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A Ten Year Retrospective • 1996–2005



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Life is a maze.
You are a maze.
Amazed.
And amazing.

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*I give you
you're just in a maze
I'm your old man
how do I feel?*

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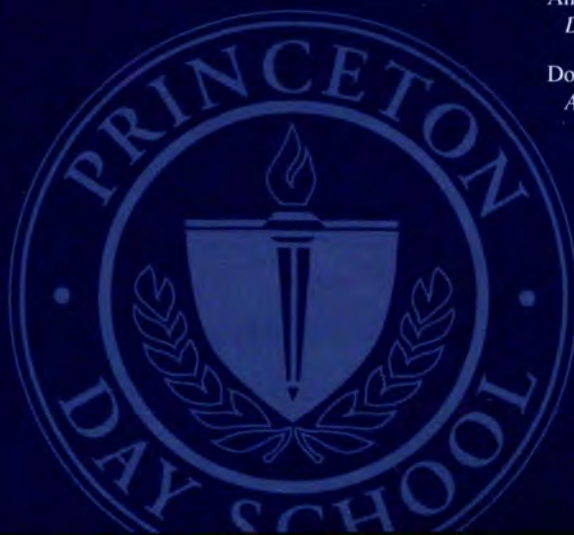
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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

To the PDS Community:

For me, the events and activities of the winter trimester highlight the vibrant character and strength of our school, which shine through even the cold and shortened days of February and March.

At this time of year, evidence of the remarkable contributions of our parent volunteers abounds. We enjoyed the Angels Benefit in support of the Performing Arts Program and the Annual Parent Auction, which underwrites the lion's share of professional development opportunities for our teachers each summer. The Booster Club was central to the success of the Annual Invitational Hockey Tournaments, and their decision this year to contribute all of the tournament snack bar proceeds to our tsunami relief effort was an inspiration — and an example for our entire community.

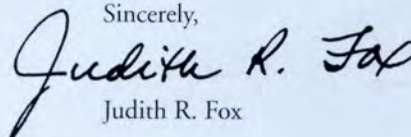
On the subject of helping the victims of the tsunami, you will read about just some of the student initiatives in this *Journal*. Proceeds from bake sales, skate-a-thons, read-a-thons, dances, our kindergartners doing extra chores at home to earn money for the cause, the selling of tsunami relief bracelets and Sri Lankan dinners, and outright gifts from parents, faculty, and students resulted in an overwhelming school response and the funding of *twenty* new homes for Sri Lankan families devastated by the disaster. I could not be more proud of our school.

You'll also read about the 10th anniversary of "Imagine the Possibilities," a program started by an outstanding teacher with a dream, and an alumni family who chose to help make it a reality. If there is a more respected and successful educational program that partners nationally known and award-winning artists and authors with teachers and students, we have not heard of it. And, all of this happened because a family cared deeply for our school and our students, and wanted to support a great teacher in her work. In the most fundamental way, this example characterizes what has always been the core of our success as a school.

Having just returned from alumni gatherings in Los Angeles and San Francisco, I am ever more struck by the lasting impact Princeton Day School has on those who attend. They all remain so grateful to the teachers and coaches whose influence continues even decades after graduation. We are today profoundly and proudly connected to our past, and there is no better example than the first presentation of the *Christopher Reeve '70 Sportsmanship Award* at the Ice Hockey Tournaments in February. The award, presented by Chris's mother Barbara Johnson, was named in honor of our first varsity ice hockey goalie and in the words of Athletic Director John Levandowski, was given "with the hope that his example of courage, perseverance, generosity of spirit and leadership will inspire all who take part in this tournament."

Your school thrives, and on behalf of all our teachers and students, I extend my thanks to the countless alumni, parents and friends who are so central to the quality and strength of our work here on campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith R. Fox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Judith R. Fox



Brian Pinkney with PDS students.



Illustration by James Ransome



Collage by Bryan Collier



Scratchboard by Brian Pinkney

PDS Celebrates Ten Years of Imagining

by Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62

Many great ideas are first scribbled down on the back of an envelope. Most of those ideas fail to go any further, however, either because they seem too difficult to implement or simply because the envelope gets lost. Fortunately for Princeton Day School, third grade teacher Bev Gallagher hung on to her envelope and surmounted some difficulties to create a unique program that is celebrating its tenth

anniversary this year. Called "Imagine the Possibilities," it brings nationally known writers, poets and illustrators to the School every spring to interact with students and teachers in all three divisions.

Gallagher remembers the birth of the program clearly. In 1995, she and several colleagues attended a conference on children's literature at Penn State University where she heard, among

others, international educational consultant and writer Georgia Heard speak. Sitting in the back seat of the car on the way home, she pulled out that envelope and started jotting down ideas.

"I came back really inspired," Gallagher says, "and I just thought, 'Wow! What if there's a way to bring those people on campus to inspire everyone else? What if I got an author, an illustrator and a poet?'"



**"It just tells kids,
'You know what?
You can do this too!'"**

— Katie Gibson, grade VI

The Wallace clan: Seated (l-r) are Margie Wallace Gibson '84, her parents, Jack and Happy Wallace, and husband, Peter Gibson. Standing in back row are Coby, Connor, Katie and Christopher Gibson.

doing demonstration classes and hands-on workshops. The program is unique in that it involves not one but three artists and schedules them across disciplines and throughout a junior kindergarten to twelfth grade school.

"What I'm looking for is someone who is terrific at their craft in addition to being able to speak effectively to a five-year-old and an 18-year-old, which is really difficult," says Gallagher. "That's been the challenge over the years, to find the perfect people."

Clearly, she has been successful. Since the program began, 24 different artists have come to the School, all with impressive credentials. Being able to attract Pulitzer Prize and Caldecott Award winners is a testament to the program's reputation.

"Even if these artists simply came to present an assembly," says Artist-in-Residence Judy Michaels, "their presence



Author Mary Pope Osborne



Woodcut detail by Ashley Bryan



Artist Ashley Bryan

Making the Dream Come True

Gallagher outlined her idea to Interim Head of School Archer Harman who suggested she talk to Director of Advancement Andrew Hamlin about funding. He introduced her to Happy and Jack Wallace PCD '48, who had established a fund for visiting artists in memory of their son John, a 1978 graduate of PDS who passed away in 1990. (See page 11)

To honor his love of the theater, music and writing the Wallaces created the John D. Wallace, Jr. '78 Memorial Guest Artists Series Fund as a way to bring creative artists to school to share their talent and experience. When Gallagher told the Wallaces her plan, they liked it immediately, especially the way it reflected John's interests.

"That's the incredible thing about

this," Jack Wallace says. "There's nothing about this program that isn't pure John. You get artists, writers, storytellers. John would relate to every one of these people. Another reason we like this is because it's an educational process that covers all three divisions."

Margie Wallace Gibson '84, John's sister, adds, "The fact that it crosses all three schools, that's totally John because he loved little ones."

The Wallaces agreed to underwrite the program. "Bev was so enthusiastic about her ideas, you couldn't help but be enthusiastic too," Happy Wallace says.

Finding the Perfect Match

"Imagine the Possibilities" takes place over a six-day period. Each artist spends two days at school, giving intimate readings, speaking at large assemblies,

in the School would be significant, but what makes it uniquely memorable is the way Bev manages to involve so many of us in exploring their work with our students before they even arrive, and then create schedules that gets them right into our classrooms."

"It took me a while to click in to 'Imagine,'" confesses Upper School English teacher Liz Cutler. "I thought it was a Lower School event. But Bev was really good at reaching out to the rest of the School and helping us see that this was a program for the entire school."

Now Cutler is one of the program's biggest fans. "I'd drop anything to bring in whomever Bev has here for 'Imagine' because it's always interesting. It doesn't matter what I'm teaching. There's always a way to connect into what 'Imagine the Possibilities' is offering."

"It's such a creative faculty, and we

have so many interesting classes, that I just want to make every visit terrifically interesting," Gallagher says, "When you have this great work you're doing and you can add one more layer, it becomes even richer and more powerful. Sometimes," she continues, "the best venue is not putting one person in front of 400 kids and saying, 'That 400 are covered.' It may only be a class of eight, but you just know it's the perfect match."

Gallagher is modest about the amount of time she devotes to the program, but her daughter Becky, a junior at PDS, sees what really goes on before the first visitor arrives. "I'm always surprised by how hard my mother works to choose these people," she says. "She researches them, talks with them, orders all their books and makes sure their books are appropriate and can be applied to all three schools. Then she checks for diversity and makes sure she has a balance of races and gender."



Poet Paul Muldoon

Cause to Celebrate

This spring "Imagine the Possibilities" marks its tenth anniversary. The School has invited all the artists back to celebrate and exhibit their work in the Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery. The unique exhibit will act as yet another teaching moment thanks to the generosity of the artists who are sharing their illustrations, working notes, first drafts and new books. Students will be able to follow the creative process from its inception through revisions to the final product. The exhibit is open to the public and runs from March 28 through April 22.

Third grade teacher Betsy Rizza, who handles many of the logistics and planning for the program, recalls planning for the tenth anniversary, when Gallagher said, "How about if we bring back the same three artists that came 10 years ago?"

Do you think that's possible?"

Rizza says, "Every time Bev says, 'Do you think it's possible?' I know what she's really saying is, 'It really is possible.'"

So on April 12-15 and 18-19, the original guest artists will return and the magic will continue.

Professionals Share Their World

"It's so important to have contemporary, working artists come in and talk to students," says Upper School art teacher Jerry Hirniak. "The artists have always been totally enthusiastic about being here. For me, what's really interesting is the career path they've followed. They come in with slides and show work they did in college, they show early work, and stuff they did as kids. It's been so great for our students to get a sense that this is the path and it's possible."

"They're wonderful role models for the kids," says Lower School art teacher



Author Georgia Heard

Tina Dadian. "Bev chooses people who have a message that is really important. It encourages and nurtures compassion."

"Their stories are great," Rizza agrees, "because some artists say they never thought this life would be possible for them. The children understand that these are human beings who have had a dream."

One of the reasons for the success of "Imagine" is the careful preparation that begins a year in advance of the artists' visits. Teachers study their work and devise ways to integrate it into their curriculum. Students become familiar with the writers' books and study the technique of the illustrators.

Dadian remembers illustrator Floyd Cooper demonstrating his erasure technique to groups of students, teachers and parents. "They were fascinated," she says, "by the fact that they could make a grey circle with charcoal and then take a

"Imagine the Possibilities" Guest Artists

1996

Georgia Heard
Earl Lewis
Rafe Martin

1997

Ashley Bryan
Georgia Heard
Mary Pope Osborne

1998

Sandra Cisneros
Floyd Cooper
Mary Pope Osborne

1999

Ralph Fletcher
Naomi Shihab Nye
Brian Pinkney

2000

Nikki Grimes
Pat Mora
David Wisniewski

2001

Peter Lourie
Jerry Pinkney
Jacqueline Woodson

2002

Jennifer Armstrong
Paul Muldoon
James Ransome

2003

Paul Janeczko
Chris Raschka
Naomi Shihab Nye

2004

Kristine O'Connell George
Joseph Bruchac
Bryan Collier

2005

Georgia Heard
Earl Lewis
Rafe Martin



**"PDS is a place where
you can grow big ideas."**

—Bev Gallagher, creator of
"Imagine the Possibilities"

Author Ralph Fletcher visited PDS in 1999.

little eraser and with maybe six little erasures, make the illusion of a face. People that didn't think they could draw, did."

Jennifer Armstrong, author of *In My Hands*, came to one of Cutler's electives. "We read the book," Cutler says, "and it was just fascinating to have her come in and talk about her research and how you write someone else's story and maintain their voice while clearly writing in your own."

Michaels agrees. "When Ashley Bryan came into my eleventh and twelfth grade elective," she says, "the motion and color of his illustrations energized our discussion of how emotions shape art, and his presence — the sense he gave us of who he is — made an indelible impression on the students."

Enthusiasm Fuels Students, Artists and Teachers

"When the artists finally arrive, it's as though they're Greek gods and goddesses," Rizza says. Throughout the halls, she hears whispers of "Oh, my gosh! There's Brian Pinkney!" or "That's Nikki Grimes! I've read all her books!"

"Our teachers do such a great job of threading the artists' work through the curriculum," Gallagher says. "They have an incredibly caring, thoughtful way of preparing kids so they're just chomping at the bit to find out more. Our kids are so savvy, it takes your breath away. They want to know, 'Did that start as a memoir and did you turn it into fiction?' And,

'Are you planning to do a sequel? We notice you did three in a row and then you dropped it.' She remembers one Lower Schooler who said, "This book I'm reading, I'm just noticing — if the author did a genre switch and did it in poetry, it could have looked like this. So when she comes, I'm going to ask her."

The artists are impressed by the reception they receive. "My first memory of PDS and 'Imagine' was walking into Bev's classroom and having one of the best conversations I've ever had about writing," says Heard, who inspired the program and was one of its first guests. "Bev and her students were so articulate, and I could see that they took themselves seriously as writers. It made my job as a visiting writer so much fun. That was it — after that time I knew that PDS was an oasis for writing and writers. It has been such a joy and an inspiration to know Bev, and to be part of PDS and 'Imagine.'"



Author Naomi Shihab Nye

"My visits to PDS felt divine," says Naomi Shihab Nye, a celebrated author and poet who visited in 1999 and 2003, "...wonderful, rich, inspired times of communication with such great students and teachers. I decided after my first visit that PDS was my dream school. It seems a perfect balance of academics and creativity. All the teachers at PDS seemed outstanding to me. The experience was way beyond anything I might have expected."

"You want students to be prepared and knowledgeable about your work," says Caldecott-winning illustrator and university teacher Earl B. Lewis. "And not only were they knowledgeable about MY work, they're just knowledgeable period."

Due in part to the success of the "Imagine" program, Gallagher was one of only 20 educators selected to



Bev Gallagher, third grade teacher and creator of "Imagine the Possibilities" program.



Margie Wallace Gibson '84 coaches eighth grader Grier Stockman in field hockey and lacrosse.



Elizabeth Kassler-Taub '06 and Becky Gallagher '06.

USA Today's 2000 All-USA Teacher First Team, and the first independent school teacher so honored. The previous year the New Jersey Chapter of the Council for American Private Education had named her Teacher of the Year. This year she is on sabbatical, teaching at the University of Pennsylvania, as well as revising PDS' JK through four curriculum and organizing the "Imagine" program.

says, "and I have very strong memories of working with visiting artists all the way through. It was fun to see Nye when I was a freshman because I was also in one of her workshops the previous time she had visited, when I was in fifth grade. She has a powerful simplicity to her work that really appealed to me."

Becky also remembers the program from its beginning. "Rafe Martin was the first ever. He wrote *Rough-Faced Girl*," she explains. "And he was telling a story

groups where parents and all different grades are able to come in and hear the artists talk and we get to ask them questions."

"I like to see all the different types of writing or art or poetry that there can be," says Katie, a sixth grader. "It's fun being with the artists or writers and just learning their techniques on how to start a story. It just tells kids, 'You know what? You can do this too!'"

Her brother Connor, a fifth grader



Illustration by Floyd Cooper



Author Nikki Grimes



Illustration by Chris Raschka

Students Discover Their Own Possibilities

The focus of all the preparation and effort is, of course, the students. The program leaves a lasting impression on many. Grier Stockman is an eighth-grader who still remembers being in first grade when Mary Pope Osborne visited. "It was so wonderful," she says. "She had written the *Magic Tree House* series and I had read every single one of her books.

Grier loves to write and adds, "This is a great program for me. It's amazing to be able to talk to published, accomplished writers and illustrators.

Elizabeth Kassler-Taub is a junior who has been at PDS since kindergarten. She has a "passion" for writing and was recently appointed editor-in-chief of *The Spokesman*. "I am a PDS lifer, so I have seen this program from its infancy," she

and the whole Lower School was just on the edge of their seat. There are just so many amazing people."

She shares her mother's admiration for the people who visit and the value of their work. "They're writing about contemporary issues," she says. She understands the value of a book like *Oliver Twist* but says, "That's England in the nineteenth century! You need Jackie Woodson to tell you what's happening today, what are the issues today. That's also incredibly important."

The Wallaces go to as many presentations as possible and love being able to participate in the program founded in their son's name. Lately they have been able to enjoy it through the eyes of their grandchildren—their daughter Margie's four children—who are all at PDS now.

"You learn so much from these people," says Christopher, a seventh grader. "I like how they have these

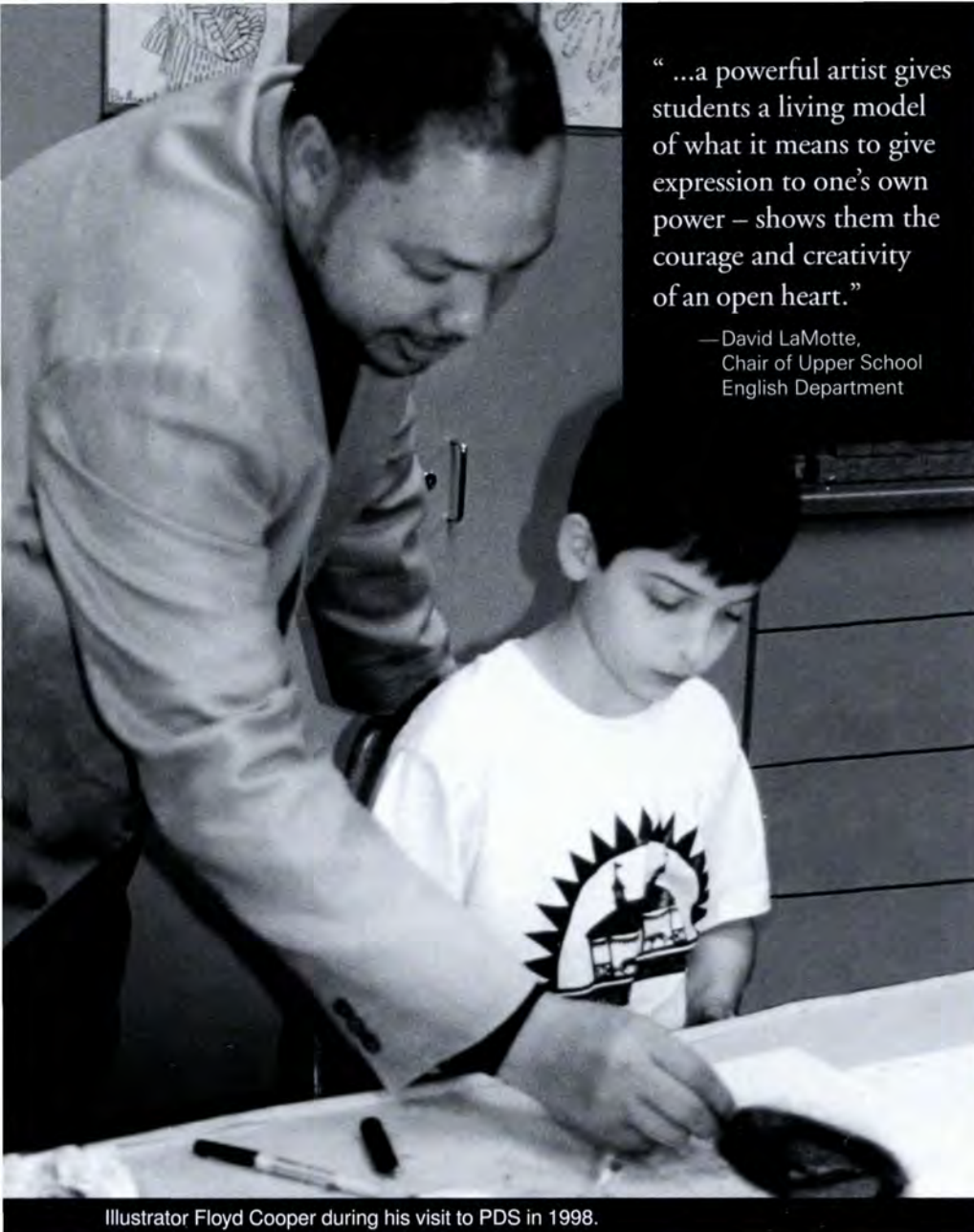
agrees. "They're all different, so with each one, we get to see different things," he says.

Her youngest, Coby, is in kindergarten so he has only had one year to experience the program, but he shares his siblings' excitement.

Teachers Learn With Students

"When you watch Georgia Heard teach a poetry lesson, you're in awe," says Gallagher. "That's the great part of 'Imagine'—teachers get to learn too. Every teacher in the building has an opportunity to watch anything they want. It's a teachable moment, not just for the kids, but for the faculty. The more times you take that chance and that opportunity, the more you're enriching yourself."

"For me," says Cutler, "as a teacher, it's been a great gift because I never would have access to these folks. I come away



“...a powerful artist gives students a living model of what it means to give expression to one’s own power – shows them the courage and creativity of an open heart.”

—David LaMotte,
Chair of Upper School
English Department

Illustrator Floyd Cooper during his visit to PDS in 1998.

enlarged in my thinking to see the writing arts in a different way. I’m a better teacher of writing for having listened to people talk about their own writing process.”

Many teachers would agree the exposure to visiting artists changes the way they teach but, for some, the impact is also very personal. Rizza recalls listening to author Peter Lourie talk about his exploration of the world’s rivers. “I found myself sitting there thinking, ‘Maybe I could do that someday!’” she says.

