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Dear Sachs Scholars:

It will by now be some weeks since you have had word from David that Josh Grehan is our 43rd Scholar and that he will be joining Alex and Vince in Oxford in the fall. No doubt many of you have sent him a word of welcome, and I'm sure he will be glad to hear from any who have not. Josh, you may recall, comes from Saskatchewan and is our first Canadian Scholar. Framing and acting on policies with respect to issues of poverty and social justice are his principal concerns. An athlete himself (rugby and crew), he has already had considerable success in developing teamwork and a sense of mutual responsibility among under privileged youngsters by engaging them in sports activities. Which degree program he will decide to read in is still a matter of discussion between him and appropriate mentors at Oxford.

Let me begin with items of intimate news. You may recall

that Vince and his English fiancée, Joanna, were married in Oxford early in the summer. In September his parents held a reception at their home in Point Pleasant for their American friends to meet Jo, dressed in her beautiful wedding dress. Emily and I, David and Cathy, and Joan Sachs Shaw had the great pleasure of attending. Back now in Oxford, where Jo is reading for a Master's degree, Vince is serving as a junior Dean at Jesus College. It seems to me a touch incongruous that he also won a Blue in Boxing last year.

Other marital news starting in Oxford, Emily Stolzenberg is engaged to Matthew Shapiro. Our Congratulations to him! They will be married in March. They met in Oxford, where Matthew, Princeton '05, was working on a DPhil in Political Theory. Both are currently first-year law students at Yale.

Next another intimate item, brief and no less important for that: In April mail from Andrea brought a photograph of the handsome young Raphael Marchmont Hume, born on 20 March to join his brothers, Sascha and Sebi. After maternity leave, Andrea was to return to work at the International Monetary Fund, where her job is writing speeches for its Managing Director, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the former Foreign Minister of France.

Now, to go backward in time and work forward, Dennis and Susan report that in May he celebrated the fifth anniversary of his post as President of the Church Pension Group of the Protestant Episcopal Church while Susan pursues her painting, sometimes oil and sometimes watercolor. She hopes to have some landscapes ready for a show early this year and is an active participant in the fight against the huge Atlantic Yards project in Brooklyn. They spend their holidays in a farm house they own in the Adirondacks.

Mike and Debra Decker are hyper-active at home and abroad. Mike is helping support an Afghan NGO called Afghans for Tomorrow. It has coed schools in Wardak Province and Kabul and an innovative "green briquette" recycling program. This is a local, cost-effective effort. The annual budget is what it costs USAID to pay for one guard at its Kabul Headquarters. He was supposed to go help with its accounting but was waved off because of security worries during the presidential election. Mike and Debra also made a visit to Mali and Senegal (his 112th country!) and looked into possibilities of constructive involvement there. They got to Timbuctoo just after an Al-Quaeda raid. There was no security check of any sort at the airport, but they did not feel insecure.

Here at home Debra continues as a research associate at Kennedy School of Government and at Booz, Allen in DC. Mike has joined the board of Denbigh Resources, an NYSE oil and gas company. Its business is injecting carbon dioxide into the ground

to recover oil from depleted reservoirs. It's a technology that sequesters CO2 while producing oil. Mike is still with Wingate Partners and took the lead in its acquisition of an environmental business based in Houston. He still writes poetry, but was surprised to be told by an editor that it's prose poetry, whatever that may be.

The law firm that Corky Plews started 21 years ago has grown to occupy 37 lawyers with offices in five buildings in Indianapolis and one in South Bend. Their principal specialties are complex litigation, insurance coverage, and environmental law. Corky is President of the Princeton Club of Indiana and Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Indiana and of a national church group, the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (perhaps he and Dennis overlap a bit in looking after the interests of Episcopal clergy). He is President of the St. Richards School Foundation, and Director of the Indiana Interchurch Center, the Indianapolis Rowing Center, the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, and Novia Care Clinics, LLC. Finally he is in his 15th year as basketball coach at St. Richards. They have won two state titles, and is himself playing hoops with three college students and a pro.

John Fox's news was somehow garbled in the interstices of his exchanges with David, and he apparently hasn't received or had time to answer an email requesting clarification. As best I can make out, it has to do with the way in which the agency he runs beams independent programming produced by refugees into North Korea via Blackberry and AT&T.

Madelyn writes from Beijing, where she is spending the year with her family on the 30th anniversary of her Sachs Scholarship in China. For five years now Madelyn has been Director of China Initiatives at George Mason University, and this year she is running it from China. As I understand it, the program brings Chinese undergraduates to study at George Mason for a time. The first cohorts have successfully graduated, and the number of students participating has grown steadily. They come from fifteen central and provincial universities in China. Madelyn plans to visit them all for several days each in order to meet and consult with her Chinese colleagues face to face. She has an office at the China Council for International Education, a semi-governmental foundation, and has made connection with the Princeton Association of Beijing. The family is with her. Skip is running his law firm's Beijing office; their son Matthew is in 9th grade at the Western Academy. Their daughter Carly spent her two weeks Christmas vacation there and went on for Columbia's semester in Paris program.

