have been difficult. He lost the power of his legs in his later years because of a youthful skiing accident and finally was confined to a wheelchair. But if the word “indomitable” deserves application to any human being, I think Kim qualifies. Nobles owes him prodigious applause.

—Dick Baker
Anyone You Know?

Noble and Greenough Archivist ISA SCHAFF is in the process of cataloging images and objects as Nobles’ 150th birthday draws nearer. Can you help provide details about either of these photographs? We would particularly like to know the identity of the gentleman with the pipe. The picture of the group of girls was taken at graduation in 1977—but we would like to know the names of everyone in the photo. If you can help, please contact Director of Communications CATHERINE O’NEILL GRACE at catherine_grace@nobles.edu.

ISO Missing Yearbooks
To complete the school’s collection, the Archives is in search of yearbooks for the following Nobles classes. If you can provide a copy or loan us one to scan, please contact Archivist Isa Schaff at isa_schaff@nobles.edu.

- 1916
- 1918
- 1919
- 1922
- 1925
- 1946
- 1976
- 1979
- 1982
- 1985
- 1990
- 1992
- 1997
- 2007
- 2008
A Young Family's Gratitude
Why Jeremy Delinsky '93 and Sherrie Selwyn Delinsky '94 give to Nobles

Jeremy is senior vice president and chief technology officer at athenahealth. Sherrie is a clinical psychologist in private practice. Both are contributors to the Annual Nobles Fund.
What three titles would you choose to describe your main roles in life?
Jeremy: Dad, citizen and athenista (what we call ourselves at athenahealth).
Sherrie: Mother, wife and therapist.

Favorite place to be on earth?
Sherrie: Outside in our yard in the summertime or in bed snuggling with the kids on a weekend morning.
Jeremy: I have to agree with Sherrie: snuggling and watching TV in bed with the kids on Saturday mornings.

Favorite food, or favorite thing to cook?
Jeremy: I wish I could make an authentic Asian stir-fry or noodle dish. They taste so fake when I do it.
Sherrie: We just got a waffle maker and are having a great time making waffles every weekend. I would really love to learn to cook many more dishes, especially on the fly, and hope to find the time to take some lessons.

Hobbies and guilty pleasures?
Jeremy: I am a fantasy football savant. Seriously, I had parallel eight-week win streaks going this season in two separate leagues. My guilty pleasure: watching True Blood on HBO.
Sherrie: I used to be a prolific knitter before the kids were born; I really like making afghans and scarves. My guilty pleasure, when the stars (and kids) align, is napping with my cats.

Thoughts on the economic recovery?
Jeremy: I’m seeing fierce competition for skilled software developers right now, and there is unbelievable startup activity happening. I’m extremely bullish on another tech-fueled wave of productivity gains and growth.
Sherrie: It’s clearly tough for lots of people to make ends meet, especially as food prices and other costs continue to increase. The government has a key role in stimulating job growth and injecting cash into the economy, especially in industries that will develop alternative energy technologies.

Your thoughts on the health care industry?
Sherrie: I appreciate the economic dilemma of rising health care costs, but also appreciate the tremendous investment of obtaining a medical education. To control costs, evidence-based and preventative medicine are the best options. As a psychologist, I am particularly aware of the connection between physical and psychological health and the importance of self-care.
Jeremy: The national debate depresses me, because rapid news cycles and voters’ proclivity for heavily reduced sound bites have become the enemy of nuanced, respectful debates over ideas. I think the reality is that a stew of European-style rationing, increased consumer responsibility for our choices and health care costs, government intervention, quality transparency and private sector innovation are all required.

Favorite form of exercise these days?
Sherrie: I do cardio on the elliptical trainer and lift weights regularly. In good weather, I like to walk outdoors. Lifting and chasing my kids is great exercise.
Jeremy: “Favorite” is a strong word; I use the elliptical machine in our basement two or three times a week.

Activities you did while a student at Nobles?
Sherrie: I did an internship at The Nobleman, Peer Help Program (which turned into my vocation as a clinical psychologist), Senior Project with Kate Coon/Dr. Gail Dines of Wheelock College on the objectification of women in the media, and Aerobics with Erika Guy.
Jeremy: I was a prefect and news editor of The Nobleman. Meeting my wife also stands out as a worthy activity!

Things you learned at Nobles that have been most useful in life?
Jeremy: To appreciate and take advantage of opportunities; that character matters; to communicate ideas effectively.
Sherrie: (1) Do something important with your life that involves helping people—this is ultimately what will provide meaning and fulfillment. (2) Hard work does get rewarded. (3) What other people think doesn't really matter all that much. You can't please everyone, and you shouldn’t bother trying.

Why do you both give to Nobles, and Sherrie, why do you serve on the Graduates Council?
Jeremy: I feel so fortunate to have experienced a Nobles education, and I credit Nobles for opening a world of opportunity for me. I feel an obligation to give back.
Sherrie: Supporting Nobles contributes to my sense of community and allows me to express my gratitude for what I found there: the springboard for developing my true sense of self; my calling in life as a clinical psychologist and my dear husband of 11 years. I’m so lucky I met Jeremy there!
Exploring Empathy

Just before Spring Break, Middle School students spent five school days learning and thinking about the needs of others—particularly concerning issues of hunger at home and around the world. As part of their work during Empathy Week, they kept journals to record their reactions to what they learned. “To me, empathy means caring and sympathy mostly, but also understanding and loving,” one student wrote. “The place to start helping is your own community,” wrote another.