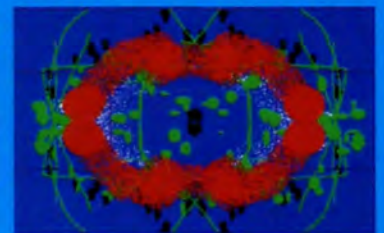
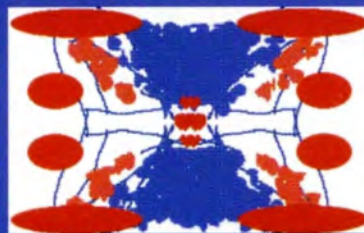
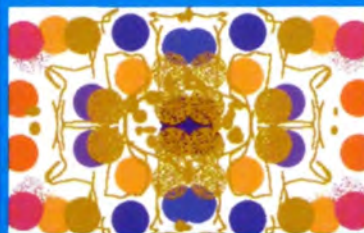
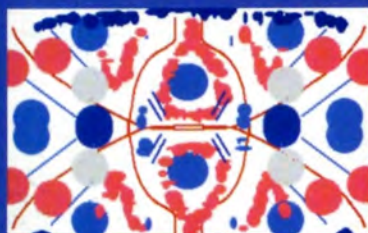
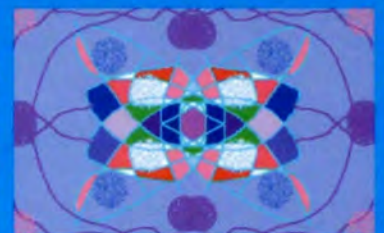
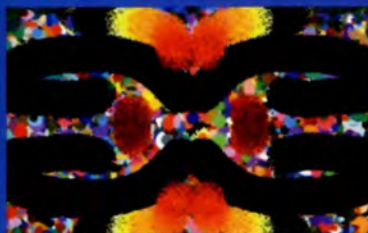
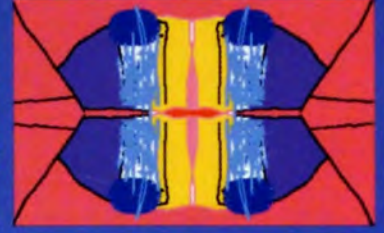
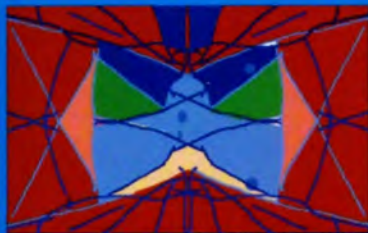
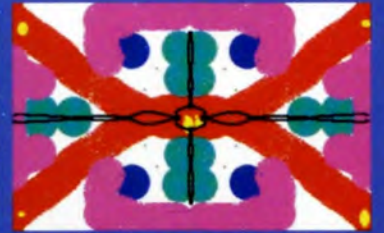
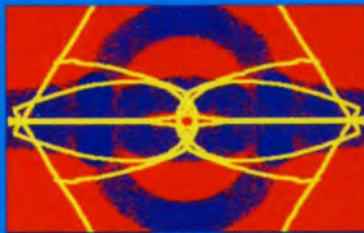
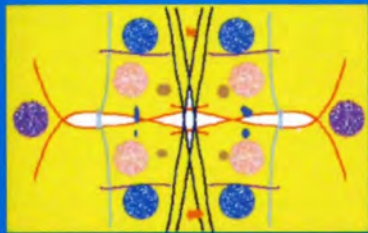


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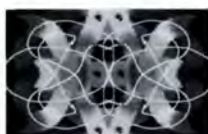
Inside the Mind's Eye

Computers Enhance Curriculum

The designs on our front cover were created by kindergarten classes in the Lower School computer lab. "In this type of class, it's okay to look at someone else's paper" says Bonnie Hunter, the LS computer coordinator. She teaches classes designed to augment classroom curriculum from junior kindergarten through fourth grade where computer screens are the students' palette. "The lab is a place to collaborate and be supportive of each other's work," she says. In the lab, which offers each student a computer, students learn about a different kind of tool box; an electronic one that includes dust busters, spray cans, textured paint, pencils, filled circles and rectangles, ink droppers, paint brushes and a ruler. To produce the designs displayed on the cover, they learned advanced applications of these tools and how symmetry can be found in nature, on a butterfly's wings, for example. Eventually, the art is printed onto clear window decal sheets, trimmed and taken home to enjoy displayed in a window. The learning curve not only renders colorful, creative work, but, says Ms. Hunter, familiarizes students with tools that are very much like the ones they will use in Middle and Upper School, and even as adults.

"Students create art, do online research, produce graphs and tri-fold brochures and, as they gain proficiency, use PowerPoint to present their class projects," says Dina Bray, Head of the Lower School. Each grade has a different project. First graders illustrate seed packets for the science fair; second graders come into the lab with a "create a culture" social studies unit, incorporating HyperStudio; third graders work as teams which create a desktop publishing project; and fourth grade students present a project, like extensive research of a food chain, for instance, in PowerPoint. "At that level," Ms. Hunter says "she serves as a coach for students who can teach each other a variety of new skills and approaches."

Cover art by class of 2015, from left: Top row, Samantha Romanoff, Sophie Ward, Medha Alavalapati, William Feuer; second row, Jeremy LeMenager, Alexis Slattery, Sabrina Matlock, Sara Dwyer; third row, Anna Williams, Kayla Stokes, Dallas Devlin, Brian Maloney; fourth row, Andrew Erickson, Isabella Crane, Lachlin Robertson, Jacob Shavel; fifth row: D.J. Modzelewski, Tatiana Seay-Reynolds, Morgan Foster, Campbell Goldsmith. Above, top to bottom: Class of '15: Jacob Shavel, Alexis Slattery, Medha Alavalapati and an animal by Jane Coates '11.



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T

he following pages of the *Journal* provide an opportunity for me to share with you the rich history of the house I call home on the Princeton Day School campus.

Over the past seventy years, it has been a place where both alumni and past heads of school have resided. When I first arrived as head of school in the summer of 2001, I was able to personalize the interior and make the home my own.

In addition to appreciating its lovely setting on the campus, I enjoy welcoming trustees, faculty and other guests to my home. Through-out the year I host a series of faculty-partner gatherings, where 10 to 12 of

our faculty assemble in the afternoon for a cup of tea or in the evening for dinner and get to know one another a bit better. It is a wonderful way for me to learn more about our dedicated teachers and the skills and energy they bring to our school that make it a special place. I hope you will enjoy the journey through just a small part of our history.

Elsewhere in the *Journal*, you will get a sense of the vitality of our school as expressed in the cover art created by kindergarten students on

computer and through the faculty and student poetry that enriches our curriculum across the divisions. You may also see the power of our peer-leadership program that allows seniors to help younger students. Please take a moment to applaud those alumni who are proud recipients of the alumni awards and those being inducted into the athletic hall of fame, and observe how the notes exchanged with classmates from our Miss Fine's School alumnae, Princeton County Day School alumni, and PDS alumni offer an ongoing connection to the traditions and values of our school today.

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Home
In
Pretty
Brook
Cottage

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Judith R. Fox



Pretty Brook Cottage



Alumnae, School Heads and Ghosts Call Pretty Brook Cottage Home

By Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62

One of the landmarks on the Princeton Day School campus is the Head's House, a charming stone cottage nestled into the trees just beyond the Lisa McGraw '44 Skating Rink. Students are used to seeing the head of school coming and going as they pass by on their way to a pond study class or a soccer game. However, they may be surprised to learn that although the house has been

used by the school's top administrators for the last 17 years, it was once home to four Miss Fine's School students who enjoyed the beauty of the natural surroundings much as PDS students do today.

In 1951 Karl Behr and his wife Elaine moved from Morristown, NJ to the house then known as Pretty Brook Cottage. Mr. Behr's mother was married to PDS benefactor Dean Mathey and they lived up the lane at Pretty Brook Farm. At that time, the Mathey property included over 100 acres of woodlands, ponds and meadows which became an enchanted playground for the Behr's four daughters: Susan Travers '60, Sally Ogden '66, Helen "Lynn" Sanford '68 and Elaine "Winkie" King '71.

"It was heaven," says Ms. Sanford. "It was absolutely beautiful to grow up there and to have so much to enjoy. There wasn't anything better. We had wild strawberries where the tennis courts are. And the orchard was harvested every year, so we'd bring the apples into the root cellar which was below the pool house. We were like four little princesses growing up."

Ms. King agrees. "It was a wonderland," she says. "It was an absolutely story-book setting."

The eldest daughter, Ms. Travers, was nine at the time of the move. "For me, it was pretty scary coming to Princeton

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"It was a wonderland, an absolutely story book setting."

WINKIE BEHR KING '71

Laughlins Linked to PDS

The Laughlin family was the first occupant of Pretty Brook Cottage in the 1930s. Ledlie and Roberta Laughlin sent all four of their sons to Princeton Country Day School: Leighton '41, Ledlie, Jr. '45, James '43 and Robert '49.

The two brothers who remained in the area after marriage sent their own children to MFS, PCD and/or PDS. Leighton's children are Leighton, Jr. ("Toby") PCD '64, a former PDS trustee; Alexander PDS '72 and Carin Hoffman PDS '74. James married MFS alumna Julia Gallup '55 and they are the parents of Ophelia "Fifi" Keller PDS '77, who received the Alumni Achievement Award in 1992; and James, Jr. PDS '80, who teaches kindergarten and coaches soccer at PDS.

Logan Laughlin is a PDS freshman and represents the third generation of Laughlins at the school. He is the son of Toby and his wife Nancy, who was a Purnell School roommate of "Winkie" Behr King PDS '71. Ms. Laughlin spent many weekends as a guest at Pretty Brook Cottage before she even met her husband and learned of his family's ties to the house. The two women remain good friends, extending the Behr/ Laughlin connection.

because I was going to go to Miss Fine's, and they told me Miss Fine's was really tough," she says. "So I was more terrified of going to school than of where I was going to live. But I remember loving the property, the nature. There was this wonderful stream and we'd go down and find little crayfish."

"It was an active farm," Ms. Sanford says. "There was a cider press and an ice house. We had cows, Black Angus, lots of sheep and always a wild ram chasing us in the barn. And we always went out to the woods and cut our own Christmas trees. It was just one of those old-time, idyllic lifestyles."

Another wonderful feature of the property was the fact that their grandmother lived right next door. The young girls were always running back and forth, and actually wore a path through the woods between the two houses. They preferred it the driveway, even when going to dinner in their Sunday best.

"We always called Pretty Brook Farm the Big House," Ms. Sanford says. "Then there was Lake Superior, (that's what Uncle Dean called it,) which is the little pond and then there was Poppy's Pond, which was the one with the cabin on it. It was the original pond and none of the other ones around it were there. There was a stream that filtered into it and little bridges and paths that we took to get there and we all learned how to skate there."

Pets and Playmates

Hard as it may be to imagine today, in the 1950s The Great Road area was quite isolated and was considered a long way from the center of town. Each of the Behr children were excused from MFS at a different time so their mother had to



Three of the Behr sisters enjoy sledding in their back yard in the 1950s. From the top they are Sally Ogden '66, Lynn Sanford '68 and Winkie King '71.

make multiple trips to the school each day. Understandably, she was not eager to make an extra trip to take them into town for social events.

"We were too far out," Ms. Travers says.

But they had no problem luring friends to their house to swim in the pool, skate on the ponds or explore the woods. They also had an ever-changing menagerie of wild animals.

"One summer we had starlings that were called Gin and Tonic," Ms. Sanford says. "Sal (her sister Sally Ogden) and I found them by the Big House. They'd fallen out of their nest. We brought them home and raised them on bread soaked in milk and egg with tweezers. They grew up to the point where we would walk up the Osage orange alley to go to the swimming pool, and they would come and find us and tell us it was time to feed them. We would bring them home, riding on our shoulders."

“...I can still see that guy with a watch chain going across his chest...”

LEIGHTON LAUGHLIN PCD '41

“Winkie had a pet cow,” recalls Ms. Travers. “Her name was Elsie and she started out as a little calf and Winkie just loved her. She got bigger and bigger, and Winkie used to ride her up and down the driveway.”

Ms. King explains that Elsie was a substitute for the horse she wanted so much when she was seven. Her mother would not let her have one, but after watching her ride a cow for five years, she relented.

Ghost Takes Up Residence

The Behrs were not the first family to live in Pretty Brook Cottage. After Mr. Mathey bought and enlarged Pretty Brook Farm for his own family in 1929, he built Pretty Brook Cottage for Ledlie Laughlin, a classmate from Princeton University. Mr. Laughlin had moved from Pittsburgh with his wife and sons and was waiting to move into a house he was building on Drake's Corner Road. He had one of the finest collections of American pewter in the country, so Mr. Mathey had special shelves installed in the cottage to display the prized pieces.

The four Laughlin boys, Leighton '41, James '43, Ledlie, Jr. '45 and Robert '49, went to Princeton Country Day School with Mr. Mathey's sons, Dean, Jr. '43, MacDonald '44 and David '47.

Leighton Laughlin still has vivid memories of a particular “gentleman in a brown suit and waistcoat” who would visit the house at night as he was trying to get to sleep. He says he knew it was a ghost by its shimmering outline.

“I was just a little boy, but I can still see that guy with a watch chain going across his chest,” he says.



Two of the Behr sisters add credence to Mr. Laughlin's story. Ms. Sanford admits she “experienced” the ghost as a wind tunnel and Ms. King tells of hearing loud, unexplained crashing noises in the night.

“I could swear my bureau had just toppled over,” she says. “I'd wake up, snap on the light and everything would be fine.”

Architectural Quirks Become Mathey Trademark

Mr. Mathey was a successful investment banker but he had always been fascinated with architecture. One of his innovations added to the mystery of the cottage. There was a section of the living room bookcase that swung out on hidden hinges to reveal a secret niche in which a Murphy bed was installed.

“Dad always said that was going to be saved for our Yale boyfriends,” Ms. Travers says. “It never got used! Dad specified they had to be from Yale because he went there.”

Ever vigilant, Ms. Behr worried that her girls might be tempted to play hide and seek behind the shelves and then be unable to open the heavy bookcase to get out, so she placed her most precious china plates on one of the shelves as a silent, but stern reminder not to move the secret doors.

“Uncle Dean loved those little tricks,” Ms. Sanford says. “He loved architecture.”

Another Mathey feature was the massive garage doors, designed to look like a continuation of the house. They swung out to open and were shingled like the opposite wing. They had real shutters, real double-hung windows with curtains, and even window boxes with real flowers. Ms. Sanford remembers her parents struggling to clear snow from the driveway so they could get the doors open on cold winter mornings.

“One morning it took Mother and Dad forever to get the snow out from in front of the doors,” Ms. Sanford says. “She finally watched him drive out of the garage and go off to work, and then all the snow fell off the roof into the driveway. She still had to take all of us to school, so she had to shovel it all again.”

Although the hinged doors were eventually replaced with more practical ones that retract overhead, their purpose is still camouflaged amazingly well.

Mr. Mathey also had strong ideas about decorating the inside of the house, which proved a bit frustrating for Ms. Behr who was trained as an interior designer. He had the dining room wallpapered with a scenic mural, similar to one that once adorned the White House's Oval Office. It showed

"I can remember in the spring, the lilac bushes were just outside my window and they were huge, the smell was heaven."

SUSAN TRAVERS '60

Did You Know . . .

Mr. Mathey's first wife was Gertrude Winans, an MFS alumna and teacher. After her death he married Helen Behr, the widow of his Davis Cup tennis partner. The men had been best friends at Princeton University and played doubles at Wimbledon.

Update on Former PDS Heads

Duncan Alling is interim head at Kenston Forest School in Blackstone, VA, a pre-K through 12, coed school. He and his wife Cynthia have two young grandsons who live outside of Boston.

After working for an educational consulting company in Florida and taking some time off to travel, **Lila Lohr** is back in her home state of Maryland. She is Head of The Friends School of Baltimore, a 200-year-old, coed school with 1,000 students in grades JK-12. Last June she married Robert Ittmann and she is enjoying a new granddaughter, Lucie Lohr, who lives nearby in Washington, DC.

geographic points of interest, such as Niagara Falls and West Point. He also hung a portrait of a British Redcoat over the mantle in the living room.

"The eyes followed you all around the room," Ms. Ogden remembers. "It scared all of us."

Even so, they all loved the house. "It was unbelievably cute," says Ms. King, who was born two years after her parents moved in. "There was so much ivy growing up the sides of the house you could barely see the stone."

There were also mature stands of elm and dogwood trees which have since fallen victim to disease. And the ever-present deer made gardening difficult. Ms. Ogden remembers them eating the bulbs her mother planted and most of the peony bushes around the house. But they ignored the boxwood garden which formed a perfect square on the back lawn and was a favorite place for the girls to play.

"There was an elm tree right off the back porch where we had a basketball net," Ms. Travers says. "I remember playing basketball with Dad on the terrace below it, and we had hopscotch drawn on the flagstone."

There was also plenty of action on the inside of the cottage with four young girls. Ms. King remembers them riding their bicycles through the downstairs rooms and riding "anything we could find" down a substantial hill in the dirt floor of the basement.

"There were times when we would have a fire and enjoy music in the living room with everybody," Ms. Sanford says. "That was one of my favorites things. The house was really beautifully done in terms of being a part of the farm. It had a very secure, lovely atmosphere."

"It was cozy," adds Ms. Travers. "That's the nice thing about it, it's cozy, but expansive on the inside. And, of course, those big windows in the living room and the dining room looking out at all that nature were really wonderful. I remember sitting on the white sofa for hours and just watching the scenes in the back."

The four sisters certainly enjoyed the luxury of each having their own bedroom. "I can remember in the spring, the lilac bushes were just outside my window and they were huge," Ms. Travers says. "The smell was heaven."

A Change in Ownership

One day, Mr. Mathey summoned the Behrs to Pretty Brook Farm for an important announcement.

"I remember the moment when we were at the Big House," Ms. Sanford says. "Uncle Dean said, 'I'm going to give the land behind your house to the school. PCD and Miss Fine's are merging and they need a place for the school and I think this is the best way to preserve this land forever.'"

That decision came as quite a surprise and heralded the beginning of change for the Behr sisters. Their grandmother passed away in 1965. Mr. and Ms. Behr continued living at Pretty Brook Cottage after PDS was completed, but began spending winters in Florida in 1971.

The pine forest and cedar knoll at the peak of the ridge where the girls used to play with homemade spears disappeared to make way for the new school building and playing fields. They still felt secluded, however, since the school could barely be seen from the house and students were not allowed to walk down their lane. It was not until the rink parking lot was built that the school began to encroach on their awareness.

"It was just one of those old-time, idyllic lifestyles."

HELEN 'LYNN' SANFORD '68

In 1986, after almost 35 years in the cottage, Mr. and Ms. Behr moved to Long Island. (Sadly, both are now deceased.) Once they left, the house was deeded to the school, as Mr. Mathey had instructed.

PDS Heads Make Cottage Home

Duncan Alling became the first head of school to live in Pretty Brook Cottage on his arrival in 1986. His wife Cynthia added her own gracious touches to the house. She had the entry hall papered with grasscloth she had brought from Dayton, Ohio and painted the exterior shutters brick red to pick up the colors in the stone and on the slate roof. She personalized the rooms with her beautiful collection of antiques, needlepoint and old silver.

"Mr. Behr called on me when we first moved in, which was so sweet of him," she says. "I asked him in for tea and he told me all about the house and the secret panel in the bookcase."

The Allings shared the house with many members of the school community by hosting a variety of social events. They initiated special dinners for small groups of faculty and staff and lunches for the administrative staff.

The kitchen and bathrooms were remodeled before Lila Lohr arrived in 1995. She added bold, sunny colors to the walls and did not waste any time before beginning to entertain. She remembers an evening shortly after she moved in.

"My friends were still inside hanging pictures," she says, "while I was out on the lawn hosting the coaches supper."

She invited seniors to dinner in small groups and continued the dinners for faculty. Trustees, parents, alumni, and even a third grade class studying the Underground Railroad, all had special visits to the house.

"It's a perfect, perfect place," Ms. Lohr says. "It's convenient to school, but yet not right at the front door."

Present Head of School Judy Fox endorses that opinion. "I love this house," she says with enthusiasm. "The first thing I love is that from the outside it looks like an understated Dutch Colonial, but inside it's expansive."

She described the hexagonal landing at the top of the stairs, off which the bedrooms are situated. Two are very large, approximately 20 by 30 feet. There are two other bedrooms and two small rooms at either end of the house. One was transformed into a laundry room by Ms. Lohr.

"It's the only oak-floored laundry room around," Dr. Fox maintains. She refers to the other small room as her Imelda Room. "It's where I have all my shoes and boxes," she says.

Dr. Fox was forced to retire the famous Murphy bed due to mold and decay, but has discovered another use for the secret niche. She finds it is a great place to hide Christmas presents.

"What's so lovely at PDS is that they give you a chance to personalize the house," she says. "I'm at home here."

Full Circle

All four of the Behrs' daughters came to feel passionately about Pretty Brook Cottage and the land around it. And when they married, each of them chose to hold their wedding receptions on the back lawn of the cottage. Ms. Travers' daughter Kimmy became the first of the second generation to celebrate her marriage on the grounds when she held her reception at Pretty Brook Farm in 1993. The circle will expand this June when Dr. Fox is married there with the entire PDS faculty invited to the celebration to follow.

Growing up in such an idyllic natural setting has imbued each of the Behr sisters with a profound love of nature which they have tried to perpetuate within their own families. Ms. Sanford lives on a farm in Princeton where she has plenty of room for her horses and dogs. She enjoys sweeping views over Hopewell Valley toward the Sourland Mountains.

Ms. Ogden lives in her maternal grandparents' former house in Greenwich, CT with her family and assorted chickens, horses, dogs and cats.

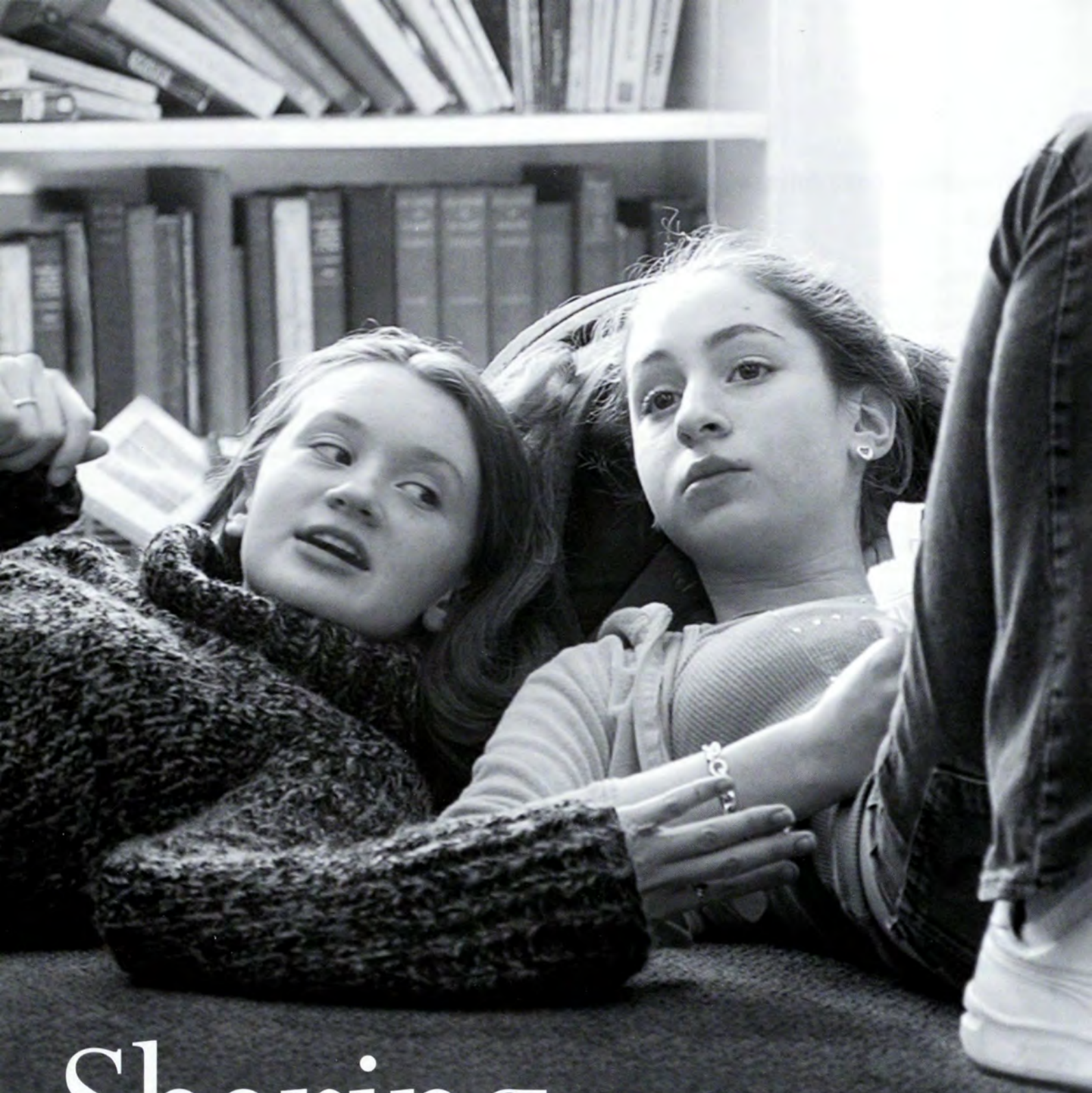
"She doesn't have a farm," Ms. Sanford laughs, "but she might as well have."

Ms. King has a true farm in Dover, MA and is a dressage rider, having recently retired from the strenuous and dangerous sport of three-day eventing. Ms. Travers recently moved into Princeton from her home in the country, but she hasn't given up her cats and she says, "I still love walking in the woods, the quiet and the birds."

Their Uncle Dean would be pleased. He understood the importance of beautiful natural surroundings. He even insisted on being buried on his property and gave specific instructions for his epitaph. Students can find his grave in the woods near Pretty Brook Road. The small area is enclosed by a simple white picket fence and shaded by tall woodland trees. His unassuming headstone reads, "*Si monumentum requiria circumspice*. If you are looking for a monument, you have only to look around you."

Those who are lucky enough to spend time on the PDS campus will understand exactly what he means. ■

— Jacquie Asplundh contributed to this story.



Sharing What Happens Outside the Classroom

Peer Group Encourages Students to Speak Heart to Heart

Joanna Bowen plays soccer, basketball and softball, co-heads the PDS committee on Community Service, teaches Sunday school and tutors younger students at PDS.

Justin Revelle captained the football team this fall, sings in three PDS choirs, has served as class president for the past two years and performs regularly in musical theater.

A varsity field hockey player in the fall, Danielle Leonard skis on a National Ski Patrol every winter weekend, and rides with the Jamesburg First Aid Squad every Thursday night as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Peter Fisher helps head up the EnAct Club, tutors at the PDS Writing Center, researches legal issues as part of Mock Trial, and captain's the boys' lacrosse team.

At first glance, these four seniors would seem to have little time to think about the lives of Princeton Day School ninth graders, much less go out of their way to talk to them. But they and 14 other seniors do that and much more as part of a peer education program that PDS pioneered more than 20 years ago. They serve as Peer Group leaders, and as such, they share a collective purpose within their diverse company: to help freshmen navigate the minefield of new experiences that is high school.