Elena sends word from Washington where she is having a terrific time as Solicitor General of the United States. She has had two arguments before the Supreme Court, one a campaign finance

case, the other a religion case. She doesn't say whether the former is the one that yesterday issued in the disastrous decision permitting corporate financing of political campaigns. She has the privilege, her word, of working with extraordinary lawyers every day, and thinks she runs the best small law firm in the country.

Steve returned to Michigan Law School last fall from a wonderful sabbatical year in Geneva, the scene (like Madelyn's in China) of his Sachs, and with better provision this time for the cost of living in Switzerland. He hopes to make it to the interviewing committee next year.

If I remember correctly we circulated copies of reviews of Matthew's book, The Management Myth. Among them, you will recall, was a rave piece from the Wall Street Journal, praising it for exhibiting the hollowness, not to say falsity, of the widespread notion that there is such a thing as management science or even expertise. Matthew is well along on his next book, which will be the fifth on the philosophical origins of the American Revolution. From what he's told me already, they are not what I thought. His family are well, all basking in the salubrious climate and enjoying the laid back life style in Santa Barbara.

Doug has volunteered to be a reviewer for the stimulus grants authorized by the Broadband Recovery and Reinvestment Act, a chore for which no one could be better qualified. It's currently taking up most of his free time. Huge problems face the Federal Communications Commission, so he tells us, but he's confident that David Tannenbaum's joining the FCC will be a great asset to the formulation and execution of communications policy.

All is well with Joel and his family. He's been promoted to Deputy Director of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, the regional agency that coordinates land use, transportation, environmental concerns, and service sharing initiatives for Greater Boston. He founded and now runs he nonprofit Commonwealth Seminar, which has just celebrates its fifth anniversary and 500th graduate. His work there has been recognized with leadership awards from the Massachusetts Immigrants and Immigrants and Refugees Advocacy Coalition and Oise, the statewide Latino political organization. Besides all that, he volunteers to serve as Governor Patrick's appointee to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, which provides water and waste water service to the metropolitan area. Mari has a new job as Vice-President of the EOS Foundation, a philanthropy dealing with issues related to children's health and well-being. Their kids are doing fine in school, and they've moved into a big turn of the century colonial in downtown Natick.

Julie Ann writes briefly and cogently that her clinical practice in the Yale-New Haven Hospital is booming as is her

research. She has been awarded the Association for Academic Surgery International Visiting Professorship and will use it for a program of lectures in various institutions in Australia.

After apologizing for having been out of touch, Shalani sends word from Paris. She is teaching at the American University, and her son, Elliot, celebrated his first birthday on 24 November.

What with the downturn in real estate, Jason's firm, Arcadia Land Company, is traversing a complicated time. Rather than designing and developing model communities, they are offering a consulting service for banks and private equity groups involved in failed residential developments in the Mid-Atlantic states. They are also working with Dan Biederman, a Princeton Graduate and expert in urban park design who was responsible for restoring Bryant Park behind the New York Public Library to civilized use. The current job is to rehabilitate Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia. In early November Jason ran the New York City Marathon, a fundraiser for the Multiple Myeloma Foundation. Angie is Assistant Professor of Psychology at Penn. They live in Narbeth on the Main Line, and their girls are now 8 and 6.

By now Justin will be in Tanzania for eight or ten months. Maria is at the end of her residency at Duke Medical School and has a medical research fellowship to carry out there. He has taken leave from Associated Press where his beat was coverage of the affairs of higher education. We may, he says, expect corruption and incompetence to flourish there in the absence of his watchful eye. I hope we may have some news from him during his time there in that far and strange country. What awaits his and Maria's return to these shores remains to be determined. Good luck to them both!

Christine and Peter have moved from Iowa City to Pittsburgh. He is working at the Public Defender's Office. Christine is teaching sociology at the University of Pittsburgh and finishing a book, her third, on how Millenials can (and in her student group did) employ old-fashioned self-help advice to help get them through college, onto the job market, and beyond in their lives and careers. The theme of self-help has long preoccupied Christine. I mentioned that to her, and to disabuse me of the sense that she's addicted to it, she has sent a copy of an op-ed piece she published on 25 October in the Washington Post. The subject is the appalling episode in which a self-help guru called James Arthur Ray led a group of fifty adepts into a day and a half without food or water in a desert vision quest followed by the supposed purification of an imitation Native American sweat lodge in Sedona, Arizona. None were allowed out. Three died of dehydration and more than a dozen were injured.

The year 2009 brought important changes in Ken Shaitelman's life, all positive. In June, his wife, Simona, gave birth to a

lovely girl, whom they have named Aurelia. Classics major that he was, they called her Aurelia, the Roman name for Golden. Mother and child are doing fine. The young family has moved from New York to Michigan. Simona transferred her medical residency in oncology from Columbia to William Beaumont Hospital in the suburbs of Detroit. Ken has gone back to working in the public sector and is United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. His daily work consists of representing the United States in litigation in federal court. He finds it the best job he ever had, with excellent colleagues and constantly stimulating challenges.