“I spent a sabbatical year working on a book that was inspired by this program,” Dadian says. “It made me feel I could be an illustrator. I was inspired by conversations I had with visiting artists and the repeated exposure to that world. I think I would not have done this without them.”

Michaels had a similar experience.

“I remember going into Bette Soloway’s Humanities class to write along with the sixth graders as Naomi Shihab Nye led us in her insistent questions, ‘Who are you? Where do you come from?’ I ended up writing a poem which later became a piece in my first poetry book. Many people in the class learned to think about poetry in new ways and wrote poems they cared about. And Naomi’s poems have become an integral part of my ninth-grade poetry classes.”

Artists Make New Connections

Whenever possible, the artists share their work with the community. Jerry Pinkney taught a class at Princeton University and Rafe Martin gave readings at the Princeton Public Library. Floyd Cooper

does workshops for Young Audiences, a theater program suggested to him by Middle School art teacher Susan Reichlin.

Lewis posed and photographed several PDS teachers to bring realism to his watercolor illustrations for a book about the 1946 championship softball team called *Dirt on Their Skirts*. “I couldn’t find the authentic baseball uniforms,” he laughs, “so I did the next best thing – I dressed the teachers up in 1950s waitress outfits. They looked quite authentic. It was a lot of fun.”

Nye recalls corresponding with Julia Salem, now a freshman. “Her childhood poems were so astonishing, I carried them with me everywhere literally for years,” she says. “Her older poems were deep and penetrating as well. We became friends through poems.”

With such close connections, it is not unusual for a sense of family to develop.



Author Jennifer Armstrong

Nye feels as though she “has another family on this earth!” Lewis says he was treated so well at PDS, “I felt like I was adopted.”

Generosity and Imagination Bring School Community Together

It would seem this program is limited only by the imagination and generosity of those it touches. David LaMotte chairs the Upper School English department and has been one of the program’s earliest and most supportive fans. “For me, the word that comes to mind to describe the ‘Imagine the Possibilities’ program is generosity,” he says. “Certainly, that starts with the generosity of the John D. Wallace, Jr. ’78 Memorial Guest Artist Series Fund, which makes the program possible. But it culminates in the generosity of the artists, who always seem able to make intense and

inspiring connections with our students. What happens then is generous in the most fundamental sense: a powerful artist gives students a living model of what it means to give expression to one's own power—shows them the courage and creativity of an open heart."

"A gift to a school is very valuable." Happy Wallace says, "It's just a wonderful feeling to see that something has an impact. People not only enjoy it, they learn. And we're so lucky to be able to watch it in action. I hope Bev knows how much her efforts mean to everybody."

Lila Lohr, now head of The Friends School of Baltimore, saw the program grow over her tenure as head of PDS. "I loved this program," she says. "What a fabulous way to build community as everyone, young and old, celebrated the joys of art and the power of the artist—be that a writer or illustrator. Its real power



Author Rafe Martin

came in the execution—for Bev chose such personable, caring artists who reached out to the kids and were clearly touched by their very warm reception. Sitting in on those classes you felt like you were watching young children develop their voices and a vision of who and what they could become. And the truth is, programs like that don't happen and won't be sustained unless you have generous supporters like the Wallaces, who correctly trusted Bev and her judgment and let her imagine her possibilities."

"It's something that brings the campus together," Gallagher says. "It's this wonderful interwoven fabric of kids and teachers and community. The energy and enthusiasm just showcases the School at its best. PDS is a place where you can grow big ideas."

So hang on to those envelopes. The next great idea may be just around the corner. ■

Creative Spirit of John Wallace '78 LIVES ON IN PDS PROGRAM

During his tragically short life, John Wallace exhibited great talent as a writer, actor and singer, but perhaps his greatest gift was his infectious enjoyment of life and his generous way of sharing that joy with his family and friends.

A 1978 graduate of PDS, John came from a family with a long history at the School. His grandfather, John H. Wallace, was a trustee of Princeton Country Day School and his grandmother, Margaret Cook Wallace, was a member of the Miss Fine's School class of 1927. His father, Jack Wallace, is a 1948 graduate of PCD and 1993 Alumni Award



John Wallace '78

winner who has returned to the Board of Trustees after first serving from 1978 to 1984. His brother Christian graduated from PDS in 1980 and his sister Margie Wallace Gibson '84 now sends her four children to PDS. After John's death in February 1990, his family established the John D. Wallace, Jr. '78 Memorial Guest Artist Series Fund, which underwrites the "Imagine the Possibilities" program at PDS. "John was a free spirit," Jack Wallace recalls fondly.

After graduating from PDS and completing his degree at Yale, John moved to New York City to pursue a writing career. He was approached to possibly fill the role of associate editor for a new evening news program on PBS television.

His mother remembers one instance in which his outgoing attitude worked against him. "When he first moved to New York and was trying to get a job as a writer, he freelanced as a waiter," she says. "He liked doing that, but he was really frustrated because he'd be serving people and want to participate in their conversations!"

His classmates remember him with great fondness. "He was very tall, full of restless energy and curiosity," Allison Ijams Sargent remembers. "He loved to travel. He loved parties. He loved his family, who were always a source of great pride for him. I think what most people remember about John is his light heart. He found life extremely entertaining—he gulped it down."

Tom Gates says, "John always made me feel welcome and part of his world. He was a good listener and a genuine, caring friend. He could keep all of his classmates howling with laughter. In the theater, his willingness to put it all out there on the stage encouraged me to give it a try."

"He was a brilliant, hilarious young man," Ms. Sargent says. "He was an accomplished writer. His work often appeared in *Cymbals*, both poetry and prose. His love of drama and literature imbued his life at all levels," she continues. "His days at PDS were hallmarked by outstanding academic achievement, constant immersion in the drama department, important long-lasting relationships with friends in all grades, as well as with teachers and administrators."

"I think about him all the time," says Suzanne Vine, John's date for the PDS Junior Prom. "I still go through situations where I think John would have loved this or John would be doubled over in laughter with me at this. He really went to both extremes. He could be really silly and then worry, at 14, about what he was going to do with his life. He cared very much what his family thought of him. He had really high hopes for himself."

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD:

Father John Sheehan '61

By Phoebe Vaughn Outerbridge '84

*"He is a man of optimism
and unquestioned faith."*

Father John Sheehan '61 is legendary for his many gifts – his unwavering faith, his pragmatism, his talent, and especially his writing. His epistles from abroad are truly prolific, and shed light on what makes this man tick. Page after page of colorful missives packed with details of his missionary life reveal a portrait of a dedicated and uniquely talented man. And, like him, the letters are peppered with humor and wit. On one page he suggests to his readers: "If you've run out of popcorn, this is a natural place for an intermission. Go visit the rest room, refill your drink and your snack bowl. We are about to explore a South Pacific atoll."

Father John's latest missive is sent from Kwajalein (or "Kwaj" for short), an island of about three square miles in the Marshall Islands of the Pacific, where he has just moved after an extended stay of 12 years in Lagos, Nigeria. Father John has been assigned to this tiny atoll as part of his missionary duty as a Jesuit priest.

Father John Sheehan is being honored with the Princeton Day School Alumni Service Award for his many years of selfless dedication to not just his religious cause but also to the betterment of the struggling communities to which he has been assigned. Service is part of any ministry, yet in John's case, it is more than that – it is his life. In one missive Father John encapsulates, "I truly am the servant of servants, but it's what is needed right now at this place, and in all humility, I am the one best suited to do it all."

During his station in Lagos Father John wore four official Jesuit "hats" (in addition to the actual Nigerian headdresses and traditional tribal gowns he would don on a regular basis). He served as treasurer for the Nigeria-Ghana region, director of



Father John Sheehan '61 in local dress before leaving Nigeria.

development, communications manager, and archivist. ("My own work is to handle the details and the support so that the other guys can do the apostolic work," he explains.) He also helped to build up the local community, both figuratively and literally, by building a school. He was especially proud to note that the school's students were a mix of all religions, tribes, and sexes – an anomaly in a country where according to John "hostility is one of the basic motivating factors."

The Nigerians were sad to see Father John leave, especially those who appreciated his many gifts. Before joining the Jesuit priesthood in 1992, John Sheehan was a man of stage, script and song. He had an active career in professional theatre and broadcasting, including a post in the theatre and television program at Notre Dame University. His appearances range from a performance at Radio City Music Hall to numerous solo

concerts in Lagos and around the world. Father John points out, "I even spent a short time with a 'hell-driving' team, jumping cars off ramps and engaging in high-speed stunt driving. It may not have been the best theatre I ever did, but it did help to pay bills."

In a Nigerian newspaper, one writer lamented the departure of Father John, and painted this portrait of a man they had truly grown to love: "To understand the essence of Sheehan,

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ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Marjorie Williams '75

(1958-2005)

By Phoebe Vaughn Outerbridge '84

"She demystified Washington, and unabashedly exposed the idiosyncrasies of its bureaucracy..."

Attempting an article about a writer as accomplished as Marjorie Williams '75 is akin to trying to take a good snapshot of Annie Liebowitz. In an editorial published the day after her untimely death, the *Washington Post* aptly stated, "To write about columnist Marjorie Williams is to know one thing with awful certainty: She would have done it better herself."

Marjorie Williams is being honored posthumously with this year's Alumni Achievement award in recognition of her outstanding career as a journalist, most recently as a columnist at the *Washington Post*, and as a fearless and inspirational writer, mother, wife, friend, and alumna.

Marjorie began writing her weekly columns for the *Washington Post* after over a decade's work of crafting piercing portraits of Washington's political elite for both the *Post* and *Vanity Fair* magazine. Her widely admired, insightful columns covered topics from the political to the pedestrian to the poignant – examining scruples of election candidates; facing her children's questions of vulnerability, working mothers and Santa Claus; and last Halloween, fast-forwarding her mind to envision milestones in her children's lives for which she knew she would not be present.

The *Washington Post* described her columns as "exquisite prose wrapped around a treasure of intelligent analysis. She deflated the pomposities of politicians and exposed their evasions; she chronicled the unavoidable tensions of working motherhood."

She demystified Washington, and unabashedly exposed the idiosyncrasies of its bureaucracy, leaders and other characters. In *Vanity Fair*, for example, Marjorie got to the essence of Barbara Bush: "Her exigent private manner is balanced, in public, by a universal graciousness. The only way to reconcile these two facets of Barbara Bush is to understand her as a woman of her class: the American social stratum that has



always raised its children to assume their own superiority—and to mask that assumption at all times."

Books and words always surrounded Marjorie's life. She was a voracious reader. Her father, Alan Williams, was a prominent book editor with Viking Press, and her mother, Beverly, was our own long-time administrator and resident lexicographer/grammarian. Anne Russell, PDS classmate and longtime friend, recalls the magical time spent with Marjorie and her literary family:

"On one of my first visits to Marjorie's house, I discovered her literary secret. She read a most coveted author, Georgette Heyer. After picking one up and becoming completely enthralled by chapter two I turned to Par and said, 'So that is why you talk the way you do.' Even in seventh or eighth grade I was well aware of the vocabulary gap between my new friend and me. Years later I turned to my parents and stated, 'I wish our house could be intellectual like the Williams'."

Extreme efficiency and determination characterize Marjorie's career track as a writer – as if she instinctively knew she would pack a typical four-decade career into two. She satisfied three years' of academic requirements at Harvard in just two years, and left the university after her junior year. She took a job as an editorial assistant for editor and literary agent Joni Evans, who foresaw the talent of her protégé. Marjorie left that job in 1986, however, to try her hand at journalism in Washington, landing a job working on the Federal Page of the *Washington Post*.

The next "rung" on the career ladder for Marjorie came when she was promoted to reporter for the

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picture him as a white Ali Baba, the ace Nigerian comedian... He is a Renaissance man: he is a singer, songwriter, stand-up comedian and poet all rolled into one! He is a consummate entertainer and exults on the stage."

John Baker '62 has not seen Father John in recent years but receives his renowned missives periodically, and calls his friend "a cut-up and a bit of a maverick – one of the remarkable graduates of our school." He states, "When he made his decision to become a Jesuit, one of the trials which he was required to undergo was to get from New York City to Boston with only a small amount of change in his pocket. He reveled in the story of how he accomplished this, the people he met on the way, and what he learned both about himself and humanity. He is a man of optimism and unquestioned faith."

Life on Kwaj for Father John is certainly not glamorous, but he has moved from his two-bedroom trailer into an actual house.

This is living large compared to Lagos, where electricity was scarce and sanitation methods were rudimentary at best. And his stint in the Marshall Islands as Chaplain at Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be more focused on serving his parish than administering. "This job means being a priest – helping people get closer to God, counseling," he points out.

Whether an administrator, priest, writer, entertainer, or singer, Father John continues to serve, reaching out and forging bonds that strengthen lives and communities, and, through his missives, faithfully recounting his adventures for all to share. And throughout his changes in career and country of residence, one connection that remains an anchor, according to him, is his PCD experience.

"One of the things that has remained constant in my life – and it began in 1961 when I went from PCD to a large high school – is my gratitude for the education I received at PCD," asserts Father John. "With a little hindsight I realize how important were the lessons that the collective faculty taught. As a teacher I have used what they taught. As an actor, speaker, and a writer I still depend on what I learned from them."



Style section, where she started the legacy of her authoritative profiles, and her long-term relationship with *Vanity Fair* soon followed. Some of Marjorie's most famed profile subjects include Bill Clinton, James Baker, Al Gore, Colin Powell, and Larry King. In the *Washington Post* obituary writer David Von Drehle puts in plain words: "A portrait by Ms. Williams was seen as a ritual signifying that a person had reached the center of the political universe."

Marjorie was diagnosed with liver cancer in 2001, about the same time her column was syndicated. Her battle, which was originally expected to only last months and instead lasted over 3½ years, was shared with wit, stoicism, and grace through many of her columns, and

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through heartfelt communications with her PDS classmates as well. In a letter to Marjorie from early January, classmate and friend Molly Sword McDonough sent these words: "Marjorie, your children will become honorary members of our class, and we will try to let them know about the PDS experience that we all had with you. Those were 'formative' years, to steal a phrase from Wonder Bread, and you touched many lives that you may not even realize. You have always been ahead of your time, living life at full speed, and reaching heights that most of us could only watch and admire."

On January 16, 2005 Marjorie died at age 47, leaving behind her daughter, Alice, son Will, and her husband, journalist Timothy Noah.

In her last column for the *Washington Post* on November 3, 2004, Marjorie described an evening spent helping her third-grade daughter Alice change into her Halloween costume, and savoring the euphoria of the moment. As Alice clamored down the stairs to meet her ride, Marjorie writes, "I'd just seen Alice leave for her prom, or her first real date. I'd cheated time, flipping the calendar five or six years into the future. The character I'd played was the 52-year-old mother I will probably never be. It was effortless."

In another column about her son trying to make sense of the sniper shootings, but also subliminally about her own cancer, she concluded, "Time and chance happen to us all, darling boy, and even grown-ups can bear it only a little bit at a time."



Alumni awards will be presented on Saturday, May 14. See page 35 for details.

THE LEARNING CURVE:

The Importance of Professional Development at PDS

By Warren Gould, Director of Academic Affairs

In one class, students huddle in small groups to share connections they've made with a novel. Down the hall, a boy and girl select bindings for their writing portfolios at the publishing center. Elsewhere, students retrieve laptops to solve online math challenges while a history class debates the extent of the media's influence on our understanding of constitutional rights. In a Spanish class, the teacher is introducing new vocabulary using a technique called 'Total Physical Response.'

Such snapshots characterize PDS classrooms: In each, creative, knowledgeable teachers engage bright, motivated students. But in these specific instances, something beyond the teacher's expertise—a workshop or a conference, perhaps—has helped to infuse new knowledge into an already exceptional educator, and into his or her lesson.

This kind of professional, ongoing learning distinguishes the PDS teacher. Those new to the faculty regularly note even the most veteran teachers' deep commitment to professional growth. Supporting and extending this professional commitment has been one of the School's top priorities. The School's professional development program, thanks to the Parents Association's annual auction, funds over \$100,000 each year in professional learning. We are extraordinarily fortunate to have such abundant monies available, all dedicated to the ongoing growth of our faculty. If a teacher wishes to learn something new, or if there's something we wish a teacher to learn, we rarely find ourselves unable to support that professional development.

Several examples from a long list of recent development activities demonstrate the range and depth of the PDS teacher's professional learning: Off-campus, five-day summer workshops on teaching Advanced Placement courses; after-school technology sessions on using Smart Boards; an entire department's attendance at a day-long national history

conference in Philadelphia; and an ongoing faculty study group that meets periodically with a Bard College professor to learn new ways to use writing in a variety of disciplines.

PDS also has a number of endowed grants, to which faculty may apply for summer curriculum work. Recent grants have supported an on-campus, three-day workshop for twelve faculty on designing and assessing 'authentic' learning tasks; a feasibility study for a environmental studies center; the development of Internet resources that can help Lower School faculty differentiate their students' math study; and the enhancement of the Middle School Science Fair.

Sometimes, an entire department or curriculum team undertakes a curriculum review that identifies areas for growth. The JK-12 foreign language program examined its curricula, added some new instructional strategies, and addressed some curriculum and scheduling issues in the Lower and Middle Schools. Currently, the Fine and Visual Arts faculty are re-conceiving the Upper School's 'foundations' art courses, developing progressive approaches to the study of art and articulating a set of skills necessary in the arts, whether they are being applied to photography, architecture, painting, or ceramics. A math specialist next fall will work with Lower and Middle School faculty on ways to engage the more 'precocious' math student.

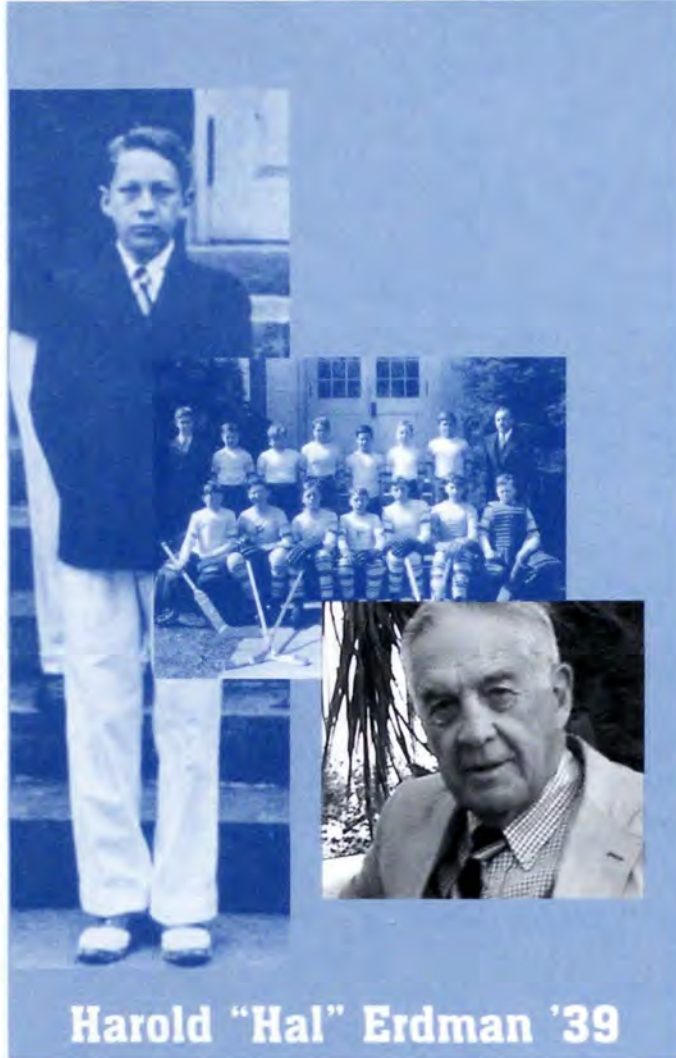
Collectively this faculty knows that one's teaching or curriculum always can be expanded, enhanced, or modified to make the student's learning experience even better. That's an invaluable attitude for a teacher to possess—and it's irreplaceable when it's part of the faculty culture. When one considers the many ways faculty members push themselves here to be the best teachers possible, it's no wonder we truly can refer to PDS as a learning community.

This results in a win-win for Princeton Day School: The faculty teach talented students in a climate of professional sharing and growth, and the students learn in inspiring classes taught by gifted, exceptionally knowledgeable teachers.

Athletic Hall of Fame

On Saturday, May 14, 2005, Princeton Day School will induct seven alumni into its Hall of Fame, now in its

ninth year. The ceremonies are a central part of Alumni Weekend. Stephanie Briody, Director of Alumni Relations, particularly looks forward to the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, since they infuse the weekend with positive school spirit. "Athletes have such excitement as it is, but it is wonderful to hear about how sports have added dimension and meaning to the lives of our alumni," she says. "This year's inductees are such a remarkable group. Their talent and athleticism, while impressive, is almost secondary to their amazing character."



Harold "Hal" Erdman '39

Hal Erdman hails from one of Princeton's hockey dynasties; he is one of five athletically talented brothers whose training followed the traditional path of the local ice hockey players of the day – Lake Carnegie, Baker Rink, Princeton Country Day, and onto college (Princeton). Hal simply says, "There was no gym then; you went out to Carnegie Lake and played hockey or you didn't do anything."

