CLASS NOTES

Joan Slaker Knaub ’50 is a teacher at Your English School in Boulder, Colo. and recently received certification from the National Council for Behavioral Health.

Jim ’54 and Lillian Rydel Reed ’54 celebrated their 65th anniversary as Simpson Sweethearts on June 21, 2018, at their home in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Linda Clemons Adler ’61 recently retired from the University of Kentucky where she worked as a State Extension Specialist in Housing and Design.

Dr. Tom Croat ’62 has worked at the Missouri Botanical Garden for 50 years and has established an international reputation as a botanist and plant explorer.

Dr. H. Roger Grant ’66 has had his 34th academic book published, John W. Barringer III: Railroad Legend (Indiana University Press, 2018). Grant is the Lemon Professor of History at Clemson University.

Steve ’68 and Susie Galenbeck Fiterman ’68 represented the class of 1968 as honorary grand marshals during the 2018 commencement ceremony. The above photos show the couple at their commencement ceremony in 1968 and as marshals 50 years later.

Stan Campbell ’74 is the Director of Campus Recreation at the University of Nebraska. He and his wife, Marybell, reside in Lincoln, Neb.


Jeff Cook ’80 is Director of Client Implementation at DataFile Technologies in Kansas City, Mo. Jeff has two granddaughters, Tyler and Kohly. Tyler’s dance group was crowned grand champions at the Bravol National Dance Championships held in Ames on July 15, 2018.

Edwin McClure ’82 is Partner and Attorney at Law at Matthews, Campbell, Rhoads, McClure & Thompson, PA in Rogers, Ark. where he resides with his wife, Kathy. He was recently admitted to the New York State Bar and is a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha alumni board at the University of Arkansas. In addition, he serves as the chair of the City of Rogers Historic District Commission, is a trustee for the First United Methodist Church in Rogers, and is beginning his 33rd year as Production Director for Arkansas Public Theatre.

Denise Ganfield Knaack ’83 is a retired music teacher and was one of the featured composers at the Iowa Composer’s Forum Winter Festival of New Music hosted by the University of Iowa on Feb. 10, 2018. Her flute trio, “Rush of Air” was performed during the afternoon concert in Voxman Hall.

Darian Bebout ’84 is a self-employed Leadership Activist in Andover, Kan. where he resides with his wife, Paula.

John Lawrence ’88 is a Physician Assistant and resides in Gypsum, Colo. He earned his Physician Assistant Certificate from Red Rocks Community College and his Master of Medical Science from St. Francis University in 2009.

Calvin Held ’89 is Vice President for Villari Food Group in Warsaw, N.C.

Richard ’91 and Valerie Genter Tegeler ’93 are music educators in the Greater Houston area. The couple has three children, Grace, Antonio and Anamarie.

Julie Youngberg Nelson ’95 is Senior Payroll Analyst at MidAmerican Energy Company in Des Moines.
Angie Soutter Moran ’97 earned her Master of Science with highest honors in Healthcare Administration with a Strategic Leadership emphasis. Click here to read more. Moran is Human Resources Partner for Avera Health in Pierre, S.D.

Michelle Yeoman ’97 is Research Assistant/Office Manager for Selzer & Company in West Des Moines, where she resides.

Deke Rider ’98 is Executive Director of Camp Hebron in Halifax, Pa.

Ann Balius Shepherd ’98 retired as Chapel Office Manager at Simpson College in 2017. She resides in Indianola with her husband, Bob ’90.

Rob Swanson ’99 is a Clinical Psychologist in Pebble Beach, Calif. where he resides with his wife, Emily, and son, Jack.

Andrea Ferry Ferak ’00 is the Community Engagement Liaison for the Plainfield Public Library District in Plainfield, Ill.

Troy Clemen ’01 is Managing Director for T² Global Advisors LLC in Chicago, Ill.

Brianne Trease Fitzgerald ’02 is Communications and Engagement Officer for Volunteer Iowa. She earned her Master’s in Philanthropy & Nonprofit Development from the University of Northern Iowa in 2017.

Dustin Smothers ’05 is the Memorial Union Entertainment Operations Coordinator at Iowa State University.

Tia Bernard ’06 is a Flight Attendant with United Airlines and resides in Springfield, Mo.

Kristy Hirsch Blagg ’06 is a Family Recruitment Specialist with Cornerstones of Care in the Kansas City Metro.

