



CLASS OF 1963 – ALUMNI NOTES SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2019

Tony Elson reports: “A new book of mine, *The United States in the World Economy: Making Sense of Globalization*, has been published by Palgrave Macmillan. This book concludes a tetralogy of studies on different aspects of economic globalization that I began ten years ago. When I initiated this effort, I didn't intend to write a sequence of four books, but over time each book sowed the seeds of interest in doing another on a somewhat related topic. In sum, they encompass my reflections on issues I have been interested in throughout my professional career, which began with graduate studies in international affairs and economics at Columbia and continued through a long tenure at the IMF, consultant work at the World Bank and other organizations, and teaching at Duke, Johns Hopkins, and Yale. The latest book looks at the ongoing controversy about the benefits and costs of globalization for the US economy through the three dimensions of trade, finance, and immigration, and tries to assess their positive and negative effects (including for income inequality) by drawing on the results of recent academic studies, as well as my own work and reflections. While that assessment, on balance, is positive, the book makes the case that the US government has not done enough to assist those who have been adversely affected by globalization or structural change in the US economy more generally. I also examine recent changes in the government's foreign economic policy that have signaled a clear retreat from its long-standing commitment to a liberal international economic order and conclude that they are likely to have negative economic consequences over the medium to long-term.”

Carter Findley writes: “It gives me great happiness to share the news that my new book has at last been published: *Enlightening Europe on Islam and the Ottomans: Mouradega d’Ohsson and his Masterpiece* (Brill 2019). Mouradega d’Ohsson’s *Tableau general de l’Empire Othoman* offered the Enlightenment Republic of Letters its most authoritative work on Islam and the Ottomans, as well as a practical reference work for kings and statesmen. Profusely illustrated and opening deep insights into 18th-century book production, it is also the century’s richest collection of visual documentation on the Ottomans. Shaped by the author’s personal struggles, the work yet commands recognition in its own totality as a monument to intercultural understanding. In form one of the great taxonomic works of Enlightenment thought, this is a work of advocacy in the cause of reform and amity among France, Sweden, and the Ottoman Empire. More information and sample pages from different chapters can be found on line at <https://brill.com/view/title/36104?lang=en>.”

Steve Gunther’s wife, Beverly Gunther, writes: “Chevy Chase Club was introduced to us by **Benno Schmidt**, who said, ‘Gunth, you have to go to Chevy Chase Club. It has a hockey rink as well as a great golf course.’ Steve became a five-time golf club champion and has continued playing hockey for the gerihatricks NSFL (Not So Fast League). I enjoyed tennis at CCC as much as Steve enjoyed the golf. What began for me as an introduction on the tennis courts to Justice Sandra Day O’Connor developed into a cordial friendship of 34 years. John and Sandra Day O’Connor were avid golfers, tennis players, and dancers. What makes FFJOTSC (First Female Justice of the Supreme Court) extraordinary is not that she is first and not that she can read a thousand pages per day, but that she was able at the same time to care for her ill husband (2000-2006). Her favorite Justice is John Marshall, because he went home every night to feed

his sickly wife. During her years on the bench and into her retirement, Justice O'Connor recognized that middle school children were not being taught 'civics'. She countered with a Civics course, an on-line course for middle school students, which has reached 6 million students in 50 states. As described in her recent biography, *First* by Evan Thomas, Justice O'Connor loved Chevy Chase Club. Her last visit to Chevy Chase was celebrating her 84th birthday. She was honored with a beautiful maple tree, which is located within eyeshot of her favorite scene at CCC – the American flag, which stands next to the first tee overlooking the majestic golf course.”

Because of ongoing health issues, **Philip Johnson** relocated from Williamsburg, VA to Red Bank, NJ at the beginning of November 2018 in order to be closer to family members. Phil and his wife, Margaret McMillen, now reside at a Continuous Care Retirement Community called The Atrium at Navesink Harbor, 40 Riverside Avenue, Red Bank, NJ 07701.