At PCD, in addition to playing varsity soccer, Hal played varsity hockey in 8th and 9th grades, and then went on to play at The Lawrenceville School. In the fall of 1942 Hal entered Princeton University as an engineering student, but by May of his freshman year he was transferred to Yale by the Navy, as the engineering school had been temporarily taken over by the Army. During the 1944-1945 season Hal shared the distinction of being high scorer on Yale's ice hockey squad. He also played hockey with PDS's former Interim Headmaster Archer Harmon while on the Yale squad.

In 1948-1950 Hal, with other newly graduated New York City businessmen, played with the St. Nicholas Hockey Club, based out of Norwalk, CT. From 1956-1961 Hal joined other local household hockey family names such as the Cook brothers, the Schluters, and Don and George Young on the Princeton Hockey Club team.

In 1958 Hal helped form the Princeton Pee Wee hockey league with his father, Carl Erdman, and John Bernard, and he served as one of the original coaches. This league became the breeding ground for many of PDS' greatest players.



Christopher Lake '90

Among the many accolades and accomplishments of the sports career of Chris Lake is a portrait of determination and leadership.

Chris Lake was a three-sport athlete at PDS, earning varsity letters all four years of high school soccer, and three varsity letters for both basketball and lacrosse. He captained all three sports. In soccer, Chris was honored as an MVP, leading scorer, All-State, All-County, All-Area player, while his team earned the Prep "B" Championship. He was also MVP, leading scorer, All-County, All-Area, and All-League player on the PDS lacrosse team. Chris earned both a silver and a gold "P" for his exemplary talent on field and court.

"I felt that athletics was almost more important than academics to me, though that might not sound right. Luckily, I did well in both," states Chris.

Defying the odds, Chris earned a position on the University of Virginia soccer team his freshman year – something that was unprecedented in the world of college recruiting – a "million to one shot." According to his sister, Chris "badgered" the UVA coach to give him a tryout. "At first the coach told him if he was any good he would have been recruited, and that not many prize athletes come from small private schools," explains Lisa Lake '92. "My brother proved him wrong. He was the first person in UVA's soccer history to walk onto the team."

"My life would have been different had I not played sports in high school – it definitely would have been less exciting," asserts Chris. He also asserts he would not have gotten a chance to know all the wonderful people he did were he not involved in athletics. "I even got to meet President Clinton and Vice President Gore when we won the championships at UVA!"

Chris still occasionally plays soccer, basketball, and lacrosse, but has also added running, volleyball, surfing, swimming, and snowboarding to his list.



Lindsey Sternberg Maggi '95

"She blew away the competition," says PDS Athletic Director John Levandowski of Lindsey Sternberg Maggi '95. While he may easily be referring to one of the many sports Lindsey played, or one of the many academic honors she received, Levandowski in this case is referring to Lindsey's selection as winner of the New Jersey Independent Schools Scholar-Athlete award back in 1995. The award is annually presented to one male and one female student-athlete attending private school who combines high academic achievement and SAT scores with academic prowess and extracurricular involvement.

Lindsey was the first person from PDS to ever win the scholar-athlete award in its 10-year history. A very competitive and talented three-sport athlete, Lindsey excelled in her endeavors on the soccer and lacrosse fields, the basketball court, and in the classroom. "Lindsey is a wonderful leader and spokesman for the athletic program," states Jill Thomas, who coached her in two sports at PDS. "When she played, she represented the complete package: a terrific athlete, one who always put her teammates first, and a fierce competitor with a wonderful sense of humor. For kids today she represents a perfect example of the multi-sport athlete."

In her four years of Upper School sports Lindsey earned 12 varsity letters from PDS and numerous other athletic awards. A small sampling of her many athletic accolades include her selection as NJISAA's first team Prep B All-State Soccer and the "Mercer 33," a group of the top 33 female soccer players in Mercer County; team captain and MVP of her varsity basketball team, who went on to become Prep B State Champions; team captain and MVP of girls' lacrosse team, who won their first Prep A State Championship since 1987, and Trenton Times Defensive Player of the Year. Of course, she also won gold and silver "Ps" from PDS.

Lindsey also shined brightly in the classroom, where she particularly excelled in the math and science fields, and was involved in student government, and in writing for various PDS publications. She was named an Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar in 1994. Lindsey attended Dartmouth College, where she was selected for the varsity women's lacrosse team but later had to drop out due to severe ankle injuries and surgery.

"I am very honored to be selected for induction into the PDS Hall of Fame," says Lindsey, adding, "I feel very nostalgic about my days at PDS."



Jon McGonaughy '85



James Rodgers '70

They don't come any finer than Jon," reflects Pat Osander, former PDS staff member. "He is the classic scholar/athlete. What's best is that modesty and integrity prevail."

Jon came to PDS as a ninth grader but didn't waste any time getting onto the varsity teams; he won four varsity letters each for football, basketball, and baseball, along with the gold "P." Some of Jon's many outstanding achievements on the field and court include being named captain and MVP of the Panther football team, with the most receiving yards in a season, captain and MVP of varsity basketball, where he had no problem scoring 1,000 points, and captain and MVP again on the varsity baseball diamond where he also was the league leader in stolen bases.

"I think he had more natural ability as a basketball player than anyone else I played with, and he coupled that with an incredible work ethic," states teammate, friend, and fellow PDS Hall of Fame inductee Andy Bing '84. Andy jokingly adds that were there a Hall of Fame for pickup basketball, Jon would no doubt be inducted into that as well, given the endless hours of pickup games the two played.

"I think I enjoyed and excelled at basketball the most," replies Jon when asked to choose a favorite sport among his three. Living up to Pat Osander's statement, Jon states that he is proud, humbled and extremely honored to be nominated to the PDS Hall of Fame, and credits PDS coaches like "Frankie K" (Frank Konstantynowicz '76) and Jeff Cutts for keeping him hungry as an athlete.

"The education on the field was as rewarding as the education in class," insists Jon. "The lessons learned in athletics are easily applicable to life. When I think of PDS, I realize what an important role it played in my own life. It is the reason I am where I am today."

Jimmy Rodgers PCD '70 was among the eldest of a "crop" of Rodgers who graced the rink and playing fields of PCD/PDS, and was a standout athlete who excelled in soccer, ice hockey, and baseball during his Upper School years.

Jimmy played varsity soccer and baseball under coach John Ivors, but ice hockey was his passion. Harry Rulon-Miller, then head coach of men's varsity ice hockey at PDS, remembers his leadership vividly: "He became the best defenseman of that time. He had a way of raising the level of play of the whole team. He was team-oriented player and had a great knack for 'playing the percentages' on the ice." He adds, "And, he was the ultimate gentleman."

Buzz Woodworth '73 who played hockey and soccer with Jimmy, agrees by saying, "He was a brilliant athlete who didn't say much but led by example. He was always one of the best guys on the field."

Jimmy was captain of the hockey team and won a gold "P" his senior year. At Williams College, Jimmy continued playing ice hockey, starting out on the freshman team then spending three years on varsity, and his senior year gaining all-star Division II ECAC ice hockey honors. He also played during his post-college years on the St. Nick's Hockey Club and later for the Princeton Hockey Club and Kingston Hockey Club.

Aubrey Huston '64 echoes Harry Rulon-Miller's sentiments about Jimmy's talent: "I played hockey with Jimmy after college. He brought the same competitive spirit to 'old man's hockey' as he did as a high school player, continuing to play at the highest level."

Athletics have clearly always been part of his life, and now with four sons, Jimmy has most recently participated from the other side of the lines, coaching both youth hockey and youth soccer and baseball.



Anne Russell-Barrett '75

Anne Russell-Barrett '75 has never stopped being a team player. From her early years as a passionate and extraordinarily talented athlete at PDS to her role as soccer, field hockey and lacrosse coach after college, right down to her marrying a physical education teacher, athletics have always run through Anne's veins.

Field hockey and lacrosse were Anne's varsity sports and specialty, while in the winter she chose to "dabble" in basketball, volleyball, and ice hockey (in its nascent stage for women at PDS; says Anne: "I never laughed harder since we were so pathetic!"). "Coach Pam Frothingham gave me some breaks my sophomore year, as a new member of the varsity field hockey team," recalls Anne. "She saw some potential and it really contributed to my success." She captained the field hockey team her senior year, and earned the gold "P."

Anne stresses that the value of athletics cannot be underestimated: "I have actually gotten two jobs largely due to my playing team sports. It stands out on your resume – people know you are a true 'team player.'"

After PDS, Anne attended Princeton University, where she played club soccer (before the team gained varsity status in 1979), JV field hockey and varsity lacrosse. She also came back to PDS fields as an alumna to coach third team field hockey and JV soccer. Teammate and classmate Kathy Burks Hackett '75, who went onto play field hockey and lacrosse with Anne right through their years at Princeton, stresses that personal development is a major tenet of Anne's, one which she has applied to her own life and profession: "Anne has always been a very competitive athlete. She has taken the concept of personal development and competition and really used the lessons to serve others as an administrator, teacher, and coach in her adult life."



Sally Hagen Schmid '60

On her senior yearbook page of the 1960 Link, Sally Hagen Schmid reprinted the story of Hermes and the Spartan maiden. The Greek tale recounts how a gloating Hermes boldly claims that no mortal or god can outrun him, when Hephaestus informs him of a maiden at the games who can "run as swiftly as the winds." When Hermes takes on the challenge and races the maiden, they are neck and neck; only, one last glance at his "lovely opponent" ends up costing him the race – to her.

Sally's talent certainly turned heads while she was a student at Miss Fine's. She earned 10 varsity letters for field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse along with the gold "P" and an honorary spot on the Private School Field Hockey Team. "I think we did pretty well back then," Sally recalls, "We went all over the state. Of course the best were the trips to the away games."

"Athletically I am so grateful to have known [coaches] Betty Cobb, Kit Green, Linda Corlette and Shirley Blower," Sally says. "They were all inspirations and I grew to love each sport as I was taught and coached. Kit especially was an inspiration; it was because of her I chose to go to Skidmore."

Much has changed in women's athletics since 1960. Instead of blues and whites it was blues and grays. Sally also recalls, for example, having a team representative devoted to teaching proper posture to team members. On the other hand, she asserts, "The values are the same. It's truly a character-building experience."

What Motivates You?

Following are excerpts from a speech given by Lauren Welsh '99, keynote speaker at the Central Jersey Field Hockey Coaches Association All-Star Banquet in December 2004. Lauren was a NJISAA Scholar-Athlete Award Recipient in 1999, Recipient of Gold and Silver "P," and was a member of the varsity field hockey, ice hockey, and lacrosse teams at PDS. She was selected for the 1998 Mid-Atlantic Regional All-American First Team and the National High School All-American Second Team for field hockey.

Someone once told me, "Go big or go home." It's really quite simple – why would you do something if you were not going to do it well? I think that's why I've had such a tough time writing this speech. I want to tell you so much. My one objective being to add to your experience here today, say something you'll take away with you. I want to tell you how positive my whole sports experience has been, how it's kicked me, bruised me, and molded me into the person I am today. Most of this will probably be familiar to you. You're at a great point in your life as you finish up high school, right on the brink of realizing just how much potential you hold.

What's so exciting about where you stand right now is the amount of opportunity that lies in front of you. High school is great because it gives you the chance to dabble in a bit of everything, figure out what things ignite a spark inside you, and what your passions are, you don't have to choose just yet – you *can* do everything. The rest of your life becomes increasingly difficult, having to make more and more choices as you move forward. There are things you won't be able to fit into your busy schedule...it's not easy making these sacrifices and choosing what it is that you're really passionate about. It's sad leaving things behind.

Why am I telling you this? The answer is not that I want to make you nervous about the future; I simply want you to realize a couple things before you take this next step into college. You have all done something incredible to be sitting out there. You've suffered through sprints, "suicides," stick drills where your back feels like it's going to crumble, cold winter days near the end of the season where your hands vibrate every time you drive the ball down the field; you've fallen, you've gotten up, you've gotten hit with the ball, maybe black eyes, bruises, stitches, and an overwhelming amount of sore muscles. But right now, sitting there, looking back on the past four years, are you thinking about those painful times? I'm willing to bet what comes to mind are the goals, the ones that slam off the backboards so hard they come right back at you, 5, 6 or 7 passes strung together without any extra touches on the ball, your heart racing, that feeling of winning in the last two minutes, jumping into your teammates' arms, celebration bus rides home, your name in the paper, all that stuff that makes it hard to wipe a smile off your face. Yep, I see it. I know.

by Lauren Welsh



It's almost unbelievable to me that it was a full six years ago that

I was sitting in your seats. I went on to play four years at Dartmouth, which I'm not sure I can sum up in words. It was that fun.

But here's what I want to stress to you: Figure out first what motivates you, second, what your priorities are, and third, what you need to accomplish in order to achieve your goals. Most of you have probably started to realize that sports are a close metaphor to life in many ways. Learning what it takes to win, how to bounce back after a tough loss, the value of teamwork... I could go on and on.

Grab hold of what motivates you. The first person who motivated me was Kim Bedesem. She was the first person to tell me to play field hockey, and she really believed I could succeed. She started an incredible generation of women's sports at PDS, which has been consistently strengthened by arguably the best coach at the high school level, Jill Thomas – a close second.

Next: my friends. I look back on my high school team my senior year, and think of the amazing camaraderie which existed among us. I'm pretty sure most of our success could be attributed to how well we knew each other. Of course there are the overtime wins, the come-from-behind victories, the sweet goals, the warm-up music, the high fives, the dirty uniforms, and all the sweet moments that make the game what it is. 99.9% of my success is a direct result of both my parents, for that I am incredibly lucky.

Now to wrap things up. I'd like to thank Ms. Thomas, for somehow convincing the higher-ups that I'd be worthy of speaking here today. This whole banquet has reaffirmed just how much I miss the sport. Honestly, I can hardly watch any competitive sporting event without getting insanely jealous, and often starting to sweat!

Lastly, you are all at a great spot right now, right on the verge of success and opportunity. Charge full steam ahead. I believe you could be up here in four or six years speaking. Don't forget what's important to you as you make your way through the maze of the next few years. Pinpoint what it is you want, and go after it. Go Big.

PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL THANKS Six Extraordinary Teachers

Teachers, while having a special station in life, are no different than the rest of us. They sometimes move on to other jobs or professions, and those that don't eventually choose a well-deserved retirement. This year, a variety of factors have conspired to affect the departure of six remarkable senior teachers, who have served PDS for a combined 150 years. Sue Carty, Bonnie (Howarth) Hunter, Paula Siegel, Barbara von Mayrhauser and Jan Westrick are retiring from teaching and Dave Reeve is moving to California.

The School is confident that outstanding new teachers will join our ranks, but replacing the commitment to superb teaching, dedication to students, friendship, and the enormous body of work that these great teachers have so generously given to our students over the years is hard to fathom. We honor these teachers on the following pages, and extend to each our profound thanks and very best wishes on behalf of the entire school community.



Sue Carty

By Shelley Straut Goldsmith '84

Oh how the PDS community and I will miss Sue each and every day! She has dedicated 30 years to teaching young children, some 25 of which have been at PDS. I have had the pleasure of working with Sue for several years and know her to be the most caring and devoted of teachers.

Her classroom resounds with laughter and learning, especially during the penguin parties and the "Mudge" sewing sessions. My second graders are always asking if they can visit their old "CDS" (Carty's Distribution Services) classroom; they are so proud to share all that they learned while distributing snacks throughout the Lower School. Every time

we hear the "beep, beep" of a Sysco delivery truck we know Mrs. Carty's class is downstairs awaiting yet another delivery.

I know what I'll miss most about Sue is her smile and her warmth. After school hours, Sue turns into our "Mother Superior," as we all look to her for advice, guidance, laughs and hugs. Just last night, she had seven of us circulating through her room! We love you Sue and wish you the very best!!



Bonnie Hunter

By Kate Winton

When I first arrived at PDS and Bonnie agreed to be my mentor, it started out simply enough. Bonnie taught me the helping verb song, tricks for distinguishing a gerund from a participle, and how

to cajole a poem from an eighth grade boy. Somehow she pulled me through that first year, and now we often find ourselves laughing about her various adventures over a couple of margaritas.

And what adventures she's had! The Bonnie we know at PDS has managed to teach in all three divisions, create courses featuring Dante, Milton and Sartre for Upper Schoolers, train student techies as well as teachers in computer skills, teach 250 Lower Schoolers every week, run technology courses for faculty, and present at national conferences.

There is a Bonnie, however, who fewer of us know – one who has made time to take Spanish and photography in our Upper School, one who has spent the last two decades traveling and photographing the world from Belize to Nepal, Cambodia to Bolivia and just about every country in between. She has trapped coatimundi in Mexico, cataloged butterflies in Vietnam, collected the songs of the poet drummers in Tanzania, and made it to every U.S. state except South Dakota (leaving us all to wonder: how *did* she get to North Dakota without going through South Dakota?). And she's brought home her adventures and award-winning photographs to share with all of us in gallery shows, assemblies, and special projects for her students.

Now, looking back, what stands out for me from our initial year of working together is not only her willingness to listen to the ideas of an utterly green, first-year teacher with patience, curiosity, a ready laugh, and an impressive depth of knowledge, but also the joy she finds learning from all her students. But really, isn't that how she has run her classrooms for these 36 wonderful years at PDS? She listens to students, takes risks in and out of the classroom, invents curriculum, reinventing herself as she goes. When we talk about creating a community of lifelong learners, we have only to look at Bonnie to see this goal embodied. Further adventures – and I guarantee there'll be plenty – undeniably lie ahead for Bonnie. As much as I will miss her at PDS, I can't wait to hear her stories, share a lot of laughter and a couple of margaritas!



Dave Reeve

By John Baldwin

Every winter for over a decade, Dave Reeve, Harvey Lee, Matt Lustig '87 and I have headed off to play golf together. For five days each year, we relocate to a warmer part of the world, we make fools of ourselves on the course, and we get caught up on each other's lives. You end up learning a thing or two about someone after spending hours looking for lost balls with him.

Never bet Dave "Mr. Science" Reeve about some arcane fact; no matter how unbelievable his assertion seems, do not bet him \$1,000 that he is wrong. I was once foolish enough to do just that; trust me, he knows everything. I was also once foolish enough to allow him to plan one of our golf trips. After showing up at the airport 12 hours early and to our resort 12 hours late, I realized the man I

thought knew everything, has some trouble with the whole a.m./p.m. thing.

For the past 38 years, Dave has attended, then worked at, and finally run Camp Susquahanac somewhere in Pennsylvania. I know I've been there, but I can't really tell you where it is. Most teachers use their summers to renew and recharge away from America's youth; Dave uses his summer to live with them!

Beyond housemate and golf partner, I have also had a chance to get to know Dave as a colleague over the past 15 years. Each year I can count on hearing an ISP veteran announce, "Mr. Reeve was the best teacher I have ever had." The announcement is always followed by a series of impromptu testimonials by other students.

I have been the beneficiary of Dave's hard work. His charges are obsessively meticulous about their units, their significant figures and their graphs – music to the ears of a sometimes less-than-meticulous math teacher. His students also exude his playful love of the world around him and his need to relate the material studied to that world. One of his former students once told me that "Mr. Reeve would seem to get sidetracked and start telling us some story, but just as the entertaining tale and class was coming to an end, it would loop back, and we would find ourselves talking about the science we were studying. I sometimes think he planned the whole thing."

Dave has always been a planner; suffice it to say that he hiked the whole Appalachian Trail – over 400 miles for four months – and finished on the exact day he'd scheduled. His announcement this winter to leave PDS caught many by surprise, but you can be sure Dave has a plan. And I'm eager to hear all about it this coming winter, since I know he'll never miss a golf trip. However, future PDS students will certainly miss Mr. Reeve, and I certainly will miss all he brings to PDS each year.

She [Paula Siegel] is the epitome of the perfect kindergarten teacher: patient, thoughtful, and always her student's advocate.



Paula Siegel

By Nancy Miller '57

Paula started teaching kindergarten at Princeton Day School in 1982 as Madeline Weigel's assistant. In 1985 Madeline retired and I decided that I was ready to change from teaching second grade to teaching kindergarten. Paula and I each had our own separate classrooms but we shared a common wall with a sliding door. We always started our day with the door open so our children could get to know the other class.

This arrangement gave me a unique opportunity to observe Paula's caring and sensitive nature. She is the epitome of the perfect kindergarten teacher: patient, thoughtful, and always her student's advocate. She knows how to help the struggling student as well as the advanced one. In kindergarten, the levels of learning are vastly diverse. To be able to meet each child at his or her level and guide that student to new heights requires great skill; Paula has always done so in her calm, quiet, and reassuring way.

Paula's students have gained self-confidence and a positive feeling about themselves. They have become readers, writers and public speakers while never losing the important skills of cooperative play and making friendships. Paula's nurturing manner makes every child feel special and loved.

Students are not the only ones who profit from this nurturing – Paula has always had time to listen to parental concerns and worries, too. She has never made a worry seem trivial and she has spent countless hours reassuring parents, providing her perspective and personal recommendations. There have been times when other faculty members noted how

much time she was giving a certain parent, yet Paula would insist that some extra help was just needed. She has never seemed rushed or too busy to help anyone who needed her.