Jennifer Wendt Harman ’06 is the Senior Marketing Director of Impact and Development for the YMCA of Greater Charlotte. She resides in Huntersville, N.C. with her husband, Michael, and triplets, Emerson, Miles and Nolan.

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Dustin Schelling ’07 received the Director’s Leadership Award from the Department of Interior Investigator Training Class on May 8, 2014. He received the award after being nominated by his fellow classmates. The award is given to a graduate that exemplifies the highest standards and embodies the leadership characteristics of a Federal Law Enforcement Officer as one who positively influences others; serves as a role model; is responsible to themselves and others; is a problem-solver; exemplifies excellence; does more than expected; cares about fellow classmates; puts others first and is team-oriented; inspires goodwill and enthusiasm; and is loyal, helpful, respectful, thoughtful and ethical.

April Betzer ’08 is Marketing Production Associate at Principal Global Investors in Des Moines.

Laura Hupp ’08 is a Patent Attorney at Merchant & Gould in Minneapolis, Minn.

Zachary Rus ’08 is Vice President at Ter Molen Watkins & Brandt LLC, a fundraising firm based in Chicago. Rus is based out of Des Moines and will cover the Midwest market.

Jasmine Crouser Riedemann ’09 is a Social Media Manager for Sargento Foods in Plymouth, Wis.

Blake Freml ’10 is a Senior Research Associate for Corteva Agrisciences in Johnston.

Whitney Rasmussen Hoff ’10 is the Senior Digital Marketing Specialist for Kreg Tool Company in Huxley.

Lucas Mihalovich ’10 is a Family Medicine Physician at the Pella Regional Medical Center. He earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine in 2015 from Des Moines University and graduated from his residency at the University of Kansas School of Medicine – Wichita Family Medicine Residency Program at Via Christi Hospitals in 2018.

Robert Napoli ’10 and his wife, Christine, have had some amazing experiences including earning masters degrees while living and traveling in Europe and living in Milan for two years where Rob coached American Football for the Milano Seamen and was Head of Content and Business Development for a global ecommerce startup. Currently living in Brooklyn, N.Y., Rob is a Senior Consultant for Michael Page USA and Christine is an Interior Designer for Lissoni Inc.
Steffani Johnson Nemmers '10 is the Child & Adolescent Health Coordinator at Marion County Public Health in Knoxville.

Eric Green '12 earned a Juris Doctorate from Drake Law School in 2016 and is Partner and Attorney for Nielsen & Green, P.C. in Creston.

Heather Powers Noethe '12 is an art teacher at Webster City High School. and her husband, Bruce reside in Chandler, Ariz., and have two children.

Leslie Downing DesCamps '13 is a Market Insights Analyst at Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield in Des Moines.

Natalie McCormick '13 earned her Master's of Science in Teaching in Elementary Education from Drake University in 2017 and is now a 5th grade teacher for the Ames Community School District.

Annie Fullas '14 is the Special Assistant to the CEO at Education Forward DC in Washington, DC. She completed her Master's of Arts in Ethics, Peace & Global Affairs in 2017 at American University.

Lauren Holland Gardner '14 is an Administrative Assistant at Pyle & Associates, PC in Ames

John Greaves '14 earned his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine from Des Moines University in May, 2018. On July 1, 2018, he began his residency as Resident Physician & Surgeon at Northwest Medical Center in Margate, Fla.

Katie Lambert Hofbauer '14 works for FBL Financial Group, Inc. in audit services. She and her husband, Andy Hofbauer '14 reside in Norwalk.

Lauren Schemmel '14 completed her Doctor of Dental Surgery at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics in 2018 and is a General Dentist at DeWitt Family Dentistry.

Madison Boswell Simon '14 is a Social Media Account Manager for Fourge Social in Dubuque.

Lauren Anderson '15 is a 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher for the Iowa Falls Alden Community School District.

Lynsey Bruns Logsdon '15 is Executive Manager at Von Maur.

Alexa Cashatt '16 is a Teachers Associate for the Southeast Polk Community School District.

Marissa Belau '16 is the Special Projects Coordinator for Executive Service Corps of Southern California in Los Angeles, Calif.

Daultan Gibson '16 works for Blank Park Zoo.