Jerry Kenney and John Lykouretzos '95, the Co-Chairs of the Yale Football Endowment, announced on June 6, 2019 that they have raised the gifts and pledges to bring the Yale Football Endowment to \$55 million. This amount will fund football's annual operating budget, while also supporting further growth in the football program and the endowment itself. The last phase of the campaign raised a total of \$23 million -- \$17 million for the endowment and \$5 million for special projects. Jerry and John wrote: “Yale Football is now in a unique position to attract a higher percentage of the best and brightest players, which supports Yale's core mission and its reputation as a great university, while also providing facilities and innovative equipment that proactively address the safety of the game.”

Arthur B. Laffer received the Presidential Medal of Freedom at the White House on June 19, 2019. In announcing the award, the White House stated: “Arthur B. Laffer, the ‘Father of Supply-Side Economics,’ is one of the most influential economists in American history. He is renowned for his economic theory, the ‘Laffer Curve,’ which establishes the strong incentive effects of lower tax rates that spur investment, production, jobs, wages, economic growth, and tax compliance. Dr. Laffer was the first chief economist of the Office of Management and Budget and a top economic advisor to President Ronald Reagan. Among other accomplishments during his distinguished career, he served as a consultant to the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Defense. Dr. Laffer’s public service and contributions to economic policy have helped spur prosperity for our Nation.”

Jon Larson completed a 125-page *History of the Punahou Class of 1959* to commemorate the 60th Punahou reunion in June 2019. Jon notes: “We sent nine Punahou classmates and ‘Sons of Hawaii’ to Yale in 1959: **Tom Chun, Paul Dahlquist, John Derby, Alan Kidwell, Gerrit Osborne, Ian Robertson, Jared Sugihara, Kimo Tabor**, and myself. One of the heavier concentrations from any one school, rivaling the East Coast prep schools.”

Lanny Lutz reports: “I just recorded a piece, *Calipso*, that I composed many years ago. It’s on Spotify and other music distributor platforms. Classmates can listen to it for free, or own it for 99 cents. I wrote and performed it on the piano. Forced to choose a ‘genre’, I listed it as ‘pop/jazz’. It’s not perhaps really either of those, but folks tell me they like it.”

Richard Rosenfeld writes: “In the two decades since the publication of my book, *American Aurora*, I have given talks in various academic and non-academic venues, written a bit for Harper’s Magazine (including a cover essay on why we should abolish the U.S. Senate),

commentated on NPR's Morning Edition, and generally led a quiet life with Anne, my wife of more than half a century, in our beloved Gloucester, MA. For the last five years, Anne and I have spent half of each year in a residence we own aboard a ship, MS The World, circumnavigating the globe. Though I am an Associate Fellow of Timothy Dwight College, our travels have prevented my return to the university for several years."

John Sack has published three more books in the past two years: *Views of the Moon*, tales for meditators, a novel titled *Love on a Rusty Spur*, and *Lao-Tzu at the Border*, which describes the sage's journey from the realm of words into the wordless zone. Now almost 81, John intends to follow him into the silence and focus on his other job as caretaker of Casa Chiara Hermitage in southern Oregon, which he shares with his wife, author Christin Lore Weber.

Rich Samuels reports: "**Davis Dassori** joined my wife and me in late March 2019 in Berlin, where we retraced steps Davis and I took in 1962, a year after the construction of the Berlin Wall. We proceeded on to Leipzig and Eisenach to visit sites associated with J. S. Bach. Though reunified Germany was practically unrecognizable, neither Davis nor I have changed a bit since we were about to begin our senior year."