I'm sure that since Paula has made the decision to retire, there are a lot of parents and children who are distressed and unhappy. I'm equally sure that they would join with me, however, to wish her the best. I hope that she finds retirement just as wonderful as I do, and I want to reassure her that there *is* life after PDS.



Barbara von Mayrhauser

By Bette Soloway

This June will mark the celebration of Barbara von Mayrhauser's 20th year of teaching Middle School math and science at PDS! Her love of children and her intellectual curiosity have inspired her to create programs in the fifth and sixth grade curriculum that have helped students develop self-confidence, and a genuine interest in math and science.

Barbara has always maintained the highest standards for her students, and has a passion for science that is truly contagious. The excitement that emanated from Room 112 this winter as the sixth graders completed their cow heart dissections was palpable. Parents routinely have reported amazement that their children understand so well the physiology of the body from lessons learned in Barbara's classes. Whether preparing the whole class for a lab, organizing small groups for differentiated instruction, or working individually with a student, Barbara has demonstrated the skills of a master teacher and the enthusiasm of a lifelong learner.

Barbara's accomplishments during her tenure at PDS have been numerous. She has served as Middle School Science Department Chair, Fifth and Sixth Grade Dean, Sixth Grade Core Leader, and Chair of the JK-12 Science Committee that evaluated the whole school's science program. Barbara also helped to create and run the popular Middle School Canine Club. Barbara was awarded the School's highest honor for teachers, The Whitlock Award, in 1998.

Barbara's dedication to educating Middle School children has been whole-hearted. She has modeled the curiosity of a scientific mind, and encouraged fifth, sixth, and seventh graders to strive for independence and excellence as they learn science or math. Her interest in new pedagogy or scientific research has been equal to her appreciation for her students' excitement about their studies.

Barbara has many plans for the coming years. She and her husband, Stan, have renewed their passion for sailing and plan to sail in Barnegat Bay. Barbara can't wait to spend more time hiking, traveling and visiting friends and family. She also plans to continue studying Spanish and to have the luxury of hours for reading. In the near future, Barbara and Stan will move to California, where their children Tina and Andrew both live.

We in the Middle School will miss Barbara's kindness to colleagues, her passion for teaching, and her deep caring about children and the programs that best educate them. We wish her happiness, fun, and many rewards in her new endeavors.



Jan Westrick

By Bryce Hayes

In Jan Westrick's 25-year tenure, she has graced the School with her teaching skills in the Lower and Middle Schools. Her

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teaching has always been an artful mix of wonderful technique, artistry and a great deal of fun.

Jan began as a Lower School music teacher, where she never ceased to inspire our youngest students. In 1998, Jan made the big move to the Middle School division, taking over the challenge of the early adolescent's changing voice. Jan, of course, met this feat with great aplomb. Under Jan's baton the Middle School music program has grown to great heights. Never ceasing to take on more, Jan added the role of Department Chair of Music and Performing Arts in 2000. Since then, she has taken our department to a new level of collegiality and educational success. Amidst all this, Jan still found the time to start up the world-renowned Princeton Girl Choir, of which she is Artistic Director.

"I count myself incredibly lucky to be one of the many people who have come into the sphere of Jan Westrick during her career as a music teacher. She has brought the joy of singing to so many, with a passion that is contagious and inspirational," states colleague Deborah Sugarman, adding, "We will miss her so!"

Jan is a fantastic educator, a superb musician and an overall first class person. Every task is approached with great care and finesse. Whether conducting a fourth grade operetta, an eighth grade musical, a kindergarten music class, or Middle School chorus, Jan has brought a light and joy to music that will not be forgotten for decades to come. Students of Jan Westrick have a passion and appetite for music and arts that can only come from a truly great educator.

Over the years, Jan has helped me personally to grow as a musician, a teacher and most importantly, a human being. Colleague Laurie Altman sums up: "Jan has brought great wisdom, passion and excellent taste to the music program at PDS. Her absence, for me, will be felt every day."

Questions for Pri Alahendra

Pri Alahendra, a native Sri Lankan and the wife of PDS faculty member Matthew Levinson, and mother of kindergarten student Sanjay, was one of the major driving forces behind PDS' recent tsunami relief fundraising efforts. Pri is a teacher in the Lower School on a one-year leave.



Q. How did you become involved in the tsunami relief efforts at PDS?

A. On New Year's Day, shortly after the tsunami disaster, I visited a close family friend, Anushka Nadarajah. She shared a letter she had written that she was distributing in her community to raise money for the homebuilding project. I was so moved by the letter and inspired by the initiative of this 15-year-old girl that I decided to take on the project of cooking one Sri Lankan meal in exchange for a donation to the project arranged by Zonta II of Colombo (a non-profit organization of business professionals working to advance the status of women worldwide).

Q. How was your idea received?

A. I posted a letter on the faculty/staff bulletin board to launch the meals project and almost immediately the dates for the meals were filled. I initially thought I would cook 11 meals to help build one home, but the project took on a life of its own and I am now cooking 24 meals.

Q. How were you able to narrow the School's focus and channel funding toward one specific goal?

A. We felt that we could really make a deep impact as a community in this one area hit by the tsunami. We understand how widespread the disaster is, and recognize that there is need in so many places. However, we can strengthen our PDS community by rebuilding another community on the other side of the world.

Q. What is the tally of money raised so far for tsunami relief efforts?

A. At this point we have raised over \$17,000, nearly enough to build 16 homes. We plan to send the money to Sri Lanka on March 11th. Building of the homes is expected to begin this spring. *[Editor's Note: At publishing time, the total raised was \$22,595, nearly enough to build homes for 21 families.]*

Q. Have there been any new funding initiatives that you know of?

A. I spoke to the India mini-week course and showed them recent pictures of the devastation. In response, they decided to sell mango lassis (a popular drink) in order to raise funds.

Q. How would you characterize the response of the PDS community to the tsunami relief efforts?

A. Quite frankly, I have been completely overwhelmed by the generosity of the PDS community. As with so many ideas born in this community, it is possible to take them to their fullest extension. Andy Hamlin is wonderful to work with and it was through his brainstorming that we were able to begin to steer the PDS efforts toward this project.

Q. Were the younger students interested in helping as much as the older students?

A. The students have impressed me from the youngest to the oldest at PDS. I am impressed by their questions, their attentiveness, their initiative and of course their passion and sense of community. Lower School students come up to me in the hall and tell me about the chores they are doing at home and how much they have earned with so much pride.

Peter Powers, a former kindergarten student of mine who is now in fifth grade, began e-mailing me to find out how he could help. I spoke to his homeroom, and shortly thereafter these children earned a lot of money through a bake sale.



Chris Reeve '70 Sportsmanship Award

At the annual Invitational Hockey Tournaments in February, PDS was honored to name the sportsmanship awards in memory of Chris Reeve '70, our first ice hockey goalie. Chris' mother, Barbara Johnson, who came to watch the tournament, is flanked by Jessica Cellars '06 and Rajiv Mallipudi '05, the first PDS recipients of the Christopher Reeve '70 Sportsmanship Award.



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Faculty Sabbaticals

By Warren Gould

For 2005-06, three beloved faculty members will each be honored with a half-year sabbatical:

- Middle School English teacher Susan Daly Rouse, in her 17th year at PDS, will study the latest writing theories, create new writing assignments, and deepen her understanding of Shakespeare and Twain, two authors she teaches.



- Upper School math teacher Harvey Lee, also in his 17th year at PDS, will examine models for conflict resolution that might serve the needs of the PDS community. He will interview a variety of faculty and administrators, visit other schools, and will investigate conflict-resolution training programs. He also will develop new resources for his Functions and Statistics course and study Spanish in Mexico.



- Upper School English teacher Tom Quigley, in his 15th year at PDS, will focus on completing a novel that he has worked on for over a decade and has shared, in various forms, with his creative writing classes. As a teacher of writing, he also envisions the sabbatical giving him a renewed sense and a more real-life example of the challenges and difficulties a writer faces each day.



Imagine the Possibilities

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PDS has invited all the artists back to celebrate and exhibit their work. The unique exhibit will act as yet another teaching moment thanks to the generosity of the artists who are sharing their illustrations, working notes, first drafts and new books. The exhibit will be open to the public.

(See full article beginning on page 5).

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*Sales from the CD will help fund the
financial aid needed for the European tour.*



PDS Choir Plans First-Ever European Tour and CD

Upper School music teacher Bryce Hayes is busy finalizing details for a first-ever European performance tour by The PDS Choir. The tour will take 45 choir members through Germany, France, and Austria from June 15-25, 2005. Hayes, director of The PDS Choir and the Madrigal Singers, points out that this is the first time a PDS choir, in any of its past incarnations, has traveled abroad to perform. He adds, "This is not just a festival. It is a tour of four cities that has been custom-designed by a manager in Europe."

The choir will perform four concerts, two of which will be in tandem with local youth choir performances. Hayes was intent upon having the choir tour historic and exciting places that were "off the beaten path." The first concert of the trip will take place in the beautiful Strasbourg Cathedral in France, for example. Yet another plan is to allow the choir members to attend school (and perform) alongside their Austrian and German choral counterparts. Other stops on the tour include the birthplaces of music giants Mozart in Salzburg, Austria and Johann Sebastian Bach, in Eisenach, Germany, as well as the legendary Black Forest in Germany, and Bamberg, an 11th-century Bavarian town of cultural and architectural importance.

Another first for The PDS Choir is the impending release of its inaugural CD, *Cantate*. Local recording engineer, PCD alumnus, and Alumni Board member John Baker '62 is producing the CD, donating his resources and expertise to make the project a reality. Bryce Hayes adds that this is the first CD produced by a PDS community or entity that he is aware of.

The CD will be available for purchase in early April. Sales from the CD will help fund the financial aid needed for the trip, with other fundraising projects slated in the spring to cover any shortfall. (The Choir has planned an April 3 rummage sale and an April 22 benefit concert.) To purchase a CD of The PDS Choir, see the order form at left.

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The All-Boy “Lifers:” From JK to Graduation

In 1991, Betsy Trapp found herself with an unusual Junior Kindergarten (JK) class: it was all boys thanks to an anomaly in demographics. Fast-forward 14 years: Most of the boys in that JK class will be graduating this June, and moving from PDS to the realm of college. The group has remained close over the span of time, and the role of PDS in each of their lives is evident, as Jared Makrancy attests: “It’s a family. I have my family at home, and I have my PDS family. Now, looking back over 14 years, I’m really going to miss it.” The group was captured in film first as a JK class, then in 8th grade, and today. In bottom photo (at right), from left to right, are Jon Haddad, Betsy Trapp, Guyan Kapur, Andrew Sieglan, Will Denise and Jared Makrancy; seated are Bruce Thurman and Charlie Bird.



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Senior / Freshman Lunch

Members of the Class of 2004 (and one member of the Class of 2002) returned to PDS to share their firsthand accounts of college life and the benefits, for some, of a “year off.” The consensus among the panelists was that PDS prepared them extraordinarily well for the academic challenges of college. They also offered sage advice on getting along with roommates and picking courses. Nate Smith '02, a junior at Cornell and Andrew Sachs '04 encouraged students to take time off either before college or during to pursue opportunities and interests. Andrew is traveling to Africa before attending Pitzer College in the Fall '05 and Nate is taking a semester off from biology labs to take guitar lessons.



At right (l-r): Mallory Sosinski '04, Andrew Sachs '04, Alex Suguira '04, Jim Harding '04, Melissa Rosenberg '04, Nat Smith '02 (standing)



See Old Friends and Make New Connections

Come Join the Fun!

Dear Alumni:

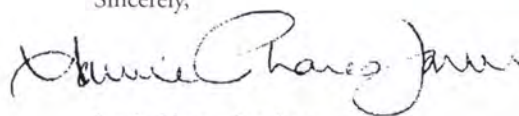
As my term as President of the Alumni Association comes to a close, I am amazed at how profoundly PDS continues to be an integral part of my life. It has been almost 25 years since I graduated and yet the energy and thrill of being on campus makes it feel like just yesterday. Certainly, my days on campus as a student left me with awesome memories (ones I look forward to recalling with the rest of the class of 1980 at our 25th Reunion in May). But now added to those are all the many wonderful experiences and memories of a 40-something year old alumna: The Thanksgiving Games, Family Skating Day, Life's Work, Regional Gatherings, Grandparent's and Miss Fine's School, and of course our grand finale in May, Reunion Weekend.

Being involved in all the Alumni Association and other school-related events and activities has been such a rewarding and special experience. It has been a unique way to tighten bonds that I have with friends, faculty and the institution. It has enabled me to stay connected to my roots, and to the place that helps define who I am today. It is my sincere hope that you will become involved and continue to share in the magic of our great school, and, I hope, form wonderful and lasting alumni memories of your own.

Please make the effort to come back for Reunion Weekend – it doesn't have to be your 25th to enjoy. Join us May 13-14 at PDS to make some lasting alumni memories!

Come join the fun!

Sincerely,



Jamie Phares-Jacobson

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NEW YORK CITY *Gathering*



Everyone was starry eyed at our New York City Alumni Party on December 7, 2004, thanks to host Trustee Ed Matthews, who treated the guests to a tour of the observatory on the 66th floor of the AIG building. (l-r) President of the PDS Alumni Board Jamie Phares Jacobson '80, Trustee Ed Matthews and his wife Marie Matthews.





Head of School Judy Fox was greeted warmly in Beantown by many PDS, MFS and PCD alums.

BOSTON *Gathering*



John Hickling '77



Betsy Peterson '56 (left) and Brenda Grad Levy '63.



Janine Williams Matho '90.



(l-r) Dave First, Dawn Feldman Fukuda '88 and Alby Toto III '95.



Mariclare and Marvin Suomi, P '91, '96, '99 hosted a sumptuous party at their home in Beverly Hills for area alumni and Head of School Judy Fox.



LOS ANGELES *Gathering*



SAN FRANCISCO *Gathering*

California alumni treated Head of School Judy Fox grandly as she greeted many at The Huntington Hotel in San Francisco. Alumna Rosalind Waskow Hansen '81 arranged for a fabulous gathering.





Tough action and lots of laughs made up for the small number of players in the alumnae field hockey game: (l-r) Julie Perlin '99, Emily Hamlin '03, Alyssa Briody '03, Susannah Blair '04, Ariana Jakub '99 and referee Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62.



Christopher Hohmuth (PHS '05), Ben Hohmuth '90, Sonia Dayal, Kelly, Ethan Moeller '90, Jon Clancy '90, Neil Dayal, Josh Danson (PHS '90), Rikki Dayal, Dave Tullis (PHS '90).

THANKSGIVING *Games*



(at right) Karen Callaway Urisko '85 and friends.



(at left) Benjamin Drezner (son of Bentley and Jon Drezner '81, brother of Nathan Drezner '16 and big brother of Julian Drezner) warms up for the hockey game sporting his Dad's youth hockey jersey!



Stick-wielding PDS alumni and friends gathered the day following Thanksgiving last fall to catch up and have some fun on the ice. Front row, left to right: Bobbie Smyth, Robert Smyth '57, Jon Brush '81, Steve Nanfara '96, Matt Cook '05, Jamie Herring '82, and Peter Morgan '78. Standing, back row, are Mike Crowley '04, Rich Burby '02, Newell Thompson '82, Mitch De Pace '04, Matt Henderson '89, Mike Cook '89, Jared Lander '00, Phil Maltese '79, Jon Drezner '81 and John Cook '56.



All classes of alumni joined in the first ever Alumni soccer game played on the new Bill Smoyer '60 artificial turf field. Current coaches and students kept the game competitive! Front Row (l-r): Joanna Bowen '03, Michael Crowley '04, Jim Laughlin '80, Matt Levinson P '17 (PDS Asst. Girls Soccer Coach), Carly Berger '04, Keely Langdon '07, Jacqui Bowen '07, Ryan Palsho '05, Andrew Sieglen '05, Yves Marquard. Second row (l-r): Colin Mayer '04, Patrick Briody '06, Sal Fier '83, Jim Groome '80, Cabral Brooks '98, Jim Bowen P'03,'07, Dave McCord '79, friend, Charlie Denby '00, Chris Palsho '02, Alex Mathews '98. Third row (l-r): Nick Sardar '01, Grant Schmucker '02, Michael Sieglen '02, Grayson Torchio '01.



(l-r) Rob Paun '98, Peter Denby '96, Dan Ragsdale '93, Joe Gallo '99, Paris McLean '00, Rob Farina '00, Eric Skaar '01.



Front row (l-r): Kevin Smith '06, CJ Martino '08, Colin Johnson '05, Joe Gallo '99. Back row (l-r): Vic Gupta '05, Ram Narayanan '06, Andrew Davidson '06, Jordan Mickens '08, Drew Godwin '06, Rob Paun '98, Dan Ragsdale '93, Peter Denby '96, Paris McLean '00, Rob Farina '00, Eric Skaar '01.

The Annual "Frankie K" Basketball Game attracted a great turnout of alumni who challenged the current varsity team to a fast-paced game of hoops.

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Class of 1945/60th Reunion

Miss Fine's/Sylvia Taylor Healy [(609) 452-6040]
PCD [Volunteers needed]

Class of 1940/65th Reunion

Miss Fine's/PCD [Volunteers needed]

Class of 1935/70th Reunion

Miss Fine's/PCD [Volunteers needed]

MISS FINE'S SCHOOL PRINCETON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL



Friday, May 13

Registration at Colross: 9 A.M. – 6 P.M.

Registration, information and hospitality.

- 8:00 A.M. Alumni Golf/Bedens Brook Country Club**
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.
- 9:30 A.M. Alumni Visiting Day/Colross**
Alumni are invited to spend the morning attending classes and stay for lunch (pre-registration for classes and lunch is required).
- 9:30 A.M. Miss Fine's Pen Pal and Maypole Celebration/Under the Tent**
Second graders will meet their Miss Fine's pen pals and perform the traditional Maypole Dance.
- 11:30 A.M. Miss Fine's School and Princeton Country Day School Lunch**
with Head of School Judy Fox/Anne Reid Art Gallery
- 7:00 P.M. 3rd Annual Alumni, Faculty & Staff Reunion/Under the Tent**
Come visit with your favorite teachers, staff, coaches (they'll be there!!) and fellow classmates during this festive evening of fun. Great food, great music, beer and wine!

PantherPal Care will be available during Alumni Weekend for children ages 2-12.
Call for details.

Come see The PDS Performing Arts Festival May 12 – 14

beginning at 3:30 P.M. on May 12th
in the Herbert and Marguerite
McAneny Theater

Saturday, May 14

Registration at Colross: 9 A.M. – 6 P.M.

Registration, information and hospitality.

- 9:30 A.M. Moment of Remembrance/Rothrock Garden**
Please join us for a brief ceremony honoring alumni, faculty and friends who have passed away during the past year.
- 10:30 A.M. All Alumni Gathering, followed by the Shore Lunch and Family Fun Festival/Reunion Tent**
Join all alumni under the tent for the official Reunion 2005 Alumni welcome! Hear what's new at PDS, who has traveled the farthest, who is the youngest alum to register, which class wins the Annual Fund's Highest Participation Prize and lots more. Matt Levinson, Upper School history teacher, will open the gathering with remarks. We will recognize departing faculty members Sue Carty, Bonnie (Howarth) Hunter, Dave Reeve, Paula Siegel, Jan Westrick and Barbara von Mayrhauser. Join us in honoring Marjorie Williams '75* with the 2005 Alumni Achievement Award and John R. Sheehan '61 with the 2005 Alumni Service Award.
**Awarded posthumously*
- 12:00 P.M. Alumni Shore Luncheon and Family Fun Festival/Reunion Tent**
Bring the whole family to enjoy a shore lunch including lobster, a moonwalk and games.
- 2:30 P.M. Kim Bedesem Alumnae Lacrosse /Bill Smoyer '60 Field**
- 3:00 P.M. Alumnae/Alumni Softball Game/Pagoda Field**
- 3:30 P.M. Bob Krueger Alumni Lacrosse Game /Bill Smoyer '60 Field**
- 5:30 P.M. Athletic Hall of Fame Reception/Reunion Tent**
Alumni, faculty and friends will honor this year's inductees: Harold B. Erdman '39, Christopher Lake '90, Lindsey Sternberg Maggi '95, Jon McConaughy '85, James Rodgers '70, Anne Russell-Barrett '75, and Sally Hagen Schmid '60. [Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres provided.]
- 7:30 P.M. Reunion Class Parties/Look for details in the individual class invitations.**

IN MEMORIAM

The School has learned of the passing of the following members of the PDS community.
We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends.