In doing so, they must wrestle publicly with all the serious issues facing adolescents: dating, drug use, sexuality, self



Jill Thomas, Peer Group program director.

esteem, cliques, party protocol, resolving conflict, friendships, fitting in, problems with parents, body image, harassment, tolerance, and cheating.

They must be willing and able to talk openly about their opinions and decisions regarding tough questions, and to extend a hand to those students just entering the world they have grown up in.

"When I was a freshman, I was afraid of the seniors," says Justin Revelle, explaining his interest in Peer Group. "They didn't talk to me. Not that they were trying not to, but they had no reason. I remember, one time, I tripped in the hall and some of them laughed, and it made me feel bad. So I decided, as a senior, I would rather freshmen not feel afraid of me. I want them to know that they can come up and talk to me."

By Jacquie Asplundh

Facing page: Katie James, left, and Rebecca Fein, both class of 2006, in a peer group class.

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"To watch kids teaching kids, it's the ultimate education."

JILL THOMAS, Peer Group program director

Peer Group is a classroom experience designed to provide ninth graders with a safe place to communicate in an organized way with their peers about things that really matter to them, according to Jill Thomas, head of the health and physical education department, who has directed the program at PDS since the early 1990s.

"It begins to unify them as a class, to help them learn to articulate their opinions in both large and small groups, to actively listen to and respect others' opinions," she says. "Hopefully, it gives them a place where they can feel comfortable talking about issues, and where they can get to know other freshmen they wouldn't know otherwise. And it is a way for them to know seniors."

Becoming a Peer Group leader

Students who want to be Peer Group leaders must fill out lengthy applications, along with faculty recommendations, during the spring of junior year. Thomas says she gets between 40 and 80 applications annually, from which the final 18 are selected. She and the other Peer Group advisors (eighth grade dean Donna Zarzecki, upper school science teacher Jessie Willing, and health/physical education teacher Peter Higgins) try to put together a group of nine young men and nine young women who represent a true cross section of the PDS student body, and who will commit themselves to the time-consuming, delicate and often arduous work of counseling their peers.



Joanna Bowen '03, Peer Group leader.

After leaders are chosen, they undergo an intensive training period to prepare them for leading their weekly freshman classes. They attend a three-day overnight retreat before the start of the school year, where the program's advisors describe the responsibility inherent in leading 13- and 14-year-olds in discussions of intimate and serious issues. They talk about how important confidentiality and trust are to the program's success. They also lead the seniors through the kind of activities they themselves would use later as classroom tools.

"At the end of spending an entire two days together, we all felt comfortable saying anything to each other," says Peter Fisher. Then we had to sit down and split ourselves up."

The Peer Group advisors leave the seniors on their own to divide themselves into groups of three leaders, called triangles. Each triangle must include one boy or girl; the rest is up to the seniors themselves to work out.

"Because we are teaching a diverse group of kids, we didn't want the leaders to all be the same kind of person," says Fisher.

But while diversity of leadership is important to the program, having a triangle of class leaders who work well together can be even more critical. One current senior says she had a lackluster Peer Group experience as a ninth grader because her leaders did not work cohesively, which drove her to "hold out" for the right partners as a leader this year.

"You had to be stubborn in one way, because you want to be with people you can work with," says Joanna Bowen. "We write lesson plans, do group exercises, all that. But we had to be flexible as well so that we could all form into groups."

Once the triangles are formed, the leaders are ready to begin preparing for their freshman classes. In addition to meeting as a class three times weekly with Thomas and the other faculty, they must write lesson plans together each week, which are evaluated by the advisors, who also observe the classes they teach. Peer Group leaders write impressions of each class in journals, which are also evaluated by advisors.

"I've learned that it's quite different being on the other side of the classroom."

PETER FISHER '03, Peer Group Leader

Talking about the tough issues

The heart of the Peer Group experience happens during the class period when the freshmen meet with their leaders. Each triangle leads a class of 18, and each week they introduce a different topic, using various teaching techniques to encourage respectful listening and open discussion. Such methods include skits, role playing, breaking down into small groups, and using a "fishbowl" approach to questions, where kids are able to write down their concerns anonymously and put them in a fishbowl at the front of the classroom, to be read aloud and answered by seniors.

"We work with some set guidelines. There are certain basic issues we talk about, like drugs and alcohol, sex, peer pressure," says Revelle. "But we are allowed to choose how we want to approach a subject."

Ultimately, it is not technique that encourages the younger students to open up, peer leaders say. It is trust.

"When you become personal with them, they talk to you," says Danielle Leonard, in explaining how being a Peer Group leader has sometimes required fielding tough questions about her own beliefs and actions. "They want to know the story of our lives," agrees senior leader Julia Kay.

Peer Group leaders must decide for themselves how much personal information they want to divulge when students ask about delicate matters.

"When we discussed sex with them, the three of us (seniors) decided beforehand that this was not going to be about our personal lives," says Morgan Weed, "Everybody decides for themselves where they want to draw the line."



Justin Revelle '03, Peer Group leader.

Of course, leading a Peer Group class involves much more than talking (or not) about one's personal experiences. According to the seniors involved, it requires a constant balancing act between authority and friendship.

"We walk a fine line as peer group leaders," says Revelle. "We are not there to condone something like drug use, or say what's acceptable. We are there to give information, give some advice, and perhaps tell them that maybe this is something you don't want to get involved with right now."

Bowen agrees, adding, "It's about understanding who you are, being able to say, 'This is something I feel strongly about. This was my decision and this was why I made it.' We talk about why we've made the choices we've made and hope that helps them when the time comes for them to make some of their own."

Revelle says that one of the best classes his triangle has done focused on tolerance. "We showed them a *South Park* cartoon to start off," he says. "You wouldn't think that would be a great introduction to tolerance but it really worked and got them talking."

Another popular topic was cheating, he adds. "We thought we would do a class on plagiarism because it has become such a big deal over the past few years," says Revelle. "We weren't sure they would be interested, but they were. They did not know a lot about it and wanted details. It was new information for them."

Weed says her triangle had a similar experience when they did a class on sexual harassment; many of the ninth graders were not familiar with the concept as it related to high school behavior. "I think they came out of it thinking maybe I shouldn't do that anymore," says Weed. "Or maybe I don't have to play along with that."

Someone to talk to

Peer leaders are advised to go to Thomas or the school counselor if they feel they are privy to information about a ninth grader that needs adult intervention: for example, if someone were to threaten suicide. Such drastic action is extremely rare however. What most freshmen need is simply an older peer who cares and is willing to listen and give them a little guidance.

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JILL THOMAS, Peer Group program director

"Seniors know how to deal with things," explains Fisher. "For example, one of the kids in our group made a bad decision. He broke something and then initially lied about it because he was so afraid of what would happen. But when he talked to us, we could tell him that if he just told the truth it would be OK, and it was."

Another leader, Russell Nemiroff, says he goes out of his way to talk to freshmen outside of class, even if they are not in his group. He says he considers such behavior part of his commitment to Peer Group, an assessment with which many other seniors agreed.

Often, just making herself available helps, according to Danielle Leonard, who says ninth grade girls seek her out privately to ask questions they would rather not pose in front of the entire class.

"Most of their questions are in reference to issues that deal with sex and sexual intercourse, as well as eating disorders," she explains. "They come up to me and find me in the hallways, or most of the time, pull me into the bathroom, which seems to be a private place to talk about private things."

Leonard says she remembers what it was like to have a serious question and yet not know where to turn for the answer. She is comfortable discussing "anything" with them, and has even researched a question one student had for which she at first didn't know the answer.

"They (the freshmen girls) always say they feel better, and that the talk really helped, even the times I have just sat there and not said a word," says Leonard. "Most of the time, they just need someone who will sit and listen to them, about their lives, and know that it is completely confidential."



Morgan Weed '03, Peer Group leader.

PDS a pioneer in peer education

Peer education classes, although now growing in popularity at schools across the state, were a bold experiment when PDS began its Peer Group in the early 1980s. Local psychologist Sharon Powell, who founded a similar class at Princeton High School during the same era, spearheaded the program. Dr. Powell now heads up the Princeton Leadership Training Center, a nonprofit organization that designs and implements all types of adult and student leadership programs nationwide.

"Back in 1979, I had developed a peer leadership program at Princeton High School, and Sandy Bing (then head of upper school) heard about it and asked me to develop a similar program for PDS," says Dr. Powell. "So I trained a team of great people to help run it, including former teachers Anne Shepherd, Janet

Stolzfus and David Bogle. They were the pioneers of peer education in the private schools."

Dr. Powell says one of the greatest things about the PDS Peer Group, which she ran for its first decade, was the positive feedback it generated. "We kept hearing from other private schools in the area, that they had heard about this amazing program, and wanted one for their students," she says. Dr. Powell went on to design peer education programs for independent schools such as Peddie, Lawrenceville, Pennington, Pingry and Wardlaw Hartridge, all of which she says are still in place today.

Dr. Powell says she is not surprised at the success and longevity of Peer Group.

"It's comforting to know that I can always go to my peer group leaders..."

ETHAN BUCHSBAUM '06



Ben Johnson '03, Peer Group leader.

"It works for a couple of reasons," she says. "It works for the kids because it's peer-to-peer. It's older kids learning leadership skills and practicing them regularly, all year long with the same group of freshmen, around the most critical issue for them: their adjustment to high school. That's why it works on one level.

"Institutionally, it works because of the team of adults that supports it, the teachers who give it their time and resources, carrying it forward year to year," she adds. "It works because the faculty team makes it their own. I know teachers who have delayed retirement just to keep working with peer education. It's sharing leadership with kids. It is really a gift for your best teachers."

Thomas agrees wholeheartedly. "It is a labor of love," she says. "To watch kids teaching kids, it's the ultimate in education. It's getting to see kids develop skills that are life lessons, not just two plus two or where to put a comma."

Donna Zarzecki, who has been a Peer Group advisor almost as many years as Thomas, says she gains as much from her commitment to the program as do the students. "It enables me to see them from a different angle; it's about educating the whole child," she explains. "You can make better connections as a teacher when you have an awareness of what's going on with kids today. It also makes us more three-dimensional for them, more real."

When upper school Head Carlton Tucker came to PDS in the mid-1990s, he worked as a Peer Group advisor to get to know the students on a more intimate and meaningful level.

During Tucker's tenure, he says he helped move the class to become more academically rigorous, with summer reading, regular reporting requirements and grading, and additional contact between peer leaders and faculty. The biggest change though was moving from two leaders per class to three (the triangle concept), which advisors did to increase the diversity of the leaders in one group.

"Peer Group is a very valuable program," adds Tucker. "It helps train budding leaders and gives seniors some honor and responsibility. Having ninth graders know and interact with three seniors is terrific for building a community. It also breaks down some of the traditional hierarchy in high schools. Generally, PDS is porous with regard to grade level thinking, and this is one more way to reinforce that."

Freshmen offer their opinions

Freshman reaction to Peer Group is as diverse as the group itself.

Kiran Vepuri, who is new to PDS this year, says the class has been especially valuable to him because it has helped familiarize him with both the students and the new surroundings. "I got a whole bunch of new friends in my grade that I probably would not have met without Peer Group," he says, "I expected it to be more of a lecture-structured class, but then I realized that the class revolves around the students."

"It enables me to see (the students) from a different angle..."

DONNA ZARZECKI, Peer Group advisor

Becky Stanko says she found the class on drinking the most informative, particularly because the Peer Group leaders shared their personal insights. "It's cool to know what the leaders have to say about issues that we don't normally get an older person's opinion on," she says. "It's also fun to have a class where the teacher is someone we can relate to."

Ethan Buchsbaum says one of the benefits of Peer Group is finding out you are not alone in your concerns. "I have learned that I'm not the only person who has thoughts about drugs or friends in my head," he says. "It's comforting to know that I can always go to my peer group leaders if I have any questions, because they are very casual, and they make me feel like I'm important to them."

Becky Gallagher says she has been impressed with the leadership skills of her seniors, and the balance they strike between controlling and inspiring the class. She adds that sometimes talking about tough issues can be a challenge. "Talking about issues I feel strongly about have been the hardest," she explains. "It can be scary all of a sudden being really vocal."

Senior leaders naturally have a very different perspective on the whole experience; for many of them it is the sensation of being catapulted into an adult role — with all its accompanying responsibilities — that leaves the most lasting impression.

"As a freshman, I never realized how much my peer leaders put into each class. I've learned that it's quite different being on the other side of the classroom," says



Laurie Cartwright '06, in a peer group class.

Fisher. "The class demands a lot of confidence as well as a great deal of reflection on how I interact with others, how I feel about society, about stereotypes, about social things I want changed. The program asks each one of us to think about our actions and our choices not only over the past four years, but with each new day."

Allison Marshall, another Peer Group leader, says the experience has changed the way she views the classroom experience in general. "It's given me a tremendous respect for teachers," she says. "Trying to get the students to listen...it's a real challenge. To write lesson plans each week...it's intense. There is so much more work to teaching than I ever realized."

Joanna Bowen may end up being one of those students who has found her professional niche through Peer Group. "For me, this experience has been perhaps my best high school experience," she says. "These leadership skills are something I want to continue to develop. I have enjoyed this experience so much that I don't want it to end, and I am looking for something similar in which I can participate in the future."

For all the senior leaders, who also include Amy Gallo, Emily Hamlin, Ben Johnson, James Bird, Anita Deshpande, Joey Joiner, Ross Carmichael, Stephen Dool, Lisa Laudenberg and James Ramos, regardless of what futures they aspire to, the Peer Group leadership experience has altered their final year at Princeton Day School in a profound manner.

"It's tough to put into words," says Fisher. "But if you think about when people describe all the learning that can be done outside of a classroom, and then you create a course about that learning, your result is Peer Group." ■

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Alumni look back on Peer Group

By Jacquie Asplundh

For more than 20 years now, PDS students have graduated with a unique course as part of their high school diploma — Peer Group, a class designed to help young people figure out how they fit into the world as human beings faced with multiple choices and challenges.

For many alumnae, the impact of the Peer Group program has remained, despite the years intervening since graduation. For them, the time elapsed has added its own perspective to the experience. What they see now, as adults looking back, only confirms what they felt as senior Peer Group leaders.

“For me it was the best part of high school; it was fabulous,” says Debra Levy ’82, who belonged to the very first class of Princeton Day School’s Peer Group leaders, and who today serves on the board of Princeton’s Center for Leadership Training, headed by Sharon Powell, the same person who founded Peer Group at PDS.

“What it provides is so different than what you normally get in a school setting,” says Levy. “Instead of asking questions like ‘Did you make the team or not? Did you make the play or not? Did you make an A or not?’ Peer Group approaches children as human beings. Knowing that you are still developing in high school, dealing with issues of growth, the program helps you by asking, ‘What do *you* think?’ It helps you develop your own core.”

“I really enjoyed my freshmen Peer Group experience,” says Elif Sen ’02. “That was a big part of why I applied to be a leader. The key was to find a balance between being the authority and being the

older kids the freshmen wanted to spend time with. The best leaders are the ones who can do that, the ones who are liked by the freshmen while at the same time maintaining a level of respect.”

“The retreats both before and during school are definitely memorable,” says Sapna Thotattil ’00. “Getting away, into the woods and by a lake was a great break, and allowed us to get to know other people better. I remember one instance, on the senior retreat, during an activity where all the leaders were gathered around a circle, sharing something important to us, one of the leaders broke down and started crying, revealing to us her mom’s health problems. I had never known about this leader’s mother before, and was so touched that she shared this information. We definitely became closer because people were so open during the retreat.”

“As a freshman, Peer Group offered me a chance to bond with people that I typically wouldn’t have had a chance to get to know,” says Dana DeCore, who graduated in 1996. “In high school, often times you are friends with people who share common interests. In Peer Group, because you are put into groups arbitrarily, you are forced to interact with people outside of your social circles. I made friends through Peer Group that lasted throughout my high school years.”

What it means to be a leader

Being a Peer Group leader clearly made an impression on alumnae, both in terms of their own behavior and how they viewed leadership itself.

“As a leader, I found myself having to be more friendly to people,” says Thotattil. “I couldn’t walk around in a bubble ignor-

ing freshmen. I definitely held myself to a different standard within school and in the classroom.”

“As a Peer Group leader I believe I was able to not only learn a lot about myself, but also about the many similarities and differences in the incoming freshmen,” says Mike Zarzecki ’97. “The program provided and excellent opportunity to be a mentor for the first time, as well as the opportunity to become a better listener.”

“As far as qualities of a good Peer Group leader, I think they vary,” says DeCore. “I knew leaders whom I felt were terrific who were both introverted and extroverted, athletes and non-athletes. Overall though, the qualities that were consistent amongst all these people were that they were independent thinkers; they were not persuaded by peer pressure but rather, made decisions based on their own high values.”

Advisor Peter Higgins, who teaches physical education and health, says PDS students interact with each other differently than at other schools, something he attributes partly to Peer Group. “The first day I stepped on the field to coach football here three years ago, I noticed something unique about how the upper classmen treated the freshmen,” he says.

Bringing students together

Matt Zarzecki, who graduated in 1996, says, “One of the primary benefits I notice now that I wouldn’t have in the past is the function that Peer Group serves in bringing together a group of students who wouldn’t necessarily have had any interaction otherwise.”

"For me it was the best part of high school; it was fabulous."

DEBRA LEVY '82, member of the first class of PDS Peer Group leaders

"As high school freshmen, cliques were, and I am sure are still, quite prevalent," he adds. "Peer Group helps diminish that polarity. In our discussions, as opinions came out and past experiences were shared, hopefully there was a realization that despite the differences in their social or extracurricular interests, comparable issues were being experienced, and students had more in common than they chose to acknowledge."

"There was a boy in my Peer Group who came into the experience very soft-spoken and hesitant to participate," says DeCore. "My co-leader and I took the time to get to know him and tried to integrate him as much as possible. As the year progressed, he became more self-confident and we both noticed him emerge into one of our more gregarious *peer groupies*. I think that he took that experience and applied it to other areas of his life including classroom and extracurricular activities."

"As its name suggests, it is often difficult for a freshman to approach a teacher with a personal issue, or with something that is bothering them," says Matt Zarzecki. "Don't get me wrong, it is not easy for them to come to a student either; but if one student can find an avenue to assist in alleviating the difficulties of high school, the program is well worth it."

For Whitney Ross '84, now a Ph.D. candidate in clinical psychology, the program made a lasting impression. "Dr. Powell is one of the most dynamic, talented women I know, and I credit her and Peer Group with my desire and goal to become a psychologist. The training I received as a peer leader at PDS has proven to be invaluable. I continue to benefit from it 19 years later."

What Peer Group adds to school

Alumnae Peer Group leaders enthusiastically support the idea of peer education.

"I would highly recommend the program to any administrator," says Matt Zarzecki. "The ability to generate a forum of interaction between students is an invaluable accomplishment and addition to the school community. There exist various school-sanctioned extracurriculars, from clubs to teams, but Peer Group offers something that those don't; Peer Group affords students the venue for anything that doesn't fit into the cookie-cutter specifics of other activities."

Jen Bonini, who graduated from PDS in 1987, concurs, saying, "Adolescence is such a murky time in life, as your mind grows, your body changes, and you struggle to discover who you are or who you want to be. Add to that the complex additions of divorce, abuse, or just the strain of a fast-paced life on the family unit, and I would hope beyond hope that schools are working to find a way to generate a safe place for kids to turn - a place that they aren't required to go to just because their teachers have become concerned, but a place for those that are perhaps confused but not in dire straits. A place where they can know that they are not alone."

Levy says one of the striking aspects of Peer Group is the way it is structured to empower teachers and students alike. "I like the fact that it can be replicated by institutions," she says. "Once they are trained, they can have it forever, adapting it year after year to their specific needs. It doesn't cost anything. You don't have to bring in outsiders to do this. Peer Group teaches teachers how to keep the program going in perpetuity."

Now having taught PDS Peer Group for several years, Higgins says he thinks the program, in addition to improving communication across grade levels, has long-lasting effects on the seniors who become leaders. "They learn how to say, 'This is what I need from you and this is what gets in the way,' and they learn how to actively

listen," he adds. "It also enables them to reflect on their experience, to see how far they have come. These are life skills."

Bonini says it took her "five or ten years after participating in the program as a senior leader to truly realize its impact." Now a teacher, she says Peer Group "didn't change me as much as direct me, and set up some ideals worth bringing to any community."

"The Peer Leadership Program was a great model when I was at PDS and I'm sure it has blossomed with time," she adds. "It set a model for communication, community and just making connections with people. Now as an adult, generating a vehicle for kids to connect, with each other, with teachers, has become a large focus of my mission as an educator."

Jill Thomas, who has headed up the PDS Peer Group program since the early 1990s, says it is not uncommon for alumnae who were senior leaders to stop back to see her when they are in town. "We have a bond," she says. "It really made an impact on their lives. I know some who have gone into counseling because of the Peer Group experience."

"As an adult and educator, I became significantly more impressed with the care Sharon Powell and the teachers put into this unique effort," comments Bonini. "The significance of the outreach effort to freshmen - to provide a safe place to connect at a time in life that can be especially challenging - was an important program to support. Knowing now about all that does *not* exist in many schools, makes me better appreciate the teachers, seniors and administrative support." ■

Creating a Vision of Poetry Integral to Learning

By David LaMotte

Last September, Upper School English teacher Liz Cutler and I took a group of about 20 upper school students to the Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival at Waterloo Village. Although I've now attended this bi-annual event three or four times, it still takes my breath away: thousands of high school students and teachers fanning out through the colonial village to encounter poets known and unknown, old and young, in gatherings large and small.

At one moment, we find ourselves under the big tent, listening to poet laureate Billy Collins speak about the teaching of poetry to an audience of a thousand or more students and teachers. Later, I'm part of a small group in the village chapel, having a conversation about poetry and silence with Coleman Barks, translator of the mystical poems of the 13th century Persian poet, Rumi.

Later still, I'm one of several hundred listeners at a reading by 2001 and 2002 winners of the New Jersey High School Poetry Contest. Of the twenty winners from each year, PDS had three winners in 2001 (Bianca Gersten, Xan Nowakowski '01, and Marissa Vahlsing '01) and five winners in 2002 (seniors Anne Bodel, Bianca Gersten again, Stefan Hirniak, Erich Matthes, and Jan Trumbauer).

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— David LaMotte

Having come of age in a time when poetry often seemed to be a sort of dead butterfly, pressed and annotated in the pages of one "New Critical" anthology or another, I am always a little stunned by the power of the Dodge Poetry Festival, the power of poetry to bring people together in an activity at once urgent and ordinary, intimate and communal. For our students, too, the Festival is an inspiring event, and yet they

Irish poet Paul Muldoon, right, who visited PDS last spring as part of the "Imagine the Possibilities" program, says: "It's absolutely vital that school children get to see poets in the flesh. Too often poets are thought of as being dead. That poets are ordinary, living people with a particular way of trying to make sense of themselves in the world that's no better or worse than the next way is a fact of which young people need to be made aware."



often seem less surprised than I at the sheer vitality of the Festival. There is, I suspect, a wonderful reason for this: Our students already think of poetry as a living enterprise.

One measure of this is the pin-dropping silence that comes over an upper school assembly when our students read their poetry to one another and when visiting poets come to share their work with us. The respect that we as a community accord poets—visiting poets and the poets among us—is a tribute, I think, to the innovative teaching of poetry in all three divisions of the school. We aim to transform “the poetry unit,” that fossilized beast that terrorized previous generations of students, into a living practice in which poetry becomes a way of exploring, in and through language, the world in us and around us. Because language is part of what makes us human, there is a very real sense in which poetry—a heightened attentiveness to language as an expression of who we are—goes to the heart of learning (and the learning of the heart).

For all our students, not just those with a special interest in writing, nothing brings the written word to life more dramatically than the opportunity to read a writer’s work and then sit in a classroom with him or her, engaged in conversation

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about the writer’s work, the student’s work, and the challenges that we all share when we face the blank page. For several years, “Imagine the Possibilities,” the John D. Wallace, Jr. ’78 Memorial Guest Artist Series, has given students in all three divisions the

opportunity to work with a wide variety of artists and writers. Last year, for example, Irish poet Paul Muldoon—according to the *Times Literary Supplement*, “the most significant English-language poet born since the Second World War”—spent two days on the PDS campus, working with students in various classes, giving a reading to the entire upper school, and holding a special two-hour poetry workshop with twelve of our most committed student poets.

We want our students to leave PDS with a sense of ownership and mastery of their skills of self-expression, and to further that aim we hope to put in place a visiting writers program specifically for the upper school. Over the past two years we have established a precedent for such a program by bringing to campus two distinguished poets: Mark Doty in January of 2002, and Edward Hirsch

in January of this year. Both of these visits have come about through the initiative and generosity of our own Poet-In-Residence, Judy Michaels, who helped fund these visits through her stipend as first recipient of the Carl D. Reimers Distinguished Teaching Chair.

The accompanying articles reprinted from *the Spokesman* offer a glimpse of these two recent visits from the perspective of our students. And Judy Michael’s own article, “Poetry in Motion,” captures the rich variety of ways in which poetry is, indeed, a living practice woven into the daily life of our school. Judy herself deserves much of the credit for this; she has worked tirelessly

to articulate—in our classrooms and in her two books on the teaching of poetry—a vision of poetry as integral to the learning process. To highlight Judy’s work is not to diminish in any way the creativity and commitment that go into the teaching, writing, and sharing of poetry among all our faculty and students. The Dodge Poetry Festival may come around only

once every two years, but poetry is its own big tent at PDS, and something’s happening there even now.

— David LaMotte is the Upper School English Department chair

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Poetry in Motion

By Judy Rowe Michaels

It was 3:40, and poet, translator and columnist Ed Hirsch, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award and newly appointed head of the Guggenheim Foundation, had a train to catch. He'd just taught three gatherings of seven classes, grades 9 through 12, spent an hour and a half with the English Department, and given an assembly to the Upper School, but five students had stayed on to ask more questions. He was giving each one, separately, his earnest attention; to a bystander it looked as if their questions were the most important thing he had on his mind. Then he was buttonholed by an English teacher who had questions to ask and a poem to give him that had been inspired by Hirsch's *Sleepwalkers*. Finally I got him to the train.

All the English classes had discussed a number of his poems before his visit. A few weeks later, a student's mother called to tell me that her daughter, not usually addicted to poetry, had spent the long ride home describing Hirsch's visit and reading aloud from his poems, till her younger brother also caught fire and selected Hirsch as the subject for his eighth-grade poetry project. One of my own students wrote in her thank you note: "Thank you for answering my question about 'gold coins' in your poem *Cemeteries by the Sea*. It has evoked a feeling that I've been trying to put into words, the unreal feeling after seeing a phenomenal thing, but makes it feel simple at the same time." A second wrote, "There was great emotion, courage, and love in all of your poems about family. I will continue to read

We have to learn the desperate faith of sleepwalkers
who rise out of their calm beds
and walk through the skin of another life.

We have to drink the stupefying cup of darkness
and wake up to ourselves, nourished and surprised.

from *For the Sleepwalkers*, by Edward Hirsch

more of them." And of *Two Suitcases of Children's Drawings from Terezin*, 1942-1944: "I loved how you give voice to the unknown drawings and children make their imaginations and colors

come alive in your words." And one by wrote:

"Your deep belief in the significance of poetry (and art in general) has influenced my work and my life, more than any other artist." English teacher and poet Chris Cunningham, when asked by the school newspaper for his opinion of the visit, said simply, "Ed Hirsch is my hero."

