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# Letter from the Head of School

Dear Friends,

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*"I hope this Journal will give you some sense of the quality and dedication of our faculty."*

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Many of you have had an opportunity to help us celebrate our Centennial this year. Our Fall Symposium, the cross-stitched quilt, the beautiful video, the time line, which is reproduced in this issue, have all allowed us to reflect on our rich traditions. We have enjoyed making the time to learn about our roots, to marvel at the energy and commitment of our MFS and PCD founders and to celebrate the accomplishments of our MFS, PCD and PDS students.

Central to the history of our school and our celebration of that history is a recognition of the vital role that has always been played by our faculty. Understanding that our school has consistently been characterized by powerful teacher-student connections, PDS teachers today continue to hone their skills and refine their craft.

Although it would clearly be impossible to describe or even mention every one of our over 100 teachers, I hope this *Journal* will give you some sense of the quality and dedication of our faculty. The teachers mentioned in these pages are representa-

tive of the energy, expertise, varied interests and talents of the entire faculty. As many of you know firsthand, Gary Lott and Steve Lawrence, who will retire this June, have challenged, nurtured and stretched hundreds of our students.

When the Board of Trustees adopted our Long Range Plan in 1996, they recognized that our top priority was to recruit, support and retain outstanding teachers. In pursuit of that priority, we have quadrupled faculty housing, increased faculty, coaching and part-time salaries, expanded summer employment and sabbatical opportunities and provided avenues for local and national recognition.

Thanks to the remarkable fund raising of our Parents Association and the generosity of our many supporters, our teachers take courses,

attend and present at conferences all over the world.

Each year I have our seniors in small groups to my house for dinner. I ask them to tell me about the best courses they have had at PDS. And each night the conversation quickly turns from courses to teachers. They want to talk about the teachers who demanded a great deal, who believed in them and enabled them to produce their very best.

I hope you enjoy the *Journal's* salute to teachers, for they continue to make this school such a remarkable place.

Fondly,

*Lila B. Lohr*  
Lila Lohr



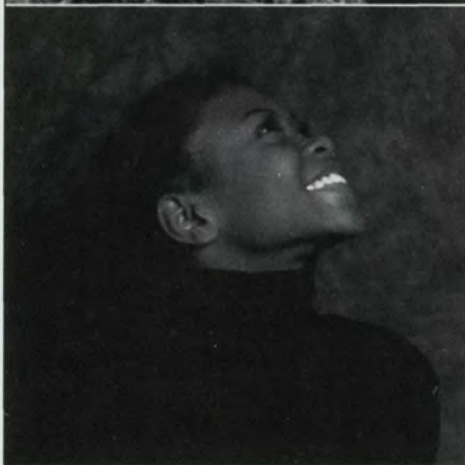
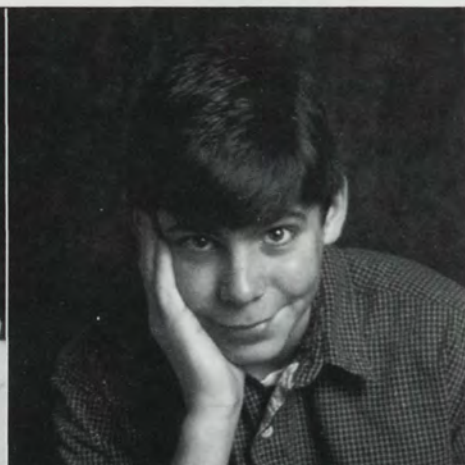
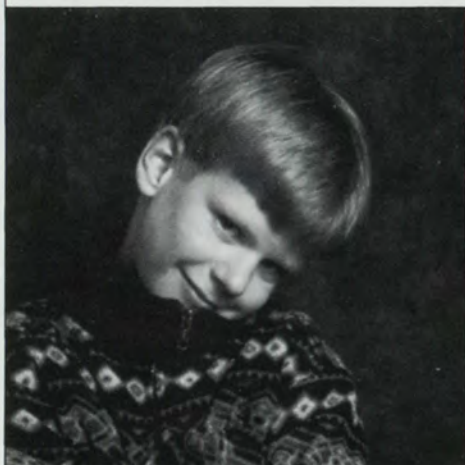
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US! On October 1, exactly 100 years from the day Miss Fine opened her school in 1899, the entire faculty and student body gathered to celebrate with a special assembly and a huge birthday cake baked by PDS parent Denise Adams. Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand presented a proclamation congratulating the school on its anniversary. Above, Head of School Lila Lohr admires the decorations with junior kindergartners David Crane, Isha Rahman, Jack Kenyon, Willy Cara, Kate Reynolds, Kendra Clark, Matthew Cavuto and Elizabeth Ham. A year of centennial celebrations will end in June.



## *Faces of the Future:*

### *Alumni Children Strengthen Link with the Past*

The character of a school is reflected in the faces of its students. Those pictured on the cover and in the next four pages are all legacies: children of alumni. This year there are 60 children from 42 alumni families attending Princeton Day School. They range in age from junior kindergarteners to seniors, and some of their parents are quoted here.



"I did not go to the lower school myself, but I taught first and second grade there for two years and just loved it. So it has really been fun for me to have Amory there because so many of the teachers I worked with are still around."

— Caroline Erdman Hare '75



"For us, our boys' overall sense of happiness is a reflection of the fact that PDS teaches the whole child. It's been a very endearing, very full experience for them, and they take a lot of personal pride in the place. It's been the shining light in our lives."

— Lynn Behr Sanford '68



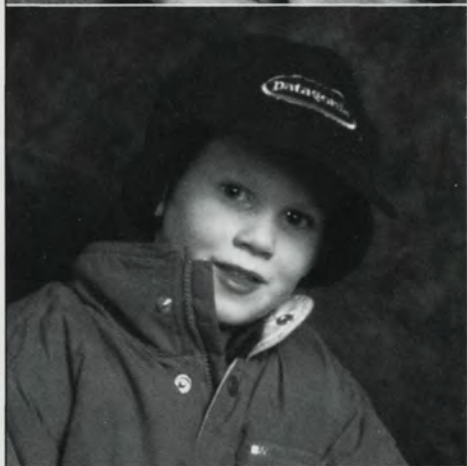
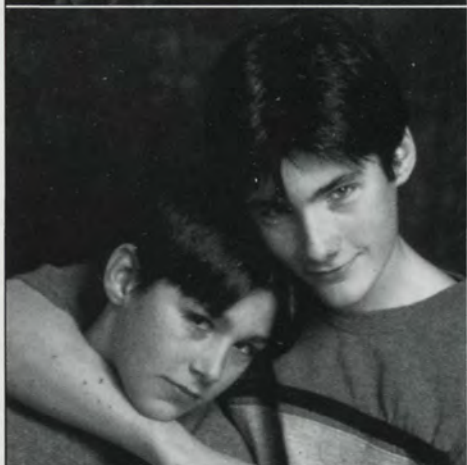
**Top row, left to right:** Amory Hare '10, son of Caroline Erdman Hare '75 and Nick Hare '59; Caroline '05 & Heidi '07 Woodworth, daughters of Buzz Woodworth '73; Matthew Cook '05, son of Steve Cook '59. **Second row:** Delysse Leonard '08, daughter of Lisa Richardson Leonard '84; Courtney Bergh '02, daughter of Linda Staniar Bergh '66. **Third row:** Laddie '04 & Brody '08 Sanford, sons of Lynn Behr Sanford '68; Jack '13, Isabelle '05 & Taylor '08 Kenyon, children of Jane Henderson Kenyon '79.





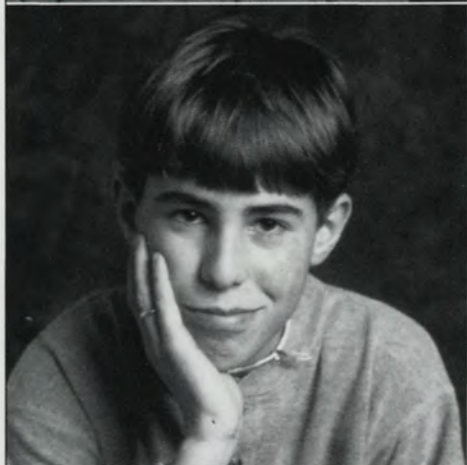
"After researching what school would be best for our children, PDS was our number one choice. Academically it's stronger than it's ever been. The curriculum is diverse and so are the extracurricular activities. My daughter Simone loves the fact that she can skate (at the PDS rink) even in the summer."

— Joe Christen '83



"We originally chose PDS for Hilary, who came here in kindergarten. We were looking for educational quality, a good curriculum. Now that she is in middle school, PDS has really helped her become an independent learner. I would say that while we originally came for the academics, now it is the teachers that make us stay. They are what really makes the difference."

— Jill Goldman '74



Our oldest living alumna helped organize Miss Fine's School's first graduation ceremony in 1918. To find out who she is, turn to page six.

**Top row, left to right:** James Cole '08, son of Barbie Griffin Cole '78; Mario Laurenti '07, son of Yuki Moore Laurenti '75. **Second row:** Fred '06 & Arthur '04 Mittnacht, sons of Art Mittnacht '72; Bruce Thurman '05, son of Hilary Winter '75; Maggie Finnell '02, daughter of Molly Murdoch Finnell '76 & Sam Finnell '74. **Third row:** Walker Ward '12, son of Leslie Straut Ward '80; Parker Russo '11, son of Sabatino Russo '74. **Fourth row:** David Gordon '06, son of Jerem Gordon '72; Max '08, Hilary '05 & Bailey '11 Richards, children of Jill Goldman '74.



"Amidst all the change in the Princeton area, Princeton Day School remains a constant factor. The faculty still loves the kids. As a parent, I feel very comfortable coming there with any issue, and my children love coming to school every single day."

— Betsy Bristol Sayen '69



This year's alumni award winners shared birthday cake when they were three. To learn what they have been up to since then, turn to page sixteen.



"Louise is a different child since coming to PDS. I had hoped that she would love it, but I am amazed at the interests it has awakened in her. She has developed a great passion for writing and she's joined the lower school science club. They set off rockets behind Colross the other day. She was so totally pumped about it, and now she tells me they are going to build a robot. Her French classes have made her want to visit Paris, and the other day she insisted on dragging me all the way down to the upper school to see a display of wooden sculptures done by a Mexican artist who had visited their class. Her day is incredible. The experience at PDS goes so far beyond normal education. Everything is taught so that the kids find it fascinating."

— Cary Bachelder Dufresne '77



**Top row, left to right:** Emily O'Hara '00, daughter of Cyndy Combs O'Hara '69; Emily '03, Sam '09 & Betsy '04 Starkey, children of Sam Starkey '72. **Second row:** Marlee '02 & Elizabeth '03 Sayen, daughters of Betsy Bristol Sayen '69 & Will Sayen '65; Clark Bristol '06, son of Hank Bristol '72. **Third row:** Louise Dufresne '09, daughter of Cary Bachelder Dufresne '77; Andrew Miller '01, son of Bob Miller '51. **Fourth row:** Will '11, Peter '12 & Eric '12 Powers, sons of Howie Powers '80; John McCarthy '04, son of Jack McCarthy '62.





"It feels very comfortable, like an extension of our house. The kids are in great hands. The teachers take an unusual level of interest. Our kids are different types, but their teachers bring out the best in them. The school's strengths are teaching kids to read, write and communicate. I'm very confident they will be well prepared - even better prepared than I was."

— Mike Mantell '76



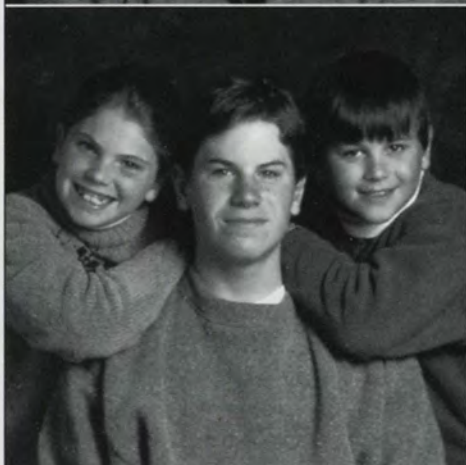
"My daughters are really getting much more than just a classroom experience. Lower school students go all over the building: to the science and computer labs, to the art studio. Middle and upper schoolers are accessible through programs such as TAP, making the younger ones feel part of the entire school picture. I am proud and thrilled and delighted that my girls are at PDS."

— Art Levy '73



"I always knew PDS was where I wanted to send them. It has that wonderful sense of a small community that cuts across all divisions. It's a very nurturing place. I did not attend the lower school myself, but since my children have been there I know it is especially true there."

— Julia Penick Garry '77



**Top row, left to right:** Kendal Bushnell '05, daughter of John Bushnell '73; Amanda '09 & Allison '11 Levy, daughters of Art Levy '73. **Second row:** Rebecca '08 & Matthew '10 Mantell, children of Mike Mantell '76. **Third row:** Hilary Cook '04, daughter of John Cook '56; Jamie '09 and Matthew '11 Garry, sons of Julia Penick Garry '77. **Fourth row:** Caroline '09, Harrison '04 & Henry '08 Buck, children of Pete Buck '77; Dan Millner '00, son of Don Millner '71; Michael '12 & Matthew '12 Kilgore, sons of Jim Kilgore '63.



## Extending the Tradition

In this centennial year, we want to recognize those who have an especially long history with the school. Although we have no golden statuette for them to carry home, we appreciate all they have contributed.

### ★ *Most Years Since Graduation: 82*

Emilie Stuart Perry and Princeton Day School are almost the same age. Ms. Perry will celebrate her 100th birthday on November 25, shortly after the school she once attended wraps up its centennial year. She graduated in 1918 from what was then Miss Fine's School, and has the distinction of being our oldest living alumna. She grew up on Broadmead and remembers that it was a "long walk to school" every day. She is a cousin of the late Donald C. Stuart '28, father of Jeb Stuart '56.



*Emilie Stuart Perry*

Ms. Perry studied French and German and May Margaret Fine introduced her to Latin. She has fond memories of her time in Princeton and is enthusiastic about the friends she made and the education she received at MFS. "We were the first class to have a graduation ceremony," she says. "We decided it was important to do." The ceremony was held in Thompson Hall where Ms. Perry also attended dancing class and learned to tango. She went on to Vassar College and, after graduation, taught Latin for a year at St. Mary's Hall in Burlington, NJ. When she married Arthur Perry, former headmaster of Milton Academy, she moved to Massachusetts and they raised two children. Ms. Perry has survived her husband and son David, and lives in Milton, MA with her son Phillip, a retired teacher.



*Perry Rodgers '58 is shown in a 1974 photograph with his stepmother Bunny Pardee Rodgers '40, her mother Mary Winans Pardee '06, and his stepdaughter Mary Browning '83.*

### ★ *Most Alumni Siblings: 11*

In 1925, Miss Fine's School converted an unused kitchen into its first gymnasium thanks to the generosity of Mary Winans Pardee '06 and her husband. Their daughter, Mary (Bunny) Pardee Rodgers graduated from MFS in 1940, and she and her husband Christopher (Knobby) Rodgers sent all 11 of their children to either MFS, PCD or PDS. (Two of their grandchildren also attended.) The third generation Rodgers alumni are:

Mary Elizabeth Alexander '60  
C.R. Perry Rodgers '58 - PDS Class Secretary  
Ario Alexander '59 (deceased)  
Emily Lee Rodgers '65  
James C. Rodgers '70 - former PDS Business Officer and Trustee  
Samuel Rodgers '71  
Sarah Rodgers Smith '72  
Alice Rodgers Celestino '74  
Virginia Rodgers '76  
John S. Rodgers '78  
Julia Rodgers Alpert '81

### ★ *Most Fun Weekend*



May 19-20, 2000  
Alumni Reunions



## ★ *Most Alumni in Extended Family: 20*

When it comes to large alumni families, the Erdmans win the prize. The Rev. Charles Erdman was a friend of May Margaret Fine and served as chairman of her school's Board of Trustees for many years and became a trustee emeritus. His son Charles, Jr. MFS '15 was a trustee of Princeton Country Day School, and his five sons and 13 of his grandchildren attended either PCD or PDS. (Only the children of Charles III, who lives in Vermont, did not attend.) Those 18 alumni do not even include two alumni spouses, Nick Hare '59 and Tom Marshall '80, or The Rev. Erdman's great-great-grandsons, Amory Hare, son of Caroline '75 and Nick Hare '59 and a second grader this year (see page 2), or Spencer Mooney, son of Jody Erdman '72, who will enter kindergarten in the fall.

### *Erdman Alumni:*

Charles R. Erdman, Jr. '15  
 Charles R. Erdman III '38  
 Harold B. Erdman '39  
 Harold B. Erdman, Jr. '64  
 Frederic P. Erdman '70  
 Judith Erdman '72  
 Spencer Mooney  
*(future '13)*  
 Carlton P. Erdman '76  
 Peter E. B. Erdman '43  
 Margaret Erdman Becker '73  
 Caroline Erdman Hare '75  
 Amory Hare '10  
 William P. Erdman '76  
 Andrew E. Erdman '80  
 David Erdman '46  
 Charlotte Erdman Rizzo '81  
 Jonathan D. Erdman '83  
 Jane Erdman Remillard '85  
 Michael P. Erdman '50  
 Lea Erdman Marshall '82  
 Lynne Erdman O'Donnell '85

## ★ *Most Generations of Alumnae: 4*

With her graduation from Miss Fine's School in 1927, the late Christine Gibbons Mason set in motion an academic tradition that has spanned 73 years. Her daughter Louise Mason Bachelder was among the 1954 MFS graduates and her granddaughter Christina (Cary) Bachelder Dufresne graduated from PDS in 1977. Ms. Mason's great-granddaughter Louise Dufresne is in the PDS third grade this year and will graduate in 2009.

Ms. Dufresne says, "This December, I took my mother



*Pictured in 1991 are four generations of alumnae: the late Christine Gibbons Mason '27, Christina (Cary) Bachelder Dufresne '77, Louise Dufresne '09 and Louise Mason Bachelder '54. (See Louise all grown up on page 4).*

to the holiday concert, and when Louise walked singing into that darkened theater with her little flashlight, dressed in her choir costume, both of us burst into tears. It was so emotional for all of us to be there together. Louise was wearing a gold heart that my mother had worn before giving it to me, and it seemed very symbolic at that moment. I felt thrilled that she's going to have this experience too, that in fact the school is even better than when I was there."



*In July 1997, the Erdman family gathered to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of the clan's patriarch, Charles R. Erdman, Jr. '15 at his former summer home on Martha's Vineyard.*

## *Did You Know . . .*

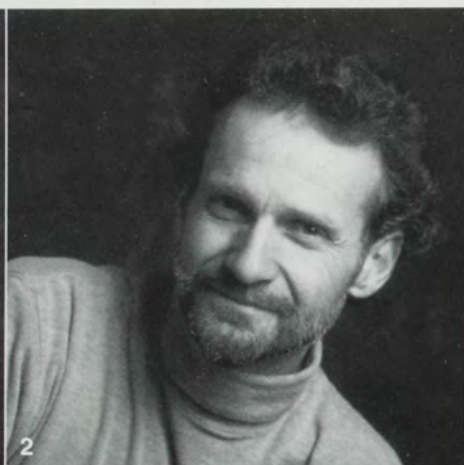
### *That Colross was:*

*Built in Virginia in 1799 • Gambled away in a card game in 1831 • Converted to a Civil War hospital in the 1860s  
 • Damaged by a tornado in 1927 • Dismantled and shipped to New Jersey in 1929 • Sold to Miss Fine's School in 1958  
 • Occupied by PDS headmasters in the 1960s • Celebrated its 200th birthday this winter?*





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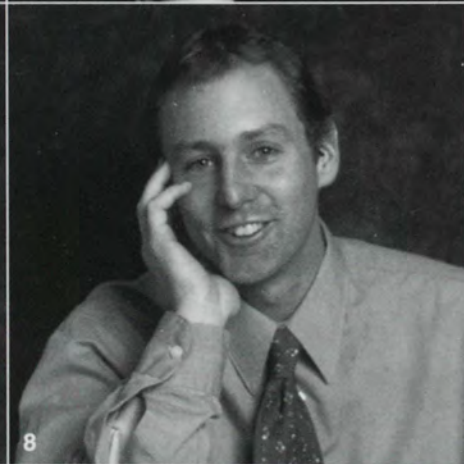
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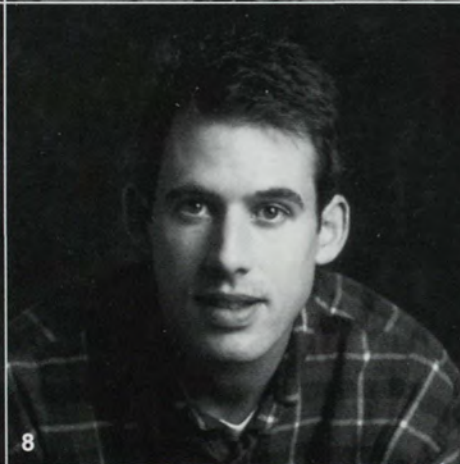
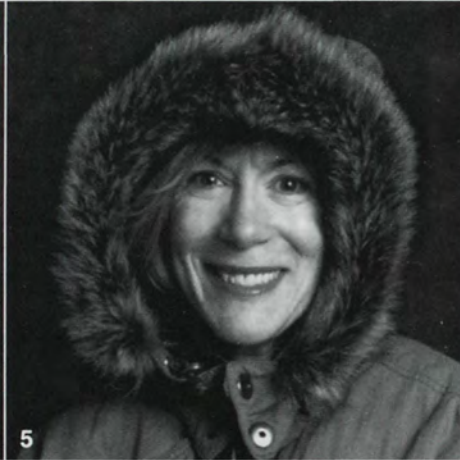
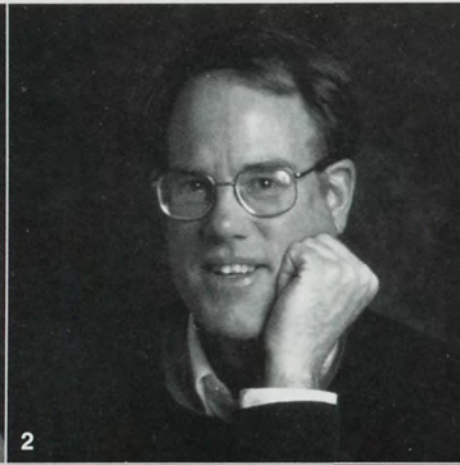
## *Faculty Faces: Teachers Define School's Character*

The 18 teachers pictured here, and the 99 others at PDS, represent different disciplines and different divisions, but they share a dedication to their work, an excitement about learning and a creativity that is passed on to their students. Their influence is felt long after their students graduate, and alumni regularly return to campus to thank them for their efforts.