Alyssa Hanson Henneman '16 is Field Director for Kim Reynolds for Iowa. She and her husband, Spencer, reside on an acreage outside of Moorhead.

Ruth Ann Roberts '16 is an Administrative Assistant at Holy Family University. She completed her Master's of Education in Student Affairs at Iowa State University in 2018.

Vincente Argueta '17 is a Field Account Representative for HD Supply in Des Moines.

Mckenzie Kack '17 is a Level 1 Teacher for the Tipton Community School District.

Robert Lyons '17 represented Simpson College at the American University Inauguration of their 15th president, Sylvia Burwell. Burwell is the former US Secretary of Health & Human Services and American University’s first female president. Lyons is a graduate student at American University pursuing a Master of Public Administration and serves as the Secretary for the Simpson DC/Baltimore Alumni Chapter.

Ashtyne Madsen ‘17 is a Retirement Benefit Analyst for Principal Financial Group in Des Moines.

Kathleen McCaffery '17 is an AmeriCorps Vista Leader for the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits in Saint Paul, Minn.

Lauren Myers '17 is an Outreach Coordinator for Educational Opportunity Programs at Creighton University where she is pursuing her Master of Science in Health and Wellness Coaching. In addition, she is a Shelter Advocate with Catholic Charities Diocese of Des Moines.

Kelsey Townsend Evans '17 is a Teacher for the Johnston Community School District.

Madeline Kersten '18 is pursuing her Master of Divinity at Boston University.

Madelynn Wipperman Gibney '18 works for Iowa State University in Family and Parent Programming. She is pursuing her Master of Education at Iowa State.

The Men of Alpha Tau Omega Beta Alpha Chapter held their 18th Annual “Old Farts Golf Weekend” at Lake Panorama Aug. 25-26. Attendees included (front row left to right) Wes Aiken '77, Bret Weber '81, Steve Renfite '71, Jeff Cassat '73, Don Lamb '70, Craig Tripkosh '75, Jake Jacobson '72, Steve Mason '77, John Kem '80, Dan Kem '73, (middle row) Sam Carrell '83, Doug Barakat '68, Rich Collins '69, Terry Olsen '71, Joel Siemion '76, Bob “Mac” MacKenzie '70, Don Beattie '70, Dave Coil '73, Jim Spooner '82, (back row) Doug McKin '77, Mitch Johnk '86, Jim Mikulancic '70, JB Gross '74, Jymn Opit '72, Steve Montague '72, Bruce Wilson '76, Tim Lehman '73, Greg Davis '74, Bob Kem '75, Terry Lillis '77.
MARRIAGES

Christie Averweg '97 and Rod Stortenbecker, July 12, 2018, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Melissa Wilson '99 and Vern Lawrence, June 12, 2016, Des Moines.

Michelle Archibald '02 and Justin Leonard, May 26, 2018, Norwalk.

Whitney Rasmussen '10 and Elliot Hoff, May 5, 2018, Ames.

Robert Napoli '10 and Christine Wulfekuhle, May 26, 2018, New Virginia. Christine is the sister of JJ Wulfekuhle '09. The couple met at JJ's wedding in 2014 where Rob was a groomsman. Rob has been a friend of the Wulfekuhle family since 2007 when he and JJ became friends playing football for the Storm.

August Severn '13 and Abigail Loudon '12, Aug. 4, 2018, Des Moines.

Leslie Downing '13 and T.J. DesCamps, May 12, 2018, West Des Moines.

Brandon DeCook '13 and Emily Stover '13, July 22, 2017, Spirit Lake.


Kathryn Sebring '15 and Thomas Fleming, July 14, 2018, Des Moines.

Alyssa Hanson '16 and Spencer Henneman, July 15, 2018, at the Willow Creek Glass Chapel in Shelby.

Kelsey Townsend '17 and Jarod Evans, July 1, 2017, Pleasant Hill.

Kaylee Fee '17 and Austin Wolfkill, June 2, 2018, Smith Chapel, Simpson College with Chaplain Mara Bailey as officiant.
BIRTHS


Charlotte Jolee Lamphiear, April 11, 2018, to Andrea Hastings Lamphiear '02 and Warren Lamphiear, Sioux Falls, S.D., joined brothers, Maximus (6), Bennett (5) and Samson (2).

Kael Meers, March 27, 2018, to Aubrey Bockwoldt Meers '04 and Chris Meers, Moline, Ill., joined Payden (7).