Last winter the visiting poet was Mark Doty, author of six poetry collections and two memoirs, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award, and the only American poet to have won Britain's T.S. Eliot Prize. Doty gave up his lunch break to spend time with the student Gay Straight Alliance. I think it's important to bring writers who genuinely care about students and their lives.



Judy Rowe Michaels

Photo by Anne Marie Russo

These past two years I've been lucky enough to be able to support these visits as the recipient of the first Carl D. Reimers Distinguished Teaching Chair, a three-year appointment, named in honor of PDS Trustee Rev. Carl Reimers, Jr., retired head of the religion department and former upper school dean. With support from professional development funds raised by the Parents Association's annual auction, I have taken workshops with both poets and thus was able to persuade them to make one of their rare school visits.

Students and teachers alike need to hear professional writers read and talk about their work, just as we need live artists exhibiting and speaking in the gallery and actors, dancers, and musicians performing in the theater. Like the members of our visual and performing arts departments, many of us in the English Department practice our art for pleasure and for publication and share drafts, frustrations, and successes with our students. Many of our faculty have attended the summer writing workshop, *Weaving Words*, organized by third grade teacher and Lower School Language Arts Coordinator Bev Gallagher, and held at PDS each year. Upper School English Department head David LaMotte and English teacher Tom Quigley, both published poets, have created the Writing Center and each year train new students as Writing Mentors for the center. English department faculty

member Susan Stein taught in the writing program at Bennington College last summer and writes poetry. Chris Cunningham, another English teacher, attends readings regularly at Manhattan's 92nd Street Y and has studied poetry at Robert Frost Place Center for Poetry and the Arts in Franconia, New Hampshire, which recently accepted one of his poems for an upcoming anthology.

I am working on a fourth book, exchange poems with my colleagues for "peer editing," give workshops around the country and readings with the local women's poetry collective "Cool Women," and take students to Princeton University's reading series at 185 Nassau Street. Writers lurk in other departments as well. The Upper School is truly fortunate to have so many faculty members who practice and care intensely about this art. I was struck

by the energy in the air when I came back to the English office after teaching a class and found colleagues still gathered around Ed Hirsch, discussing everything from villanelles to what it means to be Jewish in Princeton.

Given this faculty enthusiasm, it's not surprising that the Upper School can field a twenty-six week poetry elective every year, produces a prize-winning literary magazine, *Cymbals*, has ever since the Rutgers/Newark state poetry writing contest begun won more than our share of twenty prizes (five last year), sends two vans of students to Waterloo Village regularly for the biennial Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival (along with most of the English Department and our prize-winning students, who give a reading there), and each spring holds poetry cafes on campus in Shepherd Commons for all our budding freshman poets. Every summer, lately, a few students have been accepted into creative writing programs at Iowa, Kenyon, Bennington, Naropa, or Spoleto. Another annual event is the poetry



Two books by Judy Rowe Michaels: *Dancing with Words, Helping Students Love Language through Authentic Vocabulary Instruction* and *Risking Intensity, Reading and Writing Poetry with High School Students*.

partnerships established through letters, classroom visits, and shared poems between the junior/senior poetry class and third-grade writers.

Then there's the "heart-mapping" project and the two-voice "I remember" poems that emerge from a collaboration between kindergarten students and twelfth grade anatomy students. And, of course, the Upper School participated in annual John D. Wallace, Jr. '78 Memorial Guest Artist Series "*Imagine the Possibilities*" each April that brings a series of visiting artists and writers — last year it included a workshop given by poet Paul Muldoon for twelve of our top poetry students. This spring, a return visit from Palestinian American poet Naomi Shihab Nye, is anticipated.

Assigning a poet to work throughout the school helps makes this excitement and continuity possible. During the twelve years I've served as poet-in-residence, I've become aware, in the course of giving presentations to a number of schools and conferences, that PDS is highly unusual in the kind of artist residencies it encourages — in theater, art, music, poetry. Those school that do keep a professional writer on campus, for example — and they are few — generally ask only that he or she give an occasional reading, work with an elite group of junior and senior writers, and

perhaps be available to the staff of the literary magazine. It's a very part-time job, generally lasting for only a year or two while the writer finished up a book.

Having taught full-time in the Upper School English Department for many years and served as pre K-12 arts education coordinator for twenty-three, I've been in a good position to shape the residency into something that crosses school division and disciplines. I know the curriculum pretty

well and am gradually getting a sense of what a first grader can do with language, what a seventh grader needs to be reminded he can do, and how a senior can fall in love with the Muse even in the midst of churning out college applications. I give poetry workshops to teachers — another good way for me to learn more about what's going on. And I can even watch a promising first-grader

develop into a *Cymbals* editor. I've helped junior history classes comb local and national newspapers to create poems based on Walt Whitman's snapshots of Americans at work. I visit Upper School English classes to help demonstrate revision. I help eighth-graders with their poetry packet

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projects. I get to spend time with the sixth-grade Humanities classes writing their own T'ang Dynasty poems on scrolls. Fifth-graders look at my writing notebooks and learn to use theirs to gather words they love the sounds of, or words with multiple meanings, or fascinat-

ing words from science articles in *The New York Times*. They read me their own drafts, and I read them one of mine. Third-graders, amazingly, are ready to explore the shell as a metaphor for the growing, reflecting mind; we look at passages and drawings from Paul Valéry's wonderful meditative little book, *Sea Shells*. This past fall, a class of first grade truck experts sat on the rug by the easel and together we created a poem on "what trucks dream about." In January, other Lower School classes wrote with me about what it might be like to "have a mind of winter" — their first taste of Wallace Steven's poetry. Recently, using Richard Wilbur's wonderful rhyming picture book on *The Disappearing Alphabet*, a junior kindergarten class talked with me about what we'd lose if certain letters disappeared. Suppose they fell off, one by one, like beads from a necklace?

One red-headed young man screwed his face up, thinking hard: "Then we'd lose the whole world." ■

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Hirsch Shares Acclaimed Verse with Students

By Mendy Fisch '06, Senior Staff Writer, *The Spokesman*

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Edward Hirsch, a renowned poet who is the author of five books including the National Book Critics Circle Award winner *Wild Gratitude*, recently presented his poetry to Upper School groups both large and small.

On Monday, January 13 he discussed his poetry with English classes and at a school-wide assembly.

Hirsch was brought to the school by Upper School English teacher and Poet-in-Residence Judy Michaels. Ms. Michaels met Hirsch while taking a weekend poetry workshop with him. "He was warm and very giving," Ms. Michaels remembered.

"He and I really connected, which is unusual over a weekend workshop. He knew just about every poem ever written. He even wrote a blurb for the back of my new book, which my publisher was thrilled about," she said.

Hirsch began the day by speaking to two groups of freshman and sophomore English classes, reading and discussing his poems. He told the students that it was at their age that he first became profoundly interested in writing poetry.

"When I was your age, I loved to play sports," he said. "But I felt that I had too many emotions to be able to express them all on the playing field. I turned to writing poetry as a way to be able to put my feelings on paper," he continued.

Hirsch's sensitive, emotional nature was exhibited by his long, detailed answers to questions during his lectures to the classes.

"Hirsch would give a very thorough, emotional answer to any question that you asked him," recalled freshman Sara Martin, who attended one of Hirsch's sessions. "It was apparent that what he was saying was from the bottom of his heart," she said.

After lunch with the English Department, Hirsch spoke to the entire Upper School during a 40-minute assembly.

He told everybody that he was "a little bit nervous" because of an incident at another school where he spoke. "I was talking

to some kids before the lecture," Hirsch said, "I asked them why they were there. They said, 'Our teacher said we get extra credit if we go to the reading, but as soon as this boring, old guy starts the lecture, we're going to sneak out.' Well, that didn't make me feel too good, but I got a laugh when I saw the looks on their faces after I was introduced."

Hirsch went on to read from his book *How to Read a Poem and Fall in Love with Poetry*. The passage that he read, from the chapter "Three Initiations," described his first introduction to poetry.

"I was initiated into the poetry of trance on a rainy Saturday afternoon in mid-October 1958 when I wandered down to the basement of our house to pick through some of my grandfather's forgotten books," Hirsch read.

The passage went on to describe how he found the poem "Spellbound," by Emily Brontë, mysteriously presented with no author in a musty anthology, and fell in love with it. "Clouds beyond clouds above me; / Wastes beyond wastes below; / But nothing drear can move me; / I will not, cannot go," ran the last stanza of the poem. Hirsch was spellbound.

"Suddenly I was in two places at once: I was standing next to a bookshelf in my parents' basement, and I was lost in the middle of a field somewhere in Southern Latvia with a storm wildly brewing around me. I felt as though the words of the poem, like the storm itself, had cast a 'tyrant spell' upon me. I couldn't move," he told the audience.

After this, Hirsch read some of his own poems. Two of the poems that he read, "Fast Break," and "Execution" were about sports. Another poem, "In the Underground Garage," described Hirsch's reunion with an old friend.

Hirsch, 52 and a native of Chicago, attended Grinnell College, and received his doctorate degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

His poetry books include *On Love*

(1998), *Earthly Measures* (1994), *The Night Parade* (1989), *Wild Gratitude* (1986), receiver of the National Book Critics Circle Award, and *For the Sleepwalkers* (1981), winner of the Lavan Younger Poets Award from

The Academy of American Poets and the Delmore Schwartz Memorial Award from New York University.

Formerly a professor at the University of Houston, he was brought to the East Coast this year after becoming President of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

Hirsch is the third poet to visit in three years. Ms. Michaels funded the visit with a grant she received three years ago to honor Reverend Carl Reimers, the

former head of PDS' religion department, which has also brought poets Naomi Shihab Nye and Mark Doty to the school.

Hirsch's lecture style appealed to a wide variety of upper schoolers. Senior Chris White enjoyed Hirsch's deep sense of feelings and emotional capacity. "He was so engrossing because he was interested in the emotions behind poetry. His poetry was deep and full of passion and he tried to explain all of the feelings behind the poems," he recollected.

Junior Heidi Lam felt inspired by the question and answer session that followed the assembly for juniors and seniors in block five English electives. "I really admire his language. It is very philosophical and makes you stop and think for a while. When I was speaking to him about his 'Cemeteries by the Sea,' he was really able to explain the kind of unreal feelings that he wanted to evoke," she said.

The PDS community responded enthusiastically to Hirsch's visit. Head of the Upper School Carlton Tucker reflected, "I was very interested in his choice of readings. Most of the poetry that he read seemed to be stemming from his life experience, and that's what made it so real."



Edward Hirsch

Anita Deshpande '03

Poet Mark Doty Speaks to Hearts

Acclaimed Writer Reads Work to English Classes, Assembly

By Dan Crosta '02, Arts Editor, *The Spokesman*

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On January 23, PDS was visited by poetic luminary Mark Doty, who spoke to the Upper School at assembly and visited several English classes.

Doty has written six books of poetry and three of prose, whose focus ranges from grief over his partner's death, to a young child's drawing in, to life through the eyes of his dog.

Doty, who lives in Provincetown, Massachusetts, on Cape Cod, currently serves as a fellow at the Center for Scholars and Writers at the New York Public Library.

Additionally, Doty has received many writing awards, including the National Poetry Series Prize, the Los Angeles Times Book Award and the National Book Critics' Circle Award.

Doty was introduced at the assembly by senior Thomas Bohnett. "Each one of us has at least one person whom we admire from afar," Bohnett began. "This morning, though, the distance is erased...it is a privilege and an honor to welcome Mark Doty."

Bohnett's stirring introduction reminded Mr. Doty of a similar experience when he was young, meeting his idol James Merrill. "I felt I knew him backwards and forwards... when I met him, I realized that I only knew his poetry." Doty concluded by reminding the audience that it's healthy to have idols, people whose work and life you can "admire from afar," in the words of Bohnett.

Instead of just reading his poetry at the assembly, as other visiting writers have, Doty took a few minutes to explain the story behind his poems, to give some context to the audience.

The first that he read, *My Tattoo*, tells the story of Doty's first tattoo. In the poem, he enters the tattoo parlor, but has doubts. He leaves, but eventually returns to get the tattoo.

After reading the poem, he confessed to the students that "I gave myself permission to lie." After five drafts of the "truth," (in real life, Doty didn't immediately return to get the tattoo) he allowed himself to "make the poem more interesting."

"When I tried to write a poem about not getting a tattoo, it seemed lifeless," he added.

As an afterthought, Doty added, "Eventually, I did get a tattoo, but not the one in the poem."

Another poem, *Golden Retrievals*, is written from the point of view of Doty's golden retriever, Beau.



Mark Doty

"I was approached by the publisher of a book called *Unleashed*, in which all poems had to be written in the voice of a dog," Doty explained.

Initially, he resisted the prompt, but one day found inspiration while walking his dog in the park.

"Fetch? Balls and sticks capture my attention/seconds at a time," the poem begins.

"[My dog] wanted to write a sonnet...he's very fond of puns," Doty told,

eliciting laughter from the crowd.

In all, he read four poems in the 45-minute assembly, three of which were published.

Brian, Age 7 describes a picture hanging in a store window that caught Doty's eye, and nagged at his brain for weeks until he could write about it.

Reflecting on *Brian Age 7*, Doty explained the way that writing helps him set things straight in his mind. "After I wrote the poem, I took a step back and thought, 'Wow, was that actually my reaction?'"

In the last few minutes of the assembly, Doty took questions from the audience.

"When do you think it's time to put down a poem?" one student asked.

"When you're dead," was Doty's witty reply. As he went on to explain, even after he

publishes a book, he still revises his writing. "I was at a poetry reading for my new book, and I realized that I wanted to cut a few more words from my poem," he explained.

Later in the day, Mr. Doty visited several English classes, including Tom Quigley's Creative Writing Class. The focus of the class was a question-and-answer with Mr. Doty.

Doty was questioned in the Creative Writing Class about the significance of some of the seemingly worthless objects in his writing — Doty wrote about wrecked, rusted ships, and all kinds of decaying matter.

"Why does anything matter? I don't know—so I start writing," Mr. Doty advised the elective, adding, "if you pay attention, you will be rewarded."

He also faced the class with questions about writing, to encourage creative thinking: "What makes you feel part of something bigger?" and, "What happens to the body when you die?"

Mr. Doty's visit was made possible through PDS' Poet-in-Residence and US English Teacher Judy Michaels. Michaels first met Mr. Doty at the Key West Literary seminar several years ago.

"The topic that year was 'Literature in the Time of AIDS,' and he gave a reading in a church in the heart of town," Ms. Michaels recalled.

Last summer, Ms. Michaels attended a seminar held by Mr. Doty in his hometown of Provincetown, Massachusetts.

"I was impressed with him as a teacher, and asked him whether he would consider coming to PDS," Ms. Michaels said. "I emailed him later, and he said yes."

The seminar Ms. Michaels attended was made possible by an anonymous donation, honoring Reverend Carl Reimers, former head of PDS' religion department. The money increases the salary of all PDS teachers, and also allows for a three-year grant to enhance the recipient's teaching, according to Ms. Michaels.

"I was the [recipient,]" Ms. Michaels summarized, "and I use part of the grant to bring Mark Doty to PDS."

Princeton Day School **ALUMNI WEEKEND 2003**

May 16 & 17, 2003

On Friday sit in on classes and enjoy lunch
on **Alumni Visiting Day** and join in
the Miss Fine's **Maypole Celebration**.
Friday evening see your favorite teachers at
the **First Annual Alumni/Faculty Reunion**
and **All Alumni Gathering**.

On Saturday attend the
Alumni Awards Reception,
play in the **Alumni Athletic Games**,
enjoy a family **Clambake** and **Fun Festival**,
and stroll the campus for an **Arts Walk**
followed by the **Athletic Hall of Fame**
ceremony. Saturday night celebrate at
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Friday, May 16

- 8:00 A.M. Alumni Golf • Bedens Brook (\$150/person)
Come challenge your classmates in the Blue & White Cup. Early morning golf at Bedens Brook, followed by lunch. Prizes will be awarded. Register early as space is limited.
- 10:00 A.M. Alumni Visiting Day
Alumni are invited to spend the morning attending classes and stay for lunch (pre-registration is required).
- 11:00 A.M. Miss Fine's Maypole Celebration • Colross Lawn
Second graders meet their Miss Fine's penpals and perform the Maypole Dance. Luncheon with Head of School Judy Fox follows.
- 7:00 P.M. First Annual Alumni/Faculty Reunion and All Alumni Gathering • Under the Tent
Visit with your favorite teachers and coaches (they'll be there!!) and fellow classmates. Great food, great music, beer and wine provided. (\$25/person)
PantherPal Care (for children ages 2-12) 6:30-11:00 P.M. (\$5/child/hour, includes dinner, pre-registration required)

All visitors please REGISTER at Colross to receive event tickets and reunion class packets. Registration begins daily at 9 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m.

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Saturday, May 17

- 10:00 A.M. Moment of Remembrance • Rothrock Garden
Join us for a ceremony honoring alumni, faculty and PDS friends who have passed away in the past year.
- 11:00 A.M. Alumni Awards Reception • Reunion Tent
Opening remarks on "Teaching Globalization," by Upper School history teacher, George Sanderson; 2003 Alumni Achievement Award presented to *Elizabeth Hutner Flemer '73; 2003 Alumni Service Award presented to Sanders Maxwell '32. Continental breakfast provided. **awarded posthumously*
- 12:00 Noon Alumni Family Clambake and Fun Festival • New Fields Complex (\$25/person)
PantherPal Care (for children ages 2-12) 12:00- 2:00 P.M. (\$10/child, includes lunch, games and a PDS student chaperone, pre-registration required).
- 1:30 P.M. Alumni Athletic Games • New Fields Complex
Kim Bedesem Alumnae Lacrosse Game • Bob Krueger Alumni Lacrosse Game • Alumni Baseball/ Softball Game.
- 3:00 P.M. Alumni Arts Walk • Anne Reid Art Gallery
A self-guided tour of the PDS permanent collection displayed throughout the campus. Pick up a tour packet at the Gallery.
- 5:30 P.M. Athletic Hall of Fame Reception • Reunion Tent
Alumni, faculty and friends will honor this year's inductees: Lily Buchanan Agar '38, George C. Hackl '48, Robert H. Olsson '78, Michele Plante '78, *William S. Smoyer '60, and Lester Tibbals. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres provided. **awarded posthumously*

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Sharing His Passion for Music

Sandy Maxwell PCD '32 will receive the Alumni Service Award for his efforts to give back to the Princeton Day School community. The long-time Princeton resident has been sharing his musical talent for more than half a century. Sandy, now in his eighties, is an active professional musician, playing at Princeton-area gatherings.

When Sandy attended PCD, there were 55 boys. Today he marvels at the size of PDS. "It's amazing to see the growth. It is a terrific school," he says. He attended PCD from fifth through ninth grade, and went on to the Taft School. He returned to Princeton to attend college, graduating from Princeton University with a degree in classics. "PCD gave me a solid grounding in the classics," he says, and influenced his decision to study classics at Princeton. Latin began in fifth grade at PCD. In addition to playing the requisite ice hockey at Baker Rink and some baseball, Sandy was editor-in-chief of the *Junior Journal*. He had a flare for writing. That ability would serve him well during a 40-year career working in New York advertising agencies. At Young and Rubicam he combined his writing and musical talent, creating print ads and radio and TV jingles and spots. During the 1950s, he was a trustee at PCD.

At PDS, he has been a perennial part of the Parents Association's Auction, offering his piano playing for parties. At the school's centennial celebration in 1999, he accompanied alumni from Miss Fine's School, PCD and PDS in an original musical revue at the Herbert and Marguerite Theater. It featured students and alumni doing wonderful old musical comedy bits under the direction of PDS Artist-in-Residence Ross Hindley. He has participated in the school's career-day as a panelist, and the Middle School mini-week programs, sharing his love of music and his advertising experience.

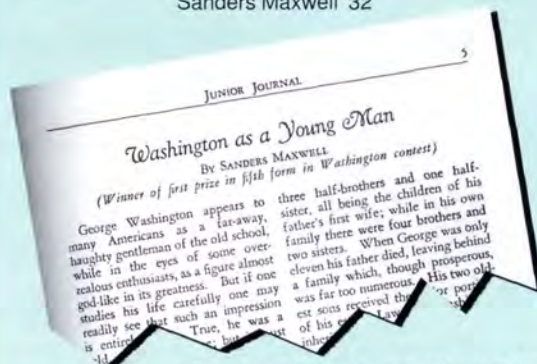
He is largely a self-taught musician who says "he likes to write tunes." He began taking piano lessons at age six and took up banjo and guitar at 13. His family acquired their first piano, an upright, when his grandmother won a \$150 credit at a local music store. He has been playing ever since.

He figures he spent about three years of his life, all tolled,



Sanders Maxwell '32

Photo by Anne Marie Russo



From the *Junior Journal*, March 1932.

commuting by train to the city when he worked in advertising. Eventually, he rolled the time on the rails into his music, playing piano and keyboard. Today people enjoy hearing him at his regular Friday and Saturday night "gig" at Aqua, a restaurant and club in Somerville. He says he's "played as far north as Norway, as far east as Cairo, as far south as San Antonio and as far west as Chicago." He's played at the Century Club, the Union Club and the Union League Club in New York City, as well as under tents in backyards and meadows around the area, performing at just about every kind of occasion, including weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, cocktail parties, receptions and even funerals. He has played at Princeton University reunions every year since he graduation.

At Princeton he is an emeritus member of the Triangle Club board, and is on the board of the Princeton Summer Theater. He has served on the boards of the Princeton Child Development Institute, Princeton Symphony and McCarter Theater. He was an intelligence officer in the U.S. Eighth Air Force from 1942 to 1945, stationed in Chelveston, Eng-

land. He and his late wife, Patricia, married for 58 years, had four children who are alumni as well: Lee and Rob Maxwell, both PCD '62, Linda Stefanelli '62, and Donna Griggs '64.

Sandy seems to be as timeless as the music he plays which includes a repertoire of Big Band, Swing, Latin, Country, Dixieland, and show tunes. Ms. Stefanelli '62, says "One of the great things about Dad is his curiosity and his willingness to try new things. He dives into Tai Chi with the same enthusiasm he tackles a new computer program that writes sheet music. He loves exploring new places and is always way ahead of his children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren when it comes to hot new trends and hit music."

The Alumni Service Award is given to an alumna or alumnus whose efforts to give back to the community and/or Princeton Day School reflect the highest ideals of the school and inspire others through his or her example of sensitivity or generosity. PDS welcomes nominations for the award each year.

A Poet and Writer Completing a Circle

Elizabeth Hutner Flemer, Ph.D., PDS '73 will receive the Princeton Day School 2003 Alumni Achievement Award posthumously, for her lifelong devotion to scholarship and creativity that epitomize the traits PDS strives to develop in its students. She was a gifted poet and writer who inspired many to write. Liz passed away last December after a long battle with breast cancer. Along the way she was a source of encouragement to others fighting the battle with cancer. Her husband, William Flemer IV '71, will accept the award on her behalf.

The culmination of Liz's scholarly pursuits took place only days before her death at the age of 47, when — from her hospital bed—she successfully defended her dissertation on the poetry of Horace and John Donne. She received her doctorate in comparative literature from Princeton University, something she had been working towards since the early 1980s. Her brother, Simeon Hutner '77, who was gathered with her family at the hospital on that occasion said "It was very heartfelt. She was articulate and passionate about the work even though she was very weak and could barely sit up."

As a student at PDS, Liz was a passionate poet and writer, a dancer, weaver and musician. Her interest in poetry began in Upper School English classes taught by one of her favorite teachers, the late Moyne Smith. She went on to graduate *magna cum laude* from Yale University with a degree in English and classics, later returning to PDS to teach English. Former English Department Chair Steve Lawrence recalled the day he hired Liz. "It was clear to me from the minute I met her, at the interview, that this was a person with boundless energy and enthusiasm, brightness, fine education and a great love of the school where she had been a student. She felt she was completing a circle by coming to teach at the institution she loved," he said.



Elizabeth Hutner Flemer '73 with her son Will, in 1994.

Other World

Maybe I have waited for disease
Carried by my blood into the bone
To offer me the chance I think I need
When life without you leaves me too alone.
Now I will suffer all that you endured
When doctors gave you needles, pills and fear.
And since for you, we never found a cure,
My illness is the thing that we can share.
If I catch a glimpse of where you are
It tantalizes. What have I to lose?
No, I could go — it really isn't far.
Everything depends on what I choose.
But I have other loves for whom I stay.
I must turn back and let you slip away.

— Elizabeth Hutner Flemer '73

After two years of teaching at PDS, Liz moved to New York with her first husband Alexander Sheers. She gave birth to their son, Sam, in 1986. Tragedy struck Liz's life years before her own cancer diagnosis, through the death of her son, who died at age six from leukemia. Sam's illness and subsequent death, as well as her divorce, shaped her courage and determination towards facing life's challenges and tragedies. She found solace for the loss of her son through poetry. Her book, "Life with Sam: Poems," has just been published by CavanKerry Press. The book includes photographs taken by her brother, Simeon, a film editor, who documented Sam's life through the course of his illness.

In 1993, Liz returned to the Princeton area with her second husband, Bill Flemer '71, whom she had known since high school. Their son Will was born in 1994. She and Bill shared a love for folk and country music. They performed original songs locally and recorded a CD. Liz was first diagnosed with breast cancer shortly after Will's birth. The battle would consume her health over the next seven years. Her sister, Louise Hutner '70, described Liz as determined and one who had tremendous perseverance. "She had a real ability to stay with something, in addition to being extremely bright and capable intellectually, and that was one of the main things that got her through."

Other MFS, PCD and PDS alumni in her family include: Nat

Hutner '65, Heidi Flemer Hesselein '70, William Flemer III '37 and Elizabeth Sinclair Flemer '43.

Established in 1986, the Alumni Achievement award is given to an alumnus or alumna who has achieved excellence in his or her chosen field, made a commitment to helping others and has inspired others by his or her example. PDS welcomes nominations for the award each year.

Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts Six

This spring, five exceptional athletes will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame, as well as one former faculty member and coach who is being honored for extraordinary achievement. The inductees are Lily Buchanan Agar '38, George C. Hackl '48, Robert H. Olsson '78, Michele Plante '78, William S. Smoyer '60, who is being honored posthumously, and Lester Tibbals. The ceremony will take place during Alumni Weekend on Saturday, May 17, under the Reunion Tent, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Lily Buchanan Agar '38

Lily "Nan" Buchanan Agar was awarded the Gold "F", the highest award for athletic ability, sportsmanship and participation given to a Miss Fine's students. She played field hockey, basketball and baseball. In addition, she recalls playing a competitive game of soccer during recess, though soccer was not an official sport of the Miss Fine's at that time. The April 1938 issue of *The Link* noted "a highly successful hockey season" with victories over the Trenton Hockey Club, Kent Place School, and Hartridge.

At Smith College, Mrs. Agar learned to ski and to fly with the College's Flying Club. She was a member of the Outing (Hiking) Club as well. A former president of the Princeton Ski Club, she now skis with the 70+ Ski Club, a national organization.