<p>"Whether my students are learning math or developing into fine young people, I believe I make a difference. PDS provides an environment where students can be challenged and stimulated, nurtured and independent, accepted and unique, individual and part of a concerned community, and prepared for the world ahead of them. It is a special place."</p> <p>– Donna Zarzecki, middle school mathematics</p> <p>1</p>	<p>"Mr. Hirniak is such a good teacher because he helps you find what <i>you</i> want to do as an artist. He will assign a project, but within the project there is a lot of room to maneuver. It's very open-ended. When a teacher is able to point kids in the right direction like that, so they can find their own worth, I think that is the highest form of teaching."</p> <p>– Caitlin MacQueen '00 on Jerry Hirniak, art department head</p> <p>2</p>	<p>"I love teaching Spanish because speaking another language has enriched my life. I have learned to appreciate wonderful literature and art, have travelled extensively, and have developed close friendships through my knowledge of Spanish. Teaching offers me the opportunity to share these experiences with my students and to encourage them to broaden their horizons and reap the unique rewards that speaking another language offers."</p> <p>– Anna Bernanke, middle school Spanish</p> <p>3</p>
<p>"I've been quite impressed by Mr. Bockol. He really knows a lot about computers, and especially networking. Like me, he's generally a PC guy, but I'm always amazed at how many little tricks he knows with Macs. He's also been really helpful setting up some new servers running the Linux operating system."</p> <p>– John Kunz '00, PDS systems operator, on Matt Bockol, computer technologist</p> <p>4</p>	<p>"Ms. Andersen was a great teacher and she was very supportive. She always encouraged me with my writing. Even after I had her as a teacher I would go back to her with my poetry and stories. Sometimes I would just go to talk with her about things because I always felt comfortable around her. She was like a friend to me, not just a teacher."</p> <p>– Sarah Maloney '02 on Beth Andersen, middle school humanities</p> <p>5</p>	<p>"Besides being one of the most open and warm-hearted people in the lower school, Daria has worked at PDS for 26 years, so she holds the history of the school in her head and her heart."</p> <p>– Lower School Head Dina Bray on Daria Lippmann, reading specialist</p> <p>6</p>
<p>"I love that I get paid to learn — about students, how they think and feel, and about literature! When I teach a book like <i>Othello</i> or <i>Crime and Punishment</i> that I have read so many times, invariably I end up seeing it in a new light through the eyes of my students. While I love the material I teach, my love of teaching springs not from the texts but from the students and what they bring to that material, to each other, and to me. Who could ask for more?"</p> <p>– Kate Winton, upper school English</p> <p>7</p>	<p>"The most important aspect of teaching at PDS is that it has afforded me the chance for personal growth. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't learn a new fact, enjoy a thoughtful conversation, discover a new insight, or better understand the students I teach. PDS is a place where one cannot help but grow in mind and spirit."</p> <p>– Aaron Schomburg, lower school science curriculum coordinator</p> <p>8</p>	<p>"Mrs. B. really has a concept of what it feels like to be a kid. She teaches us so that we know something new, or understand something better, not just so that we get good grades on tests. She's seen me through everything from the subjunctive tense in Spanish as my teacher, to personal issues as my advisor. I have never had to ask her to make time for me."</p> <p>– Anna Soloway '00 on Denise Bencivengo, upper school Spanish</p> <p>9</p>
<p><i>"Two years ago, I had the wonderful experience of working on the Grade VI Humanities Team to create a new, innovative curriculum. This experience has changed the way I teach more than any other. Without the support of the administration, my colleagues, and the money raised by parents each year, I would have never had this experience."</i></p> <p><i>– Beth Andersen, middle school humanities</i></p>		





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*— Beth Edmondson, upper school mathematics*



<p>“I find the caring nature of the PDS students to be most impressive. Time and again I have been warmed by the support I have seen the students give to each other and...yes, to me too! Their willingness to offer encouragement in time of need, and their generosity in providing praise for a job well done makes PDS a very special place.”</p> <p>– Beth Edmondson, upper school mathematics</p> <p>1</p>	<p>“The PDS student body is so capable that I set my expectations unusually high and the students reach higher. I’m constantly surprised by the work they are capable of producing. I love being able to let eighth graders explore projects like the ‘sludge test’ independently, without being guided and told what to do by the teacher.”</p> <p>– Dave Reeve, middle school science and mathematics</p> <p>2</p>	<p>“Teaching fourth grade at PDS is extremely gratifying. Leading 10-year-olds through a year which includes powerful units on immigration, diving into wonderful literature and poetry, producing an operetta, taking exciting field trips to Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, and the U.N., and delving into more difficult problem solving in math, is an absorbing and totally enjoyable challenge.”</p> <p>– Cindy Peifer, fourth grade</p> <p>3</p>
<p>“As an athletic trainer I enjoy my students and helping them work through the adversity associated with injuries. The road to recovery can be long and winding, but the athlete learns that through hard work, perseverance, and patience they can return safely. When they rejoin their team and return to competition, they see the results of their work, and I am once again reminded why I became an athletic trainer.”</p> <p>– Ted Harrington, athletic trainer</p> <p>4</p>	<p>“It has been a privilege and a joy teaching kindergarten at PDS for the past 18 years. It is especially rewarding to start children off on their academic journey and to follow their growth and development through the years.”</p> <p>– Paula Siegel, kindergarten</p> <p>5</p>	<p>“My daughter had a magical year with Mrs. Rizza. Some people were just born to teach. I’ll never forget the multimedia piece her students created for us, based on the book <i>Half-a-Moon Inn</i>. Using a script they had written themselves, they acted out the story, and even served us soup they had made from a recipe in the book. It was just extraordinary.”</p> <p>– PDS parent Marjorie Biddle on Betsy Rizza, third grade</p> <p>6</p>
<p>“The atmosphere when you walk into Ms. Beeman’s room from day one is filled with energy. From Element Bingo (helping to memorize our elements) to the tricks she taught us for remembering the ions and their charges, I looked forward to chemistry class. We also made ‘green glob’ with the second grade. Because of how Ms. Beeman made class fun as well as challenging, I’m taking AP Chem next year.”</p> <p>– Sara Peach ’01 on Terry Beeman, upper school science</p> <p>7</p>	<p>“I love to work with students as they investigate and discover history for themselves. The intelligence and curiosity of our students make learning truly exciting.”</p> <p>– Matt Levinson, middle school history</p> <p>8</p>	<p>“Mrs. Westrick was my music teacher for 10 years at PDS. From the beginning, she helped me develop my vocal tone and listening skills. She takes a personal interest in all of her students. From suggesting summer music programs and personal instructors, to forming the Eighth Notes last year, Mrs. Westrick always finds opportunities for her students to further excel. What she has taught me is beyond words.”</p> <p>– Justin Revelle ’03 on Janet Westrick, middle school music</p> <p>9</p>
<p><i>“It has been a privilege and a joy teaching kindergarten at PDS for the past 18 years. It is especially rewarding to start children off on their academic journey and to follow their growth and development through the years.”</i></p> <p><i>– Paula Siegel, kindergarten</i></p>		



## *In the Spotlight: Jim Laughlin '80*

Mention living in the Bahamas for a year, and most people picture a carefree idyll in an island paradise. That is not quite how it turned out for PDS kindergarten teacher and 1980 alumnus Jim Laughlin when he took a teaching position in Abaco and found himself directly in the path of Hurricane Floyd.

Last summer, Mr. Laughlin took a leave from PDS to teach in St. Francis de Sales School in Marsh Harbor on Abaco. He settled into his parents' \* house on the beach with his wife Marjie and their young daughter Katelyn.

In September, as Floyd roared toward the Bahamas and grew into a Category Three storm, islanders were ordered to evacuate. Mr. Laughlin's first flight out was cancelled, so he was forced to find other transportation at the last minute. "Imagine what it was like, trying to secure buildings, boats and belongings while also trying to get a flight out, all in the space of a few hours."

Fortunately, he was able to charter a plane to Florida and, after driving for hours, find a motel room to wait out the storm with his family. When he returned to the island three days later, he found destruction at every turn.

"Hope Town looked completely different," he says. "Trees were down all over and sailboats were up on the rocks or on the bottom of the harbor. On the bright side, nobody was hurt or killed and most of the locals had places to live." His house was among many that were uninhabitable. "It was hanging over the edge of a sand dune and had been seriously damaged structurally."

"My school survived the storm," he continues, "but we lost our administrative building. All the students' work was ruined." Poking through the debris, Mr. Laughlin discovered wind and water had destroyed all but the covers of the textbooks.

Once power was restored to the island, he sent an e-mail message to PDS kindergarten teacher Nancy Miller MFS '57, explaining the plight of the islanders. Word of the disaster spread, and when lower schoolers learned that all the Abaco



*Jim Laughlin '80*

school's books were ruined, they immediately understood the impact it would have on Mr. Laughlin. They knew the importance he placed on books and reading.

Aware of the children's concern, Jill Christen (wife of Joe Christen '83) and Marilyn Miragaya, parent co-chairs of Panther Pride, the lower school community service organization, set up a book drive for the Abaco school. Lower school teachers Sue Carty and Sara Boyd initiated a clothing drive and, before long, faculty and students at all levels were asking what they could do to help.

"The response of the kids and the faculty was enormous," says Ms. Christen. "The only bad part was trying to get the supplies to Jim. We collected 875 pounds of clothing and books — 22 boxes — and customs kept returning them to us. We tried to ship them three separate times." Ms. Christen appealed for help to PDS parent Douglas Shavel who owns an import/export textile company. He not only took on the idiosyncrasies of international customs, but the considerable shipping costs as well.

Mr. Laughlin also gained invaluable practical assistance from a former PDS colleague, Andy Franz. The retired head of the industrial arts department grabbed his toolbox and

flew to Abaco to help save what he could of the Laughlin house. He was familiar with the island since he was one of several PDS teachers who, over the years, had volunteered at a summer sports camp the Laughlins run for island children at no charge.

When Mr. Franz arrived, generators were supplying much of the power. Unfortunately, they caused almost as much destruction as the hurricane.

"There I am, it's the middle of the night, I'm sleeping in a strange house, and I'm awakened by an hysterical woman," recalls Mr. Franz. "A generator had ignited a shed and three houses. I couldn't find my glasses or my pants, but I got a garden hose and climbed onto the woman's roof, half dressed, to fight the fire."

As the school year winds down, life has almost returned to normal on the island. Mr. Laughlin plans to return to PDS next year, but he will remember his "year off" for a long time.



*Andy Franz on Abaco, amid the destruction caused by Hurricane Floyd.*

*\* Jim PCD '43 and Julia Gallup Laughlin MFS '55*



# *Veteran Faculty Retire to Explore Creative Interests*

This June, when the faculty lines up in order of seniority to lead seniors into commencement ceremonies, history teacher Gary Lott will lead the procession for the last time. English teacher Steve Lawrence, six places behind him, will also give up his place in line after this year. Both teachers will retire at the close of the school year, ending careers of almost 40 years each. They have had an enormous impact on the school and will be greatly missed, but both are eager to pursue creative interests.

## *Lott to Become Art Student*

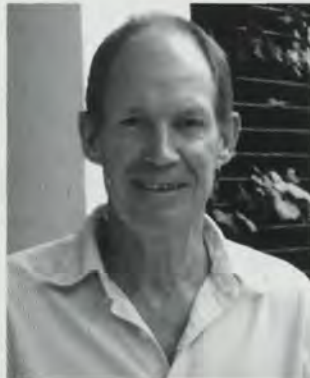
Over 39 years ago, Mr. Lott interviewed for his first job, teaching English and coaching football and baseball at Princeton Country Day School. He has remained at the school ever since. There are not many people who stay at their first job that long or enjoy it as much as he has.

"I have just as much zest and enthusiasm for teaching as I ever did," he says. "I just woke up one morning last fall and decided it was time to investigate other interests. But I want to keep my hand in next year and will be back as a substitute."

After years of teaching others, he plans to take courses himself to learn more about painting and ceramics, particularly an area of clay work he discovered while on sabbatical last year.

Mr. Lott may have inherited his love of drawing from his mother, an artist who illustrated magazine covers. At Middlebury College, he majored in art history and drama, but switched to political science for his master's from Columbia University. In the midst of a doctoral program, he was persuaded to consider the teaching position at PCD. "It was a great school with a close-knit faculty," he says. When the school merged with Miss Fine's to form PDS, he taught English, geography, science and American history, before finally focusing entirely on history. He served as head of the history department from 1979 to 1990.

Mr. Lott has been the faculty advisor to the Model UN program and currently advises the Mock Trial team. His creative talents have found expression in the sets he helped build for PDS theatrical productions for 10 years and a watercolor seminar for seniors he taught for nine years.



*Gary Lott*

## *Lawrence to Concentrate on Own Writing*

Steve Lawrence feels his decision to retire "is the most daring thing I've ever done in my life." After 40 years in the academic world, he finds the next stage of his life, "very scary, but very exciting. I like to think of it as embarking on a new aspect of my life," he says. That new path will include devoting most of his day to writing personal essays and short stories. "I would also like to find a format for telling other people's stories," he says.

Although he has written in his spare time all his adult life, Mr. Lawrence says he was never able to devote his full energy to it until he took a sabbatical last spring. He found, to his great surprise, that he could spend all day writing and not mind the solitude.

Mr. Lawrence went to Hunter College, CUNY, and received his master's degree from New York University. He also did graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh. He started his career as an English teacher at Carnegie Mellon and then took a position at Temple University. After six years there, he became editor of their newly-established Temple University Press.

When he arrived at PDS in 1974 — on August 15, with only two weeks to prepare for class — he found he had to re-vamp his entire style. He soon learned to adjust, however. "I found I liked the kind of teaching that includes the relationship with students," he says.

Mr. Lawrence has taught English and creative writing, as well as many electives over the years. He was head of the English department from 1977 to 1998 and, throughout his tenure, has been the advisor to *Cymbals*, the upper school literary magazine. "I have launched several successful writers," he jokes, "usually the ones who, like Ben Mezrich '87 (author of three novels), didn't listen to a word I said."



*Steve Lawrence*

## *Did You Know . . .*

*The PDS admission office processed over 600 applications this year. The school is fully enrolled with 875 students.*



# Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts Seven

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This spring, six exceptional athletes and one long-time supporter of PDS sports will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. They are Sarah Berkman '92, Barbie Russell Flight '77, Sandy Strachan Froehlich '57, the late Webb Harrison '57, Bill Martin '76, Tim Murdoch '80 and Alberto Petrella.

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## Sarah Berkman

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Sarah Berkman was awarded both the Silver and Gold "P," the school's highest awards for athletic ability, sportsmanship and participation, given to a graduating eighth and twelfth grader respectively. Throughout her four years of upper school, she played varsity soccer, basketball and lacrosse, and was co-captain of all three teams her senior year. The U.S. Women's Lacrosse Association named her a First Team High School All American, an honor shared by only a few other PDS alumnae. She also played in the All Star tournament and won PDS' Most Valuable Player (MVP) award in 1992.

At Trinity College, Ms. Berkman played varsity soccer as a freshman and varsity lacrosse for all four years. In her senior year, she co-captained the lacrosse team and became a member of Trinity's 100 Goal Club. In her entire college career, the lacrosse team had only six regular season losses.

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## Barbie Russell Flight

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Barbie Russell Flight was highlighted in last spring's *Journal* as a scholar athlete. Like Ms. Berkman, she won both the Silver and Gold "P." In upper school she played varsity field hockey for four years, captained the team in her senior year and was named to *The Trentonian's* First Team. She also played two years of varsity basketball, two of volleyball, and four years of varsity lacrosse.

At Princeton University, Ms. Flight won honors in not one, but two, varsity sports. She was on the varsity field hockey and lacrosse teams for all four years. In her senior year, she was captain and MVP of both the hockey and lacrosse teams. In addition, she was the winner of the Otto von Kienbush Award, an honor presented to a woman with "high academic standing, proficiency in athletics and the qualities of a true sportswoman." After college, Ms. Flight moved to Maryland where she continued playing lacrosse for a club team that competed nationally.

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## Sandy Strachan Froehlich

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Sandy Strachan Froehlich played varsity field hockey, basketball and lacrosse through all four years of upper school at Miss Fine's. She was named to the NJ Field Hockey Association Honorary I Private School Team in 1956. She served as secretary/treasurer of the MFS Athletic Association and captain of the intramural Gray team. She also found time to swim competitively in the summers.

At Centenary College, Ms. Froehlich made the varsity field hockey team as a freshman. When a back injury cut short her hockey career, she turned to swimming and became a volunteer coach of the Centenary team.

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## Webb Harrison

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Webb Harrison will be honored posthumously for his extraordinary skill in a variety of sports. "He was the best athlete I ever was associated with," says former PCD teacher Bud Tibbals, who coached Mr. Harrison in three sports. "He could excel at any sport he turned to. His attitude was tops." An indication of his versatility is the fact that at PCD, Mr. Harrison played football and baseball for three years, ice hockey for two and tennis for one (while also playing baseball). He was co-captain of the football team, shared high scorer honors in ice hockey and was captain of the baseball team. At graduation, he won the Athletic Cup for the "best all-around athlete" and was one of two winners of the Headmaster's Cup for leadership. He also walked away with prizes for his accomplishments in mathematics, English, ancient history, Latin, French and the Sixth Form scholarship prize.

Mr. Harrison went to Phillips Academy in Andover as a sophomore and played varsity football, ice hockey (becoming co-captain) and baseball for three years. He was awarded the Yale Bowl as Andover's best scholar athlete and was voted "most athletic." At Princeton University, he found success in two new areas. He had never played interscholastic soccer, but made the varsity team and played for three years. He took up lacrosse for the first time, and in his senior year, he was named a Lacrosse All American and an All Ivy goalie.





Captain Webb Harrison (center) with the 1957 baseball team.

### Bill Martin

Bill Martin was an outstanding football player who still holds the PDS record as the all-time leading rusher with 4,195 yards, and the record for the most rushing yards in a single game, 333. He played for four years in upper school. In his senior year, he captained the team and was listed in the *Who's Who in Football*. In both his junior and senior years, he was named All State First Team Running Back by several local newspapers and MVP by his coaches. His aggressive play helped the team win the Prep B championship in 1973, 1974 and 1975.

Mr. Martin also played basketball for four years at PDS and helped the team to three consecutive Prep B championships. He was tri-captain of the team his senior year. In the spring he played baseball for two years and then turned to lacrosse for two years. The lacrosse team brought back the Prep A championship in 1976.

Mr. Martin played four years of football at Rutgers University. The team was undefeated his freshman year, and he played in the first Garden State Bowl in 1978. For the last few years, Mr. Martin has returned to PDS to coach the football and basketball teams.

### Tim Murdoch

Tim Murdoch played football, basketball and lacrosse as a seventh and eighth grader at PDS, made varsity in all three sports as a freshman, and continued playing throughout upper school. He was awarded both the Silver and Gold "P." For two years, he captained the varsity football team and was named MVP, and he was co-captain and MVP of the lacrosse team in his senior year. In football, he was named All State three years and All Prep four years, and in lacrosse, he was All State two years and All Prep for three.

At Princeton University, Mr. Murdoch was the only walk-on to make the varsity lacrosse team as a freshman. He was also a member of the freshman heavyweight crew team.

He continued his lacrosse career throughout college, and in 1984 won the Howard Trophy, given by his teammates to the most improved player. During his graduate study, he was captain of the Harvard Business School Lacrosse Club and later, he played for the Malibu (CA) Lacrosse Club.

### Alberto Petrella

Alberto Petrella is the first to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in a special category that honors the contributions of those "whose example of uncommon commitment, dedication and support of our athletic program is worthy of special recognition." Mr. Petrella was grounds keeper and rink manager at PDS from 1968 until his retirement in 1993. He took great pride in the condition of the fields he lined and the ice he put down at the rink. Coaches and athletes could count on the playing surfaces he maintained being in top condition, but more than that, they could count on him cheering them on to play their best. He was a familiar presence at practices and games and became a friend and mentor to generations of PDS athletes and their parents.

An exceptional athlete in his own right, Mr. Petrella began playing soccer in his native Italy. He did not have a proper soccer ball, so he filled socks with stones and kicked them through the streets -- and broke several toes in the process. He joined a travelling soccer team at the age of 20 and played throughout Europe. Eventually, he emigrated to the United States and was hired by PDS benefactor Dean Mathey who recognized his unusual strength when he saw him carrying huge loads of wood as he cleared land for a roadway behind the baseball field.

Soccer coach Carlos Cara remembers that Mr. Petrella would stop by practices in the early '80s to watch the players and give his opinions on strategy. "He was a great competitor," says Mr. Cara. "I remember having dinner at his house after we beat Lawrenceville 2-0. He was as excited as I was."

Mr. Petrella is known as the "icemeister" for his uncanny ability to produce perfect skating surfaces on the old outdoor rink, despite the vagaries of the weather. "He tended that ice as though it were his own garden -- a winter garden," says Rink Coordinator Harry Rulon-Miller '51.

For a quarter of a century, Mr. Petrella passed on his enthusiasm and knowledge of the game and his love of sports, to countless PDS athletes.



Alberto Petrella

### Did You Know . . .

The Journal's name is derived from the PCD Junior Journal. The "Junior" came from Princeton Junior School, PCD's predecessor.



# *Friends Reunited through Alumni Award*

This year, the Alumni Association is honoring two alumni who have known each other almost all their lives. Alumni Service Award winner Markell (Mickey) Meyers Shriver '46 remembers going to the third birthday party of Michael Shenstone '43, who has been named the recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award. They will meet again on May 20 for the award ceremonies, and this time, they will both have something to celebrate.

## *Shriver Embodies Volunteer Spirit*

Few people have defined the ideals of Princeton Day School as Ms. Shriver has. "From her days as a student at Miss Fine's to her 30-year professional career at PDS," says Stephanie Briody, director of alumni relations, "her wisdom and generosity has set an example for hundreds of students and alumni. Her help reconnecting MFS and PCD alums has been invaluable."

At Miss Fine's Ms. Shriver was president of the Student Council and won the top prize for citizenship. After graduation from Vassar College, she served as volunteer president of the MFS Alumni Association from 1958 to 1960 and, as such, held a seat on the Board of Trustees. For the next five years, she served on the board in her own right and became its assistant treasurer.

While PDS was still in the planning stages, Ms. Shriver began working for the school on a part-time basis, raising money for the new building. She was one of the first to move to the new campus, and worked in both the business and alumni offices in Colross. Her hours lengthened to full-time when she became alumni secretary. She developed a rapport with students as an advisor to the twelfth grade, and in 1977 she became college counselor. She formed a consortium of area schools to work together on issues affecting college-bound seniors and instituted a college night for students and their parents. She scheduled campus visits for over 150 college representatives a year and kept in touch with college admission officers around the country.

Although she retired in 1992, Ms. Shriver is once again volunteering at PDS. From 1995 through 1999, she served on the Alumni Board, the executive arm of the Alumni Association, and was its secretary and treasurer. Her experience and tireless energy have ensured the success of many alumni events and projects, most recently the Founders'



*Mickey Shriver*

Club for which she is on the organizing committee. Her volunteerism, high standards and cheerful manner have been great assets to the school.

## *Shenstone Shaped International Accords*

Mr. Shenstone will be honored for his distinguished career in the highest levels of the Canadian government and his contributions to sensitive international negotiations in Europe and the Middle East.

He was born in Toronto in June 1928, but moved with his family to Princeton a few weeks later. He attended Miss Fine's and Princeton Country Day schools before returning to Canada in 1940. He attended the universities of Toronto, Cambridge and Paris.



*Michael Shenstone*

In 1952 Mr. Shenstone joined the Canadian Foreign Service and, through the years, was posted to Beirut, Cairo, Washington and Ottawa. In the mid-'70s, he was appointed head of the Canadian Delegation to the ground-breaking East-West Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. It addressed political, economic and humanitarian issues after World War II between NATO countries and the Soviet bloc. The result was the Helsinki Treaty, signed by Johnson and Brezhnev in 1976. Following the first oil crisis, Mr. Shenstone became Canada's first resident ambassador to Saudi Arabia. Then for seven years, he was responsible for maintaining relations with the Middle East and Africa in Ottawa. During that period, he says he "particularly enjoyed helping to arrange the 'exfiltration' of the six U.S. diplomats, secretly sheltered by Canada's embassy in Teheran."

Later, Mr. Shenstone served as a Canadian assistant deputy minister (equivalent to a U.S. assistant secretary of state), responsible for working with the United Nations, peacekeeping defense, security and intelligence. Next he was named Ambassador to Austria and, at the same time, served as a governor of the International Atomic Energy Agency, head of a delegation of two sets of East-West arms control talks, and representative to U.N. offices in Vienna.

Mr. Shenstone retired officially in 1992, but is still involved with global concerns. He has become involved with policy research on world population and migration issues. He co-founded and chairs a new non-governmental organization called Action Canada for Population and Development.



# School Stunned by Sudden Loss of Two Former Teachers

Within 24 hours over spring break, the school received the shocking news of the death of two of its former teachers. Former Middle School Head Mary Williams and Hall of Fame Coach Bob Krueger both suffered heart attacks in March.



Mary Williams

Ms. Williams was stricken on March 14 on her way back from a field trip. She was a fourth grade teacher at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, where she had been an administrator before coming to PDS in 1984. She was twice nominated for Golden Apple awards in Chicago and was well known as the co-founder of

MacWillie's Summer Day Camp in Hyde Park.