Jerry Bremer reports: "On Easter Sunday 2019, my beloved wife of 53 years, Francie, died peacefully and in comfort. She had been diagnosed with cancer in 2016, and had undergone a grim 18 weeks of chemotherapy. The disease, in remission for three years, suddenly reappeared this February. It had metastasized widely and was incurable. So we agreed she should spend her last weeks in the comfort of her own bedroom in hospice care. This gave her time to visit with our two children, their spouses, and our five wonderful

grandchildren, and a legion of Francie's friends in the United States and around the world. I lost not just my wife but my best friend, my uncomplaining colleague from Afghanistan to Europe, Washington, and Iraq. Francie bore the process with her characteristic good humor, boundless courage, and deep faith. If she had been asked on which day she would like to die, she surely would have said on Easter, the day when Christ Himself defeated death."

Robert L. Kaye of Rocky Hill, CT died on April 5, 2019. Robert was born in Chicago, IL on March 16, 1942. He lived his early years in Hammond, IN, where he attended the public schools. He continued his education at Yale University, where he graduated summa cum laude with honors in Chemistry. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1963 and received a Ford Fellowship for post-graduate study at Cambridge University, Cambridge, England. Returning to Yale, he received NASA and National Science Foundation fellowships, and became a candidate for a doctorate in organic chemistry. His objective of a career in chemistry was interrupted in his late twenties by the onset of schizophrenia, a disease which plagued him on and off throughout his life. Despite being unable to complete his research for a doctorate, he was awarded a Master's Degree. He taught at Yale, published three scholarly papers on organic chemistry, and later completed requirements for an M.B.A. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Hospitalizations interrupted his work in the late '60s and early '70s. But throughout he was able to maintain contact with friends and family and continue his interest in photography and chemistry. In 1976 he was hired by Pfizer Chemical. He married and adopted a son John, who also graduated from Yale. The family lived in Groton, CT until 1989 when he was divorced. Since 2010 he lived at The Atrium in Rocky Hill, CT. He is survived by his son John Kaye, his sister Louise Stone, and his brother Richard Kaye.

Robert's sister writes: "Schizophrenia is a challenging disease. As Robert coped with it, he saw his dreams of a future in science disappear. As his sister, I took an active part in his life, especially during the last ten years when I became his conservator. Social activities were not a part of his days. But during these years his wit, intelligence, and good manners made a lasting impression on those who cared for him."

George Victor Lenher of Church Hill, MD died on April 6, 2019. He was born on July 20, 1938 in Wilmington, DE. He was educated at Tower Hill High School, Lawrenceville School ('57), and Yale University ('63). George served in the Delaware Air National Guard from 1963 to 1969. His career began with First National City Bank in New York City. He moved on to Rhode Island Hospital Trust Bank, before becoming a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and retiring in 2007. George married Eleanor "Meg" Gummey on November 13, 1965. They made their home in Chappaqua, NY and East Greenwich, RI before moving to Church Hill in 1999. George was a member of many organizations and served on many boards over his lifetime. He served as Presiding Clerk of the Board of Overseers at Lincoln School (Providence, RI). He was past President of the Kent County Humane Society and past board member of Church Hill Theatre. George loved hunting, fishing, playing golf, and traveling. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Eleanor Lenher, DVM, Caroline Lenher, Rebecca Gels, Robert Rutley, Angela Wilcox, and Tanawat "Win" Roongtanapirom, and seven grandchildren.

Bob Hanson remembers George Lenher as follows: "I knew George only in passing during our undergraduate years, but we were reunited years later due to our mutual love of big game hunting – particularly African hunting. We shared membership in a number of organizations which focused on hunting and outdoor activities, the most notable of which was

the Camp Fire Club of America. That club owns a beautiful preserve in Westchester County, NY, and has rifle, pistol, and shotgun ranges, as well as stocked ponds for fishing zealots. George was a life member of the Club, having joined in 1968. I followed in 1980. It was there that we renewed our friendship.

“As George reported in our 50th Reunion Class Book, he was diagnosed in 2006 with G 4 glioblastoma, an extremely aggressive cancer of the brain which is almost always fatal. It is a variant of the brain cancer which took the lives of Beau Biden and John McCain, among others. That George beat that cancer, against the odds, and lived to the ripe old age of 80, is a testament to his tenacity and resilience. He will be missed.”

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