James D. Armitage '42

Uncle of Hugh S. Fairman '51 and
Adra Fairman Heher '58

Eric P. Barlow

Brother of Francine Barlow Bryant '71
and Alison Barlow Loats '76

Paul E. Bevensee

Father of Glenn Bevensee '77, Scott Bevensee '80
and Gregg Bevensee '84

Seymour M. Bogdonoff

Father of Alan Bogdonoff '73

Sarah Hart Brodsky '54

Sister of Brandon Hart '46

William A. Chalverus

Father of William Chalverus '69
and Peter Chalverus '75

Joseph Crossley

Brother of Helen Crossley '38

James G. Dougherty '40

Brother of Robert E. Dougherty '43

Jane A. Lewis Dusenberry '34

Irene F. Gersten

Mother of Bianca Gersten '03

Herbert W. Kale

Grandfather of Robert M. Chibbaro '86

Sally Strassenburgh Lane '66

Sister of James A. Strassenburgh '65

David Mathey '47

Brother of Dean Mathey '43 and
MacDonald Mathey '44

Bertha D. Maziarz

Grandmother of Jonathan Maziarz '89 and
David Maziarz '91 and Mother of
Former Trustee Dennis Maziarz

Joan Y. McGowan

Mother of Matthew McGowan '00
and Allison McGowan '03

Baroness Elisabet af Trolle Nauckhoff

Mother of Cecilia af Trolle '82 and Nils Rikard af Trolle '85;
Aunt of Cecilia Aall Mathews '59, Elizabeth (Mea)
Aall Kaemmerlen '64, Pamela Aall McPherson '68
and Christian Aall '74

Martha L.A. Norris

Grandmother of John Griffith '99 and Mother-in-Law
of Former Trustee Shawn Ellsworth '75

Bernarda Bryson Shahn

Grandmother of Jasper Shahn '92

Ione M. Shear

Wife of T. Leslie Shear, Jr. '52 and Mother of
Julia Shear '86 and Alexandra Shear '89

Roberta Webb Southall '27

Harvey J. Tesser

Grandfather of Marissa Applegate '12
and Benjamin Applegate '16

Albert S. Toto, Sr.

Grandfather of Melissa Rosendorf Calvert '91
and Albert S. Toto III '95

Phillips B. vanDusen

Former Director of Development
Father of Theron vanDusen '75

Byron G. Ward

Husband of Ruth Druck Ward '40

Erica Weeder

Mother of Erica Weeder '83

Marjorie Williams '75

Sister of Wistar Williams Rawls '72
and Anne Williams '74

F. William Yerkes

Husband of Martha Heath Yerkes '42

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:

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Princeton, NJ 08542

E-mail:
Classnotes@pds.org

1925-1929

PDS Communications Office

1930

75TH REUNION

Margaretta R. Cowenhoven
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Chestertown, MD 21620-1680

I am still living happily at my continuing care retirement community on the Eastern Shore at Chestertown, MD at age 92 and sharing a cottage with my sister, Mary Cowenhoven Coyle '35.

1931-1933

PDS Communications Office

1934

Wilhelmina Foster Reynolds
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Gladwyne, PA 19035

1935

70TH REUNION

PDS Communications Office

1936-1938

PDS Communications Office

1938

Roberta Harper Lawrence wrote to the Alumni Office: "Our 7th GREAT grandchild arrived on November 15, 2004, in Birmingham, MI. We now have six girls and one boy!"

"The other less exciting news is that our condo on Cayman Island, which we have had since 1968, was badly damaged when Hurricane Ivan took a direct hit on the Cayman Islands. We left Vero Beach, Florida permanently, after twenty winters spent there, in May 2004, and were planning on spending our winters on the Island. Parts of the Island are still without electricity and phone service; our condo will not be repaired until May 2005 at the earliest, unfortunately.

"Hope all is well at Princeton Day School and with my 1938 classmates from Miss Fine's School."

A note from Helen Crossley to the Alumni Office reported that she is "still active with American and world associations for Public Opinion Research. Retired in 1992 and back living at 21 Battle Road, where I grew up. My brother Joe, Princeton '45, died last August. I often see Nan Agar, whose son Raymond died in November."

1939

Therese E. Critchlow
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1940

65TH REUNION

Anne Guthrie Yokana
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1941

Correspondent Needed

Anne Reynolds Kittredge sent a note to the Alumni Office reporting that she and her husband are very happy in their apartment in a community care retirement facility. They are only a half hour from their former home in New Canaan, CT and their golf course.

1942

Mary Roberts Woodbridge
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Princeton, NJ 08540-5020

Johnnie Thomas Purnell is pleased with life at her new retirement unit in Prescott, Arizona. She is still able to travel and keeps very busy. She sent the picture taken at her 80th birthday last August.

I am sorry to report via Sally Kuser Lane the news that Martha Heath Yerkes has lost her husband Bill. This, of course, is always a shock and for the class I send her our sympathy and wish her well for her future.

Peggy Frantz Wellington has moved into Stonebridge, a new continuing care home near Rocky Hill, NJ.



Isabelle Guthrie Sayen '42 and Henry Sayen '36 received (posthumously) the Alumni Service Award at Reunion Weekend last year.

George Sayen '69 sent the following letter to the Alumni Office after his parents Isabelle Guthrie Sayen and Henry Sayen '36 received the Alumni Service Award (posthumously).

"Both my brother David and I were enormously appreciative of the hundreds of letters, calls and gestures of support from our Mother's classmates and many other alumnae/i from classes throughout Miss Fine's, PCD and PDS, when she died.



Johnnie Thomas Purnell celebrates her 80th birthday with her family: Back row, left to right: Sandy, Bowen Taylor, Blair, Bryan; middle row: Betsy, Suzi, Dodi, Taylor with Jessie; front row: Johnnie and Lane.

"And our family was deeply moved that the School chose to honor our Mother and Father (see PCD 1936 Class Notes) with the Alumnae/i Service Award. We are greatly touched and know that our parents would have been just as overwhelmed by the tributes.

"There were so many at the School who extended such warmth and interest in our parents' lives; it is very hard to express our appreciation. We feel very privileged to be alumni of the School as well.

"It was also particularly heartwarming to see so many of our parents' close friends on the day of the ceremony. Their special effort in coming brought great joy. We particularly wanted to salute our Mother's classmates who were there: **Peggy Frantz** Wellington, **Polly Roberts** Woodbridge, **Sally Kuser** Lane; three friendships our Mother treasured throughout her life, as we do them and many of their children.

"For our family it was a year of great loss – but we were inspired by and admired our Mother's positive interest in life and her ongoing work, as well as her great elegance until the moment she died, peacefully at home. To see that her commitments and contributions have been so lauded makes us realize even more how fortunate our lives have been.

"Our family had already been so honored by many organizations our Mother was involved with and surprised by the inspiring and unexpected services the Archbishop of Canterbury had led on both sides of the Atlantic in recognition of our Mother's 'peace activity and her ability to positively change the course of Church activism in many countries around the world... and the improvement and enhancement of so many people's lives everywhere.' The school's distinguished award, and accolade led generously by Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62 at the spring ceremony, was a particularly special occasion because our parents had such a great affection for their friendships and their learning experiences at Miss Fine's and PCD.

"To all we wish to send our gratitude and forward our special thanks."

1943

Marjorie Libby Moore
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1944

Correspondent Needed

1945

Sylvia Taylor Healy
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I've had good positive replies for our 60th Reunion Weekend, May 13 & 14. **Sesaly Gould** Krafft, **Grace Turner** Hazard, **Claire Grover** Parsells, **Blythe Scott** Carr and **Janet Hill** Hurst have all said yes, and I'm hoping a few more will swell the ranks.

Sesaly's Christmas letter was full of news. She and Ted are planning to move to Ginger Cove in Annapolis in the summer. It is a lifetime care retirement community. Ted had a total knee replacement last April, and is doing fine. They vacationed in Great Britain in September - the Orkneys, Dundee and down through the Cotswolds to Dorset, where they stayed at the Poachers Inn in Piddletrethide – a marvelous name!

Next May will be great fun and I can't wait to see you all.

Meanwhile, how about some news from the rest of you?

1946

Correspondent Needed

1947

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1948

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1949

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1950

Correspondent Needed

Wendy McAneny Bradburn sent the following news to the Alumni Office: "We left Chicago after 40 years when Norman got a post-retirement job at the National Science Foundation in 2000. Decided to stay (in Arlington, VA) after that job ended, to be close to two grandsons (ages three and one – wish our knees were less creaky) who live in southern Virginia where Isabel and her husband work at VA Tech. Andrew is in LA working (precariously) with old movies; Laura married a Kiwi and is an acupuncturist in Auckland, where we now visit annually. I am fully and lazily retired."

1951

Nellie Oliphant Duncan
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The Alumni Office received the following news from **Gordon McAllen** Baker: "Had a wonderful three week trip to Turkey in September. Didn't find the missionary great grandparents' graves, but reveled in the history. Mrs. Albion might belatedly be pleased!"

Barbara Johnston Rodgers sent a note to the Alumni Office, however, the Post Office devoured part of it but we believe she wrote that she is taking a lecture series called "Allied Leaders of the World." It is through a program at Colby-Sawyer College. **Beverly Stewart** Almgren '52 and her husband will give the lecture on Joseph Stalin. She is also giving a course titled "Russian Past and Present," which **Gordon McAllen** Baker is taking. **Barbara** wrote, "It is fun to renew old friendships!"

1952

Jean Samuels Stephens
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Marcia Goetze Nappi sent the following news to the Alumni Office: "Having lived in Vermont some 40 years I've watched our family grow and thrive, including the six great-grandchildren, all

around us. We traveled in 2004 from golf links in Ireland and Scotland to the plains of Italy and mountains in Switzerland. Love to all my classmates."

1953

Anne Carples Denny
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Richmond, VA 23233

A few of our classmates report the following:

From **Hope Thompson** Kerr: "Hilary and I went to Asia last fall but returned a month before the Tsunami hit. We were in Thailand but mainly in Bangkok and surrounding areas. The temples and Buddhas are so colorful. The Thai women are the prettiest. Then onto Vietnam for two weeks traveling down from Hanoi, Ha Long Bay, HoiAn, Da Nang, Hue and (Saigon) now Ho Chi Minh City. These are the areas we heard about all during the Vietnamese War. It was very strange to actually visit the memorials, prisons and museums. We did crawl through the Ci Chu Tunnels that hid the Viet Cong during the war. It is still hard to see through the jungles from above and when you're inside the jungles. From there we spent time in Cambodia visiting Angkor Wat, which is a vast area with many temples. The temples are in need of much restoration. We visited the Floating Villages on the lake. The large cities are very modern with millions of people all with their bikes, mopeds, rickshaws and cars but if you drive 30 minutes out of the cities you see no machinery. The women, all by hand, are busy planting, harvesting, irrigating the rice paddies; the children are plowing with their water buffaloes; their homes are huts on stilts but there's usually a TV antenna on top; lawns are cut by the girls squatting down with scissors; and everyone is doing some small job to survive. They do love American \$\$\$s. We are booked to go to China, Tibet and Bali next fall."

From **Mary Butler** Nickerson: "What I really want from our class is not so much news, as conversations. I sure wish we could have an interim reunion. Can anyone figure out the location that would be at the center of where we all live?"

From **Karen Cooper Lindholm**: "This is a big year for a lot of us because we turn 70. My husband and I are trying to decide where to live if we don't live here on the hill with all the ice and snow. Grandchildren are graduating from college, one (of the 19) is in Kuwait, my daughter is turning 50 as I turn 70, talk about yikes! We took a cruise to the Caribbean after Christmas, went to Alaska for my stepson's wedding in August, planning a trip around the world in 2006 so as you see life isn't standing still. I am in a memoirs writing group and am trying to get the courage to write something but haven't decided what that might be. I study French at the local adult school so my French is improving. Three months in France would really help it; haven't planned that yet however. Our 50th was such a fun reunion. I still have the picture of all of us in those wonderful hats looking superb."

From **Susan McAllen Turner**: "Going through the nasty side effects of chemo and radiation. Not much fun, but we do what we gotta do, right? Otherwise, not much new. Have 3 grandchildren – Kiefer (7) and Karli (almost 5) Casler - nearby in Wilmington, NY, and Finn O'Connell (almost 1) living too far away in Portland, ME. Semi-retired and loving it, Al still works like a dog as caretaker to about 30 families - mostly 'summer people' but also a couple of year-rounders."

From **Jean Ackerman Robinson**: "Though I don't have anything scintillating to report, I loved hearing from you! I guess we are all dreading the age that most of us will turn this year! Hope this finds everyone having some fun amidst all the troubles that surround our globe."

From **Elaine Polhemus Frost**: "I see **Mary Robert Craighill** or talk to her on the phone occasionally and I had a good get-together with **Caroline Savage Langan** around Thanksgiving last fall. I also talked to **Caroline Rosenblum Moseley**. She and Roger were about to take a trip abroad."

From **Hilary Thompson Kenyon**: "The last two years were busy and a bit hectic for me as I prepared for my 'new life' back into the single world. I moved out

to Bend, Oregon in April, 2004, to be near my daughter and her family. Now I am an active Grandmom as I can help out my daughter and granddaughter when necessary. The Bend area is a great outdoors area... east of the Cascades and three hours south of Portland in the High Desert. Most everyone is the outdoorsy type as you have plenty of golf courses to play on, tennis, wonderful hiking, running and biking trails, mountains to climb, great scenery around, dry and warm weather, Mt. Bachelor for alpine and nordic skiing in the winter time and plenty of kayaking and boating. So, as you can imagine, I'm really enjoying the outdoor activities....I moved into a new house in a friendly retirement area which offers a lot. It was a bit crazy in October as I moved into my place... dumped all my stored household stuff, and then immediately left on a three week trip to Southeast Asia. Hope and I had a wonderful trip with 13 others as we toured Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia. It was so interesting to see the different cultures and how hard they all worked to succeed. If anyone of you are in this Pacific Northwest area, come and visit!"

From **Anne Carples Denny**: "I have some wonderful news. After having written these class notes since the fall of 1979, I have found a superb person who is ready and willing to take over this lofty position of Class Secretary. She will give it her best shot. From now on, Elaine Frost is going to be sending e-mails, postcard and letters to ask you for just a little news for her column. Please welcome her, thank her and spoil her with information. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years doing this and now I look forward to the surprise of opening my *Journal* to see what's new amongst our classmates. Thank you everyone and thank you, Elaine."

The Alumni Office received the following news:

Elaine Polhemus Frost wrote "Am enjoying retirement in Chester County, PA and have been taking some excellent courses at the University of Delaware's Academy of Lifelong Learning. Recently had a good get-together with **Caroline Savage**, John and Mary Langan."

Susan McAllen Turner sent in the following news: "Long awaited procedure to correct my heart situation finally took place late June and was completely successful. Sadly, tests in prep for that showed a mass in my right (the 'good' one) lung. Surgery for that will be June 1 in Boston. Spirits are good and full recuperation is expected and highly anticipated."

Editor's Note: Many, many thanks to Anne Carples Denny for serving as class correspondent for 26 years! We welcome Elaine Polhemus Frost as the new correspondent. Her email address is: eopf31037@yahoo.com.

1954

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This letter about our Reunion came from **Mary Runyon Obaity**, too late for the last issue: "On May 15th, I started towards Princeton for my 50th reunion at Miss Fine's School, which I had left after the second grade, 60 years ago. I had a bit of trouble finding the school at first. I passed by it, but I finally made it, and there, sitting at a table in front of the Art Gallery, were my former classmates, two of whom, **Louise Mason Bachelder** and **Kathie Webster Dwight** were also former neighbors. It was great to see them again and to meet other classmates. We had lunch in the Art Gallery and then some of us proceeded to visit **Leslie McAneny**, who particularly remembered me for my birthday parties. She has an amazingly sharp memory. I missed **Saki Hart Brodsky**, who was my best friend in Princeton, but we have been corresponding regularly. In the evening, we had our class party at Louise's lovely home. The food was delicious, and we had a great time talking over old times and catching up with each other. I stayed at the Holiday Inn, and the next morning I drove around Princeton. The town has grown a lot but all of the houses which my family had once occupied were still there, and it didn't appear to have changed as much as I might have expected. As for me, I am currently teaching in a daycare center in Fairfax, VA. When I was

younger, I taught Kindergarten in New York, England, and Morocco, and English as a Second Language in Cairo, Egypt."

Mary has had an interesting life; we were pleased that she had kept us in her thoughts all these years and made the effort to join us for our special 50th. I had lunch with **Nancy Shannon Ford** in September and she reported that earlier in the month, following up friendships renewed at Reunion, she met **Pat Robinson Morgan** (at the Monument, of course) to drive down to the shore. There they met **Lynn Prior Harrington**, **Marcia Malone Britton**, and Lynn's mother for a tour of Lynn's beautiful garden and a delightful lunch at the Bay Head Yacht Club; "It was just a wonderful day!" Nancy has learned that **Marguerite Girard**, who left our class after 7th grade, died some time ago. I hope to have more on this in the next issue.

(In February a letter was sent to each classmate about Saki, who died February 5, 2005. The class extends its sympathies to her family.)

1955

50TH REUNION

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It's difficult to believe it has been 50 years since our MFS graduation! Hope all our classmates will go to Princeton to celebrate May 13-15. I look forward to seeing everyone. My days – months – years in retirement have been marvelous. Much travel in the US and abroad – flute study – daily workouts – ready favorite books – playing a lot of golf – visits with family. Cheers to all.

1956

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I dropped the ball for the winter issue, but you guys have picked it up again. Thanks.

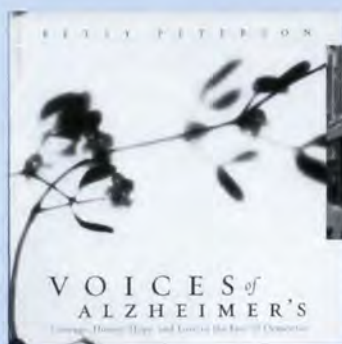
Perhaps the biggest news was the November publication of **Betsy Thomas Peterson's Voices of Alzheimer's: Courage, Humor, Hope, and Love in the Face of**

ALUMNI PROFILE

Voices of Alzheimer's

Courage, Humor, Hope, and Love in the Face of Dementia

By Betsy Thomas Peterson '56



Disease is part of the human condition. To see it as evil is to abdicate our strength to overcome, to adapt, to make the best of any situation.

—Arlene, patient

While I wept over each loss my husband experienced—resigning from his job, losing his driver's license, fumbling with words—he declared himself a “free and simple man.” We hiked, listened to Mozart, savored chocolate.

—Ann, wife

These are a few of the many voices that are heard in the pages of *Voices of Alzheimer's*, a pocket-sized verbal snapshot of the lives that have been indelibly altered by Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia. Within the pages of poignant anecdotes by families, friends, caregivers, and patients, author Betsy Peterson assembles a mosaic of struggle, compassion, encouragement, and even humor.

The author begins the book with an account of her personal story, starting with her husband's diagnosis of “probable Alzheimer's” in 1987, and chronicles her 14 years as his “care partner.” In addition to her rich collection of comments and anecdotes she also includes a helpful index of sources (with short biographies of her “voices”) and resources, even inspirational quotations for those dealing with the Alzheimer's experience.

“What is it like to live with Alzheimer's? It is an experience that many of us find hard to talk about, even to ourselves,” says the author in the preface. “We complain that other people don't understand what Alzheimer's is like, but how can they understand if we can't tell them?”

The idea for the book came to Betsy in an oncologist's waiting room, soon after her own diagnosis of breast cancer. She picked up and voraciously read through a short book of quotations by women with breast cancer, and wished there were a similar resource for Alzheimer's.

“There are not many books written on Alzheimer's that are from the patient's viewpoint,” explains the author. “What is also unusual about *Voices* is that it exposes the diversity of experiences.” She hopes the book is equally valuable in the grieving process, which she feels is often dismissed with a recommendation to “let go.” “That doesn't really work,” states Betsy.

Dementia, published by Da Capo Lifelong Books.

Betsy describes it as “a nice little paperback (beautiful design) easy to slip in a pocket and full of insight, honesty, and feeling. I can say that because the best parts of the book are quotations from other people—many of them people with dementia, but also many family members and friends.”

I'd add that Betsy and Pete are also very present in the book. I'm sure every one of us has witnessed or been touched by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia—if not we will be—and this book is a wonderful resource. Do pick it up, and make sure your friends, family, medical contacts and bookstores know about it.

That wasn't the only highlight of Betsy's year: “Did I tell you about my new grandson, Samuel Yuan Peterson, adopted from China in May at age 2? He's a dear. I went along this time too—on the excuse of making it easier to take his sister, Megan, now 4, adopted two years before.”

Pamela Thompson Sinkler-Todd is also reveling in grandparenthood: “My best news centers on my three adorable granddaughters produced in 17 months time! I'm catching up with you all!!! Besides that, life and retirement are excellent, and I paint (watercolor) weekly with a group of women.”

Retirement is on the horizon for Charlotte Cook who writes “My news is that after June 30 I will be REALLY half-time retired, as opposed to being so on paper only this year. I'm still the director of the service-learning program on my university campus, working with about 50 faculty at any given time, 90 community partners and over 2,000 students. We have managed to recruit two other people to share my work, and then I will stay on 1/4 time, just doing special projects. This is ideal for me, because leaving this program will be difficult — I've put my heart and soul into it for eight years.

“What will I do with myself? Get more involved in the community, probably around issues of seniors. My mother's slow death still haunts me and I'd like to set down my thoughts about what I learned regarding cream of the

crop ‘continuum of care’ retirement homes and how to advocate effectively for your loved one(s) when dealing with them. My parents moved to a luxurious retirement ‘village,’ 12 miles from Princeton ‘so you children won't ever have to worry about us.’ We three children bought into this idea but had a rude awakening, and I found myself advocating for my mother on almost a daily basis for the 2 1/2 years between my father's death and hers.”