During her eight-year tenure at PDS, Ms. Williams established Mini-Course Week, the popular middle school interdisciplinary study. She revised the daily schedule to foster artistic and athletic opportunities such as a regular period for the orchestra and an all-school Blue/White Day. She helped create the spring term elective program for eighth graders and encouraged middle school faculty to explore interdisciplinary opportunities. She promoted an awareness of multi-cultural and gender issues, and was an advocate for students with academic or social problems. She also worked to improve communication with parents. Ms. Williams left PDS to take a position as head of Santa Catalina Lower School in Monterey, California and then returned to her native Chicago. She is survived by five brothers and two sisters.

Bob Krueger taught middle school English and history for 10 years at PDS and coached the varsity lacrosse team from 1976 to 1985. He returned to coach again in 1990. He was inducted into the PDS Athletic Hall of Fame just last spring for his contributions as a coach. He collapsed from a heart attack on the evening of March 15, as he was jogging home from Cape Fear Academy in Wilmington, NC, where he was head of the upper school. He is survived by his wife Eugenia, and two sons, Kent and Col PDS '86.

As a lacrosse coach, Mr. Krueger compiled an impressive record of 130 wins, 46 losses. His teams won the Prep B State Championship in 1976 and 1977 and the NJ Independent Schools Athletic Association (NJISAA)

championship in 1980, 1981 and 1985 and won the very competitive Pitt Division in '81 and '85. In 1985 they also won the overall state title by defeating what many considered to be the finest team Lawrenceville School had ever fielded. In 1990, PDS won the Bianchi Division title. Dozens of Mr. Krueger's players went on to play lacrosse in college, and two became college All Americans. Mr. Krueger was recognized as Coach of the Year by the NJ Coaches Association in both the "A" (1985) and "B" (1977) divisions, and by *The Times of Trenton* in 1990.



Bob Krueger

Ms. Williams and Mr. Krueger will be remembered for their extraordinary rapport with young people, their genuine concern for their students' happiness and their infectious sense of fun.

## In Memoriam <sup>myl '00</sup>

*We wish to extend our deepest sympathy  
to the families and friends of the following  
alumni, former faculty and staff.*

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Gail Ann Abbotts PDS '77  
Richard W. Baker, Jr. PCD '31  
Marjoire Munn Knapp MFS '38  
Doris Johnson Low MFS '27  
Aileen McHugh McClintock MFS '39  
Peggy Kerney McNeil MFS '33  
Frederick N. Roberts PCD '42  
Robert V. Sheehan PDS '87  
Virginia Meyers Villafranco MFS '53  
Samuel M. Walker PCD '65  
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Ruth Cherniss - MFS French & English teacher  
Edward Kanach - Athletic Equipment Manager  
Edith Binde Kerwin - MFS math  
& science teacher  
Dorothy Meyers - MFS and PDS librarian  
Helen Kraus Mount - MFS school nurse



Our centennial timeline, displayed on the next 10 pages, will be exhibited in the Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery, along with memorabilia from our archives, from May 12 to May 26.

# 1899-1909



Wright Brothers  
Fly at Kitty Hawk



Peary Reaches  
the North Pole



Pablo Picasso  
is "Discovered"



First World Series  
is Played



Crayola® Crayons  
Invented



At a time when only twelve percent of the nation's children attended high school, and educational opportunities for women were rare, May Margaret Fine, a Wellesley graduate from a family of distinguished educators, set out to found a school in Princeton to prepare young women for college. On October 2, 1899 she and four other teachers welcomed 40 students to Miss Fine's School, at 42 Mercer Street in Princeton. The tuition cost \$80 to \$100 per year. The curriculum focused on Latin, French, English, history and mathematics. German and current events were added later. There was a separate primary department with its own teacher. Miss Fine taught classics and mathematics, and was closely involved with each student. By 1907, enrollment had doubled and the school moved to a larger building at 38 Stockton Street.



- 1 • Before founding her school, Miss Fine tutored pupils at the Purves house at 73 Stockton Street.
- 2 • Miss Fine's School's original building at 32 Mercer Street.
- 3 • Miss Fine's School moved to 38 Stockton Street in 1907.
- 4 • May Margaret Fine.
- 5 • Miss Fine shares a ride on the Atlantic City boardwalk with Gertrude C. Purves.
- 6 • One of Miss Fine's students, Katherine Duffield, in 1909.
- 7 • An early dramatic production.
- 8 • Miss Fine (center row, third from left) and her students.



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TIMELINE

## 1910-1919



World War I



Einstein's Theory of Relativity



Titanic



First Assembly Line



Moving Pictures



Despite the tragic events of World War I, enrollment at Miss Fine's School continued to rise, and in 1918, the school relocated to the former Princeton Inn on Bayard Lane. The rambling, Italianate hostelry offered sufficient space to broaden the school's educational opportunities. Miss Fine added classes in the sciences, music and the arts, and field hockey, basketball and baseball were introduced. In the early years there was no division by grade: girls continued their studies until Miss Fine felt they were ready to take the college entrance examinations. Classes for boys were limited to the elementary level. Enrollment climbed to 180 pupils by the end of the decade, when students from outside Princeton began to attend.



- 1 • Miss Fine's School moved to the former Princeton Inn in 1918.
- 2 • An MFS physical education class.
- 3 • Miss Fine (front row, second from left) and her faculty.
- 4 • The cast of a primary school production.
- 5 • A spring dramatic production.
- 6 • MFS faculty and students gather on the porch of the school.



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TIMELINE

## 1920-1929



Scopes Monkey Trial



Amelia Earhart



Bonnie & Clyde



Little Orphan Annie



A Radio in Every Home



In the spring of 1924, a committee of Princeton University faculty and local civic leaders met at the Nassau Club to establish a day school for their sons. They founded Princeton Junior School to continue the classical education begun at Miss Fine's, providing a transition between the time the boys left that institution and entered boarding school, which most traditionally did in ninth or tenth grade. The new school's first headmaster, James Howard Murch, greeted 28 sixth, seventh and eighth graders at 10 Bayard Lane that fall. Next door, at Miss Fine's School, students launched their first publication in 1921. Two members of the Class of 1924 organized the first student government and helped establish an honor system. The first yearbook, *The Link*, was published in 1925.



- 1 • The home of Princeton Junior School at 10 Bayard Lane.
- 2 • The 1926 MFS field hockey team.
- 3 • An upper school class in 1924.
- 4 • Princeton Country Day School's first headmaster, James Howard Murch.
- 5 • A PJS baseball team on the school's front porch.
- 6 • The MFS graduating class of 1923.
- 7 • The MFS first grade.



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TIMELINE

## 1930-1939



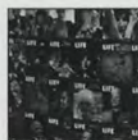
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Nylon Invented



The Great  
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By the autumn of 1930, despite the stock market crash of the preceding year, Princeton Junior School had expanded to include fifth and ninth grades. The school, renamed Princeton Country Day School, constructed and relocated to a new building on Broadmead, on land leased from Princeton University. It had room to add classes in photography, woodworking and printing, as well as expanded space for drama and athletics. In 1933, Miss Fine died, leaving grieving students and a void in the school's leadership. Four headmistresses served in the unsettled decade that followed, as the school sought to uphold the founder's high academic standards. As the Great Depression deepened, both institutions struggled to survive. It was only through the dedication and generosity of parents, trustees and faculty that they were able to prevail.



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- 1 • The PCD building on Broadmead.
- 2 • Young MFS students celebrate May Day.
- 3 • A 1939 PCD production of *Toad of Toad Hall*.
- 4 • The undefeated PCD ice hockey team in its first interscholastic season, 1930-1931.
- 5 • A 1933 MFS production of *Pomander Walk*.
- 6 • The MFS upper school study hall.
- 7 • The 1931-1932 PCD student body.



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TIMELINE

## 1940-1949



Mount Rushmore Completed



World War II



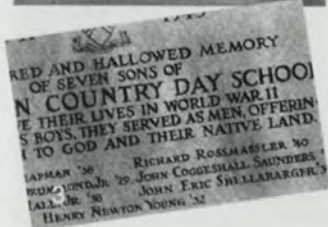
Big Band Music



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Anne Frank Writes Her Diary



World War II had a profound effect on both schools, since many alumni, parents and teachers were involved in that conflict. Shirley Davis became headmistress of Miss Fine's School in 1943 and brought fresh vitality and focus to that institution. Within 10 years, she and the school's trustees doubled enrollment and faculty salaries, instituted a faculty retirement plan, and in 1945, added a cafeteria, which provided nutritious lunches and saved time, since students no longer had to go home to eat. Princeton Country Day suffered a tragic loss when Headmaster James Murch died suddenly in 1947. Henry B. Ross, who had taught at the school since 1929, succeeded him. He shared his predecessor's belief in "academic diligence, athletic participation, good sportsmanship, honesty, courtesy and proper attire."

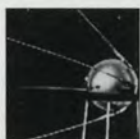


- 1 • An MFS Candlelight procession.
- 2 • A 1943 PCD production of *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*.
- 3 • A plaque commemorating PCD alumni lost in World War II.
- 4 • Princeton Country Day Headmaster Henry Ross.
- 5 • Miss Fine's School Headmistress Shirley Davis.
- 6 • A 1949 PCD classroom.
- 7 • The MFS Student Council in 1946.
- 8 • PCD students form a Victory Parade in 1942.



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TIMELINE

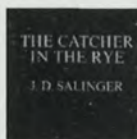
## 1950-1959



Sputnik



I Love Lucy



Catcher in  
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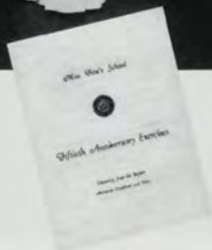
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By the 1950s, both schools were experiencing rising enrollments and expanded programs. Miss Fine's School built a new gymnasium/auditorium and Princeton Country Day completed a new wing named for Henry Ross. The need for more space was still acute, however, and trustees of both schools began to explore ways of combining some of their operations. In 1958, Miss Fine's School purchased the Colross estate on The Great Road. Soon afterwards, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mathey donated adjoining tracts of land to both schools. Mr. Mathey had sent his three sons to Princeton Country Day School and his first wife had been a Miss Fine's alumna and teacher. The trustees originally envisioned building two schools, one for girls and one for boys, with certain shared facilities, but abandoned that plan when costs proved prohibitive.



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- 1 • Princeton Day School benefactor Dean W. Mathey.
- 2 • A dance at Miss Fine's School.
- 3 • A PCD basketball team.
- 4 • The 1956 MFS basketball team.
- 5 • The MFS lower school Christmas Pageant.
- 6 • MFS students gather outside the school.



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TIMELINE

## 1960-1969



John F. Kennedy



Sesame Street Debuts



Civil Rights Movement



Woodstock



Man Walks on the Moon



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Miss Fine's School and Princeton Country Day School joined into a single entity in 1960. The ensuing decade brought abrupt cultural and political changes, as the nation endured the assassinations of its leaders, the upheaval of the Civil Rights Movement and a deepening involvement in the Vietnam conflict. American education experienced many transitions as well. The merger of Miss Fine's and Princeton Country Day represented a growing trend in the country toward coeducation. Harold Dodds, president emeritus of Princeton University, agreed to serve as the founding board chairman of the new institution, an indication of its importance to the community at the time. On September 17, 1965, Princeton Day School opened its doors to 625 students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. The new board chair, Elizabeth C. Dilworth, supervised administration until the arrival of the first headmaster, Douglas O. McClure, in the fall of 1966.



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1 • Elizabeth C. Dilworth (in 1990) succeeded Harold Dodds as chair of the new school's Board of Trustees.

2 • Dr. Dodds shown at PDS ground-breaking ceremonies in 1964.

3 • Stuart Robson teaches a PDS science class.

4 • The PDS main entrance in 1965.

5 • Princeton Day School Headmaster Douglas O. McClure.

6 • An early ice hockey team plays on the original, open-sided rink.

7 • Winifred Vogt teaches a middle school class.

8 • PDS students arrive for the first day of school on September 17, 1966.



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TIMELINE

## 1970-1979



Bicentennial Celebrations



Three Mile Island



Disco



Watergate



Star Wars



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The early 1970s were a time of anxiety and unrest, as Americans saw traditional values challenged by growing opposition to the Vietnam War and the 1974 resignation of President Nixon amidst the Watergate scandal. At Princeton Day School, however, Douglas McClure continued his 16-year tenure in a climate of academic innovation. His natural enthusiasm and respect for his faculty prompted many new programs. Senior independent seminars and projects replaced classroom work in the final quarter before graduation. Upper school students began to participate in the Teacher's Assistant Program (TAP). He also reinforced the school's commitment to excellence in the sciences and humanities. Mr. McClure oversaw construction of a new gymnasium, and the completion of the McAneny Theater. The school's art gallery, planetarium and greenhouse were also dedicated before 1980.



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- 1 • A sketch of the lower gym, named for Dean Mathey.
- 2 • A PDS player carries the ball in a home football game.
- 3 • Teachers and administrators showcase their other talents in a Faculty Revue.
- 4 • A view of the PDS greenhouse and art gallery.
- 5 • Herbert McAneny, a PCD teacher and headmaster, talks with MFS and PDS classics teacher Elizabeth Fine.
- 6 • Students explore the solar system in the Stuart Duncan III '69 Planetarium.
- 7 • Upper school math teacher and 1960 alumnus Larry Kuser with a student in the theater atrium.
- 8 • The 1979 production of *Carnival* played at Circle in the Square theater in New York.



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TIMELINE

## 1980-1989



Charles & Diana



Statue of Liberty  
Turns 100



Mt. St. Helens



E.T.



Space Shuttles



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Princeton Day School continued to refine its curriculum and institutional identity, while offering an extraordinary array of academic, artistic and athletic opportunities. The visual and performing arts became an even more vital component of its academic philosophy. To keep pace with its growing enrollment, the school added a middle school wing in 1980 and a junior kindergarten in 1986. Traditions inherited from both founding institutions, such as the close working relationship between faculty and students, continued to enrich the school. In addition, community service evolved into a requirement for graduation, student foreign exchange programs were expanded, and Blue/White competitions and May Day celebrations were revived.



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1 • Sanford B. Bing shown with students, was upper school head from 1969 to 1987 and twice served as interim headmaster.

2 • An art student puts the finishing touches on his sculpture.

3 • Sara Schwiebert (left) head of lower school from 1977-1997, at Blue/White Day with former teacher Nina Rulon-Miller.

4 • Duncan W. Alling served as headmaster from 1986 to 1994.

5 • A lower school student watches the annual Halloween Parade.

6 • The PDS orchestra performs at graduation.

7 • Every student is assigned one of the school colors for intramural competition.

8 • Anne Shepherd, MFS and PDS English teacher for 47 years.



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TIMELINE

## 1990-1999



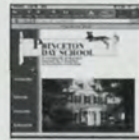
End of Apartheid—  
Mandela Freed



Operation  
Desert Storm



Cloning



The Internet



McGwire/Sosa  
Home Run Race



Global advances in science and technology affected almost every aspect of academic life in the 1990s. By the end of the decade, each division at Princeton Day School had its own computer lab. All three libraries had been outfitted with Internet research capabilities, and classrooms and offices were linked by a computer network. A new two-story lower school wing opened in 1993, a \$1.5 million Science Center was completed in 1996, and the Lisa McGraw '44 Skating Rink was finished in 1998. Lila Lohr became the first woman head of Princeton Day School in 1995 and her enthusiasm, grace and sense of purpose have been felt in all areas of school life. Today, the school enjoys record enrollment and national prestige. As it enters its second century, Princeton Day School is poised to perpetuate its legacy of academic innovation in the new millennium.



- 1 • An upper school TAP student helps a lower schooler in the computer lab.
- 2 • A PDS lacrosse player drives toward goal.
- 3 • A 1998 soccer game.
- 4 • Head of School Lila B. Lohr.
- 5 • Middle school science students perform an experiment.
- 6 • Eighth graders celebrate their graduation to upper school in 1994.
- 7 • The lower school building is named for Elizabeth C. Dilworth.



# On Campus

## *Plapinger Gift Supports Cross Country Program*

During their time at PDS, all three Plapinger brothers, Bruce '70, Keith '74 and Bill '75, captained PDS cross country teams. When Bill passed away in 1999 after a battle with multiple sclerosis, his mother, Adele Plapinger Black, and his brothers honored his memory by making a gift to the school's endowment that will fund the cross country team's budget in perpetuity. In addition, the Most Valuable Player Award has been named for Bill and will be given each year to the runner who demonstrates "outstanding commitment, sportsmanship and exceptional ability."



*The first recipient of the Plapinger Award, senior Krishna Andavolu, with Adele Plapinger Black and coach Eamon Downey.*

## *Artist-in-Residence Dedicates Book to Former Teacher*

Artist-in-Residence Judy Michaels dedicated her new book, *Dancing with Words*, to the late Don Roberts, a PDS English teacher from 1974 to 1985. The book contains the work of 11 PDS students. Ms. Michaels' recently served as a consultant on a Bill Moyers' PBS-TV series, *Fooling with Words*, in which Mike Bodel '99, Chris Conley '98, and Ashley Logan '00 appeared. Ms. Michaels' first book, *Risking Intensity: Reading and Writing Poetry with High School Students*, includes her own poetry and some by her former students.

## *Air Conditioning to Put End to Steamy Performances*

Anyone who has ever attended an event in the school's McAneny Theater during warm weather knows how hot it can get in the 400-seat auditorium. An anonymous family has promised to alleviate that condition with a \$100,000 challenge gift. They will cover the cost of air conditioning the theater, provided 10 of PDS' 14 grades reach 80 percent participation in the Annual Fund. Current parents must reach the goal by June 1.

## *E-mail Directory Hooks Up Alumni Electronically*

Stay in touch with your classmates with the click of a mouse. Just enter PDS's website at [www.pds.k12.nj.us](http://www.pds.k12.nj.us) and click on Alumni and Development. The new e-mail directory can be accessed by typing in the name of the PDS student newspaper (Spokesman) and the name of the yearbook (Link). Press submit and you're in! To add your e-mail address to the directory, just click on the alumni e-mail update form and check the permission box at the top of the page.



*Alumni ice hockey game competitors (standing, from left) Jeb Trowbridge '86, Mark Trowbridge '92, Eric Jensen '82, Rich Olsson '76, Newell Thompson '82, Mike Zarzecki '97, Matt Trowbridge '98, Mike Cook '89, Jeff Zawadsky '89, Mark Zawadsky '77, Jim Trowbridge, (kneeling) Ryan Thornton '98, Alex Matthews '99, John Cook '56, Bob Smyth '57, Jamie Francomano '92, Jack Cook '85, Phil Maltese '79*

*If you missed it live, you can enjoy it on CD!*

## *The Centennial Follies*

Recorded live at the McAneny Theater on October 2, 1999, this superb recording of the Follies is now available on CD. It features Sandy Maxwell '32 and his band, Stuart and Petie Duncan '51, Jean Samuels Stephens '52, Jeff Kurtz '98, Ashley Logan '00, The PDS Tappers, and Frank Jacobson and the Centennial Orchestra.

**To order**, send your name, address, phone and \$17 per copy to PDS Performing Arts Program, P.O. Box 75, Princeton, NJ 08542. Checks may be made payable to PDS Performing Arts Program. Cost includes \$2.00 shipping and proceeds cover the cost of recording. Orders must be received by May 26, 2000.



# Alumni Bulletin Board

## Founders Club Parties at Jasna Polana

The Founders Club, which includes all MFS and PCD alumni, held a reception on October 17 at Jasna Polana, the new golf club off Province Line Road. The organizing committee promises many more events to bring alumni together. The next will be a picnic before the Opera Festival of New Jersey's production of *Carmen* on June 21.

## Did You Know . . .

The MFS school song was written by students, including Jean Samuels Stephens '52 and Marina von Neumann Whitman '52 with some help from their music teacher Miss Kleeman?



Among the alumni enjoying the festivities at Jasna Polana were (standing, from left) Colleen Coffee Hall '63, Jane Aresty Silverman '63, Wendy Fruland Hopper '64, Julia Cornforth Holofcener '61, Barbara Rose Callaway '64, Ward Kuser '61, Jeanie Shaw Byrne '61, Jeb Stuart '56, (kneeling) Bloxie Baker '60, Tom Reynolds '60, Pepper Pettit '60, Jobe Stevens '58 and Mea Aall Kaemmerlen '64.



The Pettit family boasts nine alumni in two generations. Six of them attended the Founders Club party: (from left) Karl Pettit '31, Sam Pettit '44, Bill Pettit '38, Barbara Pettit Finch '47, Pepper Pettit '60 and Mary Pettit Funk '41.

## Regional Parties Draw Area Alumni



Mickey Meyers Shriver '46 (left) helped host a PDS party at Meadow Lakes where she saw Ruth Kemmerer Dorf '27, mother of Norman '53, Bob '56 and Molly '65; Betsy Carrick, mother of Rob '59.



New Yorkers Jonathan Leaf '84, Lucy Law Webster '49 and Will Meyerhofer '84.



Susan Schildkraut Wallach '64 (left) talks to Alumni Association President Newell Thompson '82 at the party she hosted for New York alumni last fall.



Chris Jones '91, David Wise '92, Laura Farina '79 and Robyn Wells '99 at a reception for Washington DC alumni last spring.

Alumni will be asked to vote on the following slate at the Alumni Day luncheon on May 20.

## ALUMNI BOARD

Newell M. Thompson '82, *President*  
Robert H. Olsson '78, *Vice President*  
Philip E. Clippinger '83, *Treasurer*  
Thomas R. Gates '78, *Ex Officio*

Barbara Griffin Cole '78	Melissa Phares Jacobson '80
Mary Murdoch Finnell '76	Arthur L. Levy '73
Nancy Shannon Ford '54	Leslie Pell Linnehan '82
Thomas R. Foster '85	Robert O. Smyth '57
*Louis Guarino '79	Rachel Lilienthal Stark '87
*Judson R. Henderson '92	Leslie Straut Ward '80

\* New representatives



# Linda Maxwell Stefanelli to Retire in June

by Jacquie Asplundh, Director of Communications



Without question, Linda Maxwell Stefanelli knows more Miss Fine's, Princeton Country Day and PDS alumni than anyone else working at the school today.

From her days as a Miss Fine's student to her time spent coaching PDS middle school lacrosse and squash to her 17 years at Colross, Linda has graced the campus with her irreverent smile and apparently ceaseless energy. Never too busy to drop what she's doing to greet alumni when they drop in, she seems able to chat with them (encyclopedically) not only about themselves, but about their parents and grandparents and distant cousins as well!

So it was a particularly sad day this spring when she announced her impending retirement at the end of this academic year. "I'll be very sad to leave PDS," admits Linda. "I've loved being here. It has been more fun than anyone has a right to expect. I am looking forward to trying new adventures, exploring far-off places and enjoying my family." Linda's first contact with the school came as a kindergartner. Her mother, Pat Maxwell, reports that Linda was "outgoing and mischievous." And over the next 13 years, she developed a reputation for keeping the MFS faculty on their toes.

"Oh, she and her friends were always in trouble with the teachers over one thing or another," says Ms. Maxwell with a chuckle. "I remember one time when her class was taking a trip to Washington and the teachers voted not to take her. But (Headmistress) Shirley Davis stepped in and said, 'We're going to give her a chance.'"

Linda became known at school for more than high jinks though. "She was always a good writer, and she played sports better than anyone else," adds her mother proudly. "She's the only girl I remember winning both the Silver F in middle school and the Gold F in upper school. She had a wonderful time at Miss Fine's, and it was enormously good for her. She was our star."

Another person who recalls those MFS days fondly is Linda's friend and former classmate Tassie Turkevich Skvir, who later taught Russian at PDS for many years before becoming head of Stuart Country Day middle school. "I remember playing field hockey and lacrosse with Max," says Ms. Skvir. "She was by far the swiftest of us all, in fifth grade, sixth and even in twelfth! In high school, she drove a silver sports car. And who could forget Mrs. Wade's French class senior year? She, I am sure, would have preferred for us to focus on Baudelaire and Voltaire. But at noon, daily, there came the

sound of a motorcycle slowly approaching outside. The gunning of the motor as it passed our classroom signaled a special bonjour (or was it bon giorno?) from Max's Tony! We were all a bit envious!" Linda went on to later marry and raise three children with the man on the motorcycle, Tony Stefanelli. They recently celebrated their 37th anniversary.