She began an interest in horseback riding early on, when fourth grade students at Miss Fine's were given lessons at the R.O.T.C. arena. She became a serious rider in middle age, owned a horse and competed in several disciplines. In 1998 she became a member of the United States Dressage Federation's Century Club, where the combined ages of horse and rider equal 100 or more. She is co-founder and former president of Heads Up Special Riders, a group that offers handicapped children and adults a chance to horseback ride.



Photo by Anne Marie Russo



George C. Hackl '48

George Hackl was an outstanding student athlete and was awarded the Athletics Cup in 1948, one of the highest honors in sports at Princeton Country Day. He played varsity soccer, ice hockey and baseball for three years. He also played tennis and basketball for two years. In track, he won first, second and third places in various events. He played a year of six-man football. He was awarded varsity letters in soccer, hockey, baseball and tennis.

At Phillips Exeter Academy he played three years of varsity soccer and ice hockey. He also spent three years pole vaulting with the school's track team.

At Princeton University, Hackl played two years of varsity soccer, three of varsity hockey, and was the captain of the hockey team and high scorer in the same year. He was awarded the Blackwell Trophy for Sportsmanship and Contributions to Hockey. Following college, in the early 1960s, he founded the Princeton University Hockey Association of which he was president for five years. Mr. Hackl continued to play hockey for town teams in the Princeton area. In more recent years, he received honors in golf. In 1996 he was Club Champion at the Bald Peak Colony Club in New Hampshire. He has won various satellite tournaments as well. Presently, he is a member of the United State Seniors Golf Association.



Robert Olsson '78

Robert Olsson was an outstanding student athlete in any sport he played. He was awarded both the Silver and Gold "P", in recognition of his athletic ability, sportsmanship and participation. He played four years of varsity football and lacrosse, and three years of varsity ice hockey. As captain of each team during his senior year, he was an excellent leader who took a genuine interest in inspiring his teammates, particularly the younger players. He played fullback and linebacker on the PDS team. He was named to the New Jersey Prep League Championships in 1976 and on the New Jersey Prep League All Star Team in 1977. He was named MVP in both football and lacrosse in his senior year.

As a midfielder in lacrosse he helped lead the team to the Garden State Lacrosse League Champions in 1975 and 1976, and the NJ Prep B Champions in 1977 and 1978. He was named the MVP in the Garden State Lacrosse League Championship Game in 1976 and the All-League Midfielder in the League that same year. The following year he received the NJ Lacrosse Coaches Outstanding Player Award.

As a defenseman in ice hockey he helped lead the team to the championship in the PDS Invitational Tournament and received the PDS Invitational Tournament Sportsmanship Award in 1978.

At Dartmouth he played varsity lacrosse all four years. During college he was named to the First Team for All New England Lacrosse and received Honorable Mention in All American in 1982. He played in the Division I/North-South Lacrosse Game. Following college he played with the New Jersey (Montclair) Lacrosse Club. He has been assistant coach for mens varsity lacrosse at Princeton University, and for high school varsity teams near his home. Last year he was head coach for the West Windsor/Plainsboro Girls Recreation Soccer Club and assistant coach for the town's girls third and fourth grade lacrosse.

At PDS, Rob has been president of the Alumni Board for the last two years.



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Michele Plante '78

Michele Plante excelled at any sport she played as a student athlete at PDS. Over four years she played field hockey, lacrosse, basketball, volleyball and girls ice hockey. Throughout her high school and college career she received awards recognizing her sportsmanship and athletic ability. In 1977, she was named All American High School Athlete for Outstanding Ability in Field Hockey. That same year, she was named to the New Jersey Independent Schools Association All-Star Field Hockey team. At PDS she played varsity field hockey all four years and was team captain. She played varsity lacrosse for three years and was team captain. She also played junior varsity basketball as a freshman, varsity volleyball for two years, and ice hockey her senior year.

At Middlebury College she received the Hezelteine Klevenau Award, the college's award for outstanding athletic and academic achievement. Ms. Plante played three years of varsity field hockey and was selected for three consecutive years for the North Eastern College Field Hockey Association's First Team. She was also selected for U.S. Field Hockey team tryouts. She played varsity lacrosse during all four years and was captain of the team during her junior and senior years. In addition, she was selected as a member of the First Team of the New England Women's Lacrosse Association for four years. In 1981 and 1982, she was named MVP. Ms. Plante also played three years of ice hockey on a club team and continues to be an avid skier.



William S. Smoyer '60

William S. Smoyer is being honored posthumously. He was an athlete and leader who was killed in Vietnam in 1968. "Bill" is remembered as an exemplary leader, especially to younger athletes, as well as a great sportsman at Princeton Country Day. An outstanding athlete, he was captain of the soccer and hockey teams. He was awarded the Athletic Cup for best all-around athlete.

At Andover he was a three-sport athlete, playing soccer, hockey and baseball at the varsity level in his sophomore, junior and senior years. He was captain of the soccer team. In his senior year, he was elected chairman of the Athletic Advisory Board, a group consisting of all the varsity team captains.

At Dartmouth College he was considered one of their finest athletes and received six varsity letters in all. He was named the All-Ivy halfback in soccer; received honorable mention, All-Ivy in hockey; was captain of the freshman hockey team; and the leading scorer for two years straight.

On May 18, 2001, the William S. Smoyer '60 Memorial Field at PDS was dedicated. Stanley Smoyer, Bill's father, wanted to support PDS and the sport that his son loved, soccer. Mr. Smoyer, together with his wife Marjorie, and Bill's sister, Nancy Smoyer '61, and his brother, David '56 (a 1998 Hall of Fame inductee), and the PDS community joined in remembering his athletic excellence. The inscription on the plaque installed beside the soccer field reads: "A leader, scholar, and outstanding athlete who gave his life for his country while serving in Vietnam, and in whose loving memory this field was dedicated."



Painting by Peter Cook, courtesy of the Smoyer Family.

Lester Tibbals

Lester "Bud" Tibbals is being honored for his extraordinary achievement and versatility as a coach, former faculty member and avid supporter of Princeton County Day School and, later, PDS athletics.

Bud joined the faculty at PCD in 1947. A dedicated educator, he was one of several Princeton Country Day teachers who made the move to PDS at the school's inception in 1966. He came to Princeton after a stint in the Navy from 1941-45, having earned a bachelor of arts in history and economics from Trinity College before serving. In the 1950s while he was teaching at PCD, he completed a master's degree in history at Princeton University. During his years with the two schools he taught European and U.S. History. At PCD he was the athletic director from 1958 until 1965, where his duties included scheduling games, anticipating equipment needs, hiring officials and coaching.

Bud coached tennis, hockey and football and assisted with the skating program when the Lisa McGraw '44 Rink was built. Before the rink was built on campus, he led daily practice at the ice at Princeton University's Baker Rink. He compiled a fine record in the sports he coached and his enthusiasm never faded. He retired in 1981. At PCD, most faculty members coached or in some way were involved in supervision of various athletic activities. Through the years he worked with other faculty coaches such as Harry Rulon-Miller '51, Bob Whitlock and Wes McCaughan. At PCD, athletics and academics were both very highly considered and supported by the school.

When Bud learned he would be inducted in to the Hall of Fame he spoke of the teams he coached. "I always thought we did remarkably well with the small numbers of kids we had playing. Often we beat teams that were bigger than we were." Retired PDS history teacher Garry Lott, who taught and coached for more than 40 years, said "both in the classroom and on the playing fields, Bud deserves to be honored."



1997 Inductees

*Kim Tumilty Bedesem	(Coach)
Eric M. Bylin '85	(PDS)
Donald P. Cogsville '84	(PDS)
John F. Cook '56	(PCD)
Hope Thompson Kerr '53	(MFS)
L. Chloe King '55	(MFS)
Louise S. Matthews '83	(PDS)
*James Sloane '36	(PCD)
William M. Sloane '36	(PCD)
Ellen Fisher Stockmayer '73	(PDS)

1998 Inductees

Andrew D. Bing '84	(PDS)
Elizabeth (Betty) Cobb	(Coach)
Anne Harrison-Clark '56	(MFS)
David B. Smoyer '56	(PCD)
Karen Callaway Urisko '85	(PDS)
Michael F. Walters '78	(PDS)
George C. Young '33	(PCD)

1999 Inductees

Laura Farina '79	(PDS)
Suzanne Haynes Halle '82	(PDS)
Robert S. Krueger	(Coach)
Dean W. Mathey '43	(PCD)
Randolph Melville '77	(PDS)
Martha Heath Yerkes '42	(MFS)

2000 Inductees

Sarah Berkman '92	(PDS)
Barbara Russell Flight '77	(PDS)
Sandra Strachan Froehlich '57	(MFS)
*E. Webb Harrison, Jr. '57	(PCD)
William Martin, Jr. '76	(PDS)
Timothy R. Murdoch '80	(PDS)
Alberto Petrella	(Special)

2001 Inductees

Elizabeth Bylin Cook '90	(PDS)
Ruth Kemmerer Dorf '27	(MFS)
*Frank Konstantynowicz '76	(Special)
William E. Rigor '68	(PDS)
Henry Rulon-Miller '51	(Special)

2002 Inductees

Janet L. Baker	(Special)
*Daniel Barren	(Coach)
Annabelle Brainard Canning '77	(PDS)
Coleman Donaldson '62	(PCD)
Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62	(MFS)
Newell Woodworth III '73	(PDS)

2003 Inductees

Lily Buchanan Agar '38	(MFS)
George C. S. Hackl '48	(PCD)
Robert Olsson '78	(PDS)
Michele Plante '78	(PDS)
*William Smoyer '60	(PCD)
Lester Tibbals	(Extraordinary Achievement)

**Awarded posthumously*

Time Off

By Thomas Bohnett '02

I've read that some marathoners can't readily stop running after 26.2 miles, their muscles hours before having been locked into a pounding rhythm by desire. Last June, stepping down from the podium after receiving my diploma, I did not feel relieved so much as I felt uneasy about not having something to be nervous about. After four years of racing, my pulse didn't know what resting was. I had so completely bought into an ethic of achievement, one that always left me one step short of academic satisfaction, that not even that most final of achievements of high school seemed as fulfilling as it should have been.

I needed time to relearn how to gaze inward instead of always looking narrowly forward. And I knew that I wouldn't learn how to emotionally and intellectually manage my work by taking a year on the beach in Florida. So only about a month after Commencement, I took the train down to our nation's capital and jumped feet-first into a job that was completely new and fresh in its challenges, but perfectly familiar in its intensity. And after a summer of that, one full of proximity-to-power thrills interning for former Senator Robert Torricelli, I was enthused enough about my boss and the process to join the Senator's reelection campaign back in New Jersey. For two and a half months of seven-day weeks and 14-hour days I was in the thick of one of the most twisted congressional races in the nation's history doing the brutish work of a low-level campaign field organizer. I persevered through the infamous candidate switch and supported Frank Lautenberg's candidacy until it

became clear that supporting Lautenberg would be an implicit endorsement of a policy on international engagement that ran counter to everything I believed in on the subject. In a decision that I was able to make because of the dabbler's freedom afforded by the length and nature of my break, I resigned and found myself marching against the war effort with tens of thousands of others in the same city I had entered only four months hence with complete awe. It was a turn of events that I couldn't have possibly predicted; a kind of experience perfectly balanced by stratospheric highs and canyon-deep lows. I was exhilarated to accept these events as evidence of a new, less-structured reality.

Sipping cappuccino, reading *Where Angels Fear To Tread*, and gazing at a Tuscan sunset in Siena were pretty good antidotes to those months of American electoral politics, and I was lucky to be able to liberally partake of all three

last November and December. My daily responsibilities were, for almost two months, to wander in the art museums until satisfied, pick up a bit of the native tongue in casual daily language classes, and take advantage of the cuisine as often as possible. I am proud to report that, while my grasp of Italian, never sturdy, is already faltering, and that I met the third goal maybe a little too well, I left the country with a smile on my face and a buoyant spirit — that time was the first time I'd ever had to concentrate for an extended period on how I could improve my relationship with my work, academic or otherwise.

Having gotten my fill of the disgruntled-American-expatriate-in-Europe gig, though, I came home eager to work for what I believed in, but looking for a different structure than I'd previously had to do that work.

Where I'm at right now is a definite bit of proof that while my time as a student at PDS is over, the benefits of being a part of the community are not. I'm in the middle of a six-week internship with Isles, Inc., a Trenton-based community redevelopment and environmental organization founded and run by Martin Johnson, father of Jeremiah '02, Lon, and Colin. The internship is a fusion of many personal interests, and has already challenged some of my most closely held beliefs and introduced me to a city only 15 minutes from Princeton but really a world away in every way.

My experiences — from Washington to New Jersey to Italy to New Jersey again — have been positive, but I'm not writing this to pontificate on the virtues of my own decision. I can't; I don't know if I, in the

midst of something somewhat experimental and unpredictable, can accurately project any long-term

"It was a turn of events that I couldn't have possibly predicted..."

outcomes of the decision to defer. But if I had to guess about one lesson I've learned and say, "Yeah, that one will change your life," my only thought would be this: that learning to be satisfied with one day's work — meaning much smaller goals — has led me to satisfaction with a week's work, a month's work, even a season's work. To appropriate the title of the final English course PDS seniors take, I'm learning to live a life that works, day by day.

(And also, I fell in love.) ■

Thomas Bohnett was co-Editor-in-Chief of The Spokesman, the award-winning, student-run newspaper, during his senior year. He was cited several times in statewide and regional journalism competitions during his junior and senior years. He deferred admission to Princeton University until September of 2003.

Making a Difference

By Andy Golda '96

Peace Corps Day, February 23, 2003, is a celebration of the Peace Corps, begun in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy. It's inception was a call for Americans to serve their country and the world. Andy Golda '96, has been serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Dilijan, Armenia since June, 2001. Prior to serving, he received a bachelor of arts in Russian Studies and Politics from New York University, and worked at the American Councils of International Education. Andy completes his service this June, and his family is hoping he will return home. He wrote the following reflections about his experiences while visiting sites in Armenia, devastated 14 years ago by an earthquake.



the December 7, 1988, earthquake as an act of nature, but insist it was "set off" by a Soviet Nuclear bomb.

Living for three months in Gyumri gave me a vague sense of what it must be like when in 45 seconds the entire world crumbles around you. My friend Ararat, who grew up in Gyumri but is now serving in the Armenian Army in Artashat, was a little kid then, but he remembers his grandfather taking him outside after the first shock. He recalls feeling a giant hammer hitting the earth from below. After fleeing their house, he watched it collapse in the second wave, which he said felt like the earth had turned into a turbulent ocean. There are stories of people surviving jumps out of 8-story windows because they timed the waves correctly.

At the time, Soviet authorities said the earthquake measured 6.7 on the Richter scale. They hoped to minimize foreign involvement in the cleanup. As it soon

became obvious that the damage was overwhelming, the Soviets pushed the number into the 9 range. Today most people say it was 8 on the 10-point Richter scale and 10 on the 15-point scale. (I think one measures the tremors and the other the damage caused by the earthquake.) The casualty count went as high as 80,000, but more realistically was in the 30,000 to 40,000 range.

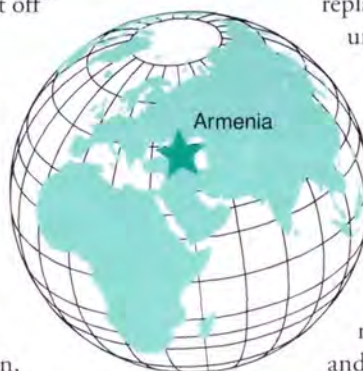
Today in the communities of Gyumri, Spitak, Vanadzor and Stepanavan, thousands of people are still living in makeshift shelters, which are slowly being

replaced by apartments under the USAID housing program or independent efforts spearheaded by the Lincy Foundation. Spitak is located 5 kilometers from the epicenter (which was in the village of Nalband, now called Shirakamut), and suffered the

earthquake's greatest losses. The name Spitak means white in Armenian. During Soviet times, Spitak had an enormous sugar refinery that exported to Moscow and beyond. All but three of the town's buildings were destroyed in the earthquake, and approximately 6,000 to 11,000 people from Spitak (about a fourth to a

half of the town's population) died.

On December 7, I went to visit Ben Cunningham who lives in one of the two apartment buildings that didn't fall down.



"Living for three months in Gyumri gave me a vague sense of what it must be like when in 45 seconds the entire world crumbles around you."

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Making a Difference

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At about 11:15 a.m., we walked into the cemetery and started climbing up to the hastily built aluminum church constructed within months of the earthquake to accommodate the massive amounts of funerals. We passed a few lone people in the cemetery and grave upon grave. Armenian graves are unique. Often they have a picture of the deceased person, and in the case of the earthquake, many of them carry pictures of ruined buildings and a clock, with its hands forever marking 11:41 a.m. Throughout the cemetery, tombstones read "1953 — 7 XII 1988," "1910 — 7 XII 1988," "1947 — 7 XII 1988," "1985 — 7 XII 1988." There are tombstones with entire families pictured on them. There are tombstones that have the father of the family on them. There are tombstones that carry pictures of all the children in a family.

As we reached the church at the top of the cemetery, more families arrived. All of them brought flowers and cleaned up the family plot. In little bowls near the graves they burned incense, and those who couldn't afford incense gathered aromatic pine boughs and lit fires next to the graves. Older women, dressed in black, started lamenting in bittersweet songs. "Armen I wish it were I not you. The milk is cold." At 11:41 a.m., a sea of people filled the cemetery. As if on cue, it began to snow. By noon, the place was full of wailing and scented smoke drifting towards heaven.

Throughout the day, the entire town would visit the graveyard and leave a reminder for their loved ones. As we left, I asked Ben about what people blame for the earthquake, and he told me a story told to him by the town priest. Approximately a year before the earthquake, a number of women saw visions of God who told them to build him a new church in Spitak. The church was not built. The day before the 1988 earthquake, another dream was seen and God said he would destroy the entire town. The next day the earthquake struck. ■

Proposed Amendment to Constitution Princeton Day School Alumni Association

THIS AMENDMENT is effective as of May 17, 2003.

WHEREAS, the Princeton Day School Alumni Association ("Association") is governed by a Constitution ("Constitution") as revised on June 11, 1997 and the substance of this amendment has been submitted to members or published in advance; and

NOW THEREFORE, by two-thirds vote of the members who are present at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association on May 17, 2003, this Amendment is accepted and incorporated into the Constitution as follows:

1. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

1.1 Section 5.1 of the Constitution is amended to provide for new officer roles as follows:

Alumni Board The management of this Association is vested in an Alumni Board made up of a president, a vice president — alumni activities, a vice president — school relationships, up to twelve elected representatives and a member of the School staff appointed by the Head of School.

1.2 The second sentence of Section 5.2 of the Constitution is amended to provide for new officer roles as follows:

Executive Committee This committee comprises the president, vice-president — alumni activities, vice-president — school relationships, and the School appointee.

1.3 Section 5.4 of the Constitution is deleted and is replaced with the following:

Vice President, Alumni Activities The Vice President, Alumni Activities leads representatives of the Alumni Board and volunteer members in activities to build cohesive connections among members of the Association, to reach out to diverse member groups, to recognize member achievements, and to celebrate major member class reunions. He/She oversees all leaders of committees that pertain to above areas. The Vice President, Alumni Activities acts in the place of the President in his or her absence or disability.

1.4 Section 5.5 of the Constitution is deleted and is replaced with the following:

Vice President, School Relationships The Vice President, School Relationships leads representatives of the Alumni Board and volunteer members in activities that support Princeton Day School, are aligned with the school's strategic direction, and which strengthen relationships between members of the Association and Princeton Day School, including the administration and staff, faculty, students, and the parents association. He/She oversees all leaders of committees that pertain to above areas.

A Letter from the Alumni Board President

Dear Alumni,

In May at the annual meeting of alumni, Jamie Phares Jacobson '80 will be confirmed as the new President of the Association of Alumni of Miss Fine's School, Princeton Country Day, and Princeton Day School. Jamie brings wonderful enthusiasm and a deep commitment to pursuing the work of the Alumni Board to connect alumni and to build strong alumni – school relationships.



Rob Olsson

As my term as President of the Alumni Association comes to a close, I am struck by the realization that PDS continues to be such an important part of my life, twenty-five years after graduation. Certainly, my days at PDS as a student left me with great memories, but now, added to those are many more terrific times I have experienced as an alumnus.

The Alumni Thanksgiving Games, the New Year's Day skating party with family and friends, the New York City party, the, now annual, local alumni party at The Rusty Scupper, the PDS parents auction, Career Day, working on the strategic plan and in being involved in a variety of other activities with alumni and the school have tightened the bonds I have with friends, teachers and the institution.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you as President of the Alumni Association. It has been a challenging, fun, and rewarding experience. I encourage all of you to become involved as alumni. Your life experiences have prepared you to give back to your school in a meaningful way, and like me, I know that you will enjoy the many new experiences that involvement with the school will bring.

I look forward to seeing you at the Alumni/Faculty Reunion at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 16th of Alumni Weekend. It should be a great reunion!

Best Regards, Rob Olsson '78

Incoming Alumni Board Officers:



Jamie Phares
Jacobson '94,
President Elect



Jud Henderson '92,
Vice President Elect,
Alumni Activities



Courtney Shannon '88,
Vice President Elect,
School Relationships

Alumni nominated to serve on the Alumni Board:



Evelyn Turner Counts '74



Douglas Fein '79



Sarah Maloney '02



Eric Wolarsky '92

Pride & Prejudice



The Princeton Day School community became immersed in the romance of 18th century England, as audiences were treated to the classical production of Jane Austen's *Pride & Prejudice* presented by the Princeton Day School award-winning Performing Arts Program on November 6 - 9, 2002 under the direction of Artist-in-Residence Ross Hindley.

The cast included Upper School students from left: Top row: Al Alsup as Mr. Collins; Morgan Weed in the role of Elizabeth Bennet; Julia Kay as Lydia Bennet; Amelia Baxter-Stoltzfus as Catherine Bennet; Adam Sussman as Mr. Bingley; Second row: Bianca Gersten as Lady Catherine de Bourgh; Weed, Kay, Crumiller, Richard Dreher as Mr. Darcy. Bottom row: Erich Matthes as Mr. Bennet; Anita Deshpande as Mary Bennet; Melissa Rosenberg as Mrs. Bennet; and Molly Jamieson as Jane Bennet.

Photos by Anne Marie Russo

Faculty News

Miss Fine's School Sabbatical for 2003-2004

Spanish Teacher to Develop Cultural Exchange Program

Upper School Spanish teacher Denise Bencivengo, who is also Dean of Students for 10th grade, has been awarded a one year sabbatical for the 2003-04 school year. "Throughout my twenty years of teaching at Princeton Day School, I have looked for different and varied ways to engage my students in learning firsthand about Spanish language, history and culture," she said in her proposal. She will use her sabbatical to develop a home stay and exchange program for PDS and cultural units in the Spanish curriculum in grades JK-12. "Over the years I have discovered that home stay programs and exchange programs have provided students with wonderful opportunities to truly experience living in a Spanish speaking country and becoming part of a family," she said. It was her own experience as a student abroad in Mexico, Spain and Peru that led her to becoming a Spanish teacher. During her sabbatical Mrs. Bencivengo will observe and study the school culture in Rafaela, Argentina. The school, *La Escuela de la Plaza*, will work with her to develop an exchange program with PDS students. In addition, she hopes to observe school in Cuba, with the support of Instituto *Cubano de Amistad con los Pueblos*, which facilitates visits by American educators to Cuban schools.



Upper School Spanish teacher
Denise Bencivengo

Carl D. Reimers Distinguished Teaching Chair

Middle School Teacher Bette Soloway Named Recipient of Three-year Appointment

Middle School History Department Chair Bette Soloway, has been named the recipient of the Carl D. Reimers Distinguished Teaching Chair, a three year appointment which recognizes exceptional teaching and devotion to students. Named in honor of Rev. Carl Reimers Jr., retired long-time PDS teacher and head of

the religion department and current PDS trustee, the award provides the chair holder \$2,500 annually to enhance his or her work as a teacher at PDS. In the past, Ms. Soloway received the Robert C. Whitlock Award for Distinguished Teaching, the school's highest honor for faculty.

"I am particularly interested in promoting understanding and respect for the traditions and beliefs of other cultures," said Mrs. Soloway who has been teaching at PDS for 19 years. Prior to teaching MS humanities, being



Middle School History teacher
Bette Soloway

the humanities coordinator and becoming the history chair, she taught in the Lower School. "In my classroom, I want children to learn about themselves in connection to the curriculum. In the sixth grade humanities curriculum we learn about the historical context and tenets of Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, and Islam. Students begin to see similarities, notice differences, and appreciate the guidelines for living that other traditions promote," she said.

The Reimers Chair was endowed by a group of anonymous donors with a \$1.5 million gift in 2000. Mrs. Soloway is the second recipient of the Chair. Poet-in-residence Judy Rowe Michaels was the first recipient.

Photos by Anne Marie Russo

CLASSNOTES

MISS FINE'S SCHOOL

Please note:

Class notes include columns submitted by the class correspondents, as well as notes submitted directly to PDS. Classes without a correspondent may send notes to:

classnotes@pds.org
or
PDS Communications Office
Princeton Day School
P.O. Box 75
Princeton, NJ 08542

1925-1929

PDS Communications Office

We received the sad news of the death of **Margaret Maier DeForest '28**, who died in September 1999.

Margaret Lowry Butler '29 sent this note: "An early November visit to my son in Montana via the huge Denver airport for change of planes—got a wheelchair! A nice visit to Asheville, North Carolina, with my daughter and her husband at Thanksgiving, on my own power."

IN MEMORY



Margaret Maier DeForest
From *The Link*, 1928

1930

Margaretta Cowenhoven
442 Heron Point
Chestertown, MD 21620-1680

1931-1932

PDS Communications Office

1933

70TH REUNION

PDS Communications Office

We learned the news of the death of **Elizabeth Menzies**, who died in January. She attended Miss Fine's from second through twelfth grade. She was a retired photographer.

IN MEMORY



Elizabeth Menzies
From *The Link*, 1933

1934

Wihelmina Foster Reynolds
588 Ott Road
Bala-Cynwyd, PA 19004-2510

Jane Lewis Dusenberry wrote: "I am happy, busy and enjoy being close to my children here. Just lost son Michael to a stroke in Carmel, California; hard to bear. I do like reading the *Journal* you send. Keep it up!"

1935-1937

PDS Communications Office

IN MEMORY



Elizabeth Hill Stretch
From *The Link*, 1938

1938

65TH REUNION

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Helen Crossley wrote: "Back in Princeton, living in the same house I grew up in, after a career in public opinion research, following in my father's footsteps. Retired from the U.S. Information Agency, now working on archiving family research papers (Dad's and mine). Still active in Society of Musical Amateurs, started at MFS in 1936."

Roberta Harper Lawrence wrote: "We now have five great grandchildren, the offspring of three grandsons. Still spending six months in Vero Beach, Florida, and six months in Ann Arbor, Michigan."

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Elizabeth Hill Stretch** who passed away recently.

1939

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Catherine W. Rodwell Hill sent this note: "I am still living in Wellfleet, leading a very busy life printing, reading (we have a wonderful library a stone's throw from my house) and seeing all my

friends. My plan is to go to Spain in April with two of them. I have not seen **Anne Welch** Gordon, **Joyce Tattersall** Flagg or **Sally Jenks** for a year and a half. Maybe next summer!"