The extraordinary coincidence that Ken and David Tannenbaum were classmates in high school always leads me to think of them somehow as a pair. David postponed Princeton for a year in order to register minority voters in Brooklyn and Queens. He has emerged from a sequence of two judicial clerkships in California and is a little sad to have left the ambience of Los Angeles for Washington. As Doug mentioned, David will be joining the Federal Communications Commission. His post is Special Counsel to the General Counsel, where his responsibilities will include both policy and legal work related to technological issues that have long interested him.

After stints of humanitarian missions in Khartoum, the Congo, and Erbil in northern Iraq, Natalie underwent a stint of training in Geneva for a position as Detention Delegate in the International Committee of the Red Cross. Her current post is in Jammu in Jammu and Kashmir State in India. There her job is to visit prisons in which people connected with the political tensions of the region are detained. She also sees their families if requested to do so. Security is tight, and that is all she is allowed to divulge about her responsibilities. She is allowed to report that the region around Jammu is still overwhelmingly Hindu. Pedestrians take their life in their hands when crossing the street, but a cow may safely lie down in the middle of a crossroads. A two-year prison sentence awaits anyone who disturbs it.

Dan-el is pleased to be back in the routine of classes and research, and is very happy with the Classics Department at Stanford. That's about all that he's found time to tell us, except that life on the West Coast is equally to his taste.

Kyle wrote on completion of his first year of graduate work in the Government Department at Harvard. He has not found the faculty to be as distant as I did in my far-off days there, and has made close friends among his fellow students. There are three sinologists in the Department, and he is managing to keep up the accomplishment he acquired in that field while on the Sacks in China. Whether he is heading for a career in academia, in government, or in affairs remains to be decided. Meanwhile he

finds relaxation in singing with the Harvard-Radcliffe Chorus. Sanders Theater was packed to hear their performance of the Mozart Requiem. It was fine to have a visit with Kyle during the interview weekend.

Josh Goldsmith must be pleased to have another Josh among the Scholars. After finishing an MA in the Teaching of Languages and Literatures, he taught English as a second language in Barcelona for a year. He is now in Philadelphia, where he is helping to found a new school called El Centro de Estudiantes. El Centro is part of something I never heard of, the Big Picture Learning Network, the object of which is to teach one student at a time through individualized curricula and real-world learning. The faculty at El Centro works with low income, at risk students, mostly from the Kensington neighborhood. Josh is teaching a bilingual English immersion class. Half the students are from Puerto Rico and have varying degrees of English while the other half have only English and no Spanish. It's fun, he says, and I'm in no way surprised that he also finds it exhausting.

On completion of his first Michaelmas term Alex is exhilarated with his experiences at Oxford. He does find the Development Studies Program in which he is enrolled a bit thin, particularly with respect to economics, but more than makes up for that by attending all sorts of special lectures and open seminars on relevant topics. He's also working with his adviser to set up tutorials in economics for the coming terms. The main job now is to define a thesis topic. He's thinking of a carbon-offset program in Bolivia and comparing understandings of environmental issues among indigenous populations in the Amazon with those of investors in the United States. Meanwhile he's engaged in extra-curricular projects involving various activist societies in Oxford -- rallies on the war in Afghanistan, promotion of vegetarianism, animal rights, etc. He does find it hard to organize things in the Oxford college system, as indeed did David Tannenbaum. In addition to all that, Alex has thrown himself back into team sports, in which he engaged in high school but not in Princeton. He's made it to Worcester's A crew, the only American among seven English undergraduates. What with the English climate, Christ Church regatta was rained out, but they did win their first race after that. He is also running with the Oxford Cross Country Club. With all that, however, Alex finds, as have many of you, that it's the intangibles that make Oxford special.

Those of you from the Classes of '70 through '81 will remember Matt Nimetz, who along with Bob Orrill and the late Jack Horton '60, was one of the original Advisers, in effect trustees of the Scholarship. All three were fellow Rhodes Scholars with Dan. Matt was a tower of strength and a fount of wisdom in those early days of the Scholarship. He continues as COO of General Atlantic and as the United Nations Secretary General's Personal Envoy conducting mediation between Greece and the Republic of

Macedonia.

As for Emily and me, life continues in a more or less normal rhythm despite the accelerating passage of the years. I probably ought to stop writing things and devote myself to reading other things. But I still seem to have a few projects under way. I'm consulting with a Japanese colleague who has translated some of my things and is currently doing my recent collection of essays and reviews. This year, I will also be collaborating with colleagues abroad on splicing some of the material from a book I wrote long ago on Lazare Carnot, the French statesman and engineer, into a history of mechanistic physics to be published by Springer Verlag.

It's always a pleasure to hear from any of you whenever you have any special news. I have one apology. A number of you have given generously to the Scholarship Fund in the last year, and I have not yet been able to express my thanks to all concerned.

Finally, I'm sure you and all the Scholars join me in feeling profound gratitude to David and Cathy, to David for his faithful and inspired stewardship of the Scholarship, to Cathy for her unfailing cordiality and hospitality during all our gatherings.

Yours,

Charles