Charlotte would also like to travel and is willing to tag along with any of us. “I'll also be updating and expanding my parents' house on Martha's Vineyard, which I love dearly and which at age 38, needs some rehab.” She concludes: “I miss everyone and hope we can pull off a San Diego trip before our grand reunion in Princeton in 2006.”

“Twenty years of advocacy for community health issues in San Diego, in California and nationally in such campaigns as seatbelt legislation and tobacco cessation



Pamela Thompson Sinkler-Todd '56 enjoying her time with her granddaughter Miranda and daughter Paige in England.

have been my tennis and golf while practicing anesthesiology all these years,” wrote Rosemarie Rubino Marshall Johnson MD. She was appointed in 2000 by President Clinton and reappointed by President Bush to an international health commission between the U.S. and Mexico which deals at the policy level with the many serious health problems our two countries share from TB to terrorism preparedness. She was just elected chair of the U.S. Section Executive Committee and vice chair of the U.S. Section.

Joan Pearce Anselm wrote that she had "connected with Betsy and congratulated her on her book, which is well worth reading, particularly for those who are exposed to the elderly. Once a week, if we're not traveling, I take my Dandie Dinmont Terriers to a nursing home to visit, so I have some understanding of the situation. Perhaps we can get Betsy out here to speak to the Denver Alzheimer group!

"Many of you know that my mother, 93, living by herself, is fighting the elements on Mt. Desert Island, Maine this winter. She suffered a stroke in the fall, which is affecting her left side, but she's fighting back! We've returned from a brief visit to Jacksonville, Florida (and Tampa) where our son, Rob and family live. The younger son, Alex lives in Sugar Land Texas, with wife and a son."

In the fall, I received the following summary of Anne Harrison-Clark's year, noting that "Sometimes change comes so fast it's hard to keep afloat, much less swim upstream.

"My 65th has been quite a trip I sold a house - I sold a lot And found more attic treasures than I ever thought POSSIBLE!

I moved to Hampden Lane with my new beloved, Barely knowing where this or that could be recovered - IF EVER! To add to the scene, we'll settle in Williamsburg. With all of the above, I'm low on ergs! Twixt the shuffling and the to and fro There has been time for 'R&R' though. A visit with 'JP' on our way to Aspen, Fun sailing Lake Superior, all the while 'asken' NOT TO CAPSIZE..."

Add to all that back surgery in January from which Anne walked gracefully away (as I can bear witness), leaving behind months of excruciating pain. (Then she got on phone and computer to round up all the contacts I didn't have right!)

Carol Harris Bradley ended the year with "a world class ice storm on the 23rd of December. Our

family was without power for eight days, spent Christmas Eve and Day in a motel with four adults, three babies, an elderly cat and all the trimmings with nothing to eat but cheese and crackers. Except for the two nights in a motel, Trump and I stayed at home eating two meals a day at a local restaurant and monitoring water pipes. We had running water but no warm water or means to cook food. We camped out in front of a small, decorative gas fireplace and slept under masses of quilts. By New Year's Eve we had electricity again but also a house full of grandchildren in various stages of chicken pox. It was certainly a Christmas to remember, stripped of all the commercial trimmings, but also one full of love and laughter."

From Canada comes news of Margaret Pacsu Campbell's "recent foray into show biz:"

"In early December, a small group of Canadians descended on Ft. Lauderdale to shoot a Canadian commercial for our Lotto 649 (become an instant millionaire). The story line: a young man wins the Lotto and sends his two middle-aged frumpy parents on the 'honeymoon' cruise they never had. I was the mom and a nice actor from Vancouver was my husband. One of the reasons we were chosen was not because of our talent but because of our U.S. Passports and the legal right to work there.

"Everybody was a bit nervous, considering the state of the world today. It turned out that the crew was American, the camera-man was German and the director/unit manager/client were all Canadians. We were put in the most gorgeous hotel right on the beach and most of the shooting took place on the Caribbean Princess, a brand new ship with space for 3,000 passengers and 1,100 cleaning staff.

"We were allowed on board at 10 a.m. and had to be all finished by 4 p.m. because they sailed at 5! So, in the morning, passengers were leaving, cleaners were cleaning, we were moving from one set-up to another. Then by afternoon, new passengers were being welcomed and we were still shooting and, finally, after what seemed like one of the longest days of my life, we were hustled out of there!

"Apparently it's a great success,

but I have yet to see it. It's running currently in the west and will be on air in Ontario in March. What was remarkable was not just that we finished on time but how nice everybody was. Maybe because it was an international crew or because the weather was so beautiful. Anyway, this was the nicest bunch you can imagine. Film people can be arrogant and unpleasant, but this turned out to be a dream team.

"Obviously when Canadians and Americans come together, it works. I wish we could do more, especially in Ft. Lauderdale. It's not so terrific right now in Halifax."

We finally got some belated snow here in the north country in January, and Marina Turkevich Naumann celebrated by "tackling IRS figures. Ah, Miss Campbell (RIP) would be proud of my annual rite of arithmetic."

It can be tough to keep track of Marina and Bob, as anyone can tell from their Christmas letter, packed with music, sights, tastes and sounds as well as family and travel. They started 2004 with a visit to Germany then traded Vermont's March chill for storms on Maui. Midsummer found them on a northerly cruise around Arctic Scandinavia and Russia, and they returned in November to St. Petersburg and environs. Back in time to celebrate Thanksgiving with relatives, including granddaughter Esme Anna, her mother Kris (and father Matt) and her uncle Andrew. As Seattleite Andrew would be working on Christmas, "the turkey was festooned with red and green ribbons."

A note from Pat Henderson Lincoln mentions that "Dick and I just celebrated our 43rd wedding anniversary in December, but the same is true for a number of couples in our class. Several of us have had long and happy marriages with our 'high school sweethearts!' Aren't we lucky?!"

Finally, a word on our class memorial garden at PDS: Anne and Lockie Stafford Proctor replaced

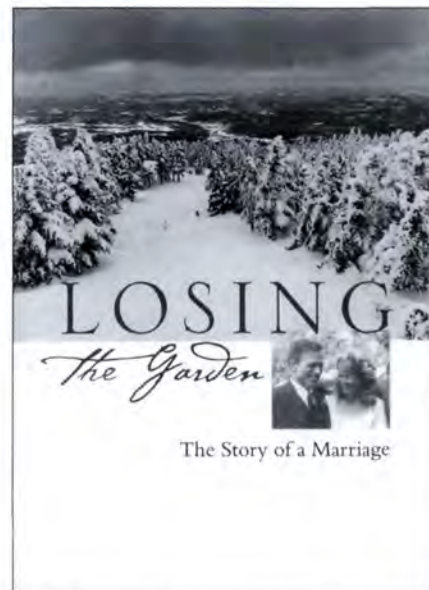
all the plants that had been lost over the past two years ("practically everything" according to Anne) with a Jackson-Perkins "Deerestible Garden." The report in October was that about half had survived—I'm sure any ideas will be welcome.

1957

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1958

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Laura Johnson Waterman '58 announced the March publication of her book, *Losing the Garden, the Story of a Marriage*.

1959

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Nina Lapsley Alexander explored the usual glorious sites in Turkey this fall but particularly enjoyed three days with a family in a small agricultural town inland.

Nan Nicholes Goodrich, on a Russian icebreaker for their third trip to Antarctica, followed the route of Ernest Shackleton in 1912. These avid photographers are particularly eager to see the Emperor penguins.

Read Wouk's *Don't Stop the Carnival* and you will recognize Harvey and me. The carnival has

not stopped at the Cormorant Hotel (which Harvey bought in March) in St. Croix. Some wonderful experiences include attending a gay wedding at sunrise on the beach when I wept more than at my son's and watching a turtle the size of a VW lay eggs on our beach in the moonlight. (We missed by two days the 70 hatchlings being helped to the sea by our staff.) But there are many carnival-like stories also. We would love to have any of you visit us there!

1960

45TH REUNION

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Frank and I are hours away from flying to Tanzania for a safari with **Harriet Gaston Davison**, **Jane Dielhenn Otis**, Janie's husband Elliot, and seven other friends. We're not the first from our class to team up on safari. Last summer, **Louise Scheide Marshall**, **Eileen Baker Strathnaver**, Louise's daughter, Jenna, and son-in-law, Wyatt, spent a whole magical month in Zambia. Louise writes that they "tracked elephant and lion on foot, saw lions mating from just a few feet away (we were safely in our windowless, doorless, diesel vehicle), giraffe, buffalo, leopard, hippo, crocs, loads of impala, kudu, puku, and on and on."



Louise Scheide Marshall '60, left, and Eileen Baker Strathnaver '60 had a superb trip on a month-long safari in Zambia in August 2004. They reported great animal sightings, some scary moments (being charged by an irate female elephant, for example), fabulous food and accommodations and beautiful scenery.

Joan Nadler Davison has also traveled to Africa (Kenya), not on safari, but as a volunteer for Operation Smile, the wonderful organization that sends doctors to repair the cleft lips and palates of



Members of the Class of 1960 partied in Rangeley, Maine last July: front row, from left, Caroline Godfrey Werth and Amanda Maugham Pearson; second row, Sally Mullen Bub, Anne Kales Howson, Peggy Hart Bragonier, Mary Liz Alexander; third row, Carol Garrigues Scofield, Mary Jane Burbidge Hayes, Sally Hagan Schmid; and back row, Nancy Davis Sachner and Jill Stokes Halbert.

children in developing countries. Trained to do medical records for the group, she has accompanied her husband to Vietnam, Bolivia, and Brazil, as well. Joan's note says she has been enjoying relationships old and new. In the first category is her renewed friendship with **Liza Guttman Sevin** which has provided wonderful opportunities for travel and hanging out: "Old friends may be one of the best things about being old," she writes. At the other end of the continuum is playtime with her first grandchild.

Harriet Gaston Davison is collecting grandchildren like mad ("five heavenly, entertaining" ones so far), but sounds greedy for more: "We hope son Jack and his wife, Nikki, are going to think babies after they have climbed Kilimanjaro in February!" Is that what it takes to get pregnant these days? Harriet and her husband John have recently moved to a new house (same town, Weybridge in Surrey), after 37 years in the lovely Davison family homestead in which John himself was raised. Harriet reports that they have not only survived the move but "are very happily settled."

Cathy Otis Farrell regrets missing our reunion in Maine last summer but says, "Poor me, I was off in France" with Greg visiting friends and exploring Brittany and Normandy. Back home, she spent a month at their yurt near Lake Placid in the company of a dog, a cat, and her two sons, An-

drew and Nick, who were trying to put on a new roof—all in "the very worst weather I have ever known there." Dinner at **Mary Liz Alexander's** new house nearby "was a highlight!" Andrew Farrell (26) teaches at the Island School founded by Lawrenceville School on Eleuthera. Since graduating from Colorado College in June '04, Nick (23) has worked for Humanity in Action in Denmark, volunteered for the Kerry campaign, and declined a Peace Corps assignment in Mali in favor of working on sustainable development, also on Eleuthera. Cathy is about to retire after 33 years in the cooperative/experiential education division at LaGuardia Community College. She will miss the students (from more than 130 different countries) but expects her future will involve some kind of work with an international population, as well as playing the piano, reading, cleaning up the house, and exercising. She is even contemplating a trip to the Netherlands with her AFS "sister" Berit to see the tulips.

Retirement isn't yet on the docket for **Amanda Maugham Pearson** who continues "to work with the little ones (at a private school in NYC) who give my life meaning every day. They keep me balanced and in touch with the important things."

Caroline Godfrey Werth is also working with little ones: hers are second graders in Blue Hill, Maine. "But, oh, this 'No Child Left Behind' stuff!" she writes

"Rather, it's no teacher left standing." Nevertheless, Caroline has signed up for a busman's holiday, volunteering in a school in Belize during her February break. Last summer was a true vacation, she says, "taking my niece and nephew around Ireland (the pubs are great!), helping Mother enjoy another summer on her porch in Blue Hill and having a blast with the class at **Carol Garrigues Scofield's** wonderful island in Maine."

After losing their Vero Beach condo to Hurricanes Jean and Frances, Carol and husband Robert will be spending more time at that wonderful island and at their house in Lake Placid, "until at least 2006." Their daughter, Liz, who created a fantastic dinner for our Lake Placid reunion in '03, has opened the Lake Placid Flower and Gift Company and lives nearby with her eight year-old daughter, Ashley. Curtis Scofield teaches at the Kent School in CT where he lives with his wife, Heather, and Carol's three other grandchildren.

Deri Bush Jeffers is still training Dressage horses, teaching, and judging shows, but looking forward to forays in her new kayak.

Anne Kales Howson reports a harrowing family episode. The Howsons were all skiing on Christmas day, when son Rusty's fiancée, Susan Shih, fell and broke her back. Annie writes, "three hospitals, two helicopter rides, unending snow storms in the mountains, incredible ski patrol, neurosurgeon, ICU nurses, and at last Susan is here in San Francisco for two weeks in rehab and is walking (with a walker) and will ski again...in a couple of years."

Given the long lead time for these Class Notes, we may already have enjoyed our next '60 reunion—June 17-20 chez moi on Martha's Vineyard—by the time this issue of the *Journal* hits the stands. It looks as if at least fifteen of us will gather on the island. I hope that includes YOU!

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From Fiona: **Nancy Smoyer** is on a trip to India, about which we'll hear in the next issue, I hope, and so I bring greetings to all from snowy New York City.

Jeanie Shaw Byrne is spending most of the winter in Florida, now that Johnny is retired. Her daughter Charlotte was married there in November and daughter Jane Ellen and her family have moved into a house just down the road from Jeanie and John's Princeton residence. They are thrilled to have them nearby.

Julia Fulper Hardt sent the following: "On June 9, **Deborah Moore** Krulewitch was honored at the 2004 Founders Award Dinner for the Historic House Trust of New York City. It was a very hot night, and the fans were going inside the candlelit tent along the East River at Gracie Mansion. The mayor, Michael Bloomberg and the Parks Commissioner spoke of Debbie's remarkable service to the Historic House Trust as its chairman and founding board member. Debbie's husband Peter, son David, Leonard and Evelyn Lauder, and close friends joined in the tribute. Then a great Motown-style band, appropriate for (and, perhaps, chosen by) Debbie, took over—jackets were left on chairs, and we danced away the rest of a truly magical night."

Joan Yeaton Seamon wrote: "Eight weeks to go for daughter Julie's baby boy! That is pretty much our focus. We had amazing early January weather that let us play golf and tennis in 70 degree weather! I had a hole-in-one this year - probably luck vs. skill." In her Christmas letter, Joanie also reported the marriage of her son John to Lisa Scott last February. And as I was writing this, Joan called to say she'd be in New York next week, so I'll see her then.

In December, **Ann Davidson** Zweede wrote from Vermont, where she spent the holidays visiting daughter Lisa who is attending

Dartmouth Medical School. Highlights of her last year include a move to a smaller house in Westminster, SC (in the same county as Seneca). She takes enormous pleasure in visiting family members and spending as much time as possible with her grandchildren.

Sandy Gartner is thinking of relocating to southern Utah. "Overall, all is well here. I keep busy hiking, snowshoeing, and caring for—and entertaining—my three dogs."

Cynthia Weinrich and Harvey and I had lunch with **Lucia Norton** Woodruff when she was in town with husband Paul in January. Her last year included a 30th anniversary trip to the Caribbean with birders from the Cornell Ornithological Lab; the marriage of her daughter Rachel to Eli Daniel in July; the announcement that daughter Kate was expecting the first grandchild in June; and Paul's completion of a new book entitled *First Democracy*. After her visit to NY she wrote that "the weekend of chamber music in Long Island was pure heaven, four of us working hard on Janacek's second quarter in a totally accepting atmosphere with a coach who is wonderful at drawing people out and letting us at the same time have our own ideas. We even had time for walks, music with Paul and another husband, lots of jokes. As I said, heaven!"

Cary Armstrong Rothe says that "All's well. Son Jamie continues as a 6th grade teacher. Son Christopher is looking for work: Madison, WI. I had my first one person show of 33 works and sold, as of this date, one third. I'm elated since the show was after Christmas. Getting seriously into digital images, taking many courses, many new projects."

Trika Smith-Burke wrote: "My niece, Laura Hart, (my sister, Cary's youngest who graduated from Georgetown last June) was very disappointed after working so hard for John Kerry, traveling all over the country organizing events. She's living in Washington and had to return—a Democrat trying to find a job in a very Republican town. I am happy to report that she got a job with a speaker's bureau making arrangements for speakers, similar to the

work that she did during the campaign. So far, so good. Katherine, the middle sister, has gotten into all the law schools she applied to and we are all excitedly waiting to hear what she has decided. The entire family will be descending on Cambridge in June for Elissa's graduation from Harvard Law and then we'll be going to the Vineyard for a short vacation. (Maybe this time I will have the courage to go look at the 7000 sq foot house that took the place of our old house that was bulldozed away on the island.) I haven't quite figured out how to really be half time this year at NYU, although it has helped reduce the pressure. I have one more year at half time. Then they give me a fully paid sabbatical. I will be officially retired as of June 2007—the sabbatical seems appropriate since I am starting my 30th year as of January '05."

Trish Ward White, who we were all so happy to see at our reunion in May, is spending the winter in Florida and will be back in her Boston-area home in the spring.

Polly Busselle Bishop sent an e-mail saying "We went to Paris for a few weeks at Christmas to babysit a cat in a beautiful home of friends almost right in the center of the city. The cat is a horror—what we went through to live in this terrific neighborhood, shops laden with the best wine and cheese and paté and baguettes inches from our doorway! So we mostly ate our way through the days, walking madly everywhere so we could eat some more, had fabulous visits and revisits to museums, etc. etc. We spent all last summer in Maine, where I turned back into a full-fledged potter in preparation for a show there in October and a wonderful one I do annually here at the (new) house in Eastham with four friends—three painters and a jeweler. It's really just an excuse to re-connect with old customers from Spindrift Pottery and other pals, and it turns into a lovely party. My sister Harriet and her husband always come to help, and Lucy even came this year, bringing her new puppy, a mini carbon copy of my darling yellow lab Pascal. Don's doing some sculpting, working on a house, generally being level-

headed and cheerful. I try to meditate as much as possible, but it's hard to find opportunities on the Cape, where people often mistake mediation for meditation and are loath to pay for either one of them. But I LOVE it when I do it, it is fascinating."

Tibby Chase Dennis excerpted her Christmas letter for us: "Life at Cape Cod (where I am living half-time now in the little house I bought in June 2003) consists of a lovely mix of activities. I do volunteer work (VERY loosely interpreted) at the Salvation Army in Hyannis, where I plug into workshops, help distribute clothing, and generally join in whatever is happening. There are many wonderful people there and a great program through which churches on Cape take in overflow guests from the Hyannis shelter each night of the year. This program has spawned a new project: Bridgeport, an apartment complex scheduled to be built soon in Falmouth, near my childhood paradise of Woods Hole, whose residents will be picked from the pool of shelter guests in the Overnights of Hospitality program. I hope to get involved in some way....Lest it sound as though Cape Cod time consists entirely of church and ministry activities, my friend Patrick and I take lots of walks, go to lots of movies, eat lots of dinners at lots of restaurants, etc., etc., while my dogs Andrew and Peanut LOVE exploring the beaches."

Sheila Long wrote that "I finally completed the liturgical Latin book I had started writing for the novices ten years ago. It's full of mistakes; every time I teach it, I find more, but it does exactly what I designed it to do, which is very satisfying, and it's a great relief to have finished it. I've also acquired a new student named Jordan, the ten-year-old son of our gardener, who wants to be a monk when he grows up. Thanks to my participation in le DIM (*Dialogue Interreligieux Monastique*), I got to go on two trips this year. The first was to a Tibetan Buddhist retreat center in the Auvergne. The second trip involved a week-long workshop in Switzerland, with French-speaking representatives from monasteries in Belgium, France, Switzerland, and Holland,

as well as four Protestant ministers a number of lay people of different faiths. Just last week, I got an invitation to spend the month of June in Japan at a Buddhist-Christian monastic encounter. To my surprise, our new abbess gave me permission to go, on the condition that I not return to the U.S. until 2006."

The main thing I have to report is the peaceful death of my mother, Claramary H. Morgan, aged 89, last October. My sisters, Prudence Morgan Boulton '63 and Patience Morgan-Irigoyen '66 and I are grateful to all the members of the MFS/PDS community who expressed their condolences.

1962

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Our heartfelt thanks to **Susan Mathews Heard** for doing a yeomen's job as class secretary. She is taking a much deserved retirement from that job and I will be taking over. My thanks to all of you who responded. Now that I have overcome my technophobia, I realize what a fabulous communications tool email is. I was going to try to call everyone who didn't respond electronically and failed to do so. However, I did speak to **Mary Liz Keegin Colley** and **Kitty Walker Ellison**. Mary Liz returned home December 19th from a three week visit to South Africa where her sister Helen Ann Keegin Hethrington '54 lives. She was able to combine business with pleasure by getting in some photography while there. Mary Liz has been very busy traveling this past year. She has been to five continents during that time! She is looking forward to staying put for a while. Kitty reports that all is well in Steamboat Springs. Daughter Claire, was married in September last year and Jenny has completed law school. She is working in the district attorney's office in Loveland, CO. I'm hoping that with Jenny in Loveland, I will see Kitty more often. We may be able to pull off a mini-reunion in Steamboat Springs in April which Kitty has graciously offered to host. **Susie Shea McPherson's** eldest daughter is there working

and enjoying the skiing. **Paula Cook Sculley's** daughter and granddaughter live just north of Steamboat in Clark. Susie and Paula are both planning to visit their offspring in April. With luck we may be able to meet at Kitty's home.