1940

Anne Guthrie Yokana
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Princeton, NJ 08540-4945

Carol Furman Kirkwood wrote: "My life has entered a new exciting phase. I moved from Minnesota to Albuquerque, New Mexico, just before Christmas to be near my daughter and her family."

1941

Correspondent Needed

1942

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Joan "Johnnie" Thomas Purnell wrote: "I will move January 30, 2003 to casita (little house) in Samaritan Village continuing care facility. I have many friends there. No more outdoor property to care for!"

1943

60TH REUNION

Marjorie Libby Moore
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1944

Correspondent Needed

Consuelo Kuhn Wassink sent this note after she received the *Fall 2002 Journal* in the mail in Florida: "Happy New Year 2003! Lakeland, Florida, is *not* my currently permanent home. It's been in Anchorage, Alaska and will be until I move to

Ohio during summer 2003. I want to be near Marietta, Ohio, to do genealogical research and be nearer New Jersey. I went to Bryn Mawr College after graduating from Miss Fine's School."

1945

Sylvia Taylor Healy
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Our love and deepest sympathy to **Mary Jo Fenton** whose husband, Dick, died in November 2002.

Mickey Meyers Shriver MFS '46 ran into **Sesaly Gould Krafft** while vacationing at Elbow Cay in the Bahamas, and they had a fun time catching up on Princeton. The peripatetic Krafft's Christmas letter was full of their many travels, including a wonderful September trip from Scotland down through Wales to Cornwall and other parts of England.

Barbara Cart Macauley's granddaughter has been accepted at Yale for next year. Congratulations!

My neck cancer, diagnosed last May, is in remission thanks to radiation. My only problem is that I still cannot swallow and am tube-fed. How I long for a glass of water!

Wishing that some of you out there would send news!"

(Editor's note: We wish Sylvia a full recovery from her surgery. We received a recent note from Mary Jo, who is finding solace in the warm Arizona weather and her busy lifestyle.)

1946

Correspondent Needed

1947

Barbara Petit Finch
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Reunion Weekend
Friday & Saturday,
May 16 & 17, 2003



Hadley Hope Malatich granddaughter of Katherine Gulick Wertgardner '48.

1948

55TH REUNION

Joan Smith Krosen
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Katherine Gulick (Wert) Gardner wrote: "Alf (PCD '44) and I have been married five years and we spend half the year in La Quinta, California, and the summers in Mantoloking, New Jersey. This past year my daughter Becky became a grandmother, and I a great grandmother to Hadley Hope Malatich, born April 8, 2002, weighing less than one and a half pounds and just ten inches long, born at 26½ weeks. Hadley is small, however, she is now doing very well and sitting up by herself and wants everything at nine months! I have 12 grandchildren and Alf has two grandchildren. We are truly blessed! We play a lot of golf, and love having our friends and kids visit."

1949

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Lucy Law Webster wrote: "I continue in my job as Program Director of Economists Allied for Arms Reduction, which I represented at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in September. More recently I made three trips to

Washington, D.C. for three conferences relating to the work of ECAAR. I spent Christmas in deep snow in Cherry Valley, New York, with my son Alex and his wife, and three-year-old son. My older son, Daniel, and his family had Christmas dinner with my brother, John Law '48, and his extensive family in Palo Alto, California."

1950

Correspondent Needed

1951

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Our deepest sympathy to **Nellie Oliphant Duncan** whose son John Coulter Duncan '74 died.

1952

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1953

50TH REUNION

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I received this e-mail from **Hilary Thompson Kenyon** who just returned from a trip to Antarctica with her sister, **Hope Thompson Kerr**. ... "The trip was terrific. We went on the Marco Polo and sailed for eight days visiting several Antarctica islands and the mainland. The weather was perfect... best, they say, in years with little wind. In fact it was warmer there than in CT. The penguins are wonderful, stoic and great to just watch. The scenery of icebergs and rocky islands plus the ice were gorgeous. We met several fun people and had a good time doing a lot, attending lectures, watching musical entertainment, etc. Naturally, I, both of us, have lots of photos."



Hilary Thompson Kenyon '53 with her sister, Hope Thompson Kerr '53, on their trip to Antarctica.

Elaine Polhemus Frost wrote this note about just how small the world can seem: "On Martha's Vineyard in September, I attended an event celebrating the 200th anniversary of the "discovery" of the Vineyard by Bartholomew Gosnold. I started talking to a woman sitting next to me and we discovered we had both gone to MFS! It was **Sally Montford Maruca** '50. We had a great time talking and hope to get together next summer. She and her husband have retired to the Vineyard. I have spoken with **Caroline Savage Langan**, **Caroline Rosenblum Moseley** and **Mary Butler Nickerson** during this year and we're all looking forward to our 50th. Heard from **Wendy Hall Alden** which was fun. Can't wait to see everyone!"

1954

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Aggie Fulper sent a card from snowy Massachusetts where she was visiting **Pat Robinson Morgan**. Aggie is still living in New Mexico but comes East for Christmas.

Aggie sent an additional note to PDS: "Am retired from real estate. Living in Albuquerque, New Mexico with a view of the Sandia Mountains. Studying voice and taking art courses at the

University of New Mexico. Plan to include photography next semester. Visit family in Yardley, Pennsylvania and Princeton twice a year."

Several other cards came from classmates, and in January I had a letter from **Mary Runyon Obaidy**,

a classmate who moved away after second grade. I remember Mary because she lived across from me on Boudinot St. Imagine that she has thought of us after so many years!

In thinking about our 50th Reunion which will occur next year, I note that nine members of the class have been in touch with me at some time over the past several years. Out of 14 still-living members that is pretty good. In addition, three classmates who left prior to graduation have kept in touch. Please keep our reunion in mind and plan to attend in mid-May 2004.

1955

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I have had a super time e-mailing classmates and sending postcards to those whose e-mails are unknown! Next time, I hope more people will respond to my plea for news. I continue to enjoy traveling! A month in Europe last spring on a trip called The Great Trains of Europe; in May this year a trip to Northern Mexico and the Copper Canyon! Flute lessons and practices continue to challenge me. Still enjoy skiing (alpine and cross country), and am a golf fanatic! In order to continue my active life, I work out regularly at a wonderful, small wellness club to which I ride my bike - when snow and temperature permit. Hope to hear from more classmates in the future. It's great to catch up with people after nearly 50 years!

Merriol Baring-Gould Almond had enjoyed traveling, recently to Madeira Island and Lisbon. She heartily recommends Madeira; its rugged terrain, pleasant climate and friendly people make it a place to re-visit. Merriol is deeply concerned over the direction in which our country's leadership is taking us. She said "I do think Mrs. Shepherd would have given George W. Bush a hard time in class, and perhaps it would have made a difference." Merriol would love to hear from other MFSers. (Merriol1@attibi.com)

Mary Tyson Goodridge Lund

wrote that she is having a delightful life! "My three children and five grandchildren are on hold for me right now. I am in a master's level program for a year to become a chemical dependency counselor. I have 35 hours a week of clinical experience and 22 hours of class. I love the challenge. I have never worked so hard in my life. It has shown me that age has nothing to do with anything, and I feel as though I can do whatever I want." Ty has spent the last eight years in Mexico, a month or so at a time. "Mexico is a passion of mine."

After traveling extensively, Mexico is the spot for me. Love the people, food, colors and the general pace of life. This country moves way too fast. People have forgotten about taking time for each other, and the dollar is the answer for many. I would love to hear from MFS classmates. (tylund@aol.com)"

Lucy Busselle Myers sent news of her retirement ... after almost 40 years of teaching. She is teaching just one course at Northern Essex Community College, and is enjoying the different age group (from high school) and the change

of scene. She is also a Hospice volunteer, a Board Manager at her church, and a grandmother of four — two on Martha's Vineyard and two in California. Her favorite activities are kayaking and cross country skiing. She is happy living in Ipswich, Ma. with her partner Sally, an Education Coordinator for Mass. Audubon. (Mamasheep@aol.com)

Laura Travers Pardee has been busy traveling, too. She and her husband, Fred, spent a week in January visiting their son in Connecticut. The Pardees are now in Florida visiting friends and family. They are planning another trip to Italy for the month of May. Laura and Fred keep busy with their volunteer assignments at the cathedral in Denver, so time races by. (pardeefw@vail.net)

Jean Crawford sent news of her growing family. Her dad is almost 99, and her youngest grandchild is 10 months old. She is expecting her 8th grandchild in May, thanks to her daughter Pam and her husband Neil Delehey. He grew up in Pennington. Jeannie feels blessed that three of her four daughters and their families live nearby, and the fourth daughter and family are in Maine for summers. (jeancraw@midcoast.com)



Memorial Garden

Miss Fine's class of 1956 dedicated a memorial garden at PDS last spring which was given in honor and memory of all members of the class. The garden sits on the grounds just beside Colross and includes daffodils, lilies, hyacinths, Virginia blue bells and mountain laurel. Classmates Anne Harrison-Clark and Cicely Tomlinson Richardson lead the effort, reaching out to each classmate. "Lockie" Stafford Proctor, a classmate with garden expertise, helped design and oversee the planting. The plaque installed in the garden carries the name of each classmate, denoting two classmates who are deceased. Sadly, just recently, classmate Ann Smith died. The Chaucer quote engraved on the plaque, "We ryden forth oure weye," was born out of the class's 1956 *Link* whose playful art, below, was inspired by *Canterbury Tales*.



1956

Correspondent Needed

We learned the sad news that **Ann Smith** died in February 2003, from injuries sustained in a car accident. Our condolences to her family.

1957

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Helen C. Wilmerding Milner wrote from Princeton: "In April I married Lord Milner of Leeds. Michael and I were neighbors in London 36 years ago, and he is a good father to my son, Alan. Please enjoy the Garden Café at the YMCA. Alan is a great chef and he and Marguerite are wonderful caterers. Caroline and Brooke (PDS '15) Heap are impressive waitresses."

Correspondent Needed

Betsy Bannerman wrote: "My son Cody is a senior in high school, pondering his choices for next year. I continue to proofread, edit, write, substitute teach, run SPCA camps. Life is pretty good! (Memory not so good!)"

1959

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Ann Kinczel Clapp sent this e-mail column: "In between traveling to London, Africa, Dublin, and several US locales, **Nan Nicholes Goodrich** has acquired two new granddaughters. **Dana Conroy Amand** is moving to a wonderful lakeside property outside Jackson where they are creating a house small enough to make them get rid of some things! Newborn grandson, Axel, accompanied them to the Utah Olympics. Dana is now working half time at the university. They celebrate their 40th in June. I am anticipating my son's wedding on May 31."

1960

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Penny Hart Bragonier, the new class correspondent, sent this e-mail column: "**Joan Nadler Davison** has done a super job as our one and only class secretary since June of 1960. She has earned our thanks, a virtual gold watch, and the right to hand the task off to someone else. That someone is me, but I hope not for a forty-year term like Joan's.

I feel particularly full of affection for the Class of '60 after a four-day slumber party we held last November to celebrate our collective sixtieth birthday. Fourteen of us converged on **Sally Hagen Schmidt** in Delray, Florida, taking possession of her condo and a beach house across the way. A nasty statistic—that

age 60 thing—but an absolutely wonderful event, thanks in large measure to Sally's generosity and advance planning. Besides some tennis and ocean swimming, we did nothing but talk and laugh, both of which could have gone on forever.

Most of us came from the East Coast: **Mary Liz Alexander**, **Martha Thompson Eckfeldt**, **Amanda Maugham Pearson**, and **Cathy Otis Farrell** from New York City; **Susan Carter Avanzino** and **Nancy Davis Sachner** from Connecticut; **Sue Behr Travers** from Princeton; **Louise Scheide Marshall** from Camden, N.J.; **Carol Garrigues Schofield** from Lake Placid; and I from Boston. But **Jane Dielhenn Otis** flew in from Chicago and, most remarkably, **Eileen Baker Strathnaver** and **Harriet Gaston Davison**, made the transatlantic crossing from England (Harriet with *Tiki et Taki* in her bag).

We discovered that sixty years have left us in a good place. Most of us have suffered some (or more

than some) of life's slings and arrows, but we have survived as an energetic, warm, and funny bunch of women with wisdom to share. In fact, we were so taken with each other's company that we decided to reconvene the last weekend in September '03, this time at Mary Liz's family's camp in the Adirondacks.

We hope that we can draw in even more of our classmates this time. Since our contact information for a number of people is sketchy (particularly for those who went away to school), please let me know where you are, how you are, and if you might join us in September."

1961

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Fiona Morgan Fein writes: "**Nancy Smoyer** is in Spain continuing her studies of Spanish and Spanish culture—she was in Cuba last year, remember?—so I'm taking my turn with the notes. **Lucia Norton Woodruff** and her husband Paul were in Vietnam last fall: "Our trip to S.E. Asia was fantastic and left me with a desire to return. We are adjusting to 'real life,' but it's taking a while! **Cathy Otis Farrell** (MFS '60) loved her MFS 60th birthday reunion, I hope we do something. We need to celebrate that milestone."

Polly Bussell Bishop and **Julie Fulper Hardt** both spend time in the summer in Old Brookville, Maine. It was the site of our summer reunion a few years ago, as you'll remember. The photo (see next page) makes it look like a good summer for both. **Ann Davidson Zweede** wrote at Christmas that she has a new grandson, Caleb. "He is adorable, a joy and a blessing!"

Cary Armstrong Rothe sent a beautiful handmade card at Christ-



Class of '60 Florida Reunion

Amanda Pearson '60 wrote: "**Sally Hagen Schmidt** got everyone together in November 2002. We met at Sally's apartment in Del Ray Beach. Everyone had a fantastic time. It was really a one of a kind experience for all of us. Sally did an enormous amount of work and the reunion went off like gangbusters. Here are the names of the players beginning with the back row going left to right: **Martha Thompson Eckfeldt**, **Jane Dielhenn Otis**, **Mary Elizabeth Alexander**, **Cathy Otis Farrell**, **Amanda Maugham Pearson**, **Nancy Davis Sachner**, **Harriet Gaston Davison** (from England), and **Susan Carter Avanzino**. Front Row: **Penny Hart Mead**, **Carol Garrigues Scofield**, **Sally Hagen Schmid**, **Susan Behr Travers**, **Louise Scheide Marshall**, **Eileen Baker Strathnaver** (also from England)."

mas. She's using her considerable artistic talents fully and has a whole line of cards in a number of media from drawing to photography. From the photos enclosed, it looks as if she and Paul, sons Jamie and Chris Tall, and parents Carol and Jim Armstrong are all doing well. **Joan Yeaton** Seaman renewed her invitation to visit her in her new home in Williamsburg, VA. She and Hal have taken two trips to



Julie Fulper Hardt '61 and Polly Busselle Bishop '61 share a meal on the Maine Coast, summer of 2002.

Europe—The Hague and Dublin, and then Brussels, Normandy, and Brittany. Joanie's son, John, is a major and expected to be assigned to NATO. "Another highlight for us was [daughter] Julie and Shaun's move to their new house in Arlington, VA. Julie continues her work as a corporate lawyer in DC... Every six weeks we are able to have grandson Mark here for a visit overnight—such a pleasure!"

Tibby Chase Dennis visited with **Sheila Long** when she was here in February. Tibby is busy in Northampton, as always, and house sits/rents a place on Cape Cod. She's visited **Elise Bruml** and her family in Alexandria, VA. Sheila was in the U.S. for her annual month-long visit and happily found time to come to NYC where she and **Cynthia Weinrich** spent a morning together. I joined them for lunch at Cynny's. It was wonderful to see Sheila, even if briefly. Our lively, far-reaching conversation made me wish she lived nearer! At Christmas Sheila wrote: "The Almighty sent me some sweet consolation for the September 11th anniversary, in the form of an old friend from Cambridge. We had a mass for peace early in the

morning...In the afternoon Ned and I had a Quaker meeting in the garden. He had set his watch alarm for 8:46 A.M., E.S.T., and the faint electronic beeps gave the impression of hearing church bells ringing across the Atlantic from Boston and Cambridge." In early October Sheila traveled to Belgium for the annual francophone Monastic Interreligious Dialogue workshop, the subject of which

was, not surprisingly, Islam at the doors of our monasteries "chosen not only because of the world situation, but also because, in Europe, Moslems, especially women, come to Christian monasteries seeking spiritual direction, without any thought of converting to Christianity...The speakers at the workshop included a Franciscan and a Dominican priest, each of whom have written books about Islam, a Dominican nun who had lived in Iraq for twelve years and returned there last summer, a Turkish professor of Islamic religion from Liège, an Algerian Sufi sheikh, and one of his disciples, an Algerian woman 'of a certain age,' who had been her father's disciple before the father's death. While at the workshop, participants, both men and women, visited a Turkish mosque where they were all welcomed graciously "in the recreation room on the ground floor of the mosque, a space from which even their wives are excluded...After refreshments, there was an announcement to the effect that we would all go upstairs for the call to evening prayer, but that we would leave before the actual prayer started. Leaving our shoes down-

stairs, we ventured up a narrow staircase into a small room with wall-to-wall pale green carpeting, a balcony for the women (which we did not have to use). I didn't understand what happened to change the program, but we ended up sitting respectfully on the floor while the Moslems said their evening prayers, following which they invited us to pray. Père François improvised a prayer for peace...and then we all stood and said the Lord's Prayer. As we left, after long, drawn-out good-byes, one of the teenagers stood by the door to offer us a final treat of chocolate candy bars."

On her way home Sheila visited the Benedictine monastery in Liège where she spent time with "their 16-year-old Sunday organist, a genius, a *Wunderkind*" who demonstrated the instrument for Sheila. "After the Zen-like simplicity of Maumont, the sensory opulence of Liège, both visual and auditory, came as a pleasant shock. Even my room in the community felt luxurious, with its beautiful old wooden bedstead and armoire, an armchair upholstered in olive green velvet, and a heated, modern bathroom across the hall. They also have a comfortable guesthouse, should any of you be going to Liège and need a place to stay." Sheila also said that there's

been a documentary film made about life at her monastery in southwestern France. The seriously curious who can understand French and could pay for the conversion from European video-cassettes to American VCR format, can communicate with me and I'll see about getting it for you!"

Harvey and I are well. Life is filled with the usual, including

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care of an aged parent. Harvey has been asked to put his turned wooden bowls in two shows at a gallery in L.A. — a welcome and much appreciated acknowledgment of his talent and hard work. I think a lot about using my underwater photos in some other way than showing them on the wall — stay tuned! We are doing less traveling this year than in the past, but couldn't give up our annual two weeks in St. John for which we leave on February 28th, our 17th wedding anniversary.

So what about Lucia's idea of a 60th birthday bash? I'm willing to organize it, but I need a little enthusiastic support from you troopers out there. Send me e-mails to signify yours!"

Lucia Norton Woodruff sent this note: "Saul and I plan a fall 'sabbatical' from our jobs in Austin. We'll spend three months in New England and then take a trip to Southeast Asia, returning home in December ('God willin' and the creek don't rise,' as they say in the Texas Hill Country.)"



Lucia Norton Woodruff '61 and husband Paul visited Vietnam in 2002.

1962

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Gail Cotton wrote: "It was terrific seeing everyone at our reunion last May. I arrived early and was able to see family and friends and really catch up with their news. **Susan Shew Jennings** and our respective daughters, Kathryn and Anne, managed several long visits. Ann Wiley '70, Linda Maxwell

Stefanelli, **Janie Cormack** Addison and I had a wonderful lunch together. Linda, Janie and I spent another couple of hours together after Ann had to return to work. My thanks to **Paula Cook** Sculley and **Susie Shea** McPherson for providing wonderful opportunities to visit and great food! Many thanks also to Linda for her bang-up job on the reunion column for the *Journal*."

1963

40th REUNION

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Elise Rosenhaupt Noble sent the following column via e-mail: "Thanks to the women of the class of 1965 who sent news and thoughts for the spring *Journal*." The collection of their e-mails follows, along with information provided to her by each on how to reach classmates:

Ellen Aronis Heard (cjaheard@verizon.net) wrote the following: "At the ripe age of 50, I realized that the quintessential wallpaper no longer had the draw that it once did for me and the design world was soon to lose one of its members. To be really honest, I think I was pushed more than anything, for it was around that time that we were struggling with very challenging behavior from our son, Nick. I got involved with the world of educational consulting for kids who struggle with emotional and behavioral problems and haven't looked back since. I currently specialize in residential placements only and travel about a third of my time

throughout the US, and some parts of Mexico and Canada. I evaluate programs and schools and check up on "my kids" once they are placed. It is a burgeoning field and I am constantly stimulated and stretched by the situations that families present to me. I can also say that in this field, Nick has been my greatest teacher. I am also happy to say that he is currently doing well as a junior at Temple University and I couldn't be happier with his progress.

My daughter, Sarah, finished Amherst and is ensconced in a job in Boston with a state representative. Having graduated two years ago, the thought of graduate school looms in her future, but she just hasn't made the commitment yet. The possibility of spending a year in New Zealand seems to be much more appealing to her right now than graduate school.

My husband Jamie is the CEO of Institutional Shareholders Services, advising institutional investors on corporate governance. He travels a tremendous amount both in the states and abroad, hence our time together has become even more precious.

As of late, my passions also include Paris and yoga. I go to France every time I get the chance and, last summer, spent the month of August there. Granted, there are not many Parisians there then, but the experience was wonderful and I hope to repeat it this year. Just wandering the streets of Paris is uplifting for me, and I am continually enchanted by stepping out of my world into theirs. Taking a yoga class in French is an experience everyone should try. I was delighted to hear all the news about our class and look forward to continuing the dialogue with an even broader base of participants."

Phoebe Russell (Ozuna, 1223 Grace Drive, Pasadena CA 91105, pozuna@earthlink.net) sent her news: "I have been living in the Los Angeles area for 15 years — hard to believe — and in Pasadena for the past 5. I teach English and Creative Writing at a huge inner city high school, Roosevelt, in

Boyle Heights, which is in East Los Angeles. It has 5000 students on three tracks! It is an exciting and challenging job, and I still love it after all this time. I am married to a science teacher, Ron Ozuna, who also works at Roosevelt, and we team teach, which is great fun. We share the same kids — he teaches them Marine Biology and then they come to me for Literature of the Sea. We also run an outdoor education program together and take students to Mono Lake and Catalina Island every year. We have been married eight years as of February 18. I recommend marriage to everyone over 40. I was finally old enough to appreciate it!

When I am not teaching, I write poems and I am about to publish my fourth book, called *Livelihood*, which is a book of poems about teaching, my attempt to understand what exactly it is that I do every day! With four other poets, I am part of a small and wonderful publishing venture, Cahuenga Press, which is a poets' cooperative press. My book will be our thirteenth book. The Los Angeles literary scene is warm and active one, and I have been very fortunate to have been a part of it since I have been here.

I have two grown sons. Ocean MacAdams lives in Brooklyn, New York, with his wife Suzanna, and is the Managing Editor of MTV News. He has been there for a while and still loves the music news business, in spite of all its nonsense. Every now and then I get to see him on TV, which is a big thrill for me. Most of the time he is behind the scenes, however, and not on camera. (Small world bulletin from Elise: My daughter Kate met Ocean in the spring of 1996 when she was an intern at MTV; they figured out their mothers' connection.)

My son, Will, lives in New Haven, where he has been very active in the New Haven theater community. He has won all kinds of awards for his work in a community theater, and until recently ran an art organization called City Kids, which is an after-school arts program for high school students. He is getting married this summer (in our garden!) and he and his

wife, Macaca, who is a set designer, plan to live in New York next year. Will is planning to go to Columbia graduate school in the directing program.

I would love to hear from any of you!"

Dabby Bishop Palmer (Dabbp@aol.com) wrote that she is "still here in Hopewell with my husband David and my 17-year-old daughter Amanda. David still has his own consulting business, also of 17 years, emergency response planning and management. He does disaster and mitigation planning with states and municipal governments and has recently developed a software product to help with this. About a year and a half ago I took a leap of faith and left my full time job as an administrator at Hunterdon Medical Center's Behavioral Health Department and began working with David. Much to everyone's delight, we're still married, talking to each other and have reasonably good humors, although Amanda assures us that our sense of humor is weird!!!! So life is good.

Amanda is a senior at Hopewell Valley Central High School. She's a soul transported from the '60s...loves *The Beatles*, and told me with great excitement about having discovered this singer...Joni Mitchell...whom she thought we might enjoy. Amanda is a dancer (ballet), is in the theatrical productions at school, a class officer (Liaison, which means she is the verbal communicator for the class — a true fit of personality to a job), is active in youth group at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pennington, and this year is most excited to be her school's representative to the teen council of HiTops (Health Interested Teens Own Program on Sexuality). This is an agency in Princeton which promotes teen education and sexual safety. They operate a confidential health clinic for teens, run a professional counseling program, and do educating through the teen council. The kids in teen council are trained in peer presentations and group discussions, as well as in all areas of sexuality, HIV, STD, homophobia etc. and are invited by schools in

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the area to do presentations and discussions. She's loving it, and judging from the one presentation I've attended, it is really cool to see the response of the audience to this information. Amanda will be going to Muhlenburg College next year, a small liberal arts school in Allentown, PA. She had that "ahaa" experience when she visited, and was accepted Early Decision.

And me, I'm busy at work, and involved through church with a variety of social service programs and quite frankly love being in charge of my own time! I would love to hear more about what everyone in our class is up to."

Lauren Adams Fortmiller (email:



Lauren Adams Fortmiller, '65, (left) and Pamela Thiele at their ceremony in Sag Harbor, NY, December 28, 2002.

laurenfort@earthlink.net) who left Miss Fine's after ninth grade, also wrote. She called the class notes in the *Fall 2002 Journal* a "personal perspective column," and commented, "Compare the interest level to the 'just the facts' entries." Lauren wrote: "My facts: I'm in my second year as the first woman elected mayor of Sag Harbor, NY. At the end of December, after a civil union in Vermont, Pamela Thiele and I had a ceremony to include our friends in Sag Harbor. A lot of media coverage! I never set out to be a controversial figure or a pioneer; I've just been doing the next thing that felt right in my life. Each step has come at a cost, but the rewards have been consistently greater, and always from unexpected directions. When I was running for mayor, a friend asked if I would be strong enough emotionally to handle the pressure, given that I'm still recovering from what

is termed a 'mild' traumatic brain injury sustained in '96. I decided then that if I kept the right friends and made the right enemies, I'd know I was headed in the right direction.

My sons, for instance, both attended our ceremony to represent, one said, the support of the genetic family — the only support. Ben is a film editor now working on trailers which appear regularly on TV and as theater previews. Jonathan, a computer graphic artist and refugee from dot com world, teaches art, photography, and theater in Denver.

As our ceremony happened to coincide with our town's debate on establishing a registry of domestic partners, Pam and I found ourselves interviewed not only in the local papers but also in *The New York Times*. From that, we have been asked to speak to a number of groups. A national policy allowing gay marriage (a civil, not a religious issue) would overcome the last socially acceptable and governmentally sanctioned prejudice in the US.

I'd like to see all committed gay couples file joint income tax returns and let the IRS figure out if it's worth untangling the mess. Same with medical benefits: sign up as spouses and file the claim.

At a time when national fear and economic competition again threaten to pull us away from our democratic values, we have to be sure of ourselves and articulate in our arguments. One consequence of our inadvertently public stand is that Pam and I were invited to the annual Human Rights Campaign dinner at the Waldorf where PDSer Chris Reeve is the featured speaker. Talk about a role model!"

