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Many thanks to all of you who answered my

plea for the news in your lives. Those of you who bothered to read my begging email know that I was moaning over the fact that our central air conditioning died just as the heat wave started in Connecticut this past summer. It took three hot, sticky weeks before a new unit was installed.

Little did I imagine that central AC systems of the Class of 1967 were crashing nationwide. Alan Weinstein writes that when he and Donna returned from a long road trip to their home in Henderson, Nevada, "Two of our three AC units were dead. Not bad, you still had one working, you say. But then figure it has been a summer with now 97 days over 100 and no measurable rain since April 20 (155 days and counting), and maybe you reconsider that thought. Both are all-time records, even for here. (There is no global warming you say? Wrong.)"

Scott Moreland checked in from steamy North Carolina. "I'm sorry to hear about your AC problem. In fact, we had the same issue here in North Carolina during the height of the summer heat wave when our 25-year-old unit decided it was done. Amazingly, I was able to get a new unit installed within 24 hours of getting a quote. I am still working in international development, and before COVID-19 hit last year, I made a number of trips, including to Senegal, Madagascar, Nigeria, Liberia, Papua New Guinea, and Australia. Now we are doing everything virtually, and my range of motion is about five miles but with daily calls all over the world."

Allen Elstein had no AC problems but did have a breakthrough on the research he's been doing on his family history. "Just when I thought I had reached a dead end in research-

ing the mystery of how my relatives came in the 19th century from Europe to the Middle East and why someone I had written in 1984 and had not replied, I was sent a book with some real clues. Unfortunately, it was not in English. But I did learn from some translation that all these people had excellent musical talent and once again I am the outlier!" Then I heard from Al Raws for an "Al trifecta." "My wife, Marie, and I welcomed our fourth grandchild on August 31: Dylan Wyeth Raws. I celebrated by buying a blue 2000 Porsche 911. Marie won't let me retire, so I am still working full time. I also need to pay for the renovations to our house, including a new porch and a metal roof, so it will still be a while before I retire. Gilda Radner was right: it's always something."

Luke Terry lives in Vero Beach, Florida.

"Moved here in 2018, have to admit it's slower than New York and London, but don't miss the taxes or the politics. I worked for Credit Suisse Bank for 40-plus years in New York, London, and Singapore." Luke's big news is that his son, Luther III, is a first-year at Trinity. "Coming from Deerfield Academy, he says of the Trinity football practices, 'Dad, it's like playing with a bunch of guys who could be playing D1 ball.' There are a lot of Trinity alumni living in Vero Beach and many more nearby, must pass at least one a day."

I hope all of you and your families are safe and healthy. This has been a challenging summer for all of us. Please wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, and maintain social distancing. Best, Jim (oconnor.jim111@gmail.com)

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You may remember that I emailed all of you asking, "How is the Class of 1967 weathering the COVID-19 pandemic?" The answer: as well as could be expected. Some had mild cases of the virus, which, according to Nate Rath, was "like a bad flu." Others, like John Loeb, spent a week or more in the hospital. But so far, no classmates have died of COVID-19 (as of mid-February 2021).

John wrote, "Other than our contracting and surviving COVID during our move from New Orleans (to Philadelphia) and my weeklong hospitalization, fortunately with no long-term effects, taking long walks, and running a few errands to find something not available from Whole Foods, there is little to report."

Gil Campbell checked in. "Greetings from the pandemic capital of South Carolina.

Mariett and I are doing great and have tested negative for COVID-19 twice. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on November 28, 2020, by spending two nights in a highly sanitized Best Western hotel in Beaufort, South Carolina. Two sons tested positive and had COVID bouts. One granddaughter and two grandsons also got sick. But no one suffered unduly. We ate at the all-time greatest seafood restaurant in the world, Dockside, in Beaufort. It is open, believe it or not, for indoor dining. Anyway, clam chowder and crab cakes were ceremoniously consumed with social distancing. I believe there is a grandchildren competition in our class. We hope to win. We are now the proud 'owners' of 11 grandchildren. They are happy and growing taller."

Luke Terry reports, "Vaccination lines are very long here in Florida despite the state having above-average efficiency in getting through this challenge."

Steve Griggs got his first shot on February 4. "We were supposed to go to the Bahamas to celebrate my 75th, but that was postponed until March. Yes, like everybody else, we

have been itching to travel. We feel fortunate to be in a position to take these trips, and so far, we have been healthy enough to at least dream that we can do so.”

John Ray has abandoned his Washington area softball league. “With the ongoing COVID pandemic, my wife finally decided to fully retire from teaching. Her first request was to move closer to our daughter and her family. We succeeded. Twenty-eight houses away from them. We are in Chesapeake, Virginia, with a small house on a small lake and enjoying the change from all the traffic in the D.C. area.”

Besides Gil Campbell, several other classmates recently celebrated various 50th anniversaries: Jeff Fox got the ball rolling by noting his 50th wedding anniversary and 50th reunion at Harvard Business School.

Alex Levi says, “I qualify as well: Trin 2017, Columbia M.B.A. 2019, married 50 years May 31, 2020. In 2023, will be 50 years for Adelphi M.A., and in 2025, 50 years since my Ph.D.”

Rob Boas: “2017 Trinity 50th Reunion, 2020 50th wedding anniversary and 50th law school at UVA.” Rich Ratzan was succinct as always: “December 11, 2020, was #52 going on #53. Deo volente. Ciao. P.S. I was in Jeff and Marlene’s wedding. Poor Marlene! God bless her!”

While looking at Instagram, I came across some very colorful, impressionistic drawings of New York City. They are the work of Peter Heller. He tells me that he began drawing lessons at New York’s 92nd Street Y a few years ago. He works in watercolors and colored pencils and takes classes two or three times a week. “For classmates unfamiliar with the 92nd Street Y, there are wonderful Zoom classes—in art, music, and literature, inter alia. Taking two great classes there now on the blues and on the Beatles and Bob Dylan.” If you have Instagram, be sure to look for Peter’s paintings.

If you have celebrated any 50ths, let me know, and I promise you’ll be in the next class notes!

Remember our 55th coming up in 2022. We want to see everyone there, so please wear a mask, practice social distancing, and get vaccinated.

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Remember the one about the sound of one hand clapping? Since our last Class Notes, I have experienced the phenomenon of “no hands writing, emailing, texting, or phone dialing.” Where is everyone?

Our class leadership team, under the relentless encouragement of our class president, Charley Kurz, is planning for our 55th Reunion next year. Important questions are being discussed: Is a bouncy house a good idea? Will there be an early bird special? Our Class of 1967 Scholar, Dhiraj Ganji '23, was guest of honor at a Zoom meeting in May. He is a double major in physics and computer science with a minor in Japanese. We discussed remote learning during a pandemic, how Dhiraj learned about Trinity, and what his plans are post-Trinity. Short answer: a graduate degree in one of his majors.

I hope you are all safe and well. Remember to email and fill me in on what you've been up to now that we can leave our homes and travel. Stay safe. And remember to check out our class webpage at www.trincoll.edu/AlumniAndFamilies/Connect/ClassOf1967.