Another PDS friend with fond memories is Jan Baker, associate director of athletics. "As a Miss Fine's student, Linda was a field hockey and lacrosse superstar," she says. "After graduation, she returned to PDS in 1981 to coach middle school girls lacrosse. I am indebted to Linda not only for the time and gifts she has given to PDS, but for her sense of humor and her friendship."

Linda's absence will be felt most keenly in Colross, where she has worked for ten years as alumni director and seven as director of publications.

"The ideal alumni office includes someone who is a graduate, knows everyone and everything about the school, works endless hours, has a great sense of humor, and quietly keeps everyone else in the office on the right track," says Andrew Hamlin, director of advancement. "Linda has filled this role at PDS for 17 years, and to say that we will miss her is a huge understatement."

Alumni planning to attend this year's Reunions Weekend, May 19-20 can take consolation in the fact that Linda will be there, and will be honored at Saturday's Alumni Luncheon.

## Did You Know . . .

For its "Best of the '90s" feature, the local papers voted both the PDS girls' soccer and field hockey programs the best in the decade. The 1998 field hockey team was named Team of the Decade, and field hockey coach Jill Thomas, was honored as Coach of the Decade. Justin Geisel '92 was singled out as the best cross country runner of the '90s.

## Alumni Award and Hall of Fame Candidates Sought

We need your help to find the best candidates for next year's Alumni Service Award, Alumni Achievement Award and the Athletic Hall of Fame. If you would like to nominate someone, just write the alumni office or call 1-800-924-ALUM. Candidates must be alumni of MFS, PCD or PDS, but anyone may propose nominees.



# Miss Fine's School News

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'26 - '29

'26 We have just learned of the death of Lawrie Norris Kerr on March 14 and send our deepest sympathy to her family and friends. She died peacefully in her sleep from heart failure. She had served as Class Secretary since the fall of 1972, a record tenure. We will miss her energy and good humor.

'29 Anne Mitchell Dielhenn writes, "I am now a great grandmother. My daughter Jane Dielhenn Otis '60 has a daughter, Marcia Love Otis. She was married on July 25, 1992 to David Youker. On my birthday, September 1, 1998, they presented the family with a little girl, Abigail Jane Youker." Congratulations, Anne.

Margaretta Cowenhoven  
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'31 - '33

'31 A note from Margaret Brooks ("Brooksie") Van Dusen reads, "I'm happily at Beaumont in Bryn Mawr near old friends from Miss Fine's - my cousin, Margaret Lowry Butler '29 and Bishie Mitchell Beatty and Lily Lambert McCarthy - all of whom I see nearly every day. And Anne Mitchell Dielhenn '29 lives at the Quadrangle - about 15 minutes away. Great good luck that we all ended up neighbors after so many years!"

'33 On behalf of her classmates and many friends, we send our sympathy to the family of Peggy Kerney McNeil who passed away November 26, 1999. From 1961 to 1970, Peggy was president of *The Times of Trenton*, the newspaper founded by her father. She was appointed by Gov. Richard Hughes to the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women and served on the Delaware Valley United Fund, the Trenton Catholic Youth Organization and the Greater Trenton Council. In addition, she



Joan Thomas Purnell '42 took a cruise in Puget Sound last August to celebrate her 75th birthday. She is shown (on right) with her sisters Jane Thomas Fenninger '38 (left) and Betsy Thomas Peterson '56.

was a charter trustee with Mercer County Community College and Friends of New Jersey State Museum. She was also one of the three founders of Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Princeton. She is survived by her three sons, and five daughters: John PCD '54, Kerney and Tom McNeil, Mollie Callagy, Rusti Welch, Fran Caswell, Bonnie Beirsto and Josephine McNeil, 18 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Wilhelmina Foster Reynolds  
508 Ott Road  
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

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Billie Foster Reynolds and her husband Bill attended the school's Centennial Symposium in October and report they enjoyed it very much. Billie had her second cataract surgery in November and says her sight is much better. She and Bill had a visit from their daughter Susan and 12-year-old grandson Chris over Christmas.

The class will be sad to hear of the death of Lavinia Wicoff on February 9, 2000. Our sympathy goes out to her friends and her sisters, Evelyn Wicoff '34 and Marjorie Wicoff Cooper.

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'35 - '38

'38 Three correspondents provide the news this time around. Joan Taylor Ashley writes that her granddaughter Elizabeth Cobb graduated from college with high honors in anthropology. After the graduation, Wells Drorbaugh, husband of the late Eleanor Morgan Drorbaugh hosted a dinner for Joan, her daughter, granddaughter and sister, Sylvia Taylor Healy '45. Unfortunately, during a visit to Louise Fenninger Sayen's house, Joan fell down the stairs and, although she did not break any bones, spent the next two weeks in Princeton Hospital recovering. We hope she's made a full recovery by now. Charmian Kaplan Freund writes that her daughter has been named the vice chancellor and provost of Syracuse University. Her son-in-law Thomas Kniesner has become the Krisher Professor of Economics in the Maxwell School at Syracuse. Sis Harper Lawrence writes, "My mother, Roberta Harper, is being posthumously inducted into the Mercer County Tennis Hall of Fame on February 19, 2000 at an induction ceremony at the Doral Forrestal Hotel



in Princeton. She won 18 singles championships in Trenton, Middle States Singles Title, Philadelphia Clay Courts Championship twice and many titles at the Trenton Country Club. Also Lehigh Valley Championship three times. She played well into her eighties and died at age 94. My sister Pat Hillman is currently a finalist in the Georgia State Ladies Tennis Championship." Congratulations to the Harper family!

On a much sadder note, we learned of the death of **Marjorie Munn Knapp** on December 3. We send our deepest sympathy to her surviving brother John and her three sons. Marjorie's father bought Colross in the 1920s and had the house moved, brick by brick from Alexandria, VA to its present site on the PDS campus. The Munns lived in the house for several years and the living room is named for Marjorie's late brother Mark '41. Ironically, she had been invited to a party at Colross on the day of her death. The event was organized to celebrate the 200th birthday of Colross and was attended by those who had lived and worked in the building since it was moved to Princeton.

Therese Critchlow  
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Princeton, NJ 08540

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Aileen McHugh McClintock passed away on January 3, 2000 after a long battle with lung cancer. We send our condolences to her family and friends.



60th REUNION

Anne Guthrie Yokana  
87 Battle Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540

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Needs Secretary

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Mary Roberts Woodbridge  
703 Sayre Drive  
Princeton, NJ 08540

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1999 was a year of celebration for most of us as we reached our 75th birthdays. Sally Kuser Lane gathered her clan, an uncountable number, at Skytop Lodge in Decem-

ber. **Johnnie Thomas** Purnell certainly had the most flamboyant (celebration). She writes, "We celebrated my 75th birthday in August by having a cruise aboard a 72-foot motor yacht in Puget Sound. Fourteen of us had a terrific time for four days. Sister Betsy Peterson '56 came from Boston. Sister Jane Fenninger '38 and her husband Len came from Chicago. Eight of us had perfect seats for a Seattle Mariners' baseball game. Birthday wishes flashed on the screen so that 47,000 people could wish me 'Happy Birthday.' What a terrific family I have." **Lonnie Schulte** Haulenbeck and I met for lunch in New Hampshire last August, but I prefer to ignore the passing of another year!

From other sources we learn that **Jane Cooper's** new book called *The Flashboat: Poems Collected and Reclaimed* was published by W. W. Norton in October. Sally Kuser Lane writes with this exciting news: "My fourteenth grandchild, Sally (Sadie) Lane Nelson, was born October 14, 1999 to daughter Teresa Lane PDS '79 and her husband Ned Nelson. They live in Basking Ridge, NJ with Sadie and Emma who will be two years old on March 25."

Marjorie Libby Moore  
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Pennington, NJ 08534

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Needs Secretary

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55th REUNION

Sylvia Taylor Healy  
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The class joins me in sending our deepest sympathy to **Janet Hill Hurst** on the death of her daughter **Cris Pistell**. All our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Memories of Miss Fine's School! In this 100th birthday year, this seems an appropriate topic, and was reinforced by a wonderful letter at Christmas from **Sesaly Gould Krafft**, who came to first grade in the winter of 1934 and left at the end of sophomore year, June 1943, to go to Madeira as a boarder. At Madeira, highly noted academically, she found she was far more than ad-

equately prepared, and she still looks back with surprise and delight at the range of subjects. "I actually amazed one of my then teenagers by saying, 'Tie dying? Oh yes! We did that in crafts with **Miss Elderkin**.' Thanks to **Miss Stratton**, Provence was a familiar landscape. French 5B with **Mlle. Zaapfel** was certainly never 'baby French,' and biology in the ninth grade was one of the best of my high school courses, thanks to **Miss Matheson**, a major in physics and minor in chemistry, who described herself as two chapters ahead of us and fascinated by what she was learning. When I asked **Jewell Schubart**(?) about calculus, she volunteered, during one free period a week, over several months, to explain it to me and **Jean Harris**. I certainly learned a lot."

**Mrs. Albion** is remembered by **Mary Brummer Calkins** for her navy hat and mismatched shoes, and by **Sheila Frantz Latimer** as "frightening us half to death, quite merciless." Mary and Sheila also remember **Miss Millar**: Mary for the kindness she showed, and Sheila (with the following), "Miss Millar read us *Hamlet* in her quavery voice and was stern about nice girls not wanting to read the rude bits which she left out."

**Claire Grover Parsells** remembers Miss Stratton and museum visits, as do most of you who wrote. **Grace Turner Hazard** and **Charlotte Crocker Cleveland** and Sheila hark back to escapades sliding down the McCarter fire escape or riding at **Dorothy Longstreth Woods** or playing with Grace's raccoon. A nice letter from Dorothy, M.D. says that she is starting a Ph.D. program in Human and Organizational Development in September. She's trained in psychodynamic psychotherapy and feels this Ph.D. will offer new insights.

**Mary Jo Gardner Fenton** and several more remember the Good Humor man, climbing on the monument and cherry blossoms in the spring. Mary Jo is recovering from three operations since October, but hopes to come to the reunion. **Barbara Cart Macauley**, to whom I speak often, had terrible ice storms in Chapel Hill, NC and has been recovering from various ailments for months but, I hope, is now well on the way. I have just talked to **Blythe Scott Carr** in Scottsdale and she sounds marvelous, busy with tennis, painting and a grandchild. She remembers MFS as "a wonderful time in my life, and such a lot of fun!" To that I agree wholeheartedly!

Come to our 55th reunion May 19 and 20.



## Needs Secretary

Barbara Pettit Finch  
Pour les Oiseaux  
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Sadly, my classmates and myself send our condolences to **Adelaide Comstock Roberts** and her family on the demise of her dear husband **Frederick Roberts PCD '42**. Fred (was) a member of the Tom Roberts clan and many of our classmates enjoyed so many happy parties over at the Roberts. (He) was very much a part of our growing years. He was an energetic, kind and gracious person with many interests. While at Princeton University, he excelled in ice hockey and was the captain of his team during one of their most victorious years. At one point, he was involved with the Foreign Service, State Department anyway, which took Addy and Fred to Vienna, a hot spot at that time as the Russians were still in control, about 1958, I believe. It was an exciting time for them as well as their children. He also did a tour of duty in Turkey which, having visited Turkey two years ago myself, must have been a marvelous experience. As you may remember in one of my many bulletin reports, I loved it. Their life together was a happy one, with three lovely children they enjoyed so much. He'll be missed by many.

I haven't heard from many others in the class except a lovely Christmas card from **Kit Bryan Bulkley**. Tucked inside was a charming picture of her, her husband, son, daughter and daughter's new bridegroom. A most attractive man. May the two of them share a lifetime of happiness together. They were married this past year. It will be a rich English American culture the whole family will enjoy. What fun, tripping back and forth across the Atlantic.

Others I have seen and heard from, but not our classmates, are **Kate Cosgrove Netto '46**, who I often lunch with in New York. She looks well and delights in her life in New York. A real New Yorker, she. She also has a lovely home in Easthampton, Long Island, a place in which she finds such pleasure. It's a good life.

**Kay Gulick Gardner '48** writes of her lovely sojourn in magnificent La Quanta, CA. It's a place that the early Californian Indians knew about and kept a secret. It's so special, as both she and Al know. Al Gardner PCD '44 loves the marvelous golf there and Kay just loves it. She's trying to

get involved in golf too.

The 100th anniversary get-together of MFS and PCD alums (at Jasna Polana) in December was a smashing success. Didn't see many from our class, but did enjoy chatting with **John Matthews PCD '44** and his wife **Verna**, as well as **Pat and Dick Paynter PCD '44**. All were well and happy.

**Lee Stepp Tower '46** -- what a good correspondent she is -- has enjoyed travelling with her daughter this year. Her daughter has a great interest in ice skating, in which she excels. This winter they went to Russia and another Nordic country. As of this writing, the whole Tower family are enjoying Australia and New Zealand, both glorious spots.

I'm off for a two-week cruise in the Caribbean. Can hardly wait.

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**Barbara Johnston Rodgers** writes, "Our daughter, **Sue Rodgers Rombold** of Seattle, had a daughter, **Anna**, born June 7, 1999 who joins her brother **Cooper**, aged 18 months. Our son, **John, Jr.** of Philadelphia area, has son **Jamie**, seven, and daughter **Kelly**, five. We are so blessed. Son **Andy** of San Francisco, aged 39, became engaged at New Year's to **Ruth Davidon** who also grew up in Philadelphia area. **Ruth** is a doctor and an Olympic rower, she hopes to row in a quad in Sydney in September. **John** and I

had a fabulous trip to Australia and New Zealand last fall -- great weather, beautiful sights, friendly people, delicious meals and we learned SO much." **Gordon McAllen Baker** also wrote to say, "Had a wonderful reunion in our beloved Keene Valley in August with all my kids and (their) husbands and sister **Susan '53** and her kids and (their) husbands and grandson. Climbed my first (rather small) mountain in about 50 years! See lots of **Barbara Johnston Rodgers**, as they have a home here in New Hampshire."

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**Marcia Goetze Nappi** writes, "Bob and I just returned from a 'Trip Around the World with Concorde.' What a fascinating journey, and a wonderful way to go!"

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**Elaine Polhemus Frost** writes, "I have recently retired after 25 years as a school social worker in the Bergen County school system. Ted and I spent some wonderful time on Martha's Vineyard last summer and took a marvelous trip to Scotland with friends in September. I am finding retirement just as busy as work!"

We regret to report that **Ginny Meyers Villafranco** passed away on December 29 due to complications from emphysema. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to her sister **Mickey Meyers Shriver '46**.

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Shortly after Christmas, I received an e-mail from **Helen Keegin Hetherington**. It's amazing to be able to communicate so easily and quickly with someone in South Africa! **Helen** and her husband have moved from the Johannesburg area to the town of **Fish Hoek** "about half an hour from Capetown. Views from our apartment of mountains and sea, plus the playing fields of **Fish Hoek High School**, providing sightings of rugby and cricket matches! In February/March, we're off to England to look for a small place where we'll be able to spend more time with our son, wife and



grandchildren, and I'll be that much closer to the U.S.A and see family there. Our hopes are for six months here and six months there in the U.K." I will be glad to provide Helen's mailing and/or e-mail address to anyone who would like to contact her.

A Christmas card came from **Susan Creasey Gertler**, extolling the beauties of Alaska in winter: "It's special to live in a landscape that looks like a Christmas card." She goes on to say that she's going to Brazil for three weeks in February! Susan has retired and is enjoying volunteer work and needle craft. A card also came from **Aggie Fulper** who is still living in Albuquerque, NM. **Louise Mason Bachelder** writes that her granddaughter Louise is now at PDS and loving it. **Leslie McAneny** sent info about our senior year music teacher **Corky Cohan**. Corky has been living in England for many years, has one son and four daughters, and still loves music, but that's only the beginning. A letter from **Anna Rosenblad Davies** described a trip last summer to California, where she visited with her sister Ebba, a brother and two of her sons. Another trip took her to Sweden with her daughter for a reunion with some 70 Swedish relatives she hadn't seen for years. Anna always has some exciting adventures to relate and this time they included a run-in with the tax collector and a scary episode of temporary blindness. "It was like Niagara Falls in front of my eyes. I was in my car. After about 15 minutes I could see again." Thankfully, a doctor assured her her eyes are okay.



## 45th REUNION

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'55

Chloe King sent her column early since she was about to leave for Costa Rica and the Panama Canal!

Nicky Knox Watts wrote a lovely piece about Shirley Davis which follows.

"Having spent many hours under her benign eye, seated next to her desk, Shirley Davis' passing was a very reflective moment. Without her influence I doubt I would have gone to Paris my junior year at Smith nor have enjoyed a lifelong appreciation of

French intellectual history. It wasn't just because she saved my neck time and time again, or allowed us to play on the bicycle shed roof, or understood that mischief is part of growing up; it was her sense of fairness that impressed me forever. Those of us who knew her well were indeed privileged to have such a supporter. That I was made to weed the dumb tulip bed on our Wednesday afternoon detention surely would not have been her idea, but on second thought maybe it was part of the Rousseauian ideal! Lists of French verbs for two hours on another occasion, however, can only have originated with Mme. Wade. Could it have been revenge for a certain April Fool's prank?

"Hope to see many of you at the 2000 Bash in May. Everybody bring lots of old MFS pictures, and we can sit around and laugh and cry. Boy, JuJu, do I have a priceless one of you in, I think, eighth grade. So before our memories fail, let's wheel out all the funny stories of way back when.... and talk about what we'll do when we grow up!"

News from **Chloe**: Retirement continues to be wonderful! Studying flute is a highlight of my day, as I practice, and have a lesson each week. Lots of golf year round, as I go south whenever possible to play in the winter. New England skiing is getting better by the week, and skiing midweek is wonderful! Having lots of time to read. Corresponding with friends via e-mail and working-out daily and travelling keep me busy and happy. **Kit Green** was just here for a visit following a meeting at Skidmore, and we saw **Lucy Busselle Myers** at Symphony! I look forward to seeing all of the MFS Class of '55 in May for our 45th and MFS' 100th. PLEASE COME!



*Ann Smith '56 stands in the driveway of MFS in the mid-'50s.*

**Merriol Baring-Gould Almond** writes, "Doug is officially retired, but works part-time in a faculty group practice which gives him time to do some travelling, which he loves. I work part-time as a medical librarian and I travel too, especially to visit England and our children. Our daughter Cathy is getting married in San Francisco in the autumn, Betsy is practicing architecture in San Francisco, Chris is an intern in pediatrics in Boston, and Doug, Junior is working for a year in Washington, DC as a staff economist for the Council of Economic Advisers. It's a very good time in our lives."

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'56

**Joan Pearce Anselm** writes, "Klaus retired in June and moved from the Colorado foothills to Denver. In the past six months, we have travelled to Africa and South



*Lockie Stafford Proctor '56 and her family on vacation in Vergennes, VT (with son Toby, a Navy pilot, inset).*





Thanks to '58's Laura Johnson Waterman (who sent the photo) and Sally Tomlinson Fuller, most of the MFS third and fourth graders pictured above are identified. First row: starting at fourth from left) Beverly Ward Docter '58, (sitting) Betsy Lowell '56, Lydia Paterson, Ann Lea Erdman-Fries '58, (sitting in center) Hattie Busselle Barrow '58, (in halo) Katie Dusey, unidentified, unidentified, Mary Kerney Levenstein '58, Sally Tomlinson Fuller '58. Second row: (center) Laura Johnson Waterman '58, back row: (second from right) Emily Vanderstucken Spencer '58, (right) Deborah Bochner.

America. Our son Rob graduated from law school this spring and had another son, which makes two. Alex and his wife newly moved to Texas and employed in an optoelectronics company." A "Mystery Classmate" sent in the great picture of Ann Smith that appears nearby and writes, "Our 1956 class secretary Ann Smith is so good about getting us together by means of her newsy *PDS Journal* notes. However, she keeps herself well in the background! It's time she was pushed forward a bit, to take a bow for her class spirit." The editors agree -- she deserves a standing ovation for her many years of service to the school and the class.

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'57

Tina Burbidge Hummerstone is the new head of Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit, NJ. A handsome brochure, introducing her to the school community quotes her as saying, "I went to Miss Fine's School in Princeton, NJ. The small size of the school, the resultant mandate to participate in all aspects of school life, and the strength of the faculty allowed me to develop not only a variety of interests but also, and perhaps most importantly, to respect learn-

ing, to be nourished by the passions of my teachers and to be courageous in my pursuits." Before going to Oak Knoll, Tina served as head of middle at Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, located across the street from PDS.

#### Needs Secretary

Suzy Scarff Webster writes, "There was a lovely MFS gathering in England at Thanksgiving this year when Judy Taylor Murray '60, Harriet Gaston Davison '60, Eileen Baker Strathnaver '60, Nancy McMorris '59 and I all celebrated at together at Judy's."

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Laura Johnson Waterman whose husband Guy died recently. On February 6, he climbed to the summit of Mt. Lafayette, a 5,249 foot peak in the White Mountains, and waited for death in subfreezing temperatures. Laura was quoted in *The New York Times* as saying she couldn't explain her husband's decision to take his own life. "He stayed with us as long as he could," she said. Guy wrote four books about hiking in the New England mountains and was an advocate for their preservation. He and Laura were avid mountain climbers and homesteaded on a 27-acre property in Vermont.

'58

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'59

In May, Dana Conroy Aymond, Nan Nicholes Goodrich, Ruth Pessel Riedel, Jean Schettino Conlon, Susan Stevenson Badder, Wendy Yeaton Smith, and I returned for our 40th reunion of MFS at PDS. We were all extremely impressed with the school and with each other. We and some no-shows are already planning our 50th!!

Since then I have heard that Lucy James



Ann Kinczel Clapp '59 and her son David.



has become the grandmother of a baby boy residing in Washington, DC. Cecilia Aall Matthews has three sons. The oldest is married to a doctoral student at Princeton; the middle one is in Boston and will be married in September, and the youngest (I think Cecilia wins the oldest mother or youngest at heart award or something for this) is a freshman at Cornell. She travels a lot, is ready to go even more, and is studying Spanish to be better prepared. Nina Lapsley Alexander has three children, some dogs and a husband of 36 years. They live in Montana where she consistently pursues photography, the arts, social services and outdoor activities.

Most of us feel guilty for harassing Miss Collins in science. All of us thought Shirley Davis was ancient, despite the fact that she was much younger than we are now. MFS seems to have produced a fine (excuse the pun) group of women, whether we enjoyed our days there or not. Hope to hear from more of you soon.

Word has it that Brooke Stevens has retired from MIT Press. She now serves on a few boards and works for the Audubon Society. (She is an avid birder herself.) She has bought a house in Cambridge and rows competitively on the Charles.

*Journal* editors and the Class of '59 wish to thank Sasha Robbins Cavander for her wonderful columns over the years. Her efforts on behalf of the class are deeply appreciated.



## 40th REUNION

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Our sympathy goes out to Eileen Baker Strathnaver whose father, 1931 PCD alumnus and former school trustee Dick Baker, passed away in February from complications from Alzheimer's Disease. We send our condolences also to her brothers John PCD '62 and Dick PCD '58 and their mother.

Deri Bush Jeffers writes that she's still judging, riding and training dressage horses.

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'61



*The Class of '61 at their Maine reunion last summer: Debbie Moore Krulewitch, Cary Armstrong Rothe, Cherry Raymond, Fiona Morgan Fein, Nancy Smoyer, Ann Davidson Zweede, Julie Fulper Hardt, Polly Busselle Bishop and Trika Smith-Burke.*

Here's the long-awaited report of our reunion in Maine last August. In attendance were: Debbie Moore Krulewitch, Cary Armstrong Rothe, Cherry Raymond, Fiona Morgan Fein, Nancy Smoyer, Ann Davidson Zweede, Julie Fulper Hardt, Polly Busselle Bishop, and Trika Smith-Burke (see photos). Nancy wrote it up for us at the time. She reported more recently that, "We've just had an extended period of 40-50 degrees below zero. I went into hibernation mode." She was in Princeton this winter to implement the final departure from the house on Olden Lane that she grew up in--a bitter-sweet task, the likes of which probably stirs up feelings in all of us.