Elise concludes: "We hope that all you wondrous women of the class of '65, including the many friends who, like Lauren, left Miss Fine's before commencement 1965, will share your perspectives as well as the "facts" of your lives."

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

Molly Grover Shallow '41 *Honoring an Art Teacher*

On behalf of Miss Fine's class of 1941, **Molly Grover Shallow '41** recently gave three pieces of her artwork to PDS in memory of art teacher Frances Jane Stratton. The colorful computer-manipulated abstract Giclée prints were created on watercolor paper.

The image reproduced on our back cover is a vibrant example of the art she gave the school and previously compiled for an exhibit held in December 2001, at the Lucky Street Gallery in Key West where she has resided for more than ten years. She manipulates slides and photographs using an Apple i-mac and Adobe PhotoShop to create her artwork. "Transom," the image featured, is an abstract of a dinghy with a blue-painted bottom which was taken in Bermuda.

Before relocating to Florida, she conducted seminars on artists' photography at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris and at Artists Equity in New York. A gallery critique of her work said, "Her work enables the viewer to have an experience of seeing something not ordinarily emphasized and to find elusive patterns, textures and shapes. She reinvents with computer equipment using her color slides and prints from Paris, Venice and the Irish countryside. Each new print is unique because the colors have been slightly altered in each triage. Archival treatment on specially coated watercolor paper preserves the subtle color sensations. Giclée work is evolving and experiments continue in this new field of contemporary art."

The Link from her graduation in June 1941 noted her talent. Classmates referred to her as a "sensational artist" and a student who was known for "vigorous sketching," sometimes even during classes and, sometimes, to the "dismay of her teachers."

ClassNotes



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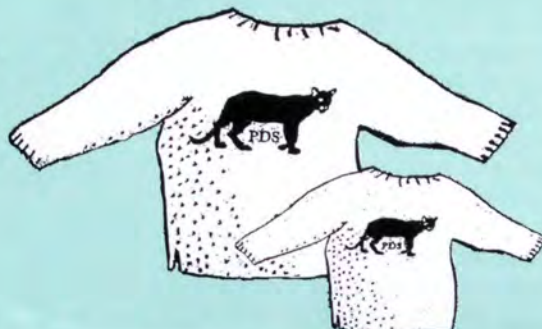
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1933

70TH REUNION

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1934-1937

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1938

65TH REUNION

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1939

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1940

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1942

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1943

60TH REUNION

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1944

Correspondent Needed

1945

John R. Heher
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1946

Correspondent Needed

1947

Peter R. Rossmassler
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David Rogers wrote: "Really enjoyed reunion weekend and a chance to stay with **Peter Rossmassler** and have dinner with **Paul** and **Janice Roediger**. It was tremendous fun — and the school was impressive, even in a power outage! My wife, **Mary Alice**, is at home in hospice care after a courageous five-year battle with colon cancer."

1948

55TH REUNION

John D. Wallace
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1949

Correspondent Needed

Wallace "Butch" Palmer wrote: "Enjoying retirement on the coast of Maine. **Jack Gulick '41** and his wife visited us last summer. Good to see old friends from Princeton!"

1950

William Wallace
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1951

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1952

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1953

50TH REUNION

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Kenneth Scasserra sent this e-mail column: "**Elof** and **Marie Rosenblad** lead a very busy life in Sarasota, Florida especially now that Marie has been elected Commodore of their yacht club. The first woman ever elected Commodore of the club. *The Times of Trenton* during the professional football season has had a few articles on **John Kerney's** son, **Patrick**, who is a standout defensive end for the Atlanta Falcons. Patrick received a signing bonus of \$8.5 million and a contract of \$40 million over a seven-to-five-year period depending on incentives. Proud Papa John has turned a number of people from Cape May to Newtown, Pa from Eagle green to Falcon red and black, as well as recruited them for Kerney's Krew for when they play in Philly or Giant's Stadium."

1954

Fred M. Blaicher, Jr.
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1955

Guy K. Dean III
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1956

Donald C. Stuart III
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Congratulations to **Donald (Jeb) Stuart** on the marriage of his daughter, **Lauren Stuart '89**. And, his son **Craig Stuart '87** also got married!

1957

James Carey, Jr.
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Tim Carey sent the following news from classmates in an effort to make up for some lost time: "I am not sure how long I have been the class secretary, but I do know one thing. If I were up for review on job performance, I would rank at the bottom. Well, now that I have turned sixty and that birthday happens to coincide with a year long sabbatical from my job, I told myself that I would really be the class secretary for the first time. I wrote to all of the members of the class for whom I had addresses and asked that they send in information about where they were, what they had been doing and anything else that would bring the rest of our class up to date. I had pretty good luck, hearing from eleven folks. My hope is that when those who did not respond get this issue of the *Journal*, they will drop me a note so that I can include them in the following issue.

At first I thought I would take what I received and edit it for the

Journal, but the responses were so good and varied that I have taken the liberty to leave them pretty much as they were when I got them. I trust that those who sent material will not be upset, but I felt that their words were so much more true than whatever I might have come up with in truncated form. With each, I get a real picture of the person I remember from so long ago. I trust you will all have the same reaction.

Tim Carey: "Following my graduation from Middlebury College, I went west to California and taught English at The Thacher School for three years. I married Peggy Chase during my third year and we moved in 1968 back to Middlebury where, over time, I worked in the Admissions office, the Dean of Students Office, taught some English and coached some hockey. We left Middlebury in 1974 and moved to Boston, and I taught English and headed the department at The Roxbury Latin School for two years.

Following that I moved to Noble and Greenough in 1976 and have been there ever since. What I have loved about the school is my being given opportunities to do a number of different jobs: teaching, coaching, heading a department, heading the middle school and serving as the Dean of Faculty. In 1992, after having been divorced for fifteen years or so, I married Mary Burchenal, a Princeton graduate. She too is an English teacher who is presently in her thirteenth year at Brookline High School, one of the best schools in the Boston area. I have three children. Farr, who is married to Brian Arnold, a faculty member in photography at Alfred University in western New York. She is in the process of getting her doctorate in psychology at Alfred. Edie, my second daughter, is traveling the country as a singer-songwriter and is just finishing off her third cd (she is in the same business with Alistair Mooock, son of Peter '56). If interested, you can look her up on the Internet at ediecarey.com. My youngest is Zoe, age 8, and she is plowing her way through third grade and reminding me at every turn that

I am still very much alive. My sabbatical has been wonderful. I have spent much of my time here in Boston, but got to Maine for periods during the fall. I will be taking a cycling trip to Vietnam for three weeks in March and then head to New Zealand for ten days. At the end of the spring I will go to Paris to see several days of the French Open tennis tournament and some of the sights in the city. I will return to Nobles in the fall, but this time away from work has made me realize that there is much in life to do outside of work."

Bill Smith: The 46 years after PCD have been busy. After graduating from Lawrenceville School, Princeton University, and University of Virginia Law School, I went into the banking business in New

Spanish at Rider University. Daughter Caroline graduated from Villanova (A.B. Spanish) and Rutgers (M.A. Education), taught Spanish at Peddie School and West Windsor High School, and is now Vice Principal of an elementary school in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She is engaged to be married in Fort Lauderdale in April. Son, Jonn graduated from University of Michigan (A.B., Business Administration), started an Internet advertising business, and then sold the business to Grey Advertising. He now lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan with wife Aimee and year-old son Zach.

And then there is brother JJ '59. He is an antiques dealer. He now lives in Windsor, Connecticut with wife Stefany and their two

passion in life have centered on Physicians for Social Responsibility, where I have served on the national board for over a decade, including a stint as president.

I have three children, a daughter who is a missionary in Peru, a second daughter who completed a tour in Honduras with the Peace Corps and is now working on sustainable development in Portland, and a son who just graduated from Stanford and is now working in San Francisco.

I don't get back to the Princeton area much anymore since both my parents are deceased. The exception may be our 50th reunion in 2007. Now that is a humbling thought!"

Steve Crawford: "Good to hear from you and learn some of the landmarks in your life the past several decades. I was especially interested to read about your planned trip to Vietnam. I served there as an infantry officer in 1966-67, went back as a tourist in 1999, and then again in January, 2001, to adopt a 16-month-old orphan. Her name is Pascal; she turned three in Aug. and she is a joy most of the time.

I divorced my first wife, but have been happily married to Liliane Flogé for almost 25 years. We met at Columbia U. where we were both completing Ph.D.s in Sociology, and for several years she taught at Bowdoin College while I taught at Bates. Later we drifted into administration, she as an associate provost, I as the executive director of a succession of policy oriented non-profits. I am now the vice president of the National Policy Association in Washington, DC., but am about to start a what promises to be a very interesting new job as a Director of Policy Studies — one of five, my area being employment and social policy — at the National Governors' Association. I was active in politics for about six years, and was the Democratic nominee for Congress in Maryland's 6th district in 1996. After losing that exhausting race, I scaled back. I am now an elected member of the county school board (56 schools), and find that is more than enough. I get to Maine most summers to visit my parents who



Tim Carey '57 sent this photo of his family: (left to right) son-in-law Brian, daughters Farr and Edie, Tim, his wife Mary and youngest daughter Zoe in front.

York City. Then, after four years with Chemical Bank (now JPMorgan Chase) and 23 years with HSBC, my banking career took an interesting turn. I have come to specialize in representing Asian banks in New York City. I was General Manager of Seoul Bank, New York Agency, and am now Assistant General Manager and Chief Loan Officer of Bank of China, New York Branch.

The last 20 years have been particularly busy. I married Maria Rugeles (a lawyer-banker from Caracas, Venezuela), and acquired by the marriage two terrific children (Caroline and Jonn). Wife Maria got a master's degree from New York University, and is now an Adjunct Assistant Professor of

children — JJ Jr. (age three) and Abigail (age one)."

Andy Harris: "It was good to hear from you and get caught up on your life. I have some fond memories of playing at your house when we were kids in the same neighborhood. I particularly remember the first (and probably the last) time I tried smoking a cigarette, an event which occurred behind the bushes adjacent to the front door of your house. Ah, youth!

I've been living in Salem, Oregon since 1974. I've cut my practice of ophthalmology back to half time and hope soon to move north to the San Juan Islands where I have built a home.

My particular interest and

still summer in Camden, and to see my sister and nieces who live there. Mom is 91 but still manages a good bridge game and a little golf. Dad is 98 and losing some short-term memory, not to mention hearing, sight and balance, but otherwise he is remarkable healthy and sharp.

The only contact I've had with anyone from PCD, if you can call it contact, is that I have read and immensely admired two of **Adam Hochschild's** books, *Half the Way Home* and *King Leopold's Ghost*.

Staff Keegin – 1960: Graduated from Darrow School. 1964: Graduated from Dartmouth (where I played some hockey and lacrosse) and got married, went to work for Harrison A. Williams, USS (Dem. N.J. of Abscam fame), on the Hill as a legislative aid and case assistant. 1968: Graduated from Washington & Lee Law School and came to San Francisco with large law firm doing corporate and partnership work. 1970: Wheels came off marriage. We had one child (Kacia, currently in advertising in LA). 1973: Got it right this time and married Susan Landor, a native San Franciscan and world class graphic designer. Great mother, too. 1975: Child No. 2 came along (Hillary, now a graduate of NYU Graduate Acting and working in NYC — some stage and TV work). 1980: Child No. 3 arrived (Emily, now a senior at Bennington and a dynamite photographer). I left my law partnership to take up a semi-academic position at the National Economic Development Law Center at Berkeley (boy, was that a different experience — I got hired as part of their affirmative action program!). 1985: Child No. 4 showed up (Katie, now a senior at Marin Academy and a four-year soccer letter winner. College applications are all around the house). Speaking of which, we move to our current house at 26 Miller Avenue, Sausalito. And I become a partner in the largest firm in Marin County (very small by any standards — was then and still is). 1989: Got another house, this time on Great Cranberry Island, Maine. 1993: Triple Bypass (Ugh...). 2001: Firm changed its name to Keegin Harrison

Schoppert & Smith LLP.

So now, here we are: We've been very lucky these past 30 years. Susan and I are still in love. She is a greeting card designer published with Recycled Paper Products in Chicago. She also has a Web site with animated electronic cards (cgreetings.com — any ideas on how to make it make money???). She sells her Maine coast art (water colors and oils) through a gallery on Little Cranberry. I still do corporate and partnership (and some tax) law for high and mid tech companies on the fringe of Silicon Valley. So far, no serious repercussions from the crash.

We're quite involved in local stuff here in town and we spend six weeks in Maine each summer. I sail an old beautiful dark green Hinckley 41 yawl, which is a fabulous boat, if I may say so."

Jerry Gildar: "I'm glad you did something about your annual pang (Jerry is referring to the guilt I mentioned in the letter sent to the class for being such a poor class secretary). I have had not a few that I have had to assuage. One of which, having been a disruptive student, led me back to the next school I attended after PCD. Although I did not graduate from Rutgers Preparatory School, and upon hearing that "our" class secretary quit over a bad soccer call against his child from Pingry, I wrote to the president of the alumni telling him that I was kicked out of that school, I was available and that the letter I had composed was not computer ready. This began to quiet pang one. The Development Office was so pleased (hungry) that they said they'd take my notes if they were on paper towels. From that welcome on I gave back to RPS all that I could have taken — had the administration recognized my: Dyslexia, ADS and strabismus.

My work that first year, including writing to and phoning my classmates, brought as many back to a 30th Reunion as came to that year's 25th. When I was elected to the Board of Trustees, and then Alumni Rep to the board, I was on the Education Committee critiquing the faculty for The Mid-Atlantic States Accreditation. On The Development Committee

I organized regional reunions, served at phonothons and, of course, raised money for the annual fund. Not bad for a guy who was misunderstood. Boo, hoo.

Twenty-two years ago I wrote a note to you that I did not send. In it, I described my career in sculpture and the foundry arts. I mastered the craft of casting wax vis a vis "the lost wax process," and myriad other media for art as well as architecture. If my memory serves me correctly I wrote that I had met and cast art for some of the finest artists of the day, such as, Georgia O'Keefe, Marisol and George Segal.

I have always enjoyed the hands-on experience. I did cookbook chemistry at EMR, an electron-physics lab in Princeton Junction during the late '60s. We made the directional system for the RANGER rocket which took the first photos of the moon at 28 miles. In the '70s, I printed *The Wall St. Journal*, worked with the inventor of the digital watch, at Forestall (in the cyclotron bldg.), married, had a child, and divorced. In the '80s, I subcontracted two Epcot Pavilions. The Moroccan and The Republic of Italy (The Doge's Palace). Quite a lot of hands on, if I do say so myself.

In the '90s I went back to school and finished my degree, in Art History. Since I have amassed more than enough electives, made enough art, developed unique techniques and taught enough apprentices to have my masters, I only wanted to gain an AA degree. It took ten years to have maintained a 1 OK average. Sweet agony for a dyslexic. Yes, I also "passed with feeble steps along these once familiar halls" on Broadmead, at Art Shows; and I've helped a few people, who had PDS ties, to make art. Kit Raymond '69 and Gar Waterman '74 come to mind. Though I haven't participated in our Form's campus activities I have attended art openings of clients whose work I helped to create, and were shown at the PDS art gallery.

Finally, my son, Ed, accepted when he was fifteen, graduated Cornell and was an International Bond Trader during The Roaring

Nineties in NYC and England. He and two partners then began a wireless banking software/software company in London. I am pleased to say that the company is not only solvent but growing."

Rob Kuser: "Mary Kay and I have been married 36 years (Jan. 7 is our anniversary!) and have been living in Lawrenceville almost all that time. We have three children. Chris (34) is married to Mary. They live in Los Angeles and just had a daughter, Anna, on November 3 (our first and only grandchild). Chris works at DreamWorks developing new stories for animated feature films. Jim (31) is single, living in New York and working for Merrill Lynch's Private Client Services. Katherine (27) is single, living in New York and working for DDB Worldwide Communications (advertising) as a client representative.

I am in my 37th year at The Bank of New York. I do strategic planning, mergers and acquisitions and capital spending administration. They keep me busy.

Bob Smyth, Stu Robson and I attended our 45th PCD (PDS) reunion last May. It was good to get together. We thought the class should make a push for the 50th. As it turns out, there are six or seven classmates in the Princeton area."

Stu Robson: "Thank you for the letter. I got a kick out of your statement "For the past few years I have been our class secretary." It's been more than 40 years, hasn't it? (It probably has, but I have successfully blocked out that fact)

I'm sure you've heard from **Bob Smyth** that he, **Rob Kuser** and I attended a luncheon during the Alumni Weekend last Spring. While we might have hoped a couple more of the local alumni would have shown up, for the 45th anniversary of what was basically a grammar school class, percentage wise, the three was not insignificant. Unfortunately, it was a damp, raw day which curtailed much of the planned outdoor activity.

My vocation has been in real estate valuation. (Not a glamorous or exciting bio which is why I never bothered to note it.) Wife Ruth and one of our three grandchildren attended the alumni

luncheon with me. Older son lived in Boston where he got an MA at Simmons and taught in Somerville for a year, then went to the United Arab Emirates and taught ESL for two years. Now back in New Jersey and in second year teaching in nearby Hillsborough school system. Younger son works at Lehman Bros. in Manhattan. Daughter is an assistant teacher in Paunton Montessori."

Darien Gardner: "I got a B.A. from Haverford College in 1965, M.S. in Information Sciences from Lehigh University in 1968, M.S. in Computer and Communication Sciences from University of Michigan in 1972. I married Kathleen O'Kane in 1984 and was divorced from her in 2000. I have two children: my son Nolan (now 14) and my daughter Clara (now 11) who live with me 50% of the time. For a long time I couldn't figure out what to do for work, finally became a computer programmer and a Unix operating system administrator."

Bob Smyth: "Just turned 60 recently, and at a party my wife, Debbie, put together for me at the Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton (where a minor league hockey team, called the Trenton Titans, compete in the East Coast Hockey League — two levels below the NHL — and whose roster includes some Princeton U. players), both John '56 and Steve '59, Cook were in attendance."

I'm heavily into hockey at many levels — season ticket holder at the Titans and Princeton University, player/general manager of the Kingston Hockey Club (founded back in the 1950's as the Princeton Hockey Club by John's father—"Noogie"—the Erdmans, and the Schluters, and which currently fields two teams - an over 30 group and an over 40 contingent — although most of us are over 50), youth coach (in-house and travel) the past seven years in the Nassau Hockey League (out of PDS), and current coach in an in-house league in a commercial rink (Ice Land) in Hamilton Township."

As you might have guessed, I have a son, Rob, who plays hockey. He's 15 and in the ninth grade. My wife (second) is a pharmacist, and next October we will

have been married 20 years. I have been with the State of New Jersey for 31 years (this Feb.), with about 10 years each in, chronologically, the Department of Community Affairs (Division of State & Regional Planning), Department of Treasury (Office of Management & Budget and Division of Planning), and currently the Department of Banking and Insurance (Division of Finance and Administration). Plans are to retire at 62, when social security plus a good pension plan will put me in a position where if I retire, I'll make more than if I come to work. As I have nearly every summer of my life, I continue to spend time in the Adirondack Mountains, on the shore of Lake Champlain, where from our front porch we look directly across the Lake at Burlington. My dad died in 1988, but my mom turned 89 in September and still spends every summer at the Lake. My brother Charlie has lived in Seattle for over 30 years, and joins us occasionally at the Lake or in Princeton. At the PCD Class of 1957's 45th reunion this past May at PDS, Robson and Kuser joined me, and we had a great time catching up. Robson I had seen a couple of times, but not Kuser. **Jerome Gildar** was supposed to come, but had a prior commitment."

Morgan Shipway: "When I was put out to pasture (having, I believe, achieved a memorable record of passing one course) in 1957, I needed a swift kick and a little success to pull things together. Westminster was just the place for me. So, I went on to Princeton a year behind our PCD mates, but I had a successful experience in many, many ways, graduated cum laude in English, and hastened off to Duke for an MAT degree. I spent two years in a big public high school in Richmond, and then accepted the invitation of Salisbury School to come on board as an English teacher, coach and newspaper faculty advisor. I, meanwhile, avoided the clutches of the Army, got married, was the proud father of Charles M. Shipway IV and Aubrey Lanfare Shipway, became Chairman of the English Department, got divorced and was crushed, made mobile

sculpture for a penurious living, and spent a turn around the sun wondering what hit me."

I figured it out sufficiently to know that I had to be near my kids so I moved to the Hartford area and took on English and film teaching responsibilities at Kingswood-Oxford School. I earned a CAS degree in American Film History and Auteur Theory and developed an empire at K-O with eager students who, pushed by film study's many challenges, came on strong as writers as well as people interested in movies as serious works. The school built two theatres for my program, I took to collecting 16 mm film prints, and I wrote a never-to-be-published text that was a perfect vehicle for secondary school work that blended English skills with learning about cinema. I married the right girl the second time around, and, while she combined her Williams art history degree with a second sheepskin in electricity's various aspects, worked at Bell Labs (in NJ) for a year in a think tank and wound up ministering to MRI machines closer to home, and then decided to get a law degree, we held off on children for 15 years. She now specializes in settling cases involving law suits and CEOs, and Emmet Shipway is eight years old, plays on Avon's town soccer and hockey teams, crews for his dad in summer sailing races, delights his parents with his sense of humor and other charms, and seems to be a great kid."

In my mid-thirties, when life's abuses began to become clearer, I started running and soon lost 30 of my 170 lbs. and was transformed into one of those haunted looking fellows the sightseer sees staggering through Central Park on the first Sunday of November. I improved a good deal by working hard, ran 28 marathons (top 5% in both NY and Boston), competed for Wesleyan on a team which also included **Bill Rodgers** and Amby Burfoot, and ran competitively at many other distances and with enough success to collect a few shelvesful of plastic trophies. I almost checked out when I fell hard on my pate while sailing in the Gulf Stream in 1985 (Coast Guard heroics, brain surgery,

doubt of outcome, etc.), but have run every day since (in a prolonged campaign against the Grim Reaper, no doubt) and am closing in on my second trip around the globe at the equator."

Louise and I have a sturdy and fast sailboat (a Cal) which we enjoy on Long Island Sound and which we take to the Vineyard in the summer. Charlie, who now lives year-round on Martha's Vineyard, sailed for the Virgin Islands in the Barcelona Olympics (Tornado class cats) and is married to a wonderful young lady who is a member of the Island's oldest family. He is a carpenter in the winter and sails in the spring, summer, and fall, often with the Rich and Famous who call the Vineyard their vacation home. Aubrey, who at 31 is a very independent person who just recently announced her decision to marry her main man of these several years, lives in the Village and works for a New York firm which sends her all over the planet in order to set up kick-off bashes for cutting edge drug products. Who knew?"

So, you and I have trod parallel paths in professional, marital, and parental efforts. My youngest child—hah!—is also eight, but his niece is a year older (can you top it?) than he is. My sabbatical, from Kingswood a dozen years ago, was devoted to getting work on various film and video projects in the Hartford area, and I rose from lowly PA to such glorious heights as co-producer on a Public Television documentary about Long Island Sound and script supervisor (for two years) on Martha Stewart's television show. When you get back from Vietnam, perhaps we will have common experiences to share (in the war-stories mode)?

After a sufficient time learning about film making from the non-graduate-school point of view, I was ready to go back to teaching full time, and I wanted to return to the scene of my own turn-around as a student. I am instructing English and study skills here at Westminster, coaching cross-country and the junior varsity girls' hockey team, as well as being the head track coach, a job like no other. The big 6-0 went by this summer, and though it takes longer and longer to run distances

which used to seem so easy, my streak of padding highway and by-way continues without interruption. Helping Emmet along his way keeps one looking forward as well. School work, as you say, offers one a lot of time to do things that a strict routine would make impossible, and I'm happy to be part of a good marriage and family, a good school, and a very enjoyable yearly calendar."

Tim concludes, "my thanks to all who dropped me a note. I am hopeful those of you who did not do so this time around will fill us in for the next issue. The one person who seems to have disappeared is **Dick Rotnem**. If anyone knows of his whereabouts, please let me know. I hope you all are doing well, and let's start thinking about how we might get a number of us back for the 50th reunion a few years hence. Best to you all."

Congratulations to Donald (Jeb) Stuart whose daughter, Lauren Stuart '89, was married in June.

1958

45TH REUNION

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1961

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Well, some where along the line last September, I got lost on the latest tales about the Boys from Broadmead. Sorry, but I heard nothing from Madam Editor

and presumed that **Michael Kamenstein** had taken my place. I never even received my copy of the *Fall 2002 Journal* until last week when I stopped by PDS. Gad zooks, was I in for a shock! **Tom Chubet** had actually sent me some copy! A first! Then I was politely reminded that I had to do something fast for this issue. So, with two days til the deadline and a blizzard about to hit the Northeast, here's the latest drift . . .

Westward Ho II Summer 1956

Twenty-seven kids, three teachers and a bus driver traveled 8,000 miles in about 40 days around the United States and Canada.



Above: Bob Mueller '59 standing and Dave Smoyer '56 on horse.

At right: Rob Kuser '57 in Jackson, Wyoming.

Tom Chubet still writes in long-hand. . . Gee Tom, where were you when we took penmanship in First Form? Whoa! Something about **Dave Petito's** younger son, Deven. As to make all easier, I called Tom for clarification; he was as jovial as ever. The material he sent was from the Phillips Andover newspaper which raved about Deven, a senior, being a chip off the old man's block – a terror on the links and plays great hockey. Must be a good student too since he starts at Princeton next September. Tom's interest in Deven goes

back to Dave's and his fathers were great cronies during their days at P.U. As for Tom and his clan, all goes well. His wife, Carolyn, works as a free-lance writer, older son John is with American Home Mortgage Holdings, and son Charlie is a senior at the University of Vermont. Tom seemed to be in disbelief that he now has been with Morgan Stanley for thirty-one years. Yeah, how time flies when you're having fun.



Above: (left) Wes McCaughan, PCD English teacher, (right) Dick Griggs, PCD math teacher in Colorado.



I asked if he was still playing hockey like the Cook brothers, John '56 and Steve '59, or Bloxie Baker '60. . . Bad subject. Tom hung up his stick about five years ago after injuring his leg in a water skiing accident. Good subject. . . His great love of golf and how does he play! Multi tournaments each year and even honored as "Golfer of the Year" at Wingfoot in 2002! He wanted me to downplay that last one, but still the guy can play the game. Now, if I can just get him to play Dave Petito and Hy Young some time. . . As to his

other news, Tom saw **Randy Hobler** mesmerizing a Christmas party for hours with his piano skills. The only news of him seems to be that the "Ra Man" is consulting these days. Lastly, Tom spoke of his uncle Herb Davison '31 and cousin John Davison '56, who runs the radio division of Walt Disney. Tom definitely is on a roll.

Talking about **Dave Petito**, I tried to call him at his home in Tequesta, Florida, but he was away visiting son Deven up in Boston. Instead, I did speak with wife Sally, who was most gracious to a complete stranger. She spoke of first son, Westy, who graduated from the University of Florida and now works in the Washington, D.C. area and looking forward to being in Princeton because of Deven soon change of schools. I will have more information about Dave for the next issue, if I'm not again under a rock.