I was deeply saddened by the sudden, unexpected death of my first cousin, Toby Callaway (uncle of Karen Callaway Urisko '85) on October 30, 2004. I flew to Florida November 2nd to attend his funeral. While the reason for the trip was tragic, I had a wonderful time with my family sharing memories, stories, and looking at pictures. As an added bonus, I got to visit with **Pat Halcomb Phillips** and **Missy Tomlinson**. Both look great and are doing well. Pat and I were both struck by the fact that although we had seen each other only briefly since 1957(!), it felt as though we'd been close friends for the last 48 years! Missy is very involved with her mother's care at the moment but she was able to get away for a few hours and we met in Jupiter for lunch. She brought before and after pictures of her yard. Missy is a skilled gardener and the devastation left by the hurricane was enough to make you weep. It was great seeing them. Seeing my idea for a 60th birthday celebration fizzled, maybe we should consider Florida for our 65th? In addition to Pat and Missy, **Cindy Brown** now lives in Sarasota.

I got to know Nancy Hagen Spaulding '57 after reading in the PDS *Journal* that she and Vern had moved to Windsor, CO which is very close to me. Nancy very kindly had me to lunch in January while her sister Sally Hagen Schmid '60 was here visiting. I haven't laughed that hard in a long time. I think I learned more about MFS during that luncheon than I did during the twelve years I attended! It was great fun and I look forward to seeing more of Nancy and Sally.

Susan Mathews Heard wrote: "Last year, I celebrated my 60th with niece Megan (see photo); saw friends in Florida, Illinois and Virginia; and visited family in Maryland and New Hampshire. I also enjoyed a visit from **Susie Shea McPherson** and daughter Sandy. We continued to fulfill our passion for world travel last year,



Susan Mathews Heard '62 celebrated her 60th birthday with her niece Megan Mathews, daughter of Rusty Mathews '63.

cruising seas and crossing oceans to meet new friends and pursue our interests in art and geography. We viewed masterpieces at the Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, the Skagen Museum in Denmark, and the Hermitage in St. Petersburg. Our year started and ended in Hawaii, where we cruised from San Diego for Christmas 2003 and New Year's 2004, returning to the island of Kauai this Christmas. In August, we took a Baltic seas cruise to Norway, Denmark, Sweden, St. Petersburg and Finland. In between travels, I continue my work at Southern California Edison as a member of the Media Relations team, in addition to managing executive meetings and the company's annual report. Relaxation includes volunteer service and tending my growing orchid collection. When not traveling, husband Bruce continues to enjoy his 'retirement' by serving on five transportation-related groups."

Paula Cook Sculley wrote: "It is fun to hear the news. Thank you for picking up the ball. It was so enjoyable seeing everyone at our reunion a few years ago. There are so many interesting ways we are living and getting involved! I'm enjoying being a grandmother with a little 4 year old who lives out in Colorado. My volunteer passion is supporting botanical fieldwork by graduate students and then getting it translated into adult education programs to understand plant medicine and issues of sustainable harvesting or extinction. This program is called Botany in Action, which I founded with some friends ten years ago. Garden Club of America just awarded me a national medal for lifetime achieve-

ment for that, so that's nice although it really should have listed about a hundred names on it. It's always exciting to be involved in grass roots action. Hope all is well with you and the rest of the class."

Win Dickey Kellogg sent an announcement about her son Daniel:

"The Philadelphia Orchestra Association, in partnership with the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Composers Forum, today announced the commission of a work for The Philadelphia Orchestra in celebration of the 300th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth. American composer Daniel Kellogg, a Young Concert Artists Composer-in-Residence, was awarded the commission. Kellogg was chosen from among 110 applicants ... The resulting work will receive its world premiere in November 2005 and will be performed on the Orchestra's subscription series. In addition the commission will contain a significant educational component.

"Benjamin Franklin was one of America's great creators, and we want to recognize his legacy with another new creation," said Philadelphia Orchestra Music Director Christoph Eschenbach. "We're pleased to be working with such a young and gifted composer as Daniel Kellogg and look forward to hearing the outcome of this commission.

"During his tenure as a Young Concert Artists Composer-in-Residence, composer Daniel Kellogg has been awarded the Charles Ives Fellowship from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, as well as the 2003 ASCAP Foundation Morton Gould Young Composer Award for his work *and the dust shall sing like a bird*, which was commissioned by Young Concert Artists. His compositions have been performed at New York's 92nd Street Y, Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, and the Kennedy Center, and have been broadcast on National Public Radio's *Performance Today*. His piece *Divinum Mysterium* was recently released to critical acclaim on the new music group eighth blackbird's CD *Beginnings*, on the Cedille Records label. A native and current resident of Connecticut, Mr. Kellogg holds a bachelor of music degree

from the Curtis Institute of Music and a master of music degree from the Yale School of Music, where he is currently a candidate for a doctor of musical arts degree. His teachers have included Don Freund, Ned Rorem, Jennifer Higdon, Joseph Schwantner, Ezra Laderman, and Martin Bresnick."

1963

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About half of us will have already turned 60 by the time you read these notes, and the rest of us will do so in short order. I still see us in our gym uniforms hanging out at the Monument eating Creamsicles. I see us making wreaths under the stage with Mrs. Shepherd. I see us relearning annually "And there were, in the same country, shepherds..." with Mrs. Smith. I remember moving from the front of Upper School Study Hall to the back as we moved from Class IX to Class XII (imagine! I still use those Roman Numerals which were a particularly wonderful MFS conceit). As long as we can summon up visions such as these, I guess we still have a marble or two to play with. 60 sounds older than it is, though I have to admit I hate hearing things like, "60 these days is what 50 used to be" because it seems it's people who are 40 saying so. How do they know?

In any event, I have lots of news to report. **Laurie Rogers** sent a great Christmas letter. She has joined the ranks of commuters since her company moved about a half hour's drive north on I-95 in Connecticut. Her workspace is vastly improved in the new setting, so it may be worth the hassle of the commute. This past year Laurie visited Florida with a friend, went kayaking and canoeing on the Connecticut River, did some birding with Connecticut Audubon, spent time in Stockbridge, MA, the beach in Rhode Island, and attended the Easton Waterfowl Festival in Maryland. She and her sister also visited the southwest and went to Arizona and Las Vegas. Laurie spends time with her 90 year old mother and her many nieces and

nephews and their offspring. I always love hearing from her, and she sends me great e-mail "ditties" throughout the year.

My other Christmas letter came from **Kathy Sittig Dunlop**. Her big news of the year had to do with the hurricanes in Florida. Although she and her sister were visiting their father for his 85th birthday, Kathy's husband, son, daughter, and Boxer were at home as Hurricane Francis hit their area. They managed to evacuate to Georgia. Although each of the kids and the Dunlops had property damage, their homes were relatively unhurt. The Dunlop family went north again and returned just in time for Ivan. Then came Jeanne. Kathy concluded, "Compared to the damage sustained by so many others, our damage was insignificant. We feel very blessed." Kathy had a reunion in May with **Kathy Kilgore** who was in town visiting her mother. I think I mentioned in my last column that Kathy Dunlop also spent time with **Jane Aresty Silverman**. She also saw **Bonnie Grad Levy** in Boston. All are well.

Other news from Kathy Sittig Dunlop: Richard was elected to the Orchid Town Council and subsequently to the position of Mayor; Kathy had a successful knee replacement; and they spend lots of time playing golf, walking on the beach, and going to the movies. Kathy is very involved in Bible Studies, and it sounds as though they have a great life in Florida!

Lee Gardner Shult wrote that she is teaching and working part-time in administration for Odyssey, a school she co-founded eight years ago. It's a middle school for gifted children who have difficulty finding their way through traditional schools in San Mateo, California. Here is how Lee described the school: "Our curriculum is all created by our faculty and is totally integrated with all subjects. We travel whenever possible for the day. In the spring we take the 8th grade to Japan for three weeks of home stay and study. We have a lot of arts-drama, art history, studio art, film, choir, dance and offer such sports as tai chi, yoga, karate, stage combat, and aerobics...all mixed with some traditional sports like swimming and soccer. We have only 45

kids—15 per grade—and a mixture of economic and cultural backgrounds—a surprising number of first generation Americans and bilingual kids. We hope to nurture them and create kids who are comfortable with who they are before heading to high school." Wow! Where do I sign up? Lee reports a fall visit with **Ellen Levy**. Lee has two daughters; Jessica is 29 and teaches art and math with Lee; Ashley is 24 and working in the Galapagos on sea turtle research with Environmental Projects International and the Darwin Research Institute. Lee's husband Doug is retired and "having too much fun. I'm jealous!"

Liza Maugham reported a fifth grandchild. She lives in Massachusetts near both of her children. She is a social worker, working with infants and toddlers with special needs and their families. Liza still has a house in Maine near Boothbay Harbor, and she'd love to see classmates who would like to visit.

Virginia Elmer Stafford said that she got a birthday song upon turning 60 from her two oldest grandchildren, ages 7 and 9. It is called, "We Love You Gramma." Ginny said, "This certainly makes turning 60 feel good to me!!!" Ginny lives in Albuquerque and has both a counseling practice and a retail store which she owns and operates with her daughter.

Colleen Coffee Hall reports that she took a road trip to Maryland with Ellen Levy to see **Bobbie Schiede's** new house (reported on in the last class notes). Colleen also sends amusing e-mails from time to time, and I very much enjoy getting them.

Susan Lillie writes that she got married in November of 2003 and moved to Long Island. She has a new job but is still in the direct marketing field. Her husband's name is Bill Magner. They went with a group of friends from Fire Island to Zermat, Switzerland, in February for an annual skiing trip. Bill and Susan will conclude the trip with four days in Budapest. Susan visited Prague two years ago, and she highly recommends it. "It is absolutely beautiful and very easy to walk around...also, the beer is amazing, and I'm not even a beer drinker!"

Pam Sidford Schaeffer writes these thoughts on turning 60. "Oh my. I just don't wear my glasses when I look in the mirror." Her husband Leonard retired from WellPoint, and he is looking for the next adventure in his professional life. They are selling their home of 19 years in Westlake Village, California, an LA suburb, and moving to Brentwood, a town next to Santa Monica and closer to cultural points of interest. Pam keeps busy running three homes (one in DC and one on the Cape, too), and she was the caretaker for her mother-in-law who died in the fall. She used to work at her kids' school as the Lower School office manager. She concludes, "So I'm not sitting around eating chocolates like I'd like!" Pam proposed that "we all should pool our money and send you (Alice) to Egypt. Those antique scribes have nothing on you (at least they had interesting wars and mysterious deaths to write about)."

Which brings me to my news. Retired people must have too much time on our hands. I just figured out that this is the 83rd class notes I've written. The good news is now that I have several of our class members' e-mail addresses and e-mail is so easy, I'm hearing from more people. If you did not receive an e-mail from me begging for news in January, it's because I do not have your e-mail address. Please take a moment to send it to me at ajacobso@pcc.edu, and please do add a line or two about what's happening in your life. I am not eating too many chocolates either, sad to say. The good news is that I am keeping pretty busy doing some special projects for my college. The most interesting is working with others to establish a program which will, among other things, connect retired people with not-for-profits looking for volunteers in the greater Portland community. I continue to serve as a Commissioner for the regional accrediting agency and on the Board of a small community foundation. Life is good, and I am grateful to be out of the college president business!

Please let me hear from each of you.

1964

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For those of you who were unable to attend our 40th class reunion, held on Kiawah Island last October, we missed you. For the hearty souls who did participate, I extend a great big "thank you" for making the trip. **Penny Pettit Kreinberg** and **Cary Smith Hart** and **Linda Conroy Vaughn** got the "prize" for traveling the greatest distance; Portland, OR, Sacramento, CA, and San Francisco, CA, respectively. Unfortunately, **Dora Lange Gilstrap** and **Jettie Edwards**, who also live on the West Coast, were not able to be with us. **Susan Moulton** and **Annie Harris** made their way to SC from Boston, MA. **Joanna Hornig Fox** arrived from Washington, DC, while **Fran Wolff** and **Susan Jamieson** came together from Atlanta, GA.

From Thursday until Sunday, uninterrupted by other people or concerns, we had the luxury of just "being" together. Some of us had not seen each other since that graduation evening in 1964 when we marched down the center aisle in the gym toting red roses and trying not to fall off our high heels, into what has now become our "adult" life.

The weather on Kiawah was perfect, even though a cold front initially threatened to ruin our outdoor plans. We dined at a local restaurant as well as the fabulous new island hotel, The Sanctuary, strolled Kiawah's renowned beach, went kayaking, and enjoyed a spectacular sunset cruise on the Edisto River, where we were fascinated by the unique feeding behavior of local dolphin. We also spent a good portion of one day visiting the historic city of Charleston.

Those were just the events. The experience of sharing time and space with "old" classmates was incredible. Susan Jamieson summed it up succinctly in an email: "I attended a remarkable gathering of our class in October '04 under the hospitable eye and incredible organizing skills of Barbara Callaway. Annie, Susan M., Fran, Linda, Penny, Cary, Joanna, Barbara, and I were all there for



Class Dinner at the Sanctuary Hotel, (l-r): Susan Jamieson, Joanna Hornig Fox, Cary Smith Hart, Ann Harris, Barbara Rose Callaway, Susan Moulton, Linda Conroy Vaughn, Fran Wolff, Penny Pettit Kreinberg.



Sunset Cruise on Edisto River (l-r): Penny Pettit Kreinberg, Susan Moulton, Linda Conroy Vaughn, Susan Jamieson, Ann Harris, Fran Wolff, Cary Smith Hart, Barbara Rose Callaway, Joanna Hornig Fox.



Dockside Kiawah River (l-r): Cary Smith Hart, Penny Pettit Kreinberg, Joanna Hornig Fox, Susan Jamieson, Barbara Rose Callaway, Fran Wolff.



Sunrise Kayaking Rear: Susan Jamieson (l-r): Linda Conroy Vaughn, Cary Smith Hart.

several days, walking the beach, eating, kayaking; celebrating the really great pleasure of reuniting after many years. We explored the beauty of Kiawah Island and the charms of Charleston. We missed those of you who couldn't make it and look forward to the next time.

"It is amazing to have a history in common, especially one that includes a very unique and life-influencing school, a generation that was so energizing and exciting. Most of all — the experience was that familiar but rare one where we women manage to share our lives in that particular way we have that nourishes each other's spirits."

Sue's sentiments were applauded and echoed by Joanna Hornig Fox in a recent message. "I think Sue has said things beautifully and applauded having a wonderful writer in

our class who can capture meaning and put it into words well. Talking with all of those present that wonderful weekend, despite my flu, enlarged for me understanding about the community and expectations in which we were raised. That that little school... had a profound impact on who we are as adult women. I hope we can maintain the bonds we reestablished, until we meet again."

Fran Wolff wrote: "I thought the reunion was fabulous. It was wonderful to see everyone. I hadn't seen Cary or Penny since we graduated! The good news is everyone was recognizable and hardly looked much different from 1964! I hope we can get together again soon!"

Susie Moulton offered her thoughts in the following message. "I arrived in Charleston with enormous excitement and just plain happiness at the thought of seeing everyone again! It was something I had looked forward to for months - and I was not at all disappointed.

"Everyone was just thrilled to see everyone else! And we looked terrific and the same - a few wrinkles maybe - but no real differences. Our voices and laughter were the same too, and I just felt a complete comfort being with each of you! It was like going home - except there were no expectations to meet, no apologies to make! - just the pleasure of seeing each other. And I thought about how I wish I had spent more time, with so many of you, in those four years not so long ago. God, we had so much time in high school what did we do with it all?

"There was a gentleness of spirit among us, I thought - no judging, no competition, no one-ups-manship. All those 'endearing traits' that the real world puts upon us were simply not there. We have all had our ups and downs, we respect each other for having survived and, I thought, we are each happy to be in this next phase of our lives.

"For YEARS, people have asked me where I went to high school, which school in Princeton? and then those inevitable 3 words 'Miss Fine's School' come out! and people start snickering! Well, you know what: To heck with them, we were not prissy young women of privilege - we were real and cool and smart and curious and modest. In my book, that's about as good as it gets!

"So, here's to the class of 1964. It was a vintage year - and we get better and better with age!"

Gail Petty Riepe had a prior engagement which prohibited her from coming to the reunion, but she was good enough to send news about herself and her family: "Have a great weekend - everyone sounds so excited!! I know you will all have a great time. I told Barbara I would write and send a few pictures...Our menagerie includes six chickens (they lay blue eggs!), three yellow labs, three horses and three cats! I just keep threatening to collect more animals until either of the chil-

dren get married and produce grandchildren! Christa travels the world as the trainer to the Women's Alpine Olympic ski team. We already have our tickets for Torino in 2006. Jamie works for one of the Directors of the Carlyle Group - a notorious, adventuresome private equity company in Washington. He is looking to go to business school next fall - don't know where yet. Jim is very involved at Penn and still has his full time job - we love Baltimore, love to travel, and still have a lot of fun. My full time job is the farm and keeping the rest of them organized.

"We are involved in lots of local things from Land Preservation to the museums and when the kids were younger volunteered at their schools. I love my investment club and garden club, but most of all I like to walk out my back door, saddle up my horse and ride. And then when the weather gets cold - you can find us out in Utah looking for powder. Life has been good to us with only a few bumps along the way...My four years at Miss Fine's seems like ages ago...YIKES, it Was!!!!"

Susan Schildkraut Wallach couldn't share time and space with us because she was on a trip to South Africa. She, however, made a financial contribution to the event which allowed me to provide everyone with a memento of our time together. When she returned she wrote: "My trip to South Africa was fascinating - but hectic. It was a twenty hour journey each way, we were there less than a week, we covered three cities and were booked morning, noon and night every day. Whew! I had been to the same places eight years ago and was very pleased to see that the country appears to be more unified and more prosperous. If South Africa, with its natural resources and human capital, fails as a model for the rest of the continent, then Africa is indeed sunk. But the news appears to be good."

I just learned that Susan has been nominated to the Board of Overseers of Harvard, one of the two governing boards of the University. Susan served as a Trustee of Radcliffe College and was active in the negotiations that led to the merger of Radcliffe and Harvard

and the creation of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study of Harvard University in 1999. Susan's commitment to excellence both personally and professionally, a life-long interest in education, and dedication to community service make her a superior choice for the post.

There are a total of thirty Overseers on the Board, all of whom are elected by those who hold degrees from Radcliffe and Harvard, including graduate degrees. Each year five new Overseers are elected. Ballots are mailed out prior to April 15 and must be received by June 3 to be counted. So, for those of you who are graduates of Radcliffe, Harvard, Harvard Business School, Harvard Law School, etc, be sure to exercise your right to vote and encourage other eligible friends and family to do so as well. Who better to serve your best interests than Susan Schildkraut Wallach!

It seems our reunion was a success in the eyes of those who attended. I hope the reviews and photos will inspire everyone to stay in touch with one another. As your class secretary I won't be satisfied until I hear from each and every one of you. Email is the way to go, so please be sure I have your latest address. Who knows, maybe we can have an "off year" gathering in NYC, Washington, DC, Boston, or CA!

1965

40th REUNION

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You will be reading this sometime in late Spring, perhaps after we have seen one another at our 40th Reunion, which, in mid-February as I write, is still struggling to create itself and inclining me to contemplation. (Who else remembers, from Moyne Smith's 11th grade English, Milton's *Il Penseroso*, in which Melancholy's "saintly visage is too bright To hit the sense of human sight, And therefore to our weaker view [is] O'erlaid with black, staid Wisdom's hue?") The woman who counsels and reassures me as I struggle with caring for my aging mother, reminds me that the Buddha taught that life (especially old age, she added) is suffering,

and that our task is compassion.

Looking forward to the upcoming Spring, I find four notes - see just below - from our classmates, notes that all arrived on Groundhog Day. They conjure another worthwhile lesson I keep learning: *This too shall pass!*

Gigi Godfrey Leonard: "I'm also hoping for more snow as mud season will come soon enough to Maine and winter has more time to go."

From Maryland, **Sally Stewart Gilbert:** "It's gorgeous in Takoma Park, coldish and sunny. Six more weeks of February? I don't believe it."

From Seattle, **Molly Dorf Purrington:** "Okay. Global warming does exist. It's nearly 60 degrees here, no snow on the ground, no snow in the mountains - truly - and the plants are beginning to bloom. Very odd."

From California, **Barbara Shaw:** "Yesterday it was 78 degrees in Sonoma County in contrast to the previous day which began with frost."

That was the February weather, with patches of rain and Melancholy. Now for some sunshine!