MFS '61 - Maine '99: With indispensable organizational help from Fiona, Julie and Polly provided wonderful hospitality and a veritable moveable feast. Their spouses, Bill and Don, and Cary's Paul hovered in the background -- cooking, transporting, and pouring wine, with looks of bewilderment and awe on their faces. We danced and sang ourselves hoarse around the campfire Friday night to tunes of the '50s, played at top volume on a car tape deck (*Green Door, No Not Much, Love Letters in the Sand*). Julie, Debbie, and Ann swam in the bay and many more swam in Polly's Pond [Walker's Pond, to the rest of the population of Old Brooksville, ME, where Fiona and Trudi Goheen Swain went to summer camp in the '50s, F.M.F.]. We hiked up and down numerous hills, visited a funky craft fair, and napped as needed. Trika and Cherry picked

blueberries and made a delicious pie. Debbie gave us cosmetic goodie bags from Clinique -- and then had to show some of us (moi) how to use the products. Polly gave us T-shirts from her Spin Drift Pottery and we admired her beautiful work, taking some home with us. I brought our Miss Fine's graduation picture and we looked in wonder at our prim white dresses and pearl necklaces, and our bright, shiny faces.

We talked to Tucky Ramus Gray when she called us, and then again when we called her. And we talked to Tibby Chase Dennis as well. We spoke of and shared news of all that weren't there -- and wished we could have done it in person. We laughed a lot and cried a little. And we talked -- and talked -- and talked. About mothers and fathers and siblings, marriages and non-marriages, jobs and non-jobs (is it semi-retirement, transition, hiatus?), books and politics and recipes, life and death, our bodies and our minds, our Princeton homes, missing classmates, and old boyfriends (three former girlfriends of one Princeton U. guy had their picture taken together to send to him) and Miss Fine's -- its teachers, making Christmas wreaths, the honor pledge -- what we gained and what we missed by going there. We agreed to start an e-mail list to keep up with the modern age. AND we planned our next reunion -- 2001, early August, on the New York State/Connecticut border [where Debbie and Trika both have houses]. SO START PLANNING!!!!

I came across a scrap of paper, actually a





*Paul and Cary Armstrong Rothe '61 (left) enjoying their second childhood with their grandchildren.*

menu from our lobster dinner, on which is written the toast Paul Rothe (Cary's Paul, above) drank to us: "Tonight I am graced by the company of nine/ On lobster and crabs and clams shall we dine/ And to you, I lift this wine/ The elegant young ladies who came from Miss Fine."

Debbie e-mailed that "We had a lovely New Year's Eve at our country house in Clove Valley, New York -- hopefully the site of our reunion in 2001. Julie and Bill Hardt were with us for the weekend and it was all wonderful. We had a fabulous feast on the eve at our neighbor's house, Susannah Bristol (who is a cousin of Trika's) with adults and teenagers and gorgeous food -- caviar, foie gras, venison and two of the best cakes made by Julie Hardt and then at midnight, we were all outside ice-skating. It was perfect and we were so happy to be with Julie and Bill. The Krulewitchs are all fine and busy at work, which gets to be more and more at Estee Lauder. We have to start the college search for David this year. My love to all and Happy New Year. Still thinking about our wonderful reunion."

Sandy Sidford Cornelius has joined our e-mail list and wrote, "We've had an exhausting year. Both daughters got married (of course, not together), and for relief we went to Nepal to trek up to see Mt. Everest, a quest my husband has dreamed of for at least 35 years. We had excellent weather and hauled our aging bodies up to 18,700 feet to get the view from Kala Patar, a nearby molehill. We've been on a number of these kinds of adventures. It is always educational to learn of others' values and cultures and startling to be reminded that many are dying to get to the United States."

Elise Bruml also supplied her e-mail address to help me reach my goal of doing the entire news column by cutting and past-

ing! (Even so, I got it in woefully late, for the first time -- abject apologies to the editor-in-chief.) "Isn't e-mail grand? Now you have my address to make your job (even!) easier. We spent our family vacation in Hawaii last summer. I hadn't been there since my Peace Corps training, which was more years ago than I care to remember, and was delighted to discover that it is still paradise. Now that one son is away (junior in college) and the other's departure is foreseeable (freshman in high school), Gary and I are undertaking a major addition to our house. Talk about irrational! Tibby Dennis was here for a long overdue visit this fall. It was great to see her."

Cary Armstrong Rothe e-mailed, "Our news is pretty simple. I've legally adjusted my name to Cary Armstrong Rothe. (Note first name change: nickname is now my legal name.) Christmas and New Year's were low-key with our children popping in and out. Life is relatively balanced with human resource clients and time in studio developing a concept for a show in a few years." I don't know exactly what Cary's referring to here, but I do know she's been pursuing photography with great passion and took some lovely portraits of many of us in Maine. I included her Christmas photo, with Paul and his grandchildren, with the column.

Polly, who is living on board a sailboat in the Caribbean for the next few months, sent a great account of her life there. "Hi Fiona! Here I am for the deadline. Have been waiting to feel eloquent, but so far no good! I wish you two were going to St. John's a little earlier. It seems as if we most probably won't still be there by then, as there is this crazy reality of actually needing to get home sometime. So we're sort of thinking of trying to get to Culebra, then south coast of Puerto Rico and north coast of Domini-



*Joan Yeaton Seamon's '61 grandson Mark.*

can Republic by the third week of March (or earlier if weather permits) and then launch up into the Bahamas. We're really not sure how we can get home anyway by early May. It's terribly far yet!

"I can't figure out how to make a nice neat package of this trip for the *Journal*. One of the surprising things about cruising is how much time one spends in harbors. We've been, for instance, in St. Martin's since early January. First to pick up a friend, then to wait out these very unattractive Christmas winds and swells. We've been hauled and taken care of our rather messy bottom (have to keep after the dreaded terredos). We've finally discovered how to negotiate our way by bus all over this island to perfectly lovely beaches. We've gone on some outrageously hysterical hikes, ending up scratched and bruised from too much bushwhacking. We found our best snorkeling so far and with no problem are consuming many, many baguettes and patés. Have to have lots of this French food, as we're about to leave any French island. As some of you know, Don's great in French and I love to eat, so being here has many advantages.

"We're headed backwards this weekend, to Nevis to visit some friends from home. Hurricane Lenny hit these islands pretty hard--destroying so much vegetation (it sat here in St. Martin's for three full days), flowers, beaches. It's unbelievable that people keep having to live through this. One of the very sad parts of our trip was to be sailing along the western coast of other islands a few months ago, where the swell that no one expected, which preceded Lenny south of here, (Grenada all the way up to Guadeloupe) destroyed lives, livelihoods, left hundreds homeless and sand and garbage in stores and all over towns. So many of the western beaches are now just rocks. And it



was horrible to see. Our agenda is to head northwest (with our new sail which is destined to increase our speed tenfold. The other was easily as ancient as this boat: 50 years), spend some time until the end of March investigating the British Virgins, southern Puerto Rico, northern Dominican Republic and pray that the weather will be welcoming us to get into the Bahamas. Enough."

Cynthia Weinrich sent a note at the end of January. She too has taken off on an adventure. "Well, I've done it -- partly anyway. Not six months, but two. I told Monsignor [Cynthia is music director of a church] that I needed some time off, a sort of rest cure after having been so sick in December and over the turn of the year. So February and March are MINE. Am getting in my little car (when it gets out of the shop, that's another story!) and heading south then west -- relatives, friends, nature, culture, history, sunshine, wilderness, whatever. Whatever in this case is turning out to be more likely snow and sleet. It's amazing how when you plan travel you always envision yourself travelling in sunshine -- at least I do. Am aiming for a bit of history in North Carolina, swamps, shore, and gardens (!) in South Carolina. Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia, more of same along the Gulf Coast, maybe Natches, southwest Texas including Big Bend, then probably train to Los Angeles to visit my sister, train back to car, up through Colorado Springs and the plains of western Nebraska, a long trek back across Iowa, friends along the Mississippi, and then who knows.

"I'm not taking bets, though, on how much of this I will do. It's all going to be an on-going lesson (already begun) on flexibility and being willing to give up carefully laid plans. But how good it makes one feel to have done this, and not just be slogging to the Bronx this spring, to have given myself some space, and to give a try to a long-held dream. It's surprising to me how many people, when I say I've always wanted to cross the country by car, say 'So have I!'. However, not being a good long-distance highway driver, it's also scary. If only one could have a magic carpet effect of hopping from one desired site to another! So my tent and camping gear are all neatly tucked in a duffel bag, still have to pack a suitcase, and also take along my word processor and file boxes of writing. (Have collected information on regional magazines with the hope of trying to do some selling of small articles, We'll see what I can accomplish.)." At the very least Cynny, you can be assured of publishing the account of your trip



*Julie Fulper Hardt's '61 sons (left and back row center) and husband Bill (right) attended the class reunion, as did Cary Armstrong Rothe's husband Paul (seated).*

in this column!

Joan Yeaton Seamon's Christmas letter included this news: "The photo [of first grandchild, Mark Andrew, reproduced here] pretty much introduces our major event of 1999!" Joan and Hal are thoroughly enjoying being grandparents, [Mark lives ten minutes away, F.M.F.] and only perplexed that parenting seemed so much more difficult!"

Sheila Long wrote from France several times during the fall. Her mother has been in very poor health, having suffered three heart attacks, a mild stroke, and some fractured vertebrae this autumn. Sheila visited her at Thanksgiving and sent a Christmas letter from which I've lifted the following: "The other day I was asked to help a lycée student with her English homework, an exercise in the comparison of adjectives and adverbs. The following sentences seemed worth writing down: 'Shakespeare's plays are as good as Corneille's. A gun is more dangerous than a knife. New York is the biggest town (sic) in the world. Since the last strike he has been more and more nervous. The more you get, the more you want. French cooking will always be better than English cooking.' [A francophile of long standing,

I'm glad to see the French sticking to their guns, F.M.F.]" Sheila isn't on e-mail at the abbey, but says, "We appear on a web site called Afrique Bénédicte, designed and written by Jacques Pacquetteau, the husband of our singing teacher. The site has many typos and spelling mistakes. If you're interested, you can check your proficiency in French by seeing if you can find them.

"Our monastery in Guinea is thriving. Three African Benedictine monasteries have sent sisters to help the foundation, which now includes Sr. Marie Anselm and Sr. Marie Ursula from Nigeria, and Sr. Gertrude from Togo. The neighbors, as well as visitors to the monastery are amazed to see five Europeans and three Africans not only living together as sisters, but visibly happy to be together. When they meet with groups, our African sisters tend to be listened to more attentively than their French counterparts. Our sisters are now self-supporting as far as their daily expenses are concerned, thanks to the sale of eggs from their 1,000 hens. Sr. Pierre recently visited a monastery in the Ivory Coast for further information in chicken-raising and learned that she'd been wearing out her hens, giving them far too



much TLC, so she came back delighted with the prospect of having more time for other activities!"

Tibby sent me her Christmas letter asking that I choose excerpts for this column. "What an amazing year this has been! So much pain, but also so much joy. The pain, of course, involved my dad's progressive illness during January and February, culminating in his death last March. Yet even during these last hard months of his life, we had special times together, plus visits from so many people who loved him. The funeral in Princeton was surely orchestrated by God, since the setting and pastor I had originally hoped to have both fell through! But it turned out to be perfect, at All Saints Church right next to the cemetery. My two 'sisters' from childhood, Elise and Cynny, came. Now, since my dad's death, the second edition of *My Turn to Care* (devotionals for caregivers of aging parents) came out in April, with a new piece about him I wrote in January, to go with the one I had written about my mother for the first edition. [This is *My Turn to Care-Encouragement for Caregivers of Aging Parents*, Marlene Bagnull, ed., \$12.95 from Amazon.com, F.M.F.)

"In May I rented a cottage on Ashfield Lake for two weeks, where friends and I had one gathering after another. Later in the summer, I bought 14 acres of land in the Berkshires for dog running/retreat purposes, and a Labor Day mini-vacation on the Cape at a beach front motel in Truro was heavenly. There have been other great times as well: a weekend in Alexandria with Elise and her family; visits from Cynthia as she explored real estate (prospects???, fantasies???) here in western Massachusetts."

Lucia Norton sent a real letter with this news. "Paul and I went to Brazil this month [January] to visit his brother and another friend who teaches Portuguese in Austin but is from near Rio. What a treat to see a new hemisphere and variety from the U.S.A.! I'd like to return. (They couldn't believe our Y2K hysteria!)"

I actually have something slightly other than the usual to report since we took a memorable month-long trip to New Zealand and Fiji in October. It started out as a SCUBA-diving trip to Fiji and then since we were going so far, New Zealand. Though I had heard from many, many people of its beauty, charm, etc., it outdid all my expectations. I would return there in a flash and we only saw the northern island, which was represented to me as nothing compared to the southern! If the gorgeous, friendly, in-



Susie Shea McPherson '62 and her family: (from left) Rob, Sandy, Susie, Bruce and Elle.

teresting, civilized, culinarily sophisticated place we visited is only a warm-up for the rest of the country, then surely NZ is the best place on the face of the earth! Our time in Fiji was spent on a boat and underwater: our first Pacific diving and very different from the Caribbean. Underwater life is uniquely rich in this part of the world and we were challenged at every turn to keep up with our shipmates who were old Pacific hands, as it were. We got a few good photos, but not enough; as if we needed a reason to return!

Though not officially working any longer, I took the Brandenburg Ensemble, conducted by Jaime Laredo, on tour this February. Our first concert was at Mc Carter Theater (where the same tower of dressing rooms we used for the annual Princeton Ballet show is still in use, though there are also much nicer dressing facilities underground as well). We then went on to Chicago, DC, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Boston, and ended at Carnegie Hall. I saw lots of old friends and managed not to lose anyone or miss any planes, but it didn't make me want to go back to a full-time schedule, and I relied heavily on Excedrin to get me through! The only other thing is that I finally figured out how to make a reasonably full sound on the flute and so am going to start taking lessons again after a break of about 15 years. I subscribe to the never say die school of music making.

Thanks to all of you who sent news. I'll be sending out a revised address list one of

these days and it will include e-mail addresses. Those of us in NYC have periodic dinners together and occasionally someone from out of town shows up, which we love. If any of you want to be notified when we start planning the next one, just let me know. And if you're coming to NY and can tell me in advance, we'll plan one around your visit!

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'62

The Christmas card from Cindy Brown and husband Bruce Haag reported their 1999 travel. After a winter adventure in Ecuador, they spent two "rainy but beautiful weeks in Normandy and Brittany in late June, and a glorious sunny November week taking beginner golf lessons in Palm Springs." They sold the South Bethany, Delaware beach house Cindy has enjoyed for 30 years in June, and 11 members of the Haag family bid it a fond farewell in July. Cindy and Bruce also spend time working on a camp they have in the Adirondacks. When home in Kintnersville, PA, Cindy is busy with her new family history business.

Susie Shea and Bruce McPherson sent a photo of their three growing children with their card. Older daughter Elle will graduate this year and is eagerly awaiting results of her college applications. Rob is a sophomore at Lawrenceville, and an avid sailor like his father. Younger daughter Sandy, an eighth





Carol Estey '62 (foreground) with her niece Sarah Estey and her parents, Bud and Audrée Estey, after a McCarter Theater performance of the American Repertory Ballet Company's *Nutcracker* in honor of Mrs. Estey, the company's founder.

grader, plays field hockey, lacrosse and tennis. Susie continues her volunteer work at the State House, and reports that Bruce is designing "his dream 36' sailboat, which we hope to christen by summer."

Win Dickey Kellogg e-mailed her update. She reports, "Our son Daniel was married last May and he and his wife, Hsing-ay, are both at Yale Graduate School of Music. He is a composer and she is a pianist who graduated from Juilliard last May and will make her New York debut at Lincoln Center in April. Lisa is a sophomore at Princeton, manager of the University Band and toured with the Triangle Show in December. We had great fun this fall tailgating with Susie Shea McPherson and family before several football games."

My husband, Bruce, and I celebrated Christmas and the beginning of the year 2000 in Antarctica. We sailed from Buenos Aires to the Falkland Islands and then cruised the Antarctic Peninsula. We saw indescribably beautiful scenery and fascinating wildlife. I managed to endure the nippy air to see as many penguins, seals and whales as possible. While this destination was not on the top of my list, I can hardly wait to return. It was a wonderful experience. We are off again in June for a Baltic cruise, stopping in Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki and St. Petersburg. In between cruises, I continue to manage employee communications projects at Southern California Edison and take art classes.

A bit more news from Max: Congratula-

tions to Carol Estey who's taken on an enormous project: the restoration and rejuvenation of the Opera House in Stonington, ME. Carol is co-artistic director of Opera House Arts which is located on Deer Isle where Carol spent many summers at Les Chalets Francais, the camp at which her mother taught ballet and her father taught drama. Carol plans to bring live performances of all kinds to islanders and summer visitors. Just after New Year's, Carol joined her parents at McCarter Theater in Princeton for the 35th anniversary of the American Repertory Ballet Company's production of *The Nutcracker*. Mrs. Estey was honored for her choreography and her contributions to the company and school she founded. She appeared on stage after the performance and received a standing ovation from the packed theater. Everyone who had danced in the ballet over the years was invited to join her. It was an extraordinary moment for an extraordinary woman. Apparently, Carol is continuing the tradition. Anyone in the area this summer should definitely look her up and check out the Opera House.

On behalf of the class, we wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Kitty Walker Ellison whose brother Sam PCD '65 died of pancreatic cancer in October. Our condolences to her and her brother Bill PCD '62.

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Laurie Rogers and Kathy Sittig Dunlop both sent newsy, fun Christmas letters. Laurie's told of a wonderful New Mexico vacation with her sister Catherine, volunteer work with the American Classical Orchestra, and a great reunion with Pam Sidford Schaefer on Cape Cod. Laurie reports that Pam "looks fantastic!" Laurie also reports with pride that her mother is 85 and going strong: still driving, mowing her own lawn and playing golf.

Kathy provided a month by month review of the Dunlops' lives in 1999. As always, it was packed with excitement and news of her children and her dedication to her faith. The Dunlops are enjoying their new home in Florida, and it seems to have everything but the skiing, which they still enjoy on return trips to Utah. Kathy is involved in a mentoring experience with a local eight-year-old, sports of every kind, notably golf, singing, and Bible study.

I am doing well. Still enjoying the northwest and my job at Portland Community College. I'd like to renew my plea to hear from more of you. Please send me a post card so that I may share your news in the next issue of this magazine.

Pam sent a bit more news to the development office: "We are all fine: Jacqueline in her senior year at Princeton. David has been self-sufficient for one and a half years! We're doing a construction project on Cape Cod -- long distance. Twice as aggravating as normal construction. I think our architect is living in our project. Did get a day with Laurie. She hasn't changed in 35 years! We look the same."

On behalf of the class, we send our deepest sympathy to Jane Aresty Silverman whose father passed away in September. Many will remember his kindness and wit.

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# Princeton Country Day School News

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'31 It is with great sadness that we report the death on February 26 of Dick Baker due to complications from Alzheimers disease. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Ricki and their three children: Eileen Baker Strathnaver MFS '60, Dick III '58 and John '62. Dick was a trustee of PCD and chaired the committee that planned the merger of MFS and PCD. He also served as president of the Alumni Association from 1968-1970. Dick was vice president and head of the Real Estate Mortgage and Loan Department of the New York Life Insurance Company and was a retired captain in the U.S. Navy. He served on the board of Crossland Savings Bank for over 25 years and also served on the boards of the Medical Center of Princeton, the Archeological Institute of America, Yale Divinity School Associates, the Princeton Chapter of the American Field Service International Scholarships, the English-Speaking Union and the Princeton Battlefield Preservation Society.

'33 Allen Shelton writes, "Wynne and I are still travelling extensively to the more exotic places on the globe! Oldest daughter Pam opening preschools and libraries in northern Botswana. Youngest daughter Californian Winemaker of the Year!"

'35 John Bender has suffered great sadness in the last couple of years. His youngest child, Susan Bruch, passed away in July 1998 and a year later, July 1999, he lost his wife Freddy. He writes, "In the past year, two grandchildren were married. So life goes on." We send our very deepest sympathies to John and his family. In the last *Journal*, we transcribed John's notes incorrectly. The sentence should read: "At least four (classmates) have died, (Brooks, Crudgington, Dewing and Wertenbaker) and, at last reports, at least four were still alive (Bender, Bigelow, Condit, Imbrie)." We apologize for the error.

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## 60th REUNION

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David McAlpin was featured in *The Times of Trenton* newspaper for his work with Trenton's "highly successful chapter of Habitat for Humanity, the low income housing organization."

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The class will be saddened to learn of the death of Fred Roberts this winter. We send our deepest sympathy to his wife, Adelaide Comstock Roberts MFS '47, and their children, Emily Kappelmann PDS '73 and Brooke Roberts PDS '70.

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Markley Roberts wrote a report for the United Nations Association on "International Labor Rights: A Human Face for the Global Economy." The report was released last November. John Matthews writes, "Just returned from a wild 44 hours in Moscow, four days in Budapest, where I missed seeing myself on Hungarian TV (recorded two years ago) by a week, and Berlin, where I helped Kohl, George Bush and Gorbachev celebrate the 10th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Retirement is fun."



## 55th REUNION

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David Rogers writes, "Still consulting full-time, mostly in the telephone industry. As long as the (?) keep merging and the regulations keep changing, business will continue to be great! Also involved as expert witness for a major firm against a very large consulting company -- two or three of these cases are a full-time job and, intellectually, very challenging."

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## 50th REUNION

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BIG NEWS from the bravest of our class -- **John Wellemeyer** -- who writes from London, "I have now fully retired from Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. It's a good thing, since I have an infinite number of chores to do around home." His note accompanied a birth announcement adorned with two -- count them, two -- blue ribbons. On November 1 John's wife Louise gave birth to twins, Douglas John and James Charles, who each weighed in at six pounds and a few ounces. Congratulations, John and Louise, good health, good fortune and good luck!

Lanky, lean and not showing a trace of gray, **Peter Bauer** visited Washington last fall. A Gallup Fellow, he came to town to attend a convention of the influential National Political Congress of Black Women, and stopped by my digs to report on his doings since we parted company 47 years earlier.

After PCD, Peter went to Deerfield, then earned a B.S. and M.S. in Mechanical Engineering at Princeton and Stanford respectively. A Navy officer for two years, he taught science to enlisted submariners at the Nuclear School in Groton, CT, then served an engineering apprenticeship at Escher-Wyss in Zurich. (He speaks several languages.) Back in New Jersey by 1968, he gained R&D experience at Worthington Corporation.

He married Dinny Clark and in 1971 moved to Vermont, where they raised two children, Eric and Heidi. Like many Vermonsters, he tackled many tasks. For one, he co-authored a study that was published several times and widely circulated, *Generating Electricity Using Wood Chips*. He also designed a transistorized home heating wood chip/pellet gasifier which converts wood to a gas which is burned cleanly and efficiently.

Now single again, he has discovered a new passion and founded Solutions, an enterprise to address some of America's pressing problems. Projects to be initiated soon are "Promoting the Reduction of Violence in the United States" and "Accelerating the Improvement of Education in the United States." Both projects, he says, will work by "emulating successful solutions."

Peter was surprised to find some classmates in the Washington area, including **Richie Bray** and **Rens Lee** and **Anne Harrison-Clarke** MFS '56 who, he said, "is running the DELTA Project (What Works!

Community Programs in Action), which is startlingly similar to (his own) solutions, in that DELTA 'shares' economic and social solutions from one community to another. . . Small world!!!!" And then he was off, heading north to RFD 4, Enosburg Falls, VT 05450; 802-933-4285; phbvt@aol.com.

Answering my call to classmates via e-mail and with an exquisite economy of words, **Tim Cain** reports in toto as follows: "News for the alumni mag: I am enjoying retirement!" He's at 3517 Deerfield Heights, Cortland, NY 13045; 607-756-7352; e-mail: TCain555@aol.com.

**Sherry Smith** writes from southern Vermont, "Jane, my sister and I have a used paperback bookstore in Brattleboro. A fascinating pastime. . . infinitesimal financial rewards."