By now the snow was at three inches an hour. Who else would be better to talk to than our ever-so-young and energetic classmate **Hank Tomlinson**? He's still doing great. The Albuquerque Kid told that the high-end winter sports equipment business was total madness at this time of year and he's on the road full time. So, I asked if he had run across **Peter Kirkpatrick** lately in his Southwest travels. So far no, but he expects to run into him at a Denver show in April. As to his family, all goes well. Wife Kathy continues to teach in special education, while the kids continue to . . . continue being kids. Annie is 13 and becoming quite the track star, "Petie" with the broken skateboard foot is 11, and the twins, Julia and Sarah (30 seconds later) are nine. Hank spoke well of a reunion with his mother and sisters, Missy MFS '62, Sarah MFS '65 and Nancy late last year. I told him that Princeton and the Northeast were about to get a great Presidents' Day blizzard and he howled. Apparently, this winter in his area has been mostly in the 50's and dry as a bone. Could I send some snow for his retail customers?

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stay connected!

OK, I was on a roll, so I decided to try once again and called **John Becker**. Not only was he home in his West Tisbury, Massachusetts soon-to-be-snowed-in abode, but anxious to hear all the latest about the class. Wow, that's a bit to tell after forty years, but what about his travels? Well after PCD, he had an adventurous educational trip through the Solebury School, Bard College, and the San Francisco Art Institute. He suggested that at times he was "under a rock". . . . I doubt it. . . . He admits to actually remembering the '70s and '80s! John's been a builder/designer of residential architecture for over twenty-five years and describes his efforts as mostly second homes. Married since 1972, John's wife Valerie teaches computer at a local elementary school. Their eighteen-year-old son wants to go to the University of Vermont and loves to write "slam poetry". As to recollections of yesteryear, John pleaded the Fifth, but soon began to open up a bit. He had fond memories of "Ancient Herb" McAneny caring about students, recalled "Uncle Stooie" Robson with his firecrackers in the Science Lab, and remembered "Uncle Hank" Ross being very concerned at one student assembly about the then civil rights movement. I was able to update him about most of the class, but nothing about **Gene Armstrong, Towney Blodget, Robin Kerney, Peter Mills, Tom Regan, and Rich Reynolds**. Maybe next time. Any way, John's seems to be doing fine.

A few other recent notes . . . Donna Ayers, **Robert Ayers'** widow is adapting by continuing with her interior design work, she and son Austin have sold the family D.C. home and have moved to Chevy Chase, and finally Austin is anxiously waiting to hear from colleges, especially Boston College (?). I saw **Regan Kerney** at the Lawrenceville Ice Hockey Tournament in December and all goes well with teaching at L-ville and life in general. According to Mrs. Kane, **Gibbie Kane** is a grandfather again and finds it "amusing". Pepper Pettit '60 after long hibernation was

seen at a PU b-ball game and confessed that he hadn't written a word for his class. Jack McCarthy '62 also at the same game said that he had written a lot for his class. John Cook's '56 youngest child, Emily, transferred this past fall to PDS as a seventh grader and among other things has demonstrated her skills in field hockey and ice hockey, as well as in the classroom. Mrs. Smyth continues every Friday at the Medical Center with her volunteer duties at the front desk. She's now given over fifty years of service to the community. Those sages, Bud Tibbals, "Uncle Stooie" Robson, and Wes McCaughan, still hang out and pontificate in the mornings at the Princeton Shopping Center's Café, which is attached to the temporarily-located Princeton Public Library. Obviously, their fame and knowledge are touching new minds every day.

Lastly, the PDS Alumni Weekend is Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17. There will be a special event honoring Bill Smoyer and his contributions to the school. Presumably, there will be many people of our era that will be returning. Maybe some of us should come back, at least to show we're alive. In his latest newsletter, **John Sheehan** promised to return from Nigeria for this event and sing hits from his third and latest CD "Father John Socks It To Ya". What more of a reason to come back? Look, we batted zero at our Fortieth Reunion in '01. Give it some thought and clue me in. I will be in touch with you.

So for now, that's about all the news about the Boys from Broadmead.

1962

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Jack McCarthy writes: "Pop Quiz for Miss Fine's School classes of 1965 and 1964: What member of our class (remember our '62 stands for our 9th grade graduation) was recently named one of the 10 most eligible bachelors in America by Parade Magazine? Joining George

Clooney, Sean Combs, Matt Damon, Derek Jeter, Tobey Maquire and Tiger Woods (and others) is our own **Woody Johnson**, owner of the NFL Jets. Congrats, Woody, sorry, ladies and thanks to Laila and **Rick Eckels** who passed this news on from Memphis, Tennessee."

Bill Walker sent his annual season's greetings to the Development Office. He wrote: "2002 has been a relatively quiet year for us. No foreign conferences, no Colorado ski trips, no great sailing adventures. Guess that's what to expect with a two-year-old in the family.

Jessie is becoming a beautiful and funny "big girl" who is a delight to be with. Mondays she goes to tumbling class with Judy, Wednesdays to reading group at the library, and Fridays they spend free time together. Tuesday and Thursday mornings she is in an at-home day care. She spends her afternoons napping at home with her Dad. She is a real "ham" like both of her grandfathers and yet quite sensitive, often crying in sympathy when other kids start crying.

Judy continues to work towards tenure in the Department of Communication Science and Disorders at the University of Maine by focusing her efforts on getting her research published and applying for grant money. I am still working mornings as the Administrative Assistant at the Orono United Methodist Church producing the weekly Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletters. As Membership Secretary I have been cleaning up the long-neglected membership records.

This summer we moved into our vacation home in South

Brooksville, Maine. We had hoped to be in by the Fourth of July, but the painters were not yet finished with the exterior work. So for two weeks we rented the same little red cottage that we have stayed in the past four summers. It was wonderful when we were finally able to move in and Judy's parents and her cousin, Nancy, were able to come visit.

The only other big news is that we bought a 25-foot sailboat — a Catalina25, for those of you that know such things. We are fortunate enough to keep it moored in front of our house where we can keep an eye on it and get to it quickly when we need to get away. We were able to get away for an overnight mini-cruise while Jessie enjoyed a break with her grandparents. We all especially enjoyed the weekly square dances at the Bucks Harbor Yacht Club.

We are incredibly blessed and thankful for all that we have. We pray that our family's and friends' live might be as rich as ours."

1963

40TH REUNION

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1965

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Looking for help with career transitions? Using the PDS website (www.pds.org), go to the Alumni section and click on Career Interlink. You can now access a database of alumni who have offered to assist other PDS alums in answering questions about career choices. There is also a section on the page for you to add your name to the database as a career resource.

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PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

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1968

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Mary Hobler Hyson sent this note: "The sugar maples are bare and the garden is put to rest for the winter, reminders that the holidays are upon us. David is in his second year at Colgate. A German major, he also plays in the pep band and helps out with a computer hotline. Katie's year was filled with kids, kids and more kids! She worked in a day care and a summer camp and now is student teaching in a first grade. She graduates next June from Dartmouth. Chris and Sarah moved to Philadelphia, where they are pursuing their passions. Chris is doing an internship in museum studies at Valley Forge. Sarah is studying for a master's degree in

Historic Preservation at the U of Penn. I branched out and created two new photography shows. Eric conquered a few mountains on our trip to Acadia National Park in Maine. Best wishes to all in 2003!"

1969

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Craig Page was married to Laura Ezersky in a ceremony in New York in December 2002. News of their wedding was published in the "Vows" column of *The New York Times*.

1970

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It seems like a few of our classmates went all out to celebrate their 50th birthdays. In an article titled, "I'm 40! Come Risk Your Life With Me" in the December 6 *New York Times*, Wendy Lawson-Johnston McNeil was featured celebrating her 50th with family and friends in Glacier National Park in Montana. A note from Heidi Flemer Hesselein reported that she, Bumper White, Freddy Erdman, Deebs Young, and Pooh Holt '69 all met up at Chris Reeve's birthday party at the Tribeca Grill in NYC. Heidi wrote that the party given by Chris's wife, Dana, was marvelous, "with family and friends from the earliest days of Chris's life, with some really wonderful stories recounted about Chris. One of the best was hearing Deebs, Freddy and Bumper sing the PCD song, 'Hard



The New York Times wedding announcement of Craig Page '69, a freelance graphic designer, who married Lauren Ezersky, a host of "Behind the Velvet Ropes," a cable fashion program.

by the Lake...' to Chris; it had everyone who hadn't gone to private school in tears laughing. It was wonderful to see Chris and Dana." Pam Orr Marck and her husband, Jack, share the same birthday. Their daughters held a surprise party for them with lots of friends and neighbors. Allison Gilbert Kozicharow reported that she and Hilary Martin got together to celebrate their birthdays. Did anyone else do anything fun or unusual?

Rebecca Bushnell sent in a note saying that as of July 1, she will be the Dean of the College at the University of Pennsylvania. She will be responsible for undergraduate education in the School of Arts and Sciences. Her new book, *Green Desire: Imaging Early Modern English Gardens*, will be published this summer.

Pam Orr Marck's Christmas letter had lots of other news to report. Her daughters are growing—Jenni is out of college, Melissa is in college and Hilary is in high school. Pam and Jack did plenty of business and family traveling this year including trips to the Caribbean, Florida, Arizona, and Hawaii.

I have kept myself too busy with PDS and church activities. At one point this past fall, I was serving on eight different committees at my church. In November, I went with a group from church to Haiti for six days. We held medical clinics and painted. It was my fourth trip and unfortunately one does not see any progress in the plight of the incredibly poor Haitian people. As I write this in mid-February, I am about to leave for a long weekend in Iceland. Probably not the most ideal time to travel to Iceland but the temperature there today is warmer than in New Jersey.

Wendy Lawson-Johnston McNeil sent a note saying that her daughter, Lawson, is getting married to Romesh Wijesooriya, in September. They will be living in Charlottesville, VA while he finishes up medical school at the University of Virginia. Her son, Tucker, is the personal assistant to Christie Whitman at the EPA and loves his work traveling with Christie and being in D.C. Wendy's husband, Tom, is commuting to Guyana with a timber export business.

We send our deepest sympathy to Louise Hutner on the death of her sister, Liz Hutner Fleming '73. Liz was married to Heidi Flemer Hesselein's brother, Bill Flemer '71.

1971

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Nina Shafran wrote: "I joined the "Feds" last fall (2001), leaving law firm life at least for a while, but continuing in the same field — broadcast regulation. So far I am very happy with my decision. The whole family is still adjusting to the void left by my sister Kyra '73 — a profound loss from which we will never fully recover."

Laurie Bryant Young sent this note: "We're starting our fourth year in a row in the United States — it's nice to get a longer stint at home. (We work for State Department, so we move around a lot.) My son has started at Rutgers, which has the Arabic Language/Middle East Studies program he wanted after a few tours in the Middle East. My daughter has started high school, where she enjoys crew and track."

1972

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Jan Hall Burruss sent this e-mail column: "This time, I heard from **Fred Dalrymple**, who lives nearby me in Wellesley. He is married to Ann, who has two children who are now in college. Enjoying the peace of their empty house has been pleasantly different, Fred says. He is starting a computer company, and was looking for a technical writer, so he called me. I am no longer doing that, having been back in teaching since 1995, but we had a great chat, and it was good to catch up.

The news from Holbrook Farm is a bit sad. My father was diagnosed with mesothelioma, a form of asbestos-related cancer, late last summer, and he died very quickly, at the end of September. We miss him terribly, but, happily, he didn't suffer long. We are taking good care of my mother, who lives nearby. My husband, John, was hit hard by the telecommunications crisis, and has

been unemployed for about six months. He's trying to start his own company with some former colleagues. My son, Oliver, is a junior at the local high school, so he is beginning to look at colleges. We'll be back in Princeton this spring so he can look at the university. He is receiving his Eagle Scout in March. My oldest daughter, Meriwether, is writing for the school paper and doing well in school. My youngest daughter, Georgiana, is finishing elementary school at the same school where I still work, happily, as a 'paraprofessional teacher aide.' This year Georgie enjoyed being on the student council, a first for our family. That's it from here. I hope to hear more from some of my classmates."

Mary G. Johnson sent this note: "Have moved to Darby, Vermont to a beautiful little farm where we raise organic beef cattle, horses, chickens, Jack Russells, you name it! Work in local library, also part time at local design firm. Have two daughters living with us and oldest is at St. Georges, Rhode Island, to graduate in 2003 — so sorry to have missed the reunion. It sounded very fun!"

Karen Turner wrote: "I am completing my third and final year as Chair of the Journalism Department at Temple University. This has been an exciting year as we celebrate our 75th anniversary. The department is one of the oldest in the country. I look forward to teaching more and having time for my research."

1973

30TH REUNION

Correspondent Needed

Glena Weisberg Andersen wrote: "Still living in McLean, Virginia, working too hard, delivering babies day and night! Kids are great — all is well!"

1974

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1975

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Janet Quigley wrote: "This year I was promoted to broadcasting department head at a division of American Forces Radio and Television. This took me to Spain, Greece, Iceland, Japan, Hawaii, Singapore and Bahrain — a busy year! I often think of the great people I knew at PDS, and how they accomplished so much so early in life. It's never too early to start!"

1976

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E.J. Barnes wrote: "My 3-minute animated film, "Leathering Bat," was included in the shorts program in the 2002 Northampton Independent Film Festival, which ran in Northampton, Massachusetts, in November 2002. "Leathering Bat" is based on the Appalachian folk ballad of the same name, and includes my vocals as well as my artwork."

Our deepest sympathy to **Creigh Duncan** whose brother John Coulter Duncan '74 died recently.

1977

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PDS received some news about **Tony Knott**: "Tony won the 2002 Area Director's Award for Outstanding Health Care Provider from the Navajo Indian Health Service. The citation reads: "For constantly demonstrating a compassionate and caring attitude to both patients and staff, and for providing outstanding customer service on behalf of the Kayenta Service Unit." An article from *Harvard* magazine describes the clinic where Tony works with a group of doctors as the only medical facility in a 70-mile radius. The government provides pre-fab housing to the doctors who agree to stay at least two years. Many of the Navajo elders speak no English, 70% of the patients have no phone and 50% have no electricity or running water. Many do not consider themselves poor but consider their way of life a traditional Navajo way. Cultural misunderstandings and conflicts make the practice of medicine challenging, especially with respect to children. Tony came to his career in medicine late, although certain of his friends remember that in high school he used to say he wanted to become a doctor to serve the poor in Africa."



Looking back: (left to right) Class of '78 members, Barry Smith, Jenny Chandler and the late Fred Woodbridge were the first three graduates to have completed Kindergarten through 12th grade all at PDS. They gave benches to the school when they graduated.



Muna Shehadi Sills '79 sent this photo of sons Alec, 4 1/2, and Jason, 8 1/2.

George Zoukee wrote: "I've now been living in New Hampshire for ten years and am still thoroughly enjoying it despite the cold, snowy weather. The 25th reunion was great!"

Jennifer Weiss wrote: "I am still enjoying serving in the North Carolina House of Representatives and was re-elected in November 2002. Bruce and I are amazed at how quickly Max, 12, and Anna, 9, are growing up."

1978

25TH REUNION

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Robyn Ultan wrote: "Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 25th reunion!"

1979

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Evan Press sent this column by e-mail: Muna Shehadi Sill writes, "Still living in Milwaukee with her two sons, still writing romance novels for Harlequin under the pseudonym Isabel Sharpe, still enjoying life, but wishing George Bush and his Evil Empire would go away. I'm con-

tinuing to love not only the career, but the flexibility and balance it affords my life as a mom."

To check out "Isabel Sharpe on the Web, please visit www.IsabelSharpe.com and enjoy!

Geoff George is supplanted in the frozen tundra of St. Paul, Minnesota. He has worked for many years as a Director of Photography for Film & Television. Of late, Geoff has added Fashion Photography to his creative repertoire.

Anyone from the Class of '79 HAS TO come to our 25th next year because Geoff has guaranteed his presence! Shake off those icicles and come on in outta the cold, mister.

Obviously, Geoff simply misses Nick & Evan...

Eric Reichard, wife Linda, and 7 1/2 year old son, Kyle, refuse to report anything on the grounds that it may incriminate them. They do report that Eric's younger sister and PDSer, Elisabeth '83 and her husband Jim, had a baby boy named William Lee Roberts (he goes by Lee), 8 lb 11 oz, born at Fairfax, Virginia, on Thursday, May 23, at 3:52 p.m.

I visited my parents. My father, Dr. Press, enjoyed a wild and wanton evening at my parents' warm & cozy home in Princeton.



Eric Reichard '79 and son, Kyle, at Halloween.



Dr. H. London Press, with Donna and Harry Reichard.



(right) Nevin and Hartley Press at Halloween and their dad, Evan Press '79 (above).

Harry & Donna Reichard hosted and the Press boys took full advantage...eventually having to be asked to leave! A fine/wine time was had by all. Eric did mention that he feels guilty for NOT missing Nick & Evan...

Chris Price, and wife Barbara, have three sons...imitating Chris and his 2 brothers! They are Jordan, Everett, with Cheney being the last on October 30th of 2000... Mischief Night!!!

The Prices reside in New Providence, NJ, about 30 miles west of Manhattan, and they spend much of the summer in Cape Cod.

On a sad note, as many of you already know, Chris' mother passed away on May 20th of 2001. She was a loving mother and grandmother and, while I hadn't seen her in 20 years, I have

always cherished my interaction with 'Mom' or 'Mrs. Price' (depending on how disgusted with me she was at the time), throughout my late teens. Again, our condolences over this loss.

Chris Horan and wife, Laurie Lehnert, have a boy, Sean Christopher and his little sister, Katie Dee.

They reside in Chalfont, PA. Chris, aka 'Alvin', works as a Senior Project Manager for Earth Tech, an environmental consulting and clean up firm owned by Tyco, located in Trevose, PA. I know for a fact that wife Laurie is upset with hubby Chris because he definitely misses Nick & Evan.



Chris Horan '79 and his wife, Laurie, with their children, Katie and Sean.

Nick Donath has written in. Prepare yourself before reading... "You're all old. Old Old Old Old. Have a real estate and investment company here in Las Vegas. Your not so faithful (and sane) Assistant/Co-Class Secretary, (President, Ivy League Realty & Investments, Inc. tiger1983@earthlink.net)

I speak to Nick on an ongoing

and inconsistent basis, and I see him periodically. All I can say is that what he wrote was one of his more lucid ramblings. And somehow he coerced his poor parents out of their safe, comfy confines in Princeton and into the shady, unconventional way of life in Las Vegas, NV.

Ben Dubrovsky and wife, Alice Waugh, have the most fantastic, family Web site imaginable! Actually, it's all Alice's doing...which we all would assume... To, literally, learn everything you would want to know about Alice & Ben, and their two precious girls, please go to: <http://web.mit.edu/awaugh/www/sarah.html>

I do have to include this from Ben. I, (Evan), have one girl and one boy. My second child arrived two months before Ben's second child. This is what he wrote in an email to me:

"BROOKLINE, MA: Not wanting to be outdone by his erstwhile high-school mate, Ben Dubrovsky reported today that he,



Alison Lockwood Cronson's '79 children Rachel and Jeremy.

too, now is a proud father of two. However, in a bout of dubious one-up manship, Dubrovsky was quoted as saying, "yeah? but I got 2 of a kind" referring to the sex of the new baby. It has been widely reported that the weight of the new baby, referred to by some as Rebecca Jessica Hazel, was well in the normal range at 7.5 pounds, and that while there was no height reported, a length of 19.5 inches was discussed. Reporters will continue to be stationed at the pre-

mises of the Dubrovsky/Waugh household in the event of a territorial war breaking out between the two new sisters. One insider speculated that this event may not be too far away since the elder sister was seen to be throwing raspberries freely.

There are tons of great pix on the Waugh/Dubrovsky site.

Alison Lockwood's married name is now Cronson, and Alison lives in Framingham, MA. Son, Jeremy, will be six in October, while little sister, Rachel, will turn four in March. Adorable!

Laurie Lockwood '82 is one of three persons that claim responsibility for getting my wife and I together. While these words of hers are not super current, (Laurie now resides in Sarasota, Florida with her boyfriend, Ian), they need to be read. Very amazing stuff!

"Ian and I are now living in Zambia. Our company asked us to move here to help start up the safari lodge business for them. We will be managing a luxurious 44-bed tented camp in the northern Serengeti for about seven to eight months and then moving to the town of Arusha (near the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro) and heading up the company's operations for Tanzania. The camp is called Migration Camp and is based along the route of the famous wildebeest and zebra migration.

"We are now employed by Halcyon Hotels which owns and operates restaurants, hotels and safari lodges in South Africa, Tanzania and Zanzibar. If anyone is interested, the Web site address for Halcyon is www.halcyonhotels.com and you will be able to see a few pictures of our new home in the Serengeti.

"One of the nice things about this new job is that our salary will now be paid in US dollars...a tremendous improvement for us as the SA Rand and Namibian Dollar are severely devalued and not expected to recover any time soon due to the Zimbabwe crises which is effecting all of southern Africa. We are currently living on the edge of the Kafue National Park on the banks of the Kafue River. The lodge is under renovations so I get no sleep past 6:00 am. We



Betsy Stephens Ellsworth '79 with her husband, Scott, and their twin sons, John and William, during a visit in the fall, shown here in front of Stephens House at the Lawrenceville School.

hear and see elephants, hyena, lion, warthog, impala (antelope), hippos, and crocs. And a host of other animals. I think we will be here for about two years but thankfully we will get to Europe, South Africa and USA a few times a year. I will need civilization every now and then."

Jonathan Stockwell Baker is running the show in Venice, California, for the owner of 'Bountiful', one of the most heralded, antique stores to the stars in Southern California. 'JB' has had several dates in the last year...they have ALL been with my daughter, Hartley, who is eerily fascinated by anything he says or does. Jonathan's only 'shout out' is to **Bill Jacobus**: Bill, if you read this, please don't get in touch with me.

As for yours truly, I am going to be 42 in June. I am old and fat. I play in two hardball leagues. One is 18 and up, the other is 28 and up. I play in an ongoing tennis league. I am a stay-at-home Dad to Hartley, four in April, (same birthday as Nick Donath - he's one of the three persons that claim responsibility for getting my wife and I together), and her baby monster brother, Nevin, who will be two in December if he lasts that long.

By the time this goes to print, I will have umpired some high school baseball games in California! And, I have a small, product-oriented company that is moving at a snail's pace due to my priorities, ie. the kiddies!

Come April 28th, I will not have slept in four years.

My wife is a VP of Retail Marketing & National Promotions at MGM Studios. She is an Episcopalian from Mississippi. I do not know how this happened. We are hoping to relocate to the East Coast in the next 10 to 20 months.

Come April 28th, she will not have slept in four years.

For those of you that don't know, my Mother passed away in February of 2001, just a few months prior to Mrs. Price. 'Doc' Press is living in Philly, and doing well.

I miss you all, as well as 'my home away from home'...

Everybody get ready for our 25th. (Good God...)

Betsy Stephens Ellsworth sent this: "The big news in our lives is that my husband Scott and I had our first children, twin sons, on April 16, 2002. John Roper and William Upfield were born big and healthy and we're all having a ball. We were all back East last September to baptize John and Will in the Lawrenceville Chapel, and it was great to see Joyce and Gary Lott, and Shawn '77 and Robbie Ellsworth at the event. Since Scott is a writer and self-employed, he's Mr. Mom, and I'm back at work full time as the associate dean of admission at Reed College in Portland Oregon, where I've been for the past seven years. My job has brought me back to PDS a few times since I recruit in the Mid-Atlantic and South. We've gotten some wonderful

applicants from PDS, and have a freshman here this year. That's all from here. My email address is betsy.ellsworth@reed.edu and we're hoping to get to the 25th reunion in 2004."

Karen Polcer Bdera sent this note: "I continue to racewalk/walk through life — Nick and I completed the 2002 Portland Oregon Marathon this past October, and ran in the NYC Marathon in November. And I have walked in my third Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day, raising over \$14,000 this year (I've raised over \$35,000 over the past three years.) Life is good, busy, fun and energizing."

We received a note that **Andy Jensen** is teaching social studies at Broomfield High School in Broomfield, Colorado. He was featured in a local newspaper and photographed teaching an advanced placement Human Geography class, as part of an article about how teachers integrated the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, into their teaching.

1980

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Congratulations to Sara Cooper who announced her engagement to Michael Delehanty. A May wedding is planned.

1981

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Andy Charen sent this e-mail: "Thought I'd share an update. Living in a northern suburb of Chicago. We have been here for more than five years. My wife, Debbie, and I have three children, Jake is six, Emily is three and Rebecca is 16-months old. (see photo) I work in sales and business development in the information/

network security space. Hopefully in a few years we can make the 25th reunion. Unfortunately, I have little reason to come back to New Jersey these days as my family is scattered up and down the east coast but not in Princeton anymore. I hope you are well. Please pass along some tidbits from others if you have them."



The children of Andy Charen '81 on a recent trip to New Orleans, Emily, Rebecca and Jake.

1982

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Anne Metcalf phoned during the holidays for a quick catch up. She was circling a busy Manhattan block with her boys JJ, Henry and Andrew while husband John was in a nearby store picking up a Christmas present. We reminisced about calmer days spent at a retreat in Norwich, Connecticut during the summer of 2001. Anne and her family are able to visit frequently with her parents in Princeton and with John's parents, also in New Jersey.

I spent five days in February reacquainting myself with the art

of skiing while at Steamboat, Colorado with three girlfriends. My husband Mike has been spending several weekends skydiving in a wind tunnel in Orlando. Our four-year-old Emerson continues with German language classes once a week and our second child, Holden, is still working on the basics of English. Please send class news to me!

Alice Ganoe sent this note: "I continue to live and work in NYC. Been at JP Morgan for 14 plus years. Can't believe it! Running and lots of time in the Adirondacks keep me sane!"

Leslie Pell Linnehan sent a note that her son, Gibson, was born on August 1, 2002, joining big sister Kate. Congratulations!

Christopher "Kip" Thomas sent this note: "My wife, Evan, and I had a baby girl on March 16, 2002, named Annabel M. Thomas, who arrived on moving day! (from Hopewell to Ringoes)."

Kang Na wrote: "Thriving in Amish country! If you happen to be in Western Pennsylvania, come by (New Castle)."

Jeff Perlman wrote: "The annual Frankie K. Basketball game saw an improvement in attendance at reunions, however, the average age of the players has dropped considerably. After chasing these twenty-year-olds for 40 minutes, I realized that the 20 years since we graduated have caused some minor deterioration in certain skills, such as breathing, per se!"

1983

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Erica Weeder wrote: "I'm living with my husband John and daughter Lena north of Chicago, two blocks away from Ravinia Park, the Chicago Symphony

Orchestra's summer home (think Tanglewood). The CSO makes great music for gardening. Still working at Liederbach Graaham Architects doing very fancy houses."

Lorna Mack Sheridan wrote: "My husband and I and our three children (7, 5, 2) have moved back from Miami to Weston, CT, where we have enjoyed running into Kitty Ijams Butt '82 and Andy Davidson from PDS who live here as well."



Elisabeth Reichard Robert's '83 son, William Lee Roberts, was born last May.

1984

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Edward "Ted" Willard sent this: "I just wanted to let everyone know that my wife, Courtney, accepted a position as a Residential Designer at Chatham, Inc., in Elkin, North Carolina (30 miles west of Winston-Salem). Therefore, I left my position at Prudential Financial to stay at home with my daughters, Caroline and Jayne, while our son, Christopher, is at school. Fortunately, daycare will be starting soon so I can hopefully find something outside of the home! If you are in the area, heading to Charlotte, give me a call. We'd love to see you!"