Sloan Rosemary Hanson, Oct. 20, 2017, to Kyle Hanson '05 and Julie Soukup Hanson '07, West Des Moines, joins Parker (3).

Samuel Thompson Dau, Oct. 4, 2017, to Nick Dau '06 and Maggie Anderson Dau '09, Norwalk, welcomed by brother, William (2).


Hazel Heltne, July 2, 2017, to Brett Heltne '06 and Lindsay Wood Heltne '06, St. Louis Park, Minn., joined Hudson (3).

Emersyn Jane McCarty, June 6, 2016, to Scott McCarty '06 and Allyson Carlson McCarty '06, Winfield.
Royce Lee Wells, Aug. 15, 2018, to Nathan Wells ’06 and Jessica Wells, joins sister, Tyne Ann (1), at their new home in Centerville.

Robert Boss, Feb. 25, 2018, to Katherine Wall Boss ’07 and David Boss, Overland Park, Kan., joins brother, George (5).

Charles Donald Stupfell, Jan. 18, 2018, to Kelsey Volkens Stupfell ’07 and Perry Stupfell, Council Bluffs, joins Eugene and Evelyn.


Luke Hayes, April 6, 2018, to Jason Hayes ’09 and Rhonda Boesenberg Hayes ’09, Storm Lake.

Aria Rose Christensen, Jan. 7, 2018, to Garrett Christensen ’09 and Kelsie Host Christensen ’10, Bondurant, joins brother, Nolan (3).

Riot Riedemann, Jan. 20, 2016, to Arik Riedemann ’09 and Jasmine Crosser Riedemann ’09, Maribel, Wis.

Theodore Lue Freml, June 29, 2017, to Blake Freml ’10 and Cassie Freml, Urbandale.

Matthew Mihalovich, Nov. 19, 2016, to Lucas Mihalovich ’10 and Jessica Mihalovich, Pella.

Kennedy Jo Nemmers, Aug. 7, 2017, to Steffani Johnson Nemmers ’10 and Brandon Nemmers, Knoxville,

Kirby Pearson, Jan. 19, 2018, to Eden Olsen Pearson ’08 and Benjamin Pearson ’09, Nowalk, joins Eliana (3) and Lyman (2).

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DEATHS

Dorothy Wilkinson Dobbe ’40, April 20, 2011, Hopkins, Minn.


Marcia Livingston Harrington ’43, March 30, 2018, Ankeny.

Katherine Lefgren Felton ’44, May 11, 2018, Ojai, Calif.


Margaret Bussanmus Carson ’45, March 21, 2018, Jersey City, N.J.

Glen Hartman ’45, July 9, 2018, Cabool, Mo.

Isabel Blee Nelson ’46, April 12, 2018, Truro.

Marjorie Ensley Laird ’47, July 7, 2018, Indianola.

Lois Miller Hale ’48, July 21, 2018, Indianola.


Edyn Ariel Greaves, June 18, 2017, to John Greaves ’14 and Teona Greaves, Ankeny.

Vern Davis '49, June 27, 2018, Indianola.

Maxine Smith Weinman '49, June 27, 2018, Indianola.


Jeffery Mitchell '50, April 2, 2018, Largo, Fla.


Rex Devine '53, June 16, 2018, Ankeny.

Ralph Stebbins '53, Feb. 19, 2018, Nixa, Mo.


LaVon Ferger '58, Feb. 21, 2018, Zionsville, Ind.

Dan Newbury '58, Feb. 27, 2018, Indianola.

Robert Gamble '59, May 18, 2018, West Des Moines.


Larry Sesker '61, July 23, 2018, Ankeny.


Marcia Stepp Lockard '64, Sept. 28, 2017, Johnston.

Darrell Hefte '65, Aug. 9, 2018, Largo, Fla.


Glen Dalton '70, Aug. 29, 2017, Ankeny.

Dee Goodwin Allen '72, June 4, 2018, Indianola.

Paula Baker '74, Feb. 12, 2018, Osceola.

John Tinley '74, March 17, 2018, Shenandoah.

Michael Ostlund '75, April 20, 2018, Iowa City.

Joe Morrison Jr. '82, Jan. 13, 2018, Orlando, Fla.


Shane Greenwood '89, June 18, 2017, Aurora, Colo.