For myself, Posterity Press's new book, *Off Soundings, Aspects of the Maritime History of Rhode Island* was endorsed by the state historical society and reviewed at length in the state's flagship paper which warned, "Do not look for this book on the coffee tables of many of Rhode Island's first families." The reason: It recounts how, thanks to their ancestors' antics on the high seas as pirates, privateers and such, "the colony was known as 'Rogue's Island'." The critic concluded, "Still, this is a hard book to put down, the subject matter is so gripping." So, I stick to my editorial list while my wife Mary takes on a host of new challenges as director of development at the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

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**Dave Miller** was the subject of an in-depth article in the *Honolulu Advertiser* recently. It seems Dave is the inventor of

TERM-OUT, an aerosol insecticide for killing termites which pose a large problem in the Hawaiian islands, and elsewhere. In 1968, Dave invested \$3,000 in two properties in Hauula: one was the house in which he still lives, and the other became the headquarters of his company, Makiki Electronics. His home was infested with termites and when conventional sprays didn't work, Dave invented an aerosol can with a flexible probe to hunt down the termites where they hide. He found a chemical that was lethal to termites, roaches and ants, but harmless to humans and house pets, and began producing TERM-OUT. Some of the manufacturing is still done in the islands, but most of it has moved to the mainland.

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Here are two reasons why members of our class might want to come back to reunions at Princeton Day School the weekend of May 19-20. First the Miss Fine's Class of 1960 will be celebrating its 40th reunion, and Sally Hagen Schmid, who is helping to organize the event, has discussed having members of our class return to help them celebrate the occasion. She is hoping for a good turnout from MFS 1960, and it would be great if 1956 were well represented also.

The second reason is that **Webb Harrison '57** will be posthumously inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in ceremonies Friday evening. If you would like to come, give me a call at (609) 924-2200 my work number, or at home (609) 466-2949.

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**Toby Knox** brings us up to date with the following note: "Daughter Amanda will graduate from University of Vermont this spring. The highlight of 1999 was a trip to Alaska for fishing and sightseeing. I joined four others in Juneau for a week on a chartered Nordic tug for fishing in southeastern Alaska. Ended the trip with a camping trip in Denali National Park with a boarding school classmate from Fairbanks. Lots of fun."



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40th REUNION

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Brock Putnam sends this exciting news, "I married the former Marina Razhoua (he even gives the Cyrillic spelling, but our type-writer can't reproduce it here!) after a three-year transcontinental courtship which began on a 'hands across the sea' teacher/student exchange. My son Ben is applying to art schools for next year. He is a senior at Walnut Hill School in Natick, MA. Marina's children, Anna, 15, and Anton, 11, are wonderful fun. There is a chance for a new life after bereavement! "

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'61

The year-long celebration of PDS's centennial has really been cool. From the last *Journal* issue in its calendar form, to the many activities throughout the year on the campus, from special gatherings honoring yesteryear, to great plans and hopes for the school's future . . . There's no doubt about it, PDS is on a roll. And isn't it great! There are so many people showing their appreciation of the present school, the past schools, and all of the wonderful women and men that have over many years contributed so much.

Not exactly my usual irreverent opening, or for that matter closing, but appropriate at this time. I have attended some of the year's events on and off the campus and have really been impressed. I'm sure that many will be covered in this and probably the next *Journal* issue. The one that comes best to mind was a party in mid-October for the Miss Fine's ladies and the PCD horde at Jasna Polana. **Tom Chubet**, **Dave Petito**, **Hy Young** and the other assorted class linksters must be acquainted with this former Seward Johnson, Jr. family retreat turned golf club. Très chic and, oh, so cool.



*Tom Chubet '61 (second from right) with his family.*

Where else in town would we gather to hear Miss Fine's and PCD's faculty and students turn back the hands of time? It was a gala setting in this huge, glass walled, circular space entered by a somewhat exaggerated entrance stair. The whole thing was truly a sight . . . pouring rain battering on the glass, music floating through the air, tables of fine food, open bars on every side, and right in the middle of the crowd stood **Bud Tibbals**, **Stu Robson**, and **Wes McCaughan**. It was like turning the clock back. Oh yeah, a little grayer, but the gestures, the flair and the gusto were still there. And surrounding these Masters were Guy Dean '55, Jeb Stuart '56, Bobby Symthe '57, Tom Reynolds '60, Pepper Pettit '60, and Bloxy Baker '60. Well, the evening had its speeches, glasses raised and much merriment, but the crowning moment, I kid you not, was at the end, after the PDS choral group had attempted to sing the former schools' songs. Now, I know that this is just grammar school stuff and certainly too long ago, but I wish all of you had been there, if only for a few moments. The Miss Fine's ladies, including Wendy Fruland Hopper MFS '64, Barbara Rose Callaway MFS '64, Mea (Liz Aall) Kaemmerlen MFS '64, showed the kids how their song was really sung . . . . But then came the Boys From

Broadmead. Wow, was it my ears, did I have one too many, was it that last stuffed artichoke, or did I just want to hear that song one more time? There we were, classes from the '30's to the '60's, letting loose! Uncle Hank, Fat Frank, Ancient Herb and the whole rest of the gang would've been proud. Awesome!

As for the Boys, here are some bits and pieces. I recently spoke to **Robert Ayers** to see if he would finally put on record his last 40 years. But he was much more interested in telling of his son Austin, who is starting high school in the Washington, DC area. Apparently, Austin is a fine student, an athlete and a great kid. A chip off the old block! Good going, Bul . . . Whoops, no nicknames, I promised. Any way, our Washington real estate and banking mogul friend was in fine spirits. He asked about **John Willis** and **Roddy Pratt**, but I could not help.

I ran into **Regan Kerney** who is well and remains quite busy with his teaching and coaching at Lawrenceville. Speaking of the Kerney clan, I often see Lincoln '65 about town doing his real estate work and many charitable efforts. I recently ran into Steve Cook '59 and Nicky Hare '59 at a Nassau Club affair. Steve, an orthopedic surgeon, and Nick, a financial wizard, were laughing



at Wall Street craziness these days. All goes well with them and their families. Speaking of the Cook family, I often see both Steve and his older brother John '56 at Stuart Country Day School in Princeton where they both have daughters enrolled in the lower school. I know that John still plays hockey and he tells me that Bloxie still puts them through the boards.

Elsewhere, I ran into Mrs. Louise Morse, the mother of Peter and Bill '57, watching ladies' squash at the University. Actually, she was there watching Peter's daughter Meroe. I haven't yet gotten hold of Peter, but since he keeps moving to further and further away places, it worked out well to meet his daughter. Meroe, accent over the second E, is a junior at Brown University, where she is majoring in biology. Talking about moving around, her family is now out of Nigeria and lives in Indonesia after being born in . . . was it Brazil? Anyway, a great kid. But more news needed from Peter! And yes, Mrs. Morse is still doing quite fine.

And the last person to tell of is the third member of the earlier mentioned teaching trio, **Wes McCaughan**. He, along with Stu Robson and Bud Tibbals, are founding members of the Princeton Shopping Center's Russian Tea Room Ten-In-The-Morning Coffee Club. After doing his hour or two run about the grounds, Wes McCaughan rejoins the others and provides council to any and all that come through the doors. I decided that it was time to get his story. Or at least, after all these years, find out what he smoked. . . . Would you believe the man changed his brand since his days about the PCD baseball diamond? He gave up on his Sliced Edgeworth for the "cooler" Sliced Cavendish tobacco! Gad Zooks! What a liberal! Anyway, his tale.

Wesley Adams McCaughan was born in Hartford, Connecticut in 1924, soon after his parents arrived from Belfast, Northern Ireland. In 1926, the family moved to Princeton when the senior McCaughan, who was a skilled cabinetmaker, gained a position with the then Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research, now the Plasma Physics Laboratory. His family, which also included a sister, lived in several homes in the Princeton area, but settled on Wilton Street. He attended the local schools, Nassau Street Elementary and the High School. After graduating in 1942, Mr. McCaughan spent one year at the then Trenton Teachers' College, now The College of New Jersey, before being drafted in 1943. He spent three years in the Signal Corps and reached the rank of



*Wes McCaughan vacations in Loveladies, NJ with the women in his life: wife Judy (top, right) and daughters Wendy Jolley (left) Marmie Smid and Carrie Hoover.*

Staff Sergeant. His tour included Europe from July 1944 through May 1945 and then back to the States for the final year.

The extra year helped pay for college and graduate school via the GI Bill. He was moving at a pretty fast clip by this time, gesturing, of course, with The Pipe, when I interrupted and asked about when did he meet his wife, Judy? . . . Pause, then becoming even more animated, he said "Where else, but at the movies! At the old Playhouse just before I was shipped to Europe in July '44. A logical time to meet a lovely lady, just before you go to combat." Well, he got back, they got married, they had three daughters, and they're still going strong. Anyhow, Mr. McCaughan returned and gained his degree from Trenton State in 1949, then worked on his master's in education at Rutgers. After graduating in 1951, he gained his first teaching position at Allentown High School where he taught English for three years. Then, he moved to the Lawrence Junior High School where he taught English and history for three years. I was surprised to hear that he did no coaching during this period. And along came old Princeton High School schoolmate **Dick Griggs** who told of a cool school in Princeton that needed a hand. Something about this great class of kids was about to start at Princeton Country Day

School in September 1955. Well, names like **Gene Armstrong**, **Barry Hunter**, and **Michael Kamenstein** were well-known in academic circles, while **Peter Kirkpatrick**, **Peter Raymond**, and **Hank Tomlinson** were certified jocks. Well, Wes McCaughan made a beeline for Broadmead and practically begged for the job from "Uncle Hank" Ross. Well, the rest is history. Like 32 years at PCD and PDS. Cool. He taught English, ancient history, and reading at the former, the first two at PDS. Then, of course, from 1966 through 1978, he ran the admission office before returning to teach ancient history until his retirement in 1987. I mentioned PCD memories and Mr. McCaughan nearly glowed as he spoke of the ". . . ideal spot to teach and coach", ". . . a special place", ". . . the well trained students", ". . . the respect from the parents and students", ". . . the beauty of the school, the fields, and the lake", ". . . the admiration of the core teachers and the leadership of **Henry Ross**", and ". . . the goodness of **Peter Rothermel** to the faculty". . . . Amen. As to his present way of life, Wes McCaughan keeps active with his family (seven grandchildren), loves to exercise and get out, and has become a major Web Surfer. E-Mail him at . . . where else? [IAMWES@AOL.COM](mailto:IAMWES@AOL.COM). And as to **Dick Griggs**, Mr. McCaughan suggests getting in touch with him at [ARCEYGEE@EMAIL.MSN.COM](mailto:ARCEYGEE@EMAIL.MSN.COM). No comment yet from Uncle Stooie.

June will mark 39 years. Will any of us return for Alumni Day in May? How about some of you missing people get in touch? **Richard Aaron**, **Rich Reynolds**, and **David Tyler**? And anybody else for that matter. I could use a bit more info about . . . The Boys From Broadmead.

If you can believe it, there's even more news of '61. **Tom Chubet** writes that he was made a senior vice president, financial advisor, with the Private Client Group at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. He was also named Player of the Year for 1999 in golf at his home course, Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, NY. His son John is assistant social chairman at his fraternity at the University of Delaware and son Charlie is a freshman at the University of Vermont. His wife Carolyn is still a senior editor at Reader's Digest. Tom includes the fact that he is the nephew of Herb Davison '31 and the cousin of John Davison '56.

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*Bill Walker '62 and his wife Judy in Venice.*

I received a nice note from Robert W. ("Woody") Johnson IV. Woody is the proud owner of the New York Jets, for which he paid some \$660 million. The estate of Leon Hess (Hess had owned the Jets since 1963) selected Woody from a number of others bidders. His grandfather, the late General Robert Wood Johnson, built Johnson &

Johnson from a small family business into the world's largest health-care company. In the early 1970's Woody acquired a cable television company and made it into one of the largest privately-held cable TV systems in the world. For the past 10 years, he has been responsible for managing and overseeing various family businesses and charitable trusts as well as serving on the National Diabetes and Kidney Disease Advisory Council and the President's Export Council. Now he looks forward to working with former Jet coach Bill Parcells to build a championship team. I did not get a chance to ask Woody if his interest in football was partly inspired by the great PCD football teams of the early '60s -- with such stars as **Coley Donaldson** and **Rick Eckels**. But I am sure it was.

From other sources, we learn that **Bill Walker** has had a year of emotional highs and lows. His brother Sam '65 died of pancreatic cancer in October. Our sympathy to Bill, his sister Kitty Walker Ellison MFS '62 and the rest of his family. At the other end of the life cycle, Bill and his wife were expecting their first child, a girl, at the end of January. We wish them well.

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## 35th REUNION

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### Needs Secretary

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Sam Walker** who passed away in October. Sam was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer a few short weeks before his death. On behalf of the class, we send our condolences to his family. Our thanks to his wife Andrea Volpe who sent the following obituary.

Samuel M. Walker, artist and associate professor of studio art at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, died of cancer October 16, 1999, at his home in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was 49.

He earned the M.F.A. in printmaking at Tyler in 1980, and held degrees from Middlebury College and the Rhode Island School of Design. Since 1993, he was professor of studio art at UMass-Boston and held previous teaching appointments at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh (1992-1993) and at Oberlin College (1985-1992), where he guest-curated the exhibit "Acid and Light: Contemporary Photo-Etching" at the Allen Memorial Art Museum in 1987. Most recently, he served as the president of the Boston Printmakers, an international print organization, since 1997 and had been on the organization's board of directors since 1993.

As a printmaker, he worked primarily in photo-etching. During his career he had solo exhibitions in Boston and Chicago, and exhibited internationally. His work is in the collections of the Smithsonian Institution, Houghton Library of Harvard University, the Boston Public Library, the Addison Gallery of American Art, and the Art of the Book Collection at Yale University, among others. His work was supported by grants from the University of Massachusetts, the Ohio Arts Council, and the Newberry Library in Chicago. Reproductions of his work were published in the *Art Journal*, as well as *Contemporary Impressions*, the journal of the American Print Alliance.

Memorial donations to fund a tuition scholarship for art students at the University of Massachusetts-Boston can be made to the Sam Walker Scholarship Fund, c/o Institutional Advancement, University of Massachusetts, Boston, 100 Morrissey Blvd. Boston, MA 02125.



*A few of the "Boys from Broadmead" who partied at the Founders Club reception at Jasna Polana in October: (from left) Tom Reynolds '60, Jobe Stevens '58, Pepper Pettit '60, Jeb Stuart '56, Bob Smyth '57, Bloxie Baker '60 and Ward Kuser '61.*



# Princeton Day School News



*Thanks to Wes McCaughan, who sent in this picture of PDS faculty circa 1980: (back row, from left) Dan Skvir, Wes McCaughan, Bud Tibbals, Eamon Downey, Quinn McCord, Colie Donaldson '62, Bob Miller '51, Mike Merle-Smith, Doug McClure; (front row) Gary Lott, Lois Dowey, Parry Jones, Anne Rothrock.*

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'66

Yes, Rich and I have moved to "Sin City" as some people call it, but I think I have to agree with the people who call Las Vegas "the most exciting city in America!" I've got to admit that it is rather amusing to live in the only place in the world where you can take a world tour and never leave the city. We've got Paris, the Venetian, Mandalay Bay, New York New York, The Aljiers, Caesar's Palace, The Boardwalk, just to name a few of the places along the Strip. I am working in the Training Department at The Mirage -- the flagship of Mirage Resorts. It's really fun, and working in the gaming industry is interesting. We live in a lovely apartment on the east side of the valley near Sunrise Mountain. Except for the slot machines and video poker machines almost everywhere, including the grocery stores and the 7-11s, it's just like any other western city. I'm beginning to get used to the differences between eastern and western cities and I'm getting used to the milder winters, but I

must admit that I really am not fond of the desert and I really hate the 120 degree heat! I also miss the green of NJ. There just isn't any green like it out here.

This spring (1999), Rich and I flew back for my son, Christopher's graduation from SUNY-Purchase where he received his B.F.A. in Set Design. I spent time visiting friends and soaking in as much green as possible while I was in NJ. I also took Rich on a tour of some of the NJ historical sites -- the Old Barracks in Trenton, the Princeton Battlefield (where he also got to see that big tree from the movie "IQ") and his favorite place -- Washington's Crossing. He, being a native Californian, couldn't get over the age of the buildings and as a history buff, was thrilled to be at all the Revolutionary War sites.

I got a Christmas card from **Debbie Hobler** who said, "I'm great. This year lots of happiness in the form of writing, traveling and hiking." The picture on the card was captioned "Night Hiker, August 30, 1999 - 3:30 a.m. on the way to climb Mt. Whitney." Sounds like a fun adventure and Debbie (seems) very busy!

From other sources, we learned of the death

of Enid Sackin Reddick's father in October. On behalf of the class, we send her our deepest sympathy.

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'67

Our sympathy goes out to Karen Meyers, whose mother Dorothy Meyers passed away recently. Ms. Meyers was the librarian at MFS and PDS for many years and will be sorely missed. Our condolences also to **Chris Otis** and her brother **Kim '72** whose mother died last summer.

Congratulations to **Margery Cuyler Perkins** who became vice president and editor-in-chief in February of Winslow Press, a new publishing venture. She writes, "(The company) has a web program for each of the children's books that it publishes. Please come visit at [www.winslowpress.com](http://www.winslowpress.com). Have also had one of my own books, *The Battlefield Ghost*, recently published by Scholastic." **Beth Ann Levy** writes that she's an interfaith minister and spiritual counselor in New York City. She also does handwriting analysis, astrological charts and Tarot card readings "and I do belly dancing performances for fun on the side!"

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'68

I am guessing that because most of us are busy making big 50th birthday party plans, no one has found time to contact me with any class news! The closest I got were a few Christmas cards. One from **Joe Chandler** in Maine, who indicated his calendar is filled all the time, busy with family and work. One from **Leigh Keyser Phillips** in Vermont, who sent me a lovely long newsy tale of her lawyering, a daughter in college and family activities including sailing, biking and equestrian meets. I apologize to Leigh, for I have misplaced the letter which had wonderful photos.

So that leaves me to fill in with a little news of my own. I am preparing for a solo photography show to be exhibited in May and June at the local public library. Entitled "Novel Photography." It will present several



of my photos, borrowing titles of fiction books as subtitles for my photos. Other news is that Christopher has graduated from Princeton and my daughter Katie is now a freshman at Dartmouth. That leaves my youngest, David, to fend for himself for another year and a half until he heads off to college. Please take this opportunity, as you are reading the column, to pick up pen and paper, go to your computer and e-mail me, or call to let me know of your news in Y2K.

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'69

Our sympathy goes out to Candy Boyajian DeSantis and Bertina Bleicher Norford whose fathers both passed away last August.

Blair Lee writes, "After working for what felt like a million years on my dissertation, I finally finished it last year and received my Ph.D. My topic was on children who have impoverished imaginative capacities, and how to treat them in psychotherapy. All that daydreaming at PDS paid off!" We've learned that Robert Wilmot is a lawyer with Oracle in Iselin, NJ. He has an eight-month-old son named Robert Preston Wilmot and a seven-year-old daughter.



30th REUNION

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'70

Meg Brinster Michael wrote and sent a photo of her family taken when they were in London last summer. They had a brief, but fun, stay there and then took the Chunnel train to Paris for a week at the Ritz, courtesy of Merrill Lynch. Meg wrote, "Alexis, who turned 20 in February, took the fall semester off from school and rode her horse competitively on the East Coast circuit. She competed in a jumpers' division called Marshall & Sterling and qualified for the international show in Washington, DC. She's returned to the academic world, having transferred to Barnard. Kate turned 17 in November and is a junior at Stuart. We



*Meg Brinster Michael '70 and her family in London last summer: (from left) Alexis, Kate, Meg, Geoffrey and (center, front) Caroline.*

are just starting to look at colleges with her. If I had to guess, I think she will end up in or near NYC as well. Her passions are the sciences and photography. Caroline is seven and also at Stuart. She keeps me on my toes with swimming, soccer and gymnastics. What a joy it is to still have a little one around the house! Geoffrey continues to thrive at Merrill Lynch and recently won a trip to Interloken, Switzerland in August. I do very little real estate now and spend what free time I have painting. Last spring my group studied botanical illustration under Louisa Tine from the New York Botanical Gardens which was very exciting. A little over a year ago, I was honored to be asked to join the Council for the Friends of the Princeton Public Library, a group that prides itself on enhancing and supplementing the many services that the library provides. It is a very exciting time to be a part of this group as the library moves forward towards renovating or rebuilding. It was purely coincidental that I picked up Joyce Carol Oates' latest novel *Broke Heart Blue*, an interesting tale of high school buddies that return to a 30th reunion! With that in mind, I hope all of you have put May 19-20 on the calendar. Five years ago, the Friday night dinner was such a success that I'm planning to do it again. Hope to see some of you then!"

Laurie D'Agostino Stoumen sent me an

e-mail this winter saying that her mother had moved to Maine. Laurie continues to live in California where her oldest son is applying to colleges, her daughter is a sophomore in high school and her youngest son is 12. Liz Hamid Roberts wrote that the big news for 1999 was that a faulty electrical outlet started a fire in their home while they were on vacation. They didn't lose everything but the house had to be torn down and they hope to be in their new home by spring. Liz has returned to teaching after a two-year stint in the corporate world. Allison Gilbert Kozicharow has taken over as our class agent and is doing a great job. (You can make it even easier by sending your gift today, if you haven't already done so.) Allison and her husband live in Maryland. They have a daughter who is at Davidson and a daughter in high school.

I hope you have sent in your registration for our 30th reunion on May 19 and 20. Even if you haven't, e-mail me or just show up. We are hoping for a big turnout. And please help us win the Annual Fund reunion challenge. The class with the highest percent participation by Reunion Weekend will receive special recognition at the lunch on Saturday. We are often at or near the top in participation, but the class of '75 is making a big push this year and the class of '80 often leads the pack. All it takes to



participate is \$1.00.

From former PDS Head **Doug McClure**, we've learned that **Joan Williams** gave a lecture in February at the University of Minnesota Law School on the issues in her book, *Unbending Gender: Why Family and Work Conflict and What to Do About It*. Joan is a professor of law and the co-director of the Gender, Work and Family Project at the American University Law School in Washington, DC. From other sources, we've learned that **Robin Murray** is the second woman president the American Institute of Architects - New Jersey. It is the organization's 100th year and the 10th anniversary of Robin's practice.

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Hello to the class of 1971. I'm afraid that I don't have much information to give you this time. It is possible that I have not received information, since I am temporarily living in Ithaca, NY. We are here because my husband is on sabbatical this semester. It is certainly beautiful here and I love having winter after 12 warm years in Durham, NC. My sons have gone skiing for the first time in their lives. It is, however, difficult to separate ourselves from all our friends for six months.

I can report that **Laurie Bryant Young** is back in this country for a couple of years, after several years abroad with the State Department. Her son Eric is in high school and her daughter Heather is in middle school. If anyone wishes to pass on class news you can reach me at our usual address or at michael@stat.duke.edu.

Our sympathy goes out to **Nicki Sarett** and her sister Wendy Young '71 on the death of their father last November.

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'72

Classmates, I know you're out there living very interesting lives, but I need to hear from you so I can keep us all informed about what you're doing. I have little news from you since the last issue with its sad news of **Terry Blake's** death last summer. **John Lockette**, who has taken **Karen Turner's** place as hard-working class agent, wrote to us requesting gifts in Terry's name, as suggested by **Carol Stevens**. I hope many of you were able to do that. I spoke to Carol last

fall and found that she lives on a farm in Virginia with her husband.

My news is very much the same as the last time I let you know what I'm doing. I'm still having fun on the farm with horses, dogs, cats, chickens, fish and hermit crabs, my three kids and a patient husband who puts up with all the chaos. I still work as an instructional aide at the local elementary school, helping kids and teachers in grades three through five. This year we're implementing a new writing program based on a method of teaching writing which I learned in a course I took last summer. The school is a fun, dynamic place to be, although I still wish I lived close enough to PDS to be able to send my kids there. Again, PLEASE let us know what you are doing so we can publish your news. Best wishes to you all for the new millennium.