Daniel Herr wrote: "I started a consulting firm, Chancellor Aviation, to assist people who own fractional shares in corporate jets. We offer bill auditing, as well as assistance in buying and selling. It is a good use of my background in

aviation insurance and aircraft management. Kay is still with JP Morgan Investment Management, covering office and industrial REIT stocks."

1985

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Kathryn Jennings sent this e-mail: "I continue to be a roving (or raving?) Surface Designer, mostly in Mercer and Bucks County. Have resolved to work more often in the Philadelphia and Wilmington areas — they're on the way to Florida, after all. Own tools, will travel! I had a painting job in St. Kitts/Nevis in spring 2001, which hopefully will turn into the next project later this year — I just visit the Caribbean now! Living in paradise was a bit drastic, but the view was great. It's hard to believe I have been back in NJ for three years! Am residing again in Mill Hill, in Trenton, but find myself gravitating to Wilmington. As for Trenton, I urge you to attend a hockey game at the arena and stop by my neighbors' restaurant, The Urban Word Cafe, or the adjacent nightclub, The Conduit (where I painted the ceiling). I'm somewhat the same — drinking TAB but trying to take life less seriously! Forget the Perricone Prescription — mirth is the antidote to aging. Celebrated my 35th birthday with friends in Brighton and Norwich, England, on the proverbial shoestring. Missed a *Coldplay* concert because my flight was late, but ate lots of really yummy cheese. When my father wins the lottery, I'm going to retire from painting to raise goats and make fancy cheese. Ha-ha. More realistic predictions for 2003: paint more "framed" artworks, read a lot, find apartment, and adopt another shelter dog — one that doesn't shed! Not necessarily in that order, of course. If you need decorating advice, or eastern Caribbean travel tips, contact: creepingthymedesign@msn.com"

Steve Sinaiko wrote: "I am still practicing law in Manhattan, and was recently elected a partner in the litigation department at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel."

1986

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Congratulations to **Rachel Lilenthal Stark**, who wrote: "We welcomed our second son, Evan, into the world on September 6, 2002. After the initial shock, big brother Noah (two) seems to be adjusting."

We received a note that **Elizabeth Hoover Moore** is living in Princeton and works in labor and delivery at the Medical Center of Princeton.

Jon McConaughy '85 wrote: "My wife, **Robin Cook**, and I just had a new baby boy born October 16, 2002 — his name is Drew. Brother Finn is doing well with the new addition and hasn't yet asked when Drew is leaving!"

Congratulations to **Craig Stuart**, son of Donald Stuart III PCD '56, who was married to Susan Kim in Andover.

1988

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Elizabeth Hare sent this column: "I went to the 127th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in February with **Christine Grounds**. We oooohed and aaahed and felt the keen pangs of longing that only perky contestants in the Sporting



"...a photo of the beagle I wish I had," says Elizabeth Hare '88.

category can inspire in New Yorkers with cramped apartments. Enclosed is a photo of the beagle I wish I had—a sentimental nod to unrealized dreams in our reunion year. Christine abandoned the art business a few years ago and went back to school. She received her master's in Social Work from NYU in May 2002 and as of this writing is doing post-graduate practice in psychoanalysis at the Training Institute for Mental Health in Chelsea.

Julia Herr Smith married Scott Smith in 2002, whom she met while at Kellogg Business School. Classmates attending the nuptials at the family farm in Stanton, New Jersey, included **Andrea Hall Elish**, **Landis Greathouse** and **Laura Heins**. Her sister, Lorraine Herr '82, and brother Daniel Herr '84, were there along with Deirdre Grieser '89. Time for a nostalgic tangent: Laura, Julia and Andrea share the dubious honor of inclusion in my complete set of hallway locker partners. In February Julia was conspiring with **Courtney Shannon** to plan our reunion and called me to solicit ideas. (No perms!) Courtney is living on the Upper East Side and occasionally reaches the odd superstar's progeny their vowels. Laura is working at Morgan Stanley and gets to fly around the world for 30-minute meetings, and I heard that Andrea and her husband will be expecting their first child right around reunion time.

More class "G" (gossip): **Jamie**

Salkind is making documentaries—his latest is currently showing at the Museum of Sex in New York—but which one? Can we show it at the clambake?

Jessie Robertson has two wonderful children, Kate (2) and Jack (7 mos. in June). On top of that, she will be starting as Assistant Medical Director of Lung Transplantation at Columbia University and Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine in July. "Great job, and a great opportunity—I am so excited," she writes. Alas, no photos.

As I've been flying below the alumni radar for a while, I decided to make my notes sparkle by going after the most colorful class subject I'm still in touch with, **Arianna** (see interview). Here's her Zagat's: She got off the corporate bandwagon after "four insane years at AOL" and is now "executive editor of DailyCandy.com." Arianna freelances for *The New York Times* and "other far less impressive publications." At one time, **Jeremy Raab** and **Mike Lingle** moved in "directly" across the street from her on 2nd Avenue, though Mike has since moved even farther downtown, presumably to be closer to the SoHo offices of his "software company" and optional "commune-style" loft apartments. I grabbed lunch with Mike in January and thought his business and creative pursuits sounded very engaging.

Other '88ers who have been seen in and around Manhattan include: **Kit Greenberg** (who amusingly came as someone's date to Christine's husband's birthday last summer, and also appeared at a business meeting Mike was having with NBC), **Ed Eglin** (who I ran into on a bus once with Jeremy), **Jim Strugger**, and **Liz Witt**. As of press time, Ed, Liz and Jim's publicists were not available for comment. But I did have the pleasure of bumping into **Matt Lucas** and **Nils Von Zelowitz** at **George Dodds'** wedding in 2001, and neither of them recognized me. George and his wife, Alison, settled in Lambertville, and I know Nils

and his wife are living in the City and that Nils works in advertising.

Arianna was my guinea pig for my new PDS *Journal* idea, the where-are-they-now profile (with apologies to *Vanity Fair* and Proust).

Q: *When did you last cause a 'Don't you know who I am?' -style rumpus in a guest list queue?*
A: 1993.

Q: *Do you buy your own clothes or does someone buy them for you?*
A: Have you seen my closet? All I own are shoes. And a few nice skirts and sweaters.

Q: *In case any of our female readers are interested, are you single?*
A: Please define "single."

Q: *Where are you right now?*
A: In Los Angeles, working on two books that may never see the light of day. But I'm usually in downtown New York.

Q: *What do you wish you knew then?*
A: That life is better when I'm not taking myself too seriously.

Journal idea no.2: What are your incredibly small world stories about fellow alums? I could fill the next two columns with my own (usually involving Arianna) but I'm really hoping to receive yours instead. Mail to: hare_elizabeth@hotmail.com. Unconfirmed "G" and non-Museum of Sex-ready photos are always accepted."

Kaari Moradoff Schulsinger sent this note: "We had a baby girl on October 4, 2002. Her name is Ariel Jenna. David and I are living in New York City and we hope to see those PDS alumni who are in New York as well."

Elisa De Rochi sent this note: "I am still living in Montclair, New Jersey, and working at Montclair Kimberley Academy. I was engaged in March 2002 and am getting married in July."

1989

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Meg Young Yoder '89 sent a photograph (below) of her children Mary (2 1/2) and Nancy (14 months) and said they "keep me very busy and are lots of fun!"



Mary (2 1/2) and Nancy (14 months), children of Meg Young Yoder '89

We received a note that Ingrid Hoover Smith is expecting her third child in May 2003.

Congratulations to the following class of 1989 alumni who celebrated marriages: Lauren Stuart, daughter of Donald C. Stuart III PCD '56, was married on June 8, 2002, to Richard Downs, in California; Justin Geisel was married to Mackenzie Day on October 5, 2002 in Virginia; Geoff Maletta was married on June 22, 2002, to Melanie Morse; and Macky Alston celebrated his partnership with Nicholas Gottlieb in a commitment ceremony in September in New York.

1990

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Lylah Alphonse wrote: "Still living in Westford, Mass., renovating the house, and working at The Globe.

I hope all is well with everyone! If you're Boston-bound, let me know: lalumah@hotmail.com"

Congratulations to James Gray who was married to Jessica Knoble in September 2002, in New York.

1991

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Kate Marquis wrote: "Jane Lovey (ESU student '91-'92) visited me in Virginia this past fall while on a grand tour of the East coast. My family was also visiting at the time from Scottsdale, Arizona. Karen, Kate, Liz, Eleanor and Jesse were able to share some quality time around the dinner table again — the same table we shared in Princeton ten years ago, actually, only now it's installed in my house in Fairfax, rather than my parents."

Congratulations to Rebecca Grounds who was married in May 2002, to Micah Gorin in Boston.

Congratulations to Carin Moonin and Justin Grow '91, who were married on June 2, 2002.

1993

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Darcey Carlson Leonard send this column: "Dan Bushell currently lives in Pittsburgh, PA with his wife Rivka and two daughters Malky and Nechami. He graduated from the University of Michigan in December 1996, spent 2 years in Israel, and returned to the states to attend law school at Penn Law, graduating in 2002. He is currently working for a class action law firm. Brian Bilello has just returned from the West Coast to start a new job with the New England Patriots/New England Revolution/Gillette Stadium. Through a reunion questionnaire, we have learned Walter Hosey is currently studying for his Ph.D. at Howard University. He's also been a player/coach in Oaxaca, Mexico for Universidad Mesoamericana and the director of study abroad programs in Mexico, Spain, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic."

Congratulations to the following alumni who celebrated marriages: Hillary Hayes was married on November 2, 2002, to Ian Donavan Griffith, in a ceremony at the Princeton University Chapel; Scott Feldman was married to Jayme Radding in New

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Congratulations to Melissa Rosendorf who was married to Charles Calvert on August 2, 2002.

And congratulations to alumni Justin Grow and Carin Moonin '92, who were married on June 2, 2002.

1992

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Carolyn Cooper wrote: "Still working on my Ph.D. in computer science at Johns Hopkins. Should only be another year or so!"

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York; and **Courtney Eckardt** was recently married to William Mangarelli at Trinity Episcopal Church in Princeton.

We received a note that **Emily Hoover Schuller** is living in Natick, Massachusetts and both she and her husband work in Boston.

1994

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We received a note that **Andrew Sicora** announced, in November, his upcoming wedding to take place in Quito, Ecuador. He is marrying Patricia Castro, a woman he met on his first AFS program some years ago.

Veronica White sent this note: "Working at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on a sculpture exhibition and on a Ph.D. in art history at Columbia University."

1995

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Congratulations to **Melissa Morgenstern** who was married in December 2002, to Shawn Burger.

1996

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We received the following news via e-mail about **Edward Li**: He received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree on May 21, 2002 at the

181st Commencement of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at University of Sciences in Philadelphia. He graduated **Summa Cum Laude** with the highest grade point average in both the undergraduate and graduate curriculums. He is also the recipient of the Chairman of the Board of Trustee's Award (cash), Scholastic Award, Johnson & Johnson Award (cash), Lilly Achievement Award, Merck Award, Alumni Association Award and Delaware Valley Society of Health-System Pharmacist Award. He was the past president of Rho Chi, the National Honor Society of Pharmacy for the year 2000-2001. He is currently enrolled in the Clinical Residency program at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Katherine Knapp announced her engagement to Jordan Forister Schaeffer. They are planning a summer wedding and then she will be attending law school in Colorado in the fall.

1997

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Mandy Rabinowitz sent this column by e-mail: "As always I hope this installment of the *Journal* finds everyone well. Unfortunately some of you guys just aren't keeping me informed like you used to... so I bring you whatever information I can, and expect to get some new and exciting stuff for next time around! In NYC, I have seen a few of you, **Janie Egan** is still working hard at Morgan Stanley. One recent evening the two of us were fortunate enough to run into **John Whittaker** who is working as a pharmaceutical rep. I often see another one of our classmates from the old days; **Chuck Buck** is working at Deutsche Bank (or should I say living there) and residing in the East Village. As for **Bryan Esposito**, he is in Atlantic City where he works for Ballys. In February **Mike Zarzecki** was able to take a much-

needed vacation to Tokyo!! Sounds great to me! As for myself, I am back in school! I recently began studying for a degree in Fashion Marketing from Parsons School of Design here in the city, it is a lot of work, but I absolutely love it. As for the rest of you guys I hope to hear from you soon."

Ted Chase's family sent this note: "Ted graduated from Brown in 2001, and is now living near Union Square in Manhattan and working in the business end of the television industry."

1998

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Mike Bracken sent this note: "Working at investment banking firm, Sandler O'Neill & Partners in New York City."

1999

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Sean Merriweather wrote: "So far this year is going well. I'm excited about finishing up. During our homecoming week at Emory, I actually won the Ms. Emory title — it's pretty funny. Hope everyone is doing well."

Kelila Green wrote: "Just wanted to say 'hi' and see how everyone is doing. I am loving Boston; the city is great, and I cannot wait to get out there in the 'real world' Mr. Q always talked about."

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Sapna Thottathil sent this note: "This past year I have been working with a student environmental group on campus to make the University of Chicago more energy efficient. I've also been working on a campaign to push renewable energy in Chicago. A new wind farm is being planned in Illinois by a company that is currently supplying wind power to many East Coast schools. Hopefully, our administration and facilities will join all of your schools back home and make the decision to purchase renewable wind energy by the end of this academic year!"

Anyway, that's what I've been focusing most of my academic year on. I hope all of you are proud of your schools, and will continue to fight for such ethical causes!"

2001

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Jessica Feig sent this note: "LOVING GW...I am double majoring in the business school, concentrating in marketing and events management. I am currently interning for the Washington Wizards basketball team, and just finished serving as public relations chairman for my sorority, and will be recruitment chairman for spring and fall of 2003."

The college guidance department at PDS received word from

Colgate University that **Michael Fishbein** was recently inducted to Phi Eta Sigma, their academic honor society which is based on high academic achievement during the first year at the university. Congratulations!

Matthew Levine wrote: "I am a sophomore at Emory University where I was named to the Dean's List freshman year and inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars this past fall. I was accepted into the Goizueta Business School beginning the spring 2003 term."

2002

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Andrea Swaney sent this e-mail column from California: "**Amy Perlman**, a student at American University in D.C., has been taking advantage of all the area and university have to offer. She recently met Bradley Whitford, cast member in the NBC series "The West Wing," during a shoot in Dupont Circle. She sees and gets together with class of '02 classmate **Brett Haroldson** frequently. She has also joined the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society. Brett, also at American, says he is really enjoying college. He loves his classes, and is also making plans to produce and possibly act in several TV shows on AU's TV station: ATV.

Ari Paul, a student at UPenn, was on the Ivy League Division-winning fencing squad. He is competing on the Varsity Fencing Team. He is also involved with some research of the Fragile X Syndrome in Stellar-Chance Laboratories of the University of Pennsylvania Department of Genetics. He is the librarian of the Philomathean Society, an organization dedicated to all matters intellectual.

Jeremy Johnson wrote: "I decided to take a year off. Since August I have been taking part in

a Rotary International Exchange Program in Chile, learning Spanish, studying the culture, and learning a lot about life, both my own and the idea in general. So far it has been an incredible six months. Hello to everyone I have not seen since August."

As for me, I have been loving Stanford and the west coast. I get to train with some of the fastest swimmers in the nation, and it is truly the most fun I've had on a team. We are currently ranked eighth in the nation, but we are going to finish much higher than that at NCAAs. We have a great shot at winning! I'm loving the quarter-system and my classes. I'll be staying here over the summer to train and to possibly do some research regarding the social sciences with a professor I have this quarter.

Sarah Elmaleh sent this note: "Just completed six months in Vietnam and Thailand, traveling and working. I will be a deckhand on a schooner for three months and will be going to Wesleyan University in the fall of 2003."

CareerInterLink ONLINE

Looking for help with career transitions? Using the PDS website (www.pds.org), go to the Alumni section and click on Career Interlink. You can now access a database of alumni who have offered to assist other PDS alums in answering questions about career choices. There is also a section on the page for you to add your name to the database as a career resource.

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ClassNotes

**Send us your news for the
Fall 2003 *Journal*!**

If you enjoy reading about your classmates in the *Journal*, please share *your* news! Send your information and photographs via e-mail or regular mail to the class correspondent listed at the top of your class listing.

If there is no class correspondent, please send your information to our special mailbox at PDS for class notes:

classnotes@pds.org

The deadline for the Fall Journal is:

June 27, 2003

Princeton Day School does not verify the information in the Class Notes section and cannot be responsible for the accuracy. The Class Notes section of the Journal is offered to alumni for their use in exchanging news and updates on their classmates.

IN MEMORIAM

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends
of the following alumni, faculty, trustees, and alumni parents.

Saul Amarel

Father of Dan Amarel '76

Elizabeth Nawrath Cobb

Former physical education faculty at Miss Fine's and PDS,
former coach and a 1998 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee

Darryl Crossland

Brother of Dawn Crossland '83

Margaret Maier de Forest '28

John Coulter Duncan '74

Son of Nellie "Petie" Oliphant Duncan '51 and former trustee
Stuart Duncan II and brother of C. Allison Duncan '79 and
Creigh Duncan '76

Phyllis Feller

Mother of Joseph M. Feller '76 and Michelle R. Feller '85

Richard Fenton

Husband of Mary Jo Gardner Fenton '45

Elizabeth Bunting Fine

Former faculty

Elizabeth Hutner Flemer '73

Wife of William Flemer IV '71, sister of Louise Hutner '70,
Nat Hutner '65, Simeon Hutner '77, and sister-in-law
of Heidi Flemer Hesselein '70, daughter-in-law of
William Flemer III '37 and Elizabeth Sinclair Flemer '43

William A. Hall, M.D.

Father of Jan Hall Burrus '72

Dorothy M. Hindley

Mother of PDS Artist-In-Residence
Ross A. Hindley

Donald J. Hofmann, Sr.

Father of Trustee Donald J. Hofmann, Jr.
and Grandfather of Jeremy Hofmann '04
and Jonathan Hofmann '06

Virginia Wikoff Hudler

Mother of Nancy Hudler Keuffel '58

Eileen Douglas Johnson

Wife of Tristram B. Johnson '34

Mary M. Johnson

Former Miss Fine's School faculty

Frederick Knott

Father of Dr. Anthony Frederick Knott '77

John Lapsley '50

Chris Lazzaretto

Husband of Nora Cuesta Lazzaretto '78, brother-in-law of
Carolyn Cuesta '83, and son-in-law of Marcelino Cuesta
and Nora Cuesta, former faculty members

Elizabeth Menzies '33

Ryan James Mullaly '01

Leonore Paneyko

Grandmother of Caroline Paneyko '09,
Lauren Paneyko '13, and Julia Paneyko '15

Henry Stuart Patterson II

Former trustee and father of Abby Patterson '69,
Henry S. Patterson III '70 and Michael V. Patterson '77

Elizabeth Price

Wife of Carl Price and mother of A. Turner Price '72
and Chris W.H. Price '79

Milton Salmon

Grandfather of Bennett J. Matelson '88
and Sara J. Matelson '90

Jay Santarlasci '93

Fay Ginsburg Schragger

Grandmother of Andrew Schragger '85,
Richard Schragger '88 and Michael Schragger '92

Ann Smith '56

Sister of Ralph Smith '57, great aunt of Claire Stanton '11
and Eloise Stanton '14

Elizabeth Hill Stretch

Sister of Joyce Hill Moore '42

John Tassie Jr. '58

Brother of Mark Tassie '67 and former
PDS teacher Sara Boyd, uncle of Amanda
Scherck '96, John-Henry Scherck '04,
Chris Boyd '99 and Jess Boyd '97.

Peter Laird Vielbig '89

Brother of Leslie Del Col '85 and
Alexander Vielbig '92

David Wilkinson

Father of Kent Wilkinson '79

Harry Woolf

Father of Aaron Woolf '82
and Sara Woolf '85



Photo by Elizabeth Menzies '33.
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IN MEMORIAM

Two Former Faculty Remembered *Elizabeth Bunting Fine, Elizabeth Nawrath Cobb*

Elizabeth Bunting Fine

Elizabeth Bunting Fine, a former faculty member, died at home in Ann Arbor, Michigan on November 26 at the age of 94. She grew up in Madison Wisconsin, graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1928. She went to Yale, where she earned her Ph.D. in 1933 under the direction of Michael Rostovtzeff. There she met her husband, John V.A. Fine (a nephew of school founder May Margaret Fine), who received a Ph.D. in Classics the same year. After several years in Williams-town Mass., the couple moved to Princeton, where her husband had a distinguished career teaching Greek History at Princeton from 1940 to 1971. Elizabeth was very active in Princeton, teaching Greek and Latin at Miss Fine's from the 1950's until her retirement in June 1988 at the age of 80. She is fondly remembered as a teacher and lover of books.



Photograph by Eileen Hohmuth-Lemmonick

Latin Prize Named in Honor of Fine

PDS has named the latin prize, which will be awarded to a graduating senior each year, in honor of the late **Elizabeth Fine**, former Upper School language teacher.

Princeton, in developing open housing, and in establishing parks, particularly those that preserved the environment, the most prominent of which was the Princeton Arboretum (formerly the Veblen Woods). She also actively fought for the consolidation of Princeton borough and township in two hard-fought campaigns, the first of which was sponsored by the League of Women Voters. After the death of her husband,

she moved to Ann Arbor in the fall of 1989. There she tutored various high school and university students in Latin. She is survived by her son John V.A. Fine, Jr. (a Professor of History at the University of Michigan), her daughter-in-law Gena Fine, and two grandsons, Alexander (Sasha) and Paul.

Memorial contributions may be made to the scholarship fund of Princeton Day School or the League of Women Voters (local or national).

Elizabeth Nawrath Cobb

Former coach and physical education teacher Elizabeth "Betty" Jane Nawrath Cobb passed away on February 27, 2003 in Waterville, Maine, near Belgrade where she lived with her husband, Philip. She died after a long battle with lung cancer.

She came to Miss Fine's in 1951 when she was a member of the United States Women's Lacrosse Touring Team. She toured with the team for two seasons in Europe in 1949 and 1950. With some time off to raise her family, she taught at MFS for 14 years and continued at PDS until her retirement in 1968.



Elizabeth Cobb from the 1960 *Link*.

In 1998, she was inducted in the PDS Athletic Hall of Fame and honored as an exceptional coach and physical education teacher at Miss Fine's School. During her tenure, P.E. classes and practices doubled, and she added lacrosse, archery and tennis to the sports offered. She fashioned the MFS athletic program into a modern, competitive and highly respected model at a time when many schools did not even offer girls interscholastic competition.

From the age of eight, Betty spent every summer but one, during World War II, in children's camps either as a camper, counselor or director. In 1959, she and her husband bought and began running Camp Runoia in Belgrade Lakes, Maine. She spent more than 65 years in organized children's camps and received the Halsey Gulick Award for Distinguished Service from the Maine Youth Camping Association, as well as various service awards from the American Camping Association's New England Section.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization Scholarship Fund, c/o Treasurer Lucy Baruch, 101 Overbrook Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854.



(above) The women's game saw PDS varsity players enjoy battling with some stellar alumnae ice hockey players. Front row, l to r: John Cook '56, Robin Cook McConaughy '87 with a friend's child, Varsity Coach Meghan Hishmeh, Christina Koerte '02, Jamie Martin '03, Christina Costa '05, Heidi Morse '04. Back row, l to r: Cynthia Griffin Ferris '81, Phoebe Vaughn Outerbridge '84, Carly Berger '04, Claire Hoppenot '03.



(left to right) Alumni soccer game. Left to right, Dave McCord '79 with son Douglas, Tony Dell '80 with son Andrew and Lou Guarino '79 with son Charlie all of whom enjoyed playing in the Alumni Soccer Game.



(above) Alumni soccer game. Front row, l to r: Chris Palsho '02, Alex Stanko '02, Tom Feurstein '03, Alex Sussman '02, Adam Sternberg '85, Lindsey Sternberg '95, Gerard Sternberg, Michele Sternberg '87, Mike Sieglen '02, Dave McCord '79. Second row, l to r: Nick Sardar '01, Lauren Sanders '01, Andrew Miller '01, Zack Faigen '01, Lou Guarino '79 (with Charlie in front), Aaron Schomberg LS science teacher, Larry Pierson '80. Third row: l to r Russell Nemiroff '02, Ryan Palsho '05, Will Dewey '03, Larry Pierson's son, Theo.



Cynthia Griffin Ferris '81, was coaxed into playing by her sisters Barbie Griffin Cole '78 and Sarah Griffin Thompson '84.



Alumni ice hockey game over Thanksgiving break 2002.



New Year's Day Ice Skating Party



New York Alumni Gathering

(above, and above left) On Wednesday, October 23, 2002 the alumnae/i of Miss Fine's, Princeton Country Day and Princeton Day School in the New York City region gathered for a cocktail party at the home of Ken and Susan Schildkraut Wallach '64 with Head of School Judy Fox.

Hosting Past Presidents

(below) Newell Thompson '82 and Sarah Griffin Thompson '84 hosted the first annual dinner of the past presidents of the Alumni Board in their Princeton home. Pictured from left, seated, are: A. Markell (Mickey) Shriver '46, Thomas Gates '78, Sarah Thompson, Head of School Dr. Judy Fox and Newell Thompson. In back: Anne Williams '74, left, and Cary Dufresne '77. Alumni Board President Rob Olsson '78, not shown, joined the group for an evening of reminiscing about their tenure as president.



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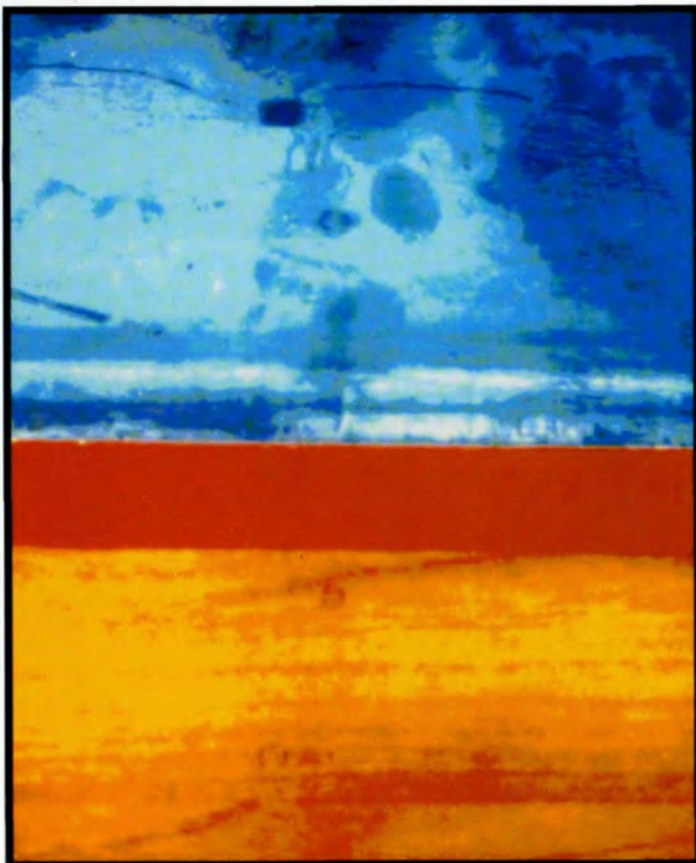
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