Ophelia Benson reported, "I had a book (*The Dictionary of Fashionable Nonsense*) published in the UK last fall (a co-written book). A satirical dictionary, it is. And the website (*Butterflies and Wheels*) is flourishing. So that's my news! Well along with a trip to the UK in October in order to wander into bookshops and admire my book sitting on the shelves, and preen and gloat and smirk. Cheers."

Alison Hubby Hoversten sent the following: "I am about to leave for a combination biking/hiking/kayaking trip to New Zealand (both islands) of three weeks duration. Living in Vail, one becomes accustomed to being quite active so this seemed like a challenging and fun way to see a new country! My daughter, Tiffany, will be coming along as well. She recently graduated with honors from CU/Boulder and is trying to figure out what she wants 'to be in life.'"

"My two boys will also be graduating this coming May: Schuyler from CU/Boulder and Whitney (aged 18) from Salisbury in Connecticut. It is hard to believe that they have all left the nest

so I have decided to take advantage of my new freedom by exploring different parts of the world. If any of you are ever in Colorado, I hope that you will contact me."

Peshe Cantor Kuriloff has already gone Down Under. She wrote, "After a great sabbatical year playing and traveling to Australia and New Zealand (where we also visited schools) and Scotland (where our oldest son got married), Peter and I are both back to work. I've switched loyalties and moved from the University of Pennsylvania to a job at Temple University where I get to influence policy and programs on teacher preparation and work with the public schools in Philadelphia but don't have the extreme stress of trying to manage one (which I did when I was chief administrative officer of a charter school for a year).

"Besides work, my kids are terrific and I continue to wait (somewhat impatiently) for the next life stage of being a grandmother. Does anyone have grandchildren yet? OK, I did marry young (before my senior year in college), but it seems to me a couple of people weren't far behind me. I think it's time for us to get together again. All of this news has piqued my curiosity and, as awful as most people think high school was, I have some good memories and would really like to see everyone. Any thoughts?"

Phoebe Russell MacAdams Ozuna sent an update on her life: "It's hard to believe I am living here in Southern California - where I said I would never live - and loving it so much! I sit in my yard under a huge Chinese Elm tree and watch the squirrels. At night the skunks walk by, and I am 10 minutes from downtown Los Angeles! I teach English at a huge public high school in LA Unified and write poems - working on book #4. I am part of a small cooperative literary press called Cahuenga Press, and we publish about a book a year.

"I live here in Pasadena with my husband and teaching partner, Ron Ozuna. We are just about to celebrate our 10th wedding anniversary. My two sons, Ocean and Will, both live in New York. Ocean, 34, is in charge of MTV News (a source of never-ending

delight to my students) and is married to a woman that he went to elementary school with in Northern California, where both of my sons were born. He lives in a loft in Brooklyn, under the bridge in an area called DUMBO (District Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass). Will, 32, lives with his wife at the tip of Manhattan, next to Inwood Park which is 150 acres of the last virgin forest in Manhattan. He is involved with all things theatrical and is in graduate school in directing at Columbia. His wife, Mikiko, is a set designer.

"When we are not working, Ron and I go camping as often as possible, preferably in Big Sur, and scuba dive when we can. He is a Marine Biology teacher and insisted I get certified, in spite of all my reservations, and now, of course, I love it! I would love to be in touch and love hearing what everyone is up to. I am not sure I can get back for our 40th (Is this really true - 40?) My school has a year round schedule and my vacations are out of synch with most, but I am going to try to be there!

"Remembrances: I was so glad to see Lisie's memories of George Warren, who was the only teacher I remember before college who ever interested me in history - an inspiration!"

Susie Howland Farrell wrote, "I feel daunted by what it will take to bring you up to speed on the events of the last 20 years. Tony and I and the girls moved to Charlotte, NC in 1986 and lived in slight culture shock for the next 12 years. The girls' education there was horrible, setting them up for a bad first try at college. Catherine worked at Disney during vacations and finally ended up living in Orlando. Tony and I were divorced in 1998. I moved to the charming little town of Windermere to be near Catherine and form some new roots for myself. Being single really stuck in my craw for a while. Next, Amanda followed and the three of us have been living in Florida since.

"The girls discovered Rollins College and the fit was perfect. Cath graduated summa cum laude in 2002, taught 5th grade science for two years and is now at the dolphin research center for an 18-month 'sabbatical' which the head

of education at Rollins says he wants to turn into a degree in behavior science. He wants to make her an adjunct professor. We'll see as she has never looked happier after six months. Amanda, the psych major at Rollins, graduates May 15th. She is 25 and wants to work with at-risk children in the justice system.

"I met a man at church and after getting to know him and his family (he is 1 of 12) we were married last January 9th at the court house in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. So, my new name is Farrell. My husband's name is Pete. Tony is very much in the picture still as the father of his girls and we all get along.

"I volunteer at a 'store' for teachers that collects donations and grants from the local community. Teachers can shop for free at our store once a month and with each trip to the store they leave with an estimated \$250 worth of stuff for the classroom and the kids. I am dedicated to the whole concept and understand that the idea is spreading to other cities and states. It's called 'A Gift for Teaching.' I also ride one day a week with Amanda. We are so lucky to share the passion!

"Semper Luceat, Susie."

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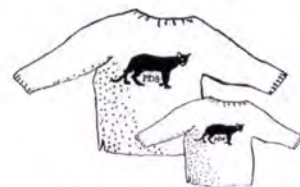
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1932

From the Alumni Office:

Benjamin Howell has retired from Penn State University after continuing research and writing for 22 years after his formal retirement.

1935

70TH REUNION

1936

George Sayen '69 wrote the following letter after Alumni Weekend last June when his parents **Henry Sayen** and **Isabelle Guthrie Sayen** '42 were awarded the Alumni Service Award (posthumously). Also read the MFS Class of 1942 news.

"Our family was greatly moved that both our Father and Mother were honored by the Alumni Service Award. PCD had been pivotal to our Father – amongst other benefits were his extraordinary lifelong friendships he made at the School. He was very proud

that all four of his sons were also fortunate to enjoy the School's very high academic standards – a grounding that gave him great confidence in his many spheres of public service.

"Both my brother David and I were so very pleased to see so many close friends of our parents from a wide variety of classes and faculty at the School during the ceremony. It was especially poignant to be there with Anne Clark Martindell '32, watching her receive her Alumnae Achievement Award. She and my parents had shared so many interests and causes over the decades. They had the greatest respect for her commitment and leadership.

"We were also greatly honored to see our father's classmates, who made such enormous efforts to attend: **William M. Sloane**, **Christian Chapman** and **Nicholas Katzenbach**. And it was very special to see **Harold** '39 & **Judy Erdman** and **Fleurie Mackie** (widow of **Donald Mackie** '38) who had been so important to both our parents throughout their lives.

"When the ceremony was over, we closed the day by reading tributes that arrived from **Jack Cooper** and his sister **Jane Cooper** '42. It was all very appropriate, as they were the ones who introduced our parents to each other. There was a further greatly appreciated moment of reflection in the days following with a wonderful letter from **Margaret** and **Robert Goheen** '34 who sadly could not attend.

"To all, thank you for a cherished occasion and for appreciating our parents' contributions in such a magnificent way!"

1939

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1940

65TH REUNION

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1941

Correspondent Needed



Isabelle Guthrie Sayen '42 and **Henry Sayen** '36 received (posthumously) the Alumni Service Award at Reunion Weekend last year.

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1944

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John Matthews wrote to the Alumni Office that he is writing a book on the Hungarian Revolution of 1956.

1945

60TH REUNION

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1949

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Wally (Butch) Palmer wrote to the Alumni Office that he is the "grateful owner of a triple bypass this last September." He reports that he is doing well.

1950

55TH REUNION

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1955

50TH REUNION

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1956

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Andy Godfrey wrote to the Alumni Office: "This past June and July, I again returned to Spain to lead a geologic conference and lecture at the El Escorial summer courses for the Complutense University of Madrid, and conducted a tour of Spain from Granada to Galicia. I also retired from the Forest Service after 32 years."

1957

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So I have been erratic in sending stuff along. When you take a sabbatical, you come up with good intentions and have time to follow through. When you are back at work, you seem to put those things of importance on the back burner and spend time reading student essays and such. But I got inspired the other night. I went to Hartford, Connecticut to hear John Updike speak. The gathering was for the greater Hartford area English teachers and was hosted by the Kingswood-Oxford School. When I arrived I had a suspicion that **Morgan Shipway** might be there because he teaches at Westminster. So I walked up to the table where he was sitting, scanned the faces and decided that he had to be the slim figure with a mustache, the one who looked about forty years old. I leaned down, asked him if he was Morgan Shipway, and sure enough he looked at me blankly. Then the fog cleared and he rose from his seat saying my name once or twice as he stood. He looks fit, is

the father of three children, one ten and the others in their thirties, and is teaching English at Westminster, having left Kingswood where he taught for nearly twenty years.

Adam Hochschild has just published another book, through Houghton Mifflin, this one focusing on the history of British Abolitionism. It is titled *Bury the Chains. The New Yorker* review notes that "his capacious narrative is both disturbing and fascinating..." Congratulations, Adam.

I am still at Noble and Greenough and edging toward retirement. I work half time now, two courses, and like Morgan, spend much of my time looking after my ten year old daughter Zoey. I too have grown children in their thirties, one, Farr, a child psychologist and the mother of my first grandchild, the other a singer-songwriter by the name of Edie. If you have nothing else to do she has a website - ediecarey.com - and you can go see her when she next hits your town. My wife, Mary, is the Head of the English Department at Brookline High School, one of Boston's great high schools.

I hope you will drop me a note if you have a chance at
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1958

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1959

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Steve Cook reports that his son, Matthew, now at Tabor Academy, will be playing hockey for Union College next year. **Rob Carrick** is still skiing every weekend this winter at Telluride. On September 16, 2004, **Jim Vollbrecht** was blessed with his fourth grandchild, Ethan James Vollbrecht. **Huck Fairman**, **Nick Hare**, and I had our first Class of '59 annual Christmas party. Hope you can all attend next year.

The Alumni Office received a note from **Huck Fairman** that he had sent in a novel review he did for *The Creative Life* on February 8, 2004.

1960

45TH REUNION

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Brock Putnam sent news to the Alumni Office: "I serve as an advisor for the school's (New Milford High School) academic team, 'Team Waramaug,' which is consistently ranked in the top 50 teams in the country. I advise the Gay-Straight Alliance and work in the NAMES program, designed to decrease alienation and isolation of teens."

1961

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I had hardly submitted my last article when I heard the sad news concerning Stu Robson. On several occasions in the past, I have mentioned my appreciation of this man whether long ago in the classroom when he taught us science, or carousing with Wes McCaughan, Bud Tibbals and their many cronies at The Café at the Shopping Center or just hearing what was on his mind when I would see him. Well, certainly I wasn't one of his enlightened students nor did I ever hear much of that latte-inspired banter and, for sure, Mrs. Robson did have to provide a correction or two to his stories. To me, the man was golden. He just had an interest in so many things and I couldn't get enough of what was on his mind. I remember him standing at the door of the then-brand-new Science Lab in his long white lab coat that made me know that I was entering into a brave new world that I had never been to before - SCIENCE! How I remember building those weather contraptions, learning about splitting atoms, figuring out which cloud was which cloud, dreaming about traveling to who knows where in some humongous rocket ship, and wondering what in the world would happen next during

that National Geophysical Year of 1958! It was all such a rush! He was always curious about something. Even years later, when we would run into each other, he'd stand there with that twinkle in his eye and that smile on his face and ask me about this 'n that, wonder about his old PCD students, ponder about organizing Westward Ho III and hiring Tim Kuser '56 to do the driving, etc., etc. Meanwhile, I'd stand there looking just as dumb as ever, listening to every word, totally captivated by the man, and ready to go wherever he led me. . . . Thanks, Uncle Stooie!

I did get on the phone a bit since last time and caught up with a few of the Boys. When the blizzard of late January hit, I knew that it was time to check in on **John Becker** since he expects me to call whenever it gets over two feet. This time it was over thirty inches, but did it bother him? No way, it was Sunday night. Like Neil Young, he'd wait til the morning came to dig out. So what's new with our designer/builder friend of West Tisbury, Mass? Same old, same old, according to him. He's healthy, not so wealthy, but plenty wise, and the clients are ever so dull. No trophy houses, no wedding cakes, just the same old modest architectural ruins. John Becker, modest? He kept talking about how we're a nomadic people and should live out of tents. Sounds good to me, but I like yurts myself. Any way, wife Valerie still tolerates his act, while son Ollie is in his second year at Bard and is now studying poetry and sculpture. We talked about a lot of stuff, but when it came time to catch up on **Richard Aaron**, **Peter Mills**, and the rest of the gang, all he wanted to do is find out about **Tom Chubet**. John wanted to know if Tom voted Democratic last November or just the same old "W" thing. Interesting. . . Actually, I do seem to recall a long time ago, maybe 1956, when John covered his sports jackets inside and out, with Adlai Stevenson buttons. . . . OK, so what did I do? Called Tom, of course, who as usual was in a terrific mood. Always the friendly guy. Ah, he did not reveal his voting habits, which are his business. He told the latest about

sons John and Charlie who are going great guns in New York. John's selling real estate, while younger brother Charlie's working for the WPP Group carving his niche. Meanwhile, Tom is still doing his thing with Morgan Stanley. Says he definitely will be down for the May Reunions and especially the golf outing. So, who's coming here to play him? **Dave Petito: Hy Young?**

Johnny Willis: So, by this time, I was on a roll, so I tried Donna and **Bob Griggs** in Colorado. Perfect timing, got him between grandchildren. They have five now in ten years. Things are going well with the family, but unfortunately his mother passed away last Independence Day. As to the patriarch of the family, Dick Griggs is fine and continues on in Oklahoma City. Bob's still running his own insurance business and enjoys it greatly. He and the family were in Princeton last December and will be returning again this July, so they're hoping to see some people. What else? Well, I always try to keep up with **Hank Tomlinson** and his brood. Wife Kathy handles perfectly well the four children besides doing her special education teaching, but then there's Hank. He says that he's in control, but come on, that's Hank talking. Anyway, he's very busy with his business travel all over the Southwest, going to all those conventions, selling his high end sporting good stuff, and having a great year. But you should hear about the kids. Annie, age fifteen or so, is doing great in school and is quite the long distance runner in track. Meanwhile, son Petie, age thirteen, goes from skateboarding to snowboarding in the same day and aces school big time. A chip off the old block? As to the twins, Julia and Sarah, age eleven, they must be into some Tomlinson tradition of sports and adventure, but I haven't heard the details yet. Hank did mention that he hasn't seen **Peter Kirkpatrick** at their mutual sale shows for some time now, but



Father John Sheehan '61 is enjoying his most recent assignment on a small atoll in the South Pacific. He reports that he often receives a lei and sometimes a wut (the flower arrangement on the head) when he says Mass.

presumes that he is well. He also wanted to know when any one is heading out to Albuquerque. I asked when he's coming to Princeton. Did hear a bit from **John Sheehan** over Christmas. He, as mentioned last time, has moved to Kwajalein in the South Pacific's Marshall Islands for a six month stop over. What a place to live! Well, as you can see in the enclosed photo John has, as usual,

gone native. He's loving it! Why do I have this image of Clark Gable's *Mutiny On The Bounty* and John paddling out to the ship in his outrigger? I've got to stop looking at those old AMC movies before I crash at night or, at least, sign up for HBO. Other news has to do with Huck Fairman PCD '59, movie man and writer of *Hymn* and three other books, who recently moved from New York and lives in Princeton with wife Pam and daughter Alexis. We cross paths at Stuart Country Day School where Alexis is a third grader and . . . OK, Shamrock, I'll open up a bit after that great photo you sent of me looking like I just came out from under a rock . . . my thirteen year daughter, Juliana, is an eighth grader. Over Christmas I did run into Huck one night at Baker Rink with Roger Budny PCD '59 and Nick Hare PCD '59 watching the men play. Wow, were those guys getting into the game and Princeton actually won! Also, I am trying to collect email addresses of any one I can, so kindly log on to spread to others. Lastly, I hope that some/many/all will join **Peter Katzenbach**, **David Johnson**, and **Peter Raymond** at the May 13th and 14th Reunions. A turnout for our forty-fourth would be fun. Hopefully, I will be there and hear even more about the Boys from Broadmead.

The Alumni Office received the following news:

John Sheehan sent greetings from Kwajalein. He wrote: "I have left Nigeria and am now chaplain on a military base in the South Pacific – from a city of almost 20



PCDers celebrate at the wedding of Allison Wandelt Halsell, daughter of Ferdie Wandelt '63. From left: Copey Coppedge '63, Ferdie Wandelt '63, Lance Odden '54, Kevin Kennedy '63, Sandy Wandelt PDS '68 and Ford Fraker '63.

million (Lagos) to an island of around 2,300 – talk about culture shock. But I also help at some of the smaller islands – on Sunday I say Mass five times, on four different islands – two plane rides, four boat rides and a bicycle ride (plus some walking) – makes for a full day." With his gift to the Annual Fund, John added, "I don't understand some of my classmates – I'm a poor missionary priest (vow of poverty to prove it) and I manage to scrape up something to help the school along. Why don't we have 100% is beyond me."

Tom Chubet sent "Best wishes to all my classmates for a successful 2005!"

1962

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Bill Walker sent a note with highlights from 2004 which included news that Jessie is a preschooler at the Stillwater



Jessica Perkins Walker, daughter of Bill Walker '62.

Montessori School. She takes art, violin, ballet and chorus. Judy is an associate professor at the University of Maine having received tenure and a promotion. She continues her research and teaching in speech language pathology. Bill is the administrative assistant at the Orono United Methodist Church and sometimes works on his family genealogy.

1963

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A note from **Fraser Macleod's** father to the Alumni Office reported that Fraser lives in California and works in the electronics industry.

1965

40TH REUNION

Correspondent Needed

Tom Gaman wrote to the Alumni Office: "On Sunday, January 9 we are off for three months to New Zealand, Australia, Asia and China trying to keep track of the trees. In the meantime, I am still counting them here in California. It's been rainy but fun."

CLASSNOTES

PRINCETON DAY 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:

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1966

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I am the Executive Assistant for the Vice President of Entertainment at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV. Sounds like a pretty spectacular job, and it is! I have had the opportunity of meeting some very special people over the past year when I joined the staff at the Golden Nugget, people like Tony Bennett, Bruce Willis, Kenny Loggins, and Regis Philbin, just to name a few that my classmates might have heard of. For the younger set, I have also met Aaron Lewis of Staind and Collective Soul. It's been a lot of fun and is a very busy job.

I joined the Golden Nugget just as two new owners had taken over from MGM Mirage. It was an exciting time at the Nugget as new entertainment policies and a headliner-a-month program was initiated.

But, in Vegas, things change very rapidly and we have just been bought by Landry's - a huge corporation that is mainly in the



Lynn Wiley Hoffman '66, right, with singer Kenny Loggins and Dana Stern, Entertainment Manager of the Golden Nugget Casino in Las Vegas, NV.

restaurant business. It will be about a year before they actually take over. The corporation has to be investigated by the Gaming Commission before they will issue gaming licenses for them. Until then, we will be operating under a management team that has been working together for quite a while, some since Steve Wynn bought the place. (OK, too much Vegas history that might be unknown to the outside world.)

In any case, I'm enjoying life with my husband Rich and am expecting a visit from my daughter this coming spring. Everyone warned me that once I got to Vegas, everyone I knew would be coming to visit, but it hasn't happened yet. But in case anyone does venture to Sin City, please give me a call. I'd love to see you!

1967

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Francoise Foassier sends good news from France! "I'm a 'grandma' for the third time. Who can beat me in the class? I'm still keeping young and fit by seeing the world as much as possible. I'm going to Egypt in February, Tuscany in March and Spain in April." Francoise's newest

grandchild Baptiste looks adorable and very wise in the photo announcement her proud "grandma" sent.

Betsy Gilliam Brown writes, "I'm still living in Princeton and enjoy occasionally seeing Woody, Franny and Marta."

Jo Schlossberg McConaghy writes that her daughter Laura will graduate from Bates College this year with a degree in Latin American history. "She spent a

wonderful semester in Chile last year," Jo said. "We loved visiting her for two weeks, and I suspect she'd love to figure out a way to return to that part of the world soon. Our son Max is a junior in high school and just beginning the college process. Aside from the magic of a driver's license, he is enthralled with photography and ultimate Frisbee at the moment."

I found that my perusal through the pages of the winter 2005 issue of the PDS *Journal* was a nostalgic one. I was saddened to hear of the death of Mary Combs' father, William C. Combs. The class sends its sympathy to Mary, her mother, and sisters Susan, Cynthia and Catherine.

Our sympathy also goes out to Ann Spanel, who lost her father, David L. Spanel.

I know all of us remember with fondness our math teacher, Kay Campbell Hanrahan, who died in August 2004. As one who entered Miss Fine's halfway through ninth grade, I remember her patience as she tutored me in order to catch up with the class. She was an excellent math teacher and maintained a sense of humor and dignity in all her classes.

When I read the newspaper headline "Christopher Reeve dies" this past October, I was as shocked as everyone else. Even though Chris had faced insurmountable

physical challenges, I always felt he would pull through and yes, maybe even walk someday. I think it was his eternally optimistic spirit that gave me hope. Growing up with Chris as a youngster at Nassau Presbyterian