From other sources, we've learn that **Anne Robinson** was married to Andrew Hamilton last October. He retired as sales manager for a toiletries company in Inverness, Scotland. Anne is the chief executive of Caswell-Massey Company, a perfume and toiletries firm in New York City. **Jane Gaman Banfield** writes, "Still enjoying life out in Wyoming. This year my husband and I recorded a CD entitled *The Sagebrush Serenaders*. We're a traditional and original western music duo. Jane plays the guitar and Mike the mandolin, and we sing duets and have played at dude ranches and various western events all the past year." **Mardi Considine** isn't recording CDs but says she's "humming along, with business brisk with copy writing, travel writing and website development. Co-chaired wildly successful benefit for Family and Children's Services this past year, raising four times previous record. Happily ensconced in Hopewell now for 15 years. Best wishes to all."

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'73

Due to the lack of news this time, I suppose everyone is very busy out there! Please take five minutes to e-mail me with your latest news or just a hello to everyone. **Hilary Morgan** has just produced her first CD called, *Follow Your Dreams*. It was released at a party in mid-December in Anchorage, AK, where Hilary continues to do charitable work. The photo of Hilary on the CD is wonderful. If you are at all tempted to see the movie *Girl Interrupted*, read the book by

Susanna Kaysen, sister of **Laura Kaysen**, first. The book is fascinating. The last I heard from Laura, she was living in Wisconsin. I am feeling old now that the daughter of a fellow PDSer is enrolled at Oldfields: Alexie Blue, daughter of Lisa Bachelder Blue '78. Otherwise, we are still digging out of the snow here in Maryland. My husband was promoted to English Department Head, my son is now in high school, and I am in the middle of the college application season with a perfect senior class. I sometimes wonder if this would be a good year to retire! Let's try to rally and have a great newsy column next time!

From other sources we've learned that **Bill Langewiesche** is a correspondent for *The Atlantic Monthly* and the author of *Inside the Sky: A Meditation on Flight*. He wrote an article that appeared in *The New York Times* on the plane accident that killed John F. Kennedy, Jr. last summer. **Beth Sanford** writes, "Living in New Canaan, CT and keeping busy with my own consulting business and three kids, Nick, two and a half, Annie, five and a half, and Jake, two. Working from a home office has its advantages, except for the last hour of the day when kid noises challenge concentration."

Our sympathy to **Wayne Roberts** whose mother passed away on December 1.

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'74

**Zander Lamar** sent a photo of his eldest son, **Trafford**, and himself last summer in



**Amy Dru Stanley '74** (left) and **Trina Kassler Waters '74** with their dogs, *Sasha* and *Thule*.





Zander Lamar '74 and his son Trafford got to check out the Stanley Cup in Dallas last summer.

Dallas. He says, "Stanley Cup courtesy of Tony Hrkac formerly of the Dallas Stars. Greetings to all--any classmates planning to play in the alumni hockey game 2000?" Trina Kassler Waters writes, "I live with my husband Michael, an architect, and two boys, Chris, nine, and Tobin, six, in Lexington, MA. Although we lead a traditional suburban life, we still try to think outside the box. Thus Mike builds crutch lamps and climbs volcanoes and I took my kids on a two-month camping trip in our VW bus last summer, stopping to see Libby Farr Christofferson of course! We also rendezvoused with Amy Stanley and her family in Maine, where we spent a wonderful afternoon swimming in the St. George River." Trina also wrote that Libby's mother passed away recently and we send Libby and her family our deepest sympathy. Sheryl Graff Stoller writes, "I'm living in Oak Park, IL with my husband Walter and our three children: two boys, 10 and eight years old, one daughter, four years old. My full-time job is raising our kids (and) the volunteer work that comes with that. Occasionally, I also freelance, doing marketing research two days a week. Walter's switching from being in solo private practice to being a clinician and professor at St. Luke's Hospital. Life should get a lot easier for all of us. We get together with Amy Stanley and her family (two boys) once or twice a year. She's a tenured history professor at University of Chicago where Ted Brown is an English professor."

## 25th REUNION

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'75

Three notes make up the class notes this time. Susan Vaughan Meade writes, "Busy raising three girls, ages 11, eight and five. As a result of having girls, I have been getting involved in the Girl Scouts. I also work part-time at a local preschool teaching computers! Family enjoys activities such as skiing, camping and swimming!" Molly Moynahan writes, "I still live in Chicago which is having a very civilized winter so far. I am now teaching high school English and journalism (I'm the advisor to our paper) to eleventh and twelfth grade students. Ninety per cent of our students are below the poverty line. The best work of my life. My son is six." And from Ruth Barach Cox we hear, "All goes well for my family in Raleigh, NC! My son Ben is nine and loves building models, launching rockets and 'doing art'." My daughter Sarah is six and a loquacious joy. She loves school, people and interacting with others. Sidney relaxes with yoga and creating Bonzai masterpieces. His movie trivia is astounding. My work goes well. I love helping masterpieces shine. Art conservation is a rewarding field! My best to all."

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From various press reports, we know that Mary Chapin Carpenter has been busy lately. In addition to touring and writing songs and children's books, she visited Bosnia and the Persian Gulf. In December she appeared in a California concert to benefit the Campaign for a Landmine Free World. On January 18, a documentary chronicling Mary Chapin's life and career appeared on cable television's TNN, featuring interviews with recording artists Trisha Yearwood and Shawn Colvin.

Eleanor Barnes writes, "Another year, another computer job come and gone, a few more cartoons published (including one in

the respected international journal *Fourteen Times*), otherwise life is too bizarre to explain here. I find myself co-executor of an estate, and as such have spoken with more lawyers, brokers, bankers, accountants, billing departments and government and other bureaucrats than I ever hope to again in my life. Also likely to move next year." And from Sheila Newsome Maddox we hear, "I am an attorney practicing with the law firm of McManimon & Scotland in Newark, NJ. I specialize in tax and public finance. My husband Winston is an assistant professor, teaching computer science course at Mercer County Community College. We live in Robbinsville with our two children, Rachel, age five, and Zachary, age two."

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'77

We are deeply saddened to report that Gail Abbotts passed away on December 9 at her home in San Francisco. On behalf of the class, we send our sympathy to her husband Jeffrey Renfro, her parents and many friends. Gail went to Lawrence Academy in Groton, MA and San Francisco College for the Arts after PDS. She was a principle in the plumbing contracting firm of Plugbusters in San Francisco, and was a proponent for women who were victims of substance abuse, HIV and AIDS. In that capacity, she appeared before the U.S. Congress, as well as school and civic groups. Contributions in her memory may be made to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, 995 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

Harold Tanner has written a book on criminal justice in China entitled *Strike Hard: Anti-Crime Campaigns and Chinese Criminal Justice, 1979-1985*. He credits former PDS history teacher Parry Jones as his inspiration. Jennifer Weiss was appointed by the governor to serve in the North Carolina General Assembly last December. She is the representative for House District 63 in the Raleigh area and will be running for reelection to the seat in 2000.

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'78

Allison Ijams Sargent writes, "I am still living in Wellesley, a suburb outside Boston,





Three children of '77 alumni are students in Susan Ferguson's PDS third grade this year. Susan (the sister of David Claghorn '71) is shown with alumni children Louise Dufresne, daughter of Carry Bachelder Dufresne; James Garry, son of Julia Penick Garry; and Caroline Buck, daughter of Pete Buck.

having the pleasure of watching three children grow and emerge into engaging, idiosyncratic individuals. My sister Rachel and I sold the store we ran on Fishers Island for 11 years without a moment of regret. Now, instead of retail, I am tackling the hard work of free lance writing. I have been extremely lucky and have had several articles in *The Boston Globe* and *The New York Times*. At long last, I have gone digital and would love to hear from classmates via e-mail. My address is allisoni@mediaone.net." **Robyn Ultan** also wrote. She says, "I started a new job as a guidance counselor at Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School -- East Brunswick. It is definitely a challenge, but I am doing what I want to do, trying to help kids be successful. I am also singing in two Jewish singing groups and taking voice lessons for the first time!"

Our sympathy to **Doug Fitton** and his brother David '79 on the death of their father last October.

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'79

Exciting news from **Muna Shehadi Sill**: "I'll have four romantic comedies published in 2000, writing as Isabel Sharpe for Harlequin "Duets," the two-for-one series with the bright yellow covers. The books can also be ordered from amazon.com." **Martha Hicks Leta** writes, "It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces at reunions. Happy to see everyone doing so well. I am anxiously awaiting the birth of our second daughter... any day now. She's due on November 21, 1999 so by the time anyone reads this, she'll have arrived." Class secretary **Nick Donath** also enjoyed the reunion. He writes, "Still enjoying the desert southwest lifestyle. Thought the reunion was cool. Most people looked unchanged -- yet my eyes may be going bad." **Laura Farina**, working as an attorney for the Discovery channel in Washington, DC, was involved in the deal to launch the Women's United States Soccer Association (WUSA) in the spring of 2001. Discovery founder John Hendricks and Time Warner Cable joined others to raise \$40 million for the project. Laura writes, "Initially, WUSA would field eight teams and feature nearly the entire women's national team as founding players, including Brandi Chastain, Mia Hamm, Michelle Akers, and Julie Foudy." **Andy Jensen** writes, "I am living in Boulder, CO and teaching high school social studies. I am married, (no children yet) and spend my time skiing,

riding and climbing. Life is good and I look forward to seeing my classmates in 2004." **John Sweeney** just finished a winning race bike season and is the new 500 cc twin cylinder champion in northern California. He was featured recently in *Roadracing World* magazine for his prowess on the race track. When he's not promoting racing through a bi-monthly newsletter on speeding around the track, John is an attorney with the Judicial Council of California in San Francisco, where he lives with his wife Lisa Carmel.



## 20th REUNION

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'80

Thank you to **Suzanne Albahary D'Amato** for sending me your news. Suzanne and her husband Dante live in Bedford, NH, near Manchester. She stays home to take care of their daughters Amy, age five and a half, and Kira, age two. Suzanne stays in touch with **Karen Fein Kelly** and visited her last July. Karen lives in Belle Mead, NJ with her husband Paul and their children, Skylar, age seven and a half, Jillian, age five, and Colton, age three and a half.

I spent Christmas with my family in Nantucket, MA. While strolling the streets of Nantucket, I bumped into **Liza Stewardson Connolly** and her family. Liza, her husband Kevin and their children were staying with her sister Carrie Stewardson



Jennifer Brannon Manning's '80 daughter Wallis, three, takes good care of her baby sister Claire, born December 29.





*The children of 1980 classmates Karen Fein and Suzanne Albahary D'Amato got together last July: (from left) Colton Kelly, three; Skylar Kelly, seven; Kira D'Amato, 23 months; Jillian Kelly, four; and Amy D'Amato, five.*

Thornwell '83, now a Nantucket local. (Liza writes that her son Emmett was born last July and joins sisters Annabel and Lily. -Ed.)

**Jennifer Brannon Manning** and her husband Scott welcomed a new baby girl, Claire Porter, on December 29. Claire is baby sister to Wallis, age three. The Mannings live in Atlanta where they are now building an addition onto their home to make room for their growing family.

As you know, our 20th reunion will be celebrated on the weekend of May 19. Jennifer Brannon Manning is planning to attend, as am I. I look forward to seeing many of our classmates back at PDS for the festivities!

**Rick Ramsey** writes, "I was recently made a shareholder in my law firm, Wicker, Smith, a 70-lawyer firm. I do trial work and specialize in medical malpractice defense. Ironically, I just had dinner over the Christmas holiday with Dr. **Jeff Freda** and **Vince Pocino**. It still feels a little strange, referring to Jeff as 'doctor.' All that know him would agree."

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Congratulations to **Nick DeCandia** who became a father for the first time on June 21, 1999 when his daughter **Serena Nicole** was born. **Kristen Elmore Meister** writes, "Had a fun weekend with **Carrie Carrington Levy** and her family in Moscow, Idaho. Her two kids are in school now. She and her husband **Buddy** are busy covering eco-challenge competitions all around the world! My baby **Gretchen Elise** is now seven months -- lots of fun!" More baby news comes from **Kevin**

**Groome** whose wife gave birth to their third son, **Edward**, on November 1, 1999. He joins brothers **Charles**, six, and **Henry**, three.

**Mark Sweeney** has a business called **Eyelevel** which produces technical drawings such as those he did for the new **Rose Center for Earth and Space** planetarium in New York City. It included a "zoetrope animation of a **Red Giant-White Dwarf** supernova"?! He also produced over 100 illustrations for **The American Museum of Natural History** in New York for an exhibit entitled "The Hall of the Planet Earth."

A nice note from **Mandy Katz** reads, "Our family had the pleasure of living in London this fall in an apartment just north of **Hyde Park**, while my husband worked for a client in **The City** (London's financial district). The kids, now seven, six and three, raised no objection to foregoing two months of schooling to pursue their educations, while I was thrilled by the brief taste of living in one of the world's great cities. We went sightseeing like crazy, rode horseback on **Hyde Park's** 200-year-old equestrian paths and visited both eastern and western points (**Hastings** and **Cornwall**, respectively) of **England's** channel coast. We are now thoroughly versed in subjects like **Medieval armor** and the succession of kings, but were happy to return to more mundane subjects like **car pool** and **piano lessons**. We had missed our friends and neighborhood back in **DC** after all.

"I've updated my resumé now, with the goal in 1999 of diversifying my client base



*Mark Sweeney '81 (center) is shown with (from left) his sister Rita Sweeney '83, friend David Thomann, his wife Catherine and his father William Sweeney at an exhibit in the American Museum of Natural History in New York for which Mark produced over 100 illustrations.*

'81





*From the files of Kirsten Elmore Meister '81 comes this picture of Tom von Oehsen '80, Kirsten and Jim Burke '80 performing in a 1979 PDS production of Carnival at Circle in the Square in New York.*

for the free lance writing I do. After a year of intensive volunteer work, including running our daughter's school auction last spring, I'm hoping to do more of the speech writing and marketing work I began in 1997, and possibly get into video production. I'd love to hear from fellow PDSers and can be reached online at [mmkatz@erols.com](mailto:mmkatz@erols.com)."

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'82

*(The following column from April didn't reach the publications office in time to make the fall issue but is chock full of news and fun to read even if it's a bit dated. Our thanks to April for her efforts last summer and for her spring column which follows. -Ed.)*

Ruth Edelman was in Russia for three weeks as the group leader of the trip for the winners of the National High School Russian Spoken Olympiad competition. The weather there is very hot in the summertime, much like the U.S. east coast. It rained only twice, which is very bad for their crops. They were very worried about that. The kids had a great time. Additionally, she was maid of honor at her sister Deborah's '84 wedding to Derek Caney at the Edelmanns' parents' home in Stonybrook, Long Island. Other PDSers in attendance were me, Charlotte Roed Barton '84 (of the famous Danish trip-

lets) and Tory Chen '84. Charlotte's guest was her elder sister, and Tory's husband accompanied her. Charlotte was enjoying a brief respite of time before her nursing boards. The affair was the same weekend as the PDS reunion weekend.

While I was back east for the Edelman/Caney wedding, I also got to spend some time with Dr. Antonia Jameson Jordon. Antonia just finished her medical degree at Cornell's School of Veterinary Medicine and will be starting this fall (1999) doing her



*Miles Thompson, son of Alumni Association President Newell Thompson '82 and Sarah Griffin Thompson '84, cheered on his father in the alumni ice hockey game last Thanksgiving in his PDS PantherWear.*



*The growing family of Kang Na '82: (from left) Laura, one; Christian, three; and Sofia Visco Mi-Hyang Na, born October 26.*

Ph.D. research. She came down to New Jersey for a few days, including Princeton, where her mother lives. We met up in Hoboken over some authentic Italian subs, which you just cannot get in Ithaca or San Francisco.

I'm still very happy working for CSAA, the AAA of northern California. I'm a business system analyst working in User Acceptance Testing, doing system testing for our new Membership System.

Ira Shull writes, "I'm doing pretty well. Teaching this summer in a high-end writing program for adults in Boston after spending the spring teaching in the communications school at Boston University. Also writing for a Star Trek pub, among other places. Was in Princeton last weekend -- still get my hair cut at the Rialto barber shop when in town.



*Kristin Naumann Joris '82 with her daughter Esmé Anna Joris.*



Hard to believe it's the same Princeton we grew up in -- even the Athenian and Haagen Daas are gone." Ira will be serving on a PDS alumni writing panel (for the Centennial Symposium -Ed.) in the fall at the request of Steve Lawrence.

Kang Na writes, "Amy and I are still, more than ever, crazy about each other, so much so that we're expecting the new Na to enter the world of air late November. Very excited, even with all the challenges ahead of us. God's blessings have been so abundant. But we trust in God's fidelity and providence. You can check out the latest photos and news on my web page ([www.westminster.edu/staff/nak/napage.htm](http://www.westminster.edu/staff/nak/napage.htm)). I'm a prof [in the Department of Religion, History, Philosophy and Classics] at Westminster College (since last August). Teaching is a great calling, and I'm very grateful that my passions and the job market met happily at this place in the middle of Amish country -- beautiful place, especially for raising children."

I hear from Matt Richter periodically over cyberspace. He keeps me current on good jokes. He's in touch with Ced Harris. They're both living in Princeton these days. Congratulations to Trey Anastasio, Tom Marshall and Suzi Haynes Hallé for their PDS awards! Suzi looked great in the photos from that special day's events, especially in the lacrosse game. Kudos to Tom Marshall especially, for providing advice to a senior music project. Congratulations also to Newell Thompson for his recent election as Alumni Association president.



*The editors apologize for the mistake in the caption of this photo, which appeared in the fall Journal. The handsome young boy is, of course, Henry Hallé, age seven, shown with his mother, PDS Hall of Fame athlete Suzie Haynes Hallé '82 (left), and his grandparents.*



*Rita Sweeney '83 with her parents after her graduation from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School last June.*

*(Following is April's spring column.)*

Lindsay Suter writes, "Well, it looks like we're here in New Haven, CT for a few more years; my wife Lisa is doing her residency at Yale - New Haven Hospital. I'll be teaching at Yale this fall [1999], a course on furniture designed by architects - why not? I'm also honored to be doing some work for Prince Charles. It is a monument to the millennium on his land at the edge of Corchester. It is a modest building relating to Poundbury and the iron-age ruins of Maiden Castle, with surrounding landscaping." Sounds lovely! Congratulations, Lindsay. Amy and Kang Na welcomed a new addition to their family, Sofia Na. As for me, I am now engaged to Jim Braswell. We are currently addressing major illness, so please keep us in your prayers. We plan a September wedding on the east coast.

In addition to the two columns above, we have a lot of information that has found its way to the publication office. Kathy Ijams Butt and her husband Clement "are delighted with our new baby girl, Lily Richardson Butt who was born September 27, 1999." Dave Bogle married Katharine Schuld in a small ceremony at the main shed of Beaton's Boatworks just outside Bay Head on August 14. It was rumored to be a fabulous event. Dave is a project director with Granary Associates, in charge of hospital construction projects and the couple live in Princeton. Lorraine Herr completed her second marathon last fall in Chicago. In October, she went to Germany with her husband and one-year-old child to visit her husband's family. Carolyn Kuenne Jeppsen writes, "I am living in Toyko, Japan with my husband

and three daughters: Charlotte, age three, and twin babies, Mia and Isabelle, age one. Efforts to learn the language are proving futile, but I am still enjoying life here." Don DeCandia writes, "Greetings to all my PDS friends. I live in Albuquerque, New Mexico where I'm a partner in New Mexico's largest law firm. I have a lot of family here, including my brother Nick '80, and I love the desert southwest. If you find yourself in these parts, please look me up."

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'83

Congratulations to Steve Schluter who was married to Cynthia Fitzgerald recently in Stamford, CT. Steve is a senior vice president and broker at Marsh, Inc., the insurance brokerage division of the Marsh & McLennan Companies. Cynthia has worked as the insurance risk manager for Citizen's Utilities, a Stamford company that provides electric, gas, water and telecommunications. Congratulations also to Erica Weeder who became the bride of John Kezdy. The couple live in Chicago where Erica is an associate at the architectural firm of Liederbach & Graham, and her husband is an Illinois assistant attorney general. Rita Sweeney graduated from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in June 1999 with an M.D. and a master's in Public Health. She will be in Los



Angeles at the University of Southern California for the next three years, completing a program in emergency room medicine. Former College Guidance Director Mickey Meyers Shriver '46 reports she was watching the *McNeil Leher News Hour* in January as they interviewed people in New Hampshire regarding the presidential primary and was surprised to see Simon Weatherill and his family highlighted. Congratulations to Suzanne Utaski Gibbs who had her second child, a son named Jeffrey James Gibbs, on June 3.

Our sympathies go out to Keri Sheehan Putnam whose brother Bobby '87 died last August.

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Thanks to Dan Herr for the following: "Lawrence "Brewmeister" Miller flew in to Morristown Airport last Thursday to say a quick hello. He had flown from Burlington, VT down to Trenton the day before to look at some brewing equipment. He stopped in at Morristown on his way home Thursday. It was really neat to have a high school friend fly in to visit me. I gave Lawrence a quick tour of Northeast Airways where I am doing some charter flying. He seems really enthused about aviation and we had a great visit. After a cup of coffee and a quart of oil for the plane, he hopped back in his plane to battle the headwinds and return to Burlington. Hope everyone is doing well. If you have any updates on your life or good PDS-related stories, please e-mail me and I will circulate it."

Sally Snedeker Merz and her husband recently bought their first house. They live in Hamilton, MA. Shelley Straut Goldsmith moved a while ago. She writes, "Moved to Princeton in June 1998 with husband Graham and one and a half-year-old daughter Campbell. Had second daughter, Lily, in July of 1999." Congratulations to Dan Zucker and his wife who had a seven pound, 10 ounce baby daughter on September 7. Her name is Anna Cecilia. Congratulations also to Chris Dingle who was engaged to Connie Fahey and planning a January 29 wedding. Sarah Benioff writes, "Still living in Lon-

don with my husband Alan and daughter Hannah, who will be one year old on New Year's Eve this year."



## 15th REUNION

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'85

Our thanks to Lynne Erdman O'Donnell who has kindly offered to help with the class secretary duties. It will be nice to have someone covering the west coast! Classmates have no excuse for not being in the *Journal* since they now have three secretaries to choose from! News can be sent to any of them.

Jim Hall writes, "Brice and I are still living in Flemington. Jake is now three and on November 9, 1999 we had a baby girl, Kyra



*Chandler Hopkins '85 is back at PDS, this time as assistant director of admission, and is responsible for working with lower school applicants.*



*Susi Franz '86 made a beautiful bride at her November 6 marriage to Robert Murphy (right) and was given away by her father, former PDS Industrial Arts Head Andy Franz.*

Flannery Hall. I am still working for Merck, now back in Whitehouse Station, NJ in the Capital Evaluation Group." Congratulations to Mimi Lawson-Johnston Howe who had her second child, a son named Henry, on September 29. Jud Henderson says he enjoys living in Princeton again and working in residential real estate.

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Thanks to Yvette Pelletieri Parker for all this good news. Liz White Meahl and her husband Pierre had a baby boy in August and are planning on moving to Maine this spring. Kelly Noonan O'Shea is the mother of two girls and will be moving to the Hershey, PA area this summer. Pam Kirschner Mitchell just had a baby boy, Alec Max Mitchell, in December. And Christi Curtin McCarthy just had a baby boy, Daniel, last week (February). Yvette, the messenger of all this news, is keeping busy with Devin, her oldest, and twins who will be a year old any day now.

On a 65 degree Saturday in November, I (Susi) walked from my father's car down to the Delaware River and married Robert Murphy (Hun '85) at the Prallsville Mill in Stockton, NJ. This great day could not have happened without Reverend Carl Reimers,





Three '86 babies got together at Thanksgiving for a little turkey. They are (from left) Joseph Patrick Leddy, son of Georgiana and Tim Leddy; Christine Grace Dejoux, daughter of Eddie and Blair Hopkins Dejoux; and Jack Douxami Meahl, son of Pierre and Liz White Meahl.

our families and our hard-working and supportive friends, who helped turn an empty grist mill into a day to remember.

Congratulations, Susi!! Kelly sent in a bit more news. She is working part-time as a home care physical therapist in St. Louis. She says, "Very busy, but happily so with our two daughters Abby and Emma . . . Christi Curtin McCarthy is also a home PT with a one-year-old daughter Ellie, living in Boston." Kelly and her family are looking forward to moving back east to Hershey, PA when her husband Dan begins his residency in radiology this spring. And Liz gives us her own assessment of her son Jack. "Biggest news since graduating -- Jack Douxami Meahl! Born on August 23, 1999. Looks just like his dad, except for his nose. That should

mean something to my classmates. Saw Blair Hopkins Dejoux, Tim Leddy and Yvette Pelletieri Parker -- all with adorable children. Yvette now has twins, so cute! Tim's J.P. is a big guy, too. As is our little Jack and very sociable and smiley."

Our sympathy to Tim Karcher whose father passed away last year.

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Kai Westheimer '87 was surrounded by PDS friends and family at his wedding last summer: (from left) Rachel Haidu '87, Gala Westheimer '84, Kai's bride Barb, Kai, Chris Gram and his wife Sofia Xethalis '87, Mike Rassweiler '87 and his wife Julia.



Liz White Meahl's '86 handsome young son Jack.



Kelly Noonan O'Shea '86 has two very happy daughters, Emma, six months, and Abby, two.

The class suffered a great shock when Bobby Sheehan died last August. His talent and fame as a musician and bass player with the band Blues Traveler are well documented. We send our sympathy to his sister Keri Putnam '83, his brother Jonathan '89 and the rest of his family. Our sympathy also goes out to Jack Alvino and his family on the death of Jack's father in January.

Liz Hoover Moore is working in the maternity ward at Princeton Hospital. Congratulations to Ben Mezrich on the publication of his latest novel, *Fertile Ground*.

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'88

Congratulations to Miriam Pollard and Jeffrey Cohen who were married last summer in Colorado. Miriam was planning to start a doctoral program in physical therapy at Duke. Laura Heins received her M.B.A. from Wharton last May. She's working for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in New York. Marc Collins writes, "My wife Tobey and I will be moving to Caracas, Venezuela in January 2000. I will be working for the U.S. Embassy and she will be working at ABN AMRO Bank. Visitors are welcome!" Dawn Feldman writes, "Currently working as the



health promotion specialist at the AIDS Action Committee in Boston. Doing mostly provider training and curriculum development in health education. Recently attended Kate Baicker's '89 wedding in Princeton. Ran into Lily Wise and Lauren French '89. Lily is working in a medical practice in Austin, TX. Lauren is working on a Ph.D. at Connecticut University."

On behalf of the class, we send our deepest sympathy to **Sharon Thompson** whose father passed away recently. Our condolences also to Anne's mother, former trustee Anne Thompson.

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'89

Steve Fulmer writes, "Our first daughter, Helen Whitney Fulmer, was born Labor Day, September 6, 1999, and quickly took over the Fulmer house. **Andy Dykstra** and his bride Becky are expecting their first in April. (Sorry, Andy, I could not resist selling you out.) Still trying to figure out whose pants were left in my mom and dad's hot tub over reunions . . . Harv?" **Meg Young Yoder** reports, "Married life is good. Dean and I will be hosting a Denver alumni gathering in mid-November ('99) with Lila Lohr and the centennial slide show. Looking forward to seeing lots of area alumni." Our thanks to Meg for hosting the event! **Ingrid Hoover Smith** has moved to San Francisco with her husband and daughter and she was expecting her second child in January.



## 10th REUNION

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'90

Congratulations are in order for several members of the class. First, **Lien-hua Price Snyder** writes, "On October 2, 1999, Matthew W. Snyder and I tied the knot in Bethlehem, PA after our four-year engagement! The weather could not have turned out better. **Tameka Brooks** and **Andrew Smith '88** witnessed our wonderful occasion, making our day more special. We enjoyed our honeymoon on a seven-day cruise to the Caribbean, returning home to add another Shih Tzu puppy to our household." Next, **Stephanie Gendler Scher** announced the birth of her first child, **Spencer Joshua Scher**, born on January 24, weighing nine pounds and measuring 21 inches. And **Lylah Alphonse** has been promoted to Assistant Editor of National News at *The Boston Globe*. And then, **Arielle Miller** writes, "I am currently a second-year resident in internal medicine at Evanston Hospital, outside of Chicago. I love living here but I do miss Princeton from time to time. I am excited to announce my engagement to **Victor Leistom** (not sure of handwriting -Ed.) who is a recent graduate of my residency program. We are planning our wedding for October of 2000. PDS alums are few and far between in these parts, but several months ago I ran into **Sonia Johansen** who had recently moved to Chicago and is teaching here. This summer I spent some time with **Becky Dickson** (who is) living in New York City, working in Pennsylvania; **Dan Helmick**, living in New York, working in finance; **Edith Roberts Baronian**, living in Princeton; and husband **Ara Baronian**, who is working in marketing; and **David Carugati**, living in Miami, working as an attorney."

**Ramsay Vehslage** writes, "I'm teaching fourth and fifth grade science at Pingry and I spend my summer working as a fly fishing guide at Breckenridge Outfitters, the Orvis



*Stephanie Gendler Scher '90 and son Spencer.*



*George Pressley Taylor IV, the son of Beau and Beth Kahora Taylor '91, was born January 23.*

shop in Breckenridge, CO. My younger sister **Murray Vehslage '91** just ran the Marine Corps Marathon in four hours. It was her first marathon. She is also teaching: fifth grade math at Georgetown Day School in Washington, DC." **Ben Hohmuth** also wrote: "Living in Cambridge, MA, finishing up internship year in internal medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital." **Erik Oliver** writes, "San Francisco continues to treat me well. Next week I sit for the patent bar, hopefully the last test ever for me. **Abe Levine** and his wife Lisa visited us this summer. Both are doing well, living and working in New Jersey. **Jim Marvin** is engaged to be married." **Laura Welt** writes, "I'm in my first semester as an M.B.A. student. I'm attending the Zicklin School of Business honors program at CUNY, Baruch College in New York City."

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'91

Congratulations to **Chris Trend** who was married to **Carolyn Cozine** on November 27, 1999. The bride graduated from Dickinson





*The whole Taylor family: baby George, father Beau, dog Pepper and proud mom Beth Kahora Taylor '91.*



*Sarah Beatty Raterman '91 plays with her daughter Grace Elizabeth, born April 29, 1999.*

College and, like Chris, is a fourth year medical student at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Chris was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society for medical students. The couple live in Haddonfield. Our congratulations also to **Beth Kahora Taylor**, who writes, "We were blessed with a beautiful baby boy last Sunday (January 23), George Pressley Taylor VI, who weighed eight pounds, one ounce and was 20 inches long. A rather large baby, but he seems like a peanut to Beau and me! He is so wonderful, and I absolutely love being a mom."

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'92

Carolyn Cooper writes, "I finished my M.S. at U.S.C. and now I'm in my second year back at Johns Hopkins, working on my Ph.D. in Mathematical Sciences. Small world: last year John Grothendieck '91 was in my combinatorics class. Anyone ever in the Baltimore area wants to say hi, e-mail me: cooper@mts.jhu.edu. I'll be here for at

least a couple more years!" We hear that **Eric Wolarsky** is the assistant fencing coach at the Hun School with former PDS coach Rey Gonzalez, Hun's head coach. They probably run into Tony Greenberg '94 who coaches at Lawrenceville. Congratulations to **Ben Frost** who was married to Stacey Burke in Ottawa, Canada on July 31, 1999. They're living in Philadelphia where Ben is in an M.B.A. program at Wharton. **Dave Wise** and **Vanessa Zimmerman** are engaged and living in Washington. Dave is working for a think tank and Vanessa does fund raising for an opera company. **Jim Graziano** graduated from Rutgers Law School and planned to clerk for Judge Paul Levy in Trenton.

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'93

**Michelle Boyd** is working 25 hours a week as Promotions Coordinator for a New York based radio broadcasting company that recently opened a branch in Boulder, Colorado. She still runs her own small company, her three-year-old band booking agency, and will complete her business degree by summer 2000. **Scott Anzel** graduated from George Washington University and is a Nasdaq trader. Congratulations to **Emily Hoover** who is engaged to a Georgetown classmate, Clayton Schullier, and plans a

September wedding. **Scott Feldman** writes, "The name of my firm has recently changed to Superior Street Capital Markets. We help companies, that range from start-ups to larger public companies, in next generation communications, new media, software and emerging technologies attract the capital to accomplish their goals. Please contact us if you are looking to start a business or if you are interested in a job opportunity."

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'94

From Justin: Hello to everyone. **Ian Halpern**, **Margaret Carmalt**, **Whitney White**, **TJ Thornton**, **Maggie Seidel**, **Jessica Seid**, **Rachel Zublatt** and I all met up at a party in February. TJ continues to work for Morgan Stanley, however, he has divorced Whitney and moved to the East Village. Rachel is heading to law school in the fall and Margaret Carmalt returned from her year-long pilgrimage to the outer reaches of the world, where she spent time with monks in Thailand and worked on a farm in India. I recently spent a wonderful five days down in Florida with Maggie, Jess and **Patrick Kerney**. Patrick finished his rookie year in the NFL with over 40 tackles and three sacks. It is anticipated that he will start next year at defensive end which he is really looking



*Friends joined Ben Frost '92 in Canada for his marriage to Stacey Burke last July. Pictured above are the bride and groom, flanked by David Wise '92 and his fiancée Vanessa Zimmerman (far left), and Jim Graziano '92.*



forward to. He says he plans to spend the "off-season" eating and lifting to get ready for next season. Maggie continues to work for the Guggenheim Museum arranging tours for school groups. Jessica currently works for West Group, a law publication company, but is contemplating going to law school or finding another job. Kyra Skvir is still in DC working for Heritage Preservation, however, she is having a terrible time deciding between exciting, yet unreliable New York City or remaining in predictable, yet frequently wearisome DC. Kyra tells me that **Chris Vivona** is going to dental school at University of Maryland and that **Josh Anzel** is studying hard for the LSAT's. **Anupa Shah** is finishing up her master's program at Harvard School for Public Health. That's all I have to report. Hope all is well.

**Julie Ober** writes, "I just bought my first house with my boyfriend (which my parents refer to as my 'very expensive dog-house'). I'm still running a program for pregnant and parenting teens in Westfield, MA. My students are doing wonderfully -- getting their GEDs and their lives more under control, which shows that a little effort and support can go a long way."



## 5th REUNION

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'95

**From Missy:** Hey, everyone, it's Missy. Sorry it's been so long since the last update, but I missed the deadline for the last *Journal*. Oops. But by now I'm sure everyone has gotten used to the fact that their college days are behind them, and now you're all excelling at work or at grad school or just existing. After graduation, I took off with my boyfriend to London and Paris. It was great to be back in London. I studied there junior year. It took most of the summer to figure out what I was going to do with myself, since my career goals change weekly. But I think the final decision is to get a master's in human development, and then go on to a Ph.D. I'm not 100 per cent certain what will happen after that, but I'll figure it out as I go. So for now, I'm living with my boyfriend



*Class of '94 alums enjoy a Florida sunset: Patrick Kerney, Jenny Gordon, Justin Hillenbrand, Jessica Seid, Maggie Seidel and Grant Gooder.*

in Princeton with our great dog Dixie, waiting to hear back from schools, and spending my days as a nanny for the two most adorable children ever.

Now, on to the really important stuff: what is going on in the lives of our classmates. **Carolyn Sivitz** spent a month after graduation travelling all over Europe with **Robynne Boyd**. Carolyn was extremely brave and actually travelled to Budapest all by herself. After numerous antics, she returned safely to the States and is now living in New York with her college roommate. I know a lot of you have chosen to live in the City, so if you feel like looking up Carolyn, she lives in the East Village. I actually just spoke to her recently and she has been working for a small production company. I forget the name, but they put out the movie *Boys Don't Cry*. She really loves it and has been a production assistant for two films. The most recent is a science fiction rock opera. Interesting. I hear that Robynne has followed her heart and is now living in Hawaii. We should all be extremely jealous: after Europe, she spent the rest of the summer exploring the islands and plans to go to massage therapy school.

**Lindsay Sternberg** has left the pristine setting of New Hampshire and now lives on the Upper East Side. She works at Mount Sinai Hospital and hopes to go to med school next year. **Phil Glassner** also hopes that med school will be in his near future. I have no idea what he is doing right now, but when I last spoke to him, his plan was to take this

year to work and fill out applications. Phil was actually sitting right in front of me at graduation at Tufts. It was very symbolic.

I've heard that **Taryn Esposito** is living in New York and working in the restaurant business. **Wes Steffens** is attending culinary school (he writes that he's doing a summer internship at the widely acclaimed restaurant, the French Laundry in Napa Valley - Ed.), and that **Jon Graziano** is doing something exciting up in Boston. **Rebecca Highland** is also in Boston, teaching at the Cambridge Friends School. I ran into her mom and, at the time, Rebecca was having issues with her apartment. So, Rebecca, I hope everything worked out. **Blythe Quinlan** lives in SoHo with her boyfriend, but she has spent a lot of time back here in Princeton, doing work for the HiTops benefit and designing and building the sets at PDS for both the fall play and the musical. I've heard from numerous people that the set for the play was outstanding, and I'm sure the musical will look great too. And I'm sure you all have received information from **Jenn Mitchell** regarding our five-year reunion. In addition to organizing the reunion, Jenn works as a paralegal in D.C. and lives with her boyfriend in Virginia. I know that Jenn, as well as Weston Willard, Andrea Morrison, Zaneta Shannon, Jon, Blythe, and Lindsey, have all put a lot of effort into making our reunion great. It would be really great if everyone could make an effort to attend. It's amazing that five years have gone by since we all parted and went our separate ways. I





*Missy Woodruff '95 and Phil Glassner '95 at Tufts University's senior gala.*

hope everyone is truly happy with where they are in their lives and with the choices they have made. I hope to see everyone at our reunion. Talk to you soon.

On top of all that news, a bit more has found its way to the publication office. **Wendy Walter** writes, "After graduating from the University of Rhode Island in May, I stayed in Rhode Island and worked at Warwick Animal Hospital. As of January 1, I will be living in Cold Grand Haven, Michigan with my fiancé. He is a chef in the Coast Guard and we will be stationed there for a couple of years." **Hayden Aaronson** graduated from the University of Vermont with a business degree and is a Peace Corps volunteer in Kyustendil, Bulgaria. His father, former PDS Upper School Head Art Aaronson, once taught English in the Peace Corps in Samoa, but Hayden is passing on his business skills in a town of 60,000, about 40 kilometers from the Macedonian border. He was featured in an article in a Vermont paper and was quoted as saying, "With all that has happened in the last year in the Balkans, one would have expected that a town like Kyustendil would have been greatly impacted by war," Hayden said. "Fortunately, Bulgaria and Kyustendil remained just far enough out of reach that people's daily lives were not interrupted." The air strikes ended the week Hayden arrived in Bulgaria. He says he feels the greatest impact on the country has been financial, as millions of dollars were lost when Serbian markets closed. Hayden was also quoted as saying, "So far, my stay in Bulgaria has been very calm. I have had some fortunate timing in my travels, as I left Russia in the summer of 1998 from my study abroad program just a week before their economy collapsed and I arrived in Bulgaria the week after the bombing stopped." We wish him well.

A nice update arrived from **Corinne Brown**. "Greetings! I've enjoyed reading

about the happenings of fellow PDS alumni and I have some accumulated of my own to contribute. The last 15 months have been very exciting for me. As some of you may remember, I attended the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) in Cleveland, Ohio. October 1998 presented me with an opportunity to travel to Acapulco, Mexico for the 25th Anniversary Conference of the American Academy of Nursing. During this conference, I had the honor of co-presenting with the dean of the nursing school, as well as with the Associate Dean of Nursing Research and with a fellow colleague, our tested methods for the dissemination of nursing research. The experience was very challenging for me, but the satisfaction I have from knowing that our successful and effective presentation may help to improve the delivery of health care was well worth the challenge.

"I saw out the year 1998 by finishing my nursing internship in the cardiothoracic surgical intensive care unit at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. I graduated in May, and after much consideration, I decided to try a winter in Sarasota, FL (as I was already too familiar with those of Cleveland) by accepting a position at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. My move to Florida came only after a three-week holiday in Australia with a friend who lives near Bondi Beach. I had a wonderful time relaxing there after the completion of an intense nursing licensure exam and a long school year.

"I began my career as a registered nurse (RN) in September at Sarasota Memorial and I LOVE my work!! I am working in a day treatment clinic which offers a nice balance of challenges and opportunity for patient education. This spring will find me most likely in school again, earning a certification to administer chemotherapy and to work as an oncology certified nurse (OCN). Needless to say, I am very happy with my work, Florida's weather and my sunny, spacious apartment. I look forward to receiving the next issue of the *Journal* and reading the latest news submitted. Best wishes to everyone!"

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Congratulations to **Kathy Knapp** who was elected president of the Cornell Senior Honor Society, Quill and Dagger, and captain of the lacrosse team!

Our sympathy goes out to **Derek Shearer** and his sister Amy '01 whose mother passed away this winter.

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'97

**From Mandy:** Hope that this *Journal* finds all well with everyone in the New Year and that everyone sent last year out with a bang! Hard to believe we are all getting closer to the end of college, seeing as some of us are among the first class to graduate in what is truly the new millennium, 2001. I am writing this journal from across the ocean. I am currently studying in London, taking two classes and doing an internship three days a week for a fashion designer – it is truly a great experience. Last semester I was lucky enough to go down to Georgetown where I got to visit **Kevin Mackay**, which was great. I heard that **Charley King** had an amazing time studying in Perth, Australia. I saw **Rob Goldberg** in early fall who was leaving the next day to study in Prague, and **John Whittaker** as well who was off to Paris. Speaking of those who vanished to L'ville, I saw **Seton Marshall** at Princeton U. in October. He is doing well, is quite tall and is busy with the crew team there. **Mike Zarzecki** is doing is quite well, and in fact has been elected vice president of his fraternity at Bucknell. I ran into **Tom Anderman** at Penn Station on our way back to Princeton, a while back, and he seems to be loving Stanford, although much to my personal dismay, his new best friend is not Chelsea. **Jane Egan** is happier than ever at Cornell, she looked like she was on top of the world! **Jess Boyd** stopped by my house the day before I left for London and seems to be happy at UVM, although up to that time there had been no snow for skiing much to her dismay.

Unfortunately, I haven't received much news from people. I think it would be great if everyone who went abroad this year, or who is planning on going away soon, sent me a little note, I'd love to make a little compilation of those stories!! So, I hope all is

'96



well with everyone, stay safe, and write soon!!

From other sources, we've learned that **David Levin** made the dean's list at Bates and he's a captain of the Bates Emergency Medical Service. **Darcy Peifer** is back at Davidson College after a semester abroad at MacQuarie University in Sydney, Australia.

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From **Marin**: **Jeffrey Kurtz** is doing well. He is taking a year off and is focusing much of his efforts and attention in the theater. He has been involved with quite a few productions, including a children's play in the New Brunswick area. **Suzanne Caruso** is still at Middlebury College in Vermont. She is pursuing her new-found love in geography and biology. She is on the girls' varsity soccer team, as well as the ice hockey and rugby club teams. She loves Vermont and misses PDS very much. **Brittany Golcher** is at Lehigh in Bethlehem, PA. She has become a member of a sorority, Alpha Ki Omega. She says she is having the time of her life at college. **Erin Conroy** is at Boston College. She is majoring in finance and going forward within the School of Management with great success. She hopes to attend a university in Australia for the 2000-2001 school year, and then return to BC for her senior year.

**Leys Bostrom** is leaving Boston College and heading for Connecticut College. She sounds like she'll be much happier there, although **Erin Conroy** and **Marin Blitzer** are going to miss her very much. **Joe Nemiroff**: I ran into him over Christmas break and he said that he is enjoying Goucher. He has been focusing much of his time on music, which even in high school was one of his favorite pastimes. He sounds like he is enjoying life. **Marin Blitzer** is enjoying Boston College. She decided to major in English and communications. She is thinking about law school or advertising. She is trying to get accustomed to living in Maine. Most of her time is spent travelling between New Jersey and Maine. She misses PDS very much and so does her family. **Andrew Warren**: I ran into him on the "T" in Boston. He loves B.U. and is heavily involved with the men's varsity hockey team. He sounds like he's lov-

ing Boston and the university.

From other sources we've heard that **Sherri Davidoff** is playing varsity ice hockey at M.I.T. **Adam Smith** had the lead in the Dickinson fall play, Quare's *House of Blue Leaves*, and directed himself in O'Neill's *Hughie* for his senior project. He was awarded the Dickinson Prize for the year's best dramatic performance.

From **Giovanna**: Happy New Year Class of '98! Now that we're not freshmen, and you can't use the "I haven't figured out my e-mail yet" excuse, I want to hear from you! However, there has been some big news amongst a few of our classmates. **Marie Godyn** was married to **Brandon Alexander** in Las Vegas this past October. She is attending Bard College and working for Nintendo, promoting the Pokemon game. Congratulations, Marie! **Andrew Southern** and **Ryan Thornton**'s band *Rana* has been playing several NYC gigs. They played at the Wetlands in NYC in early January. I was just one of the many PDS supporters that showed up for their concert. Not to mention each of their large followings from Sarah Lawrence and Lafayette, respectively. Connecticut College is a great place now that **Leys Bostrom** is here. (We even have a class together!) She transferred here spring 2000 semester. That's all the information I have. I hope you are all having good semesters. I know a lot of you are planning to study abroad next year, so let me know. I will be in NYC again this summer, so maybe I'll see some more of you then. Good luck!

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From **Joanna**: Hey there, it's **Joanna Woodruff** writing from Burlington, Vermont! School is going great. I see **Amanda Suomi** every Tuesday and Thursday in our poetry class, so that is nice to see a familiar face twice a week. **Amanda** is still playing soccer. I don't see **Sam Fox** as much as I would like to, but last I heard, he was loving it. So as you can see, the three of us are very happy up here in "B-town." As you may

know, many of the students in the class of '99 participated in collegiate level sports. **Lauren Welsh**, **Ann Shorling**, **Julie Perlin**, and **Margo Smith** participated in field hockey, while **Julia Levine** crewed down south at Duke University. **Stacey Orr** and **Sharon Herbert** are making their mark on the ice at Wesleyan College and Colby College on their ice hockey teams. A number of other people, including **John O'Hara**, **Brett Carty**, **Justin Leith**, **Erinc Sen** and **Al Nanfara** have taken the opportunity to join athletic teams at their schools as well. **Keri Bernstein**, **Melissa Berger**, and **Margo Smith** all took the plunge into Greek Life at University of Wisconsin, University of Michigan and at Lehigh University, and are absolutely loving "sisterhood." **Casey Unterman** was the leading role in the musical *Hair* at Vassar College this past semester, while **Candace Vahlsing** is continuing her interest in photography overseas in Italy. I saw a number of other classmates over the never-ending winter break, and everyone seems to love their final decisions for schools. Up here in Vermont, I have been involved in the school musical *Anything Goes*, where I had the part of the lead dancer and shared the leading role of **Reno Sweeny** with a professional from NYC. And I just recently became a pledge for the sorority Kappa Alpha Theta! Everything seems to be going great. Remember to write to me if anything exciting happens. My e-mail in the blue book is wrong. My correct address is listed above. Well guys, I hope that all is going well this semester. Remember to keep in touch with everyone, and see you in May. Good luck this semester, and behave yourselves!

## Keep in Touch!

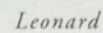
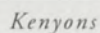
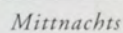
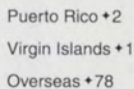
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but the deadline for the  
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Thanks to all our alumni children for making this photo shoot so much fun. They were terrific models – patient, enthusiastic and willing to try *anything* the photographer suggested.



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## Best Wishes, Lila!

All our thanks for your wisdom, your sensitivity, your style, your laughter  
and for everything you've done for PDS. We'll miss you.

*Good luck in your new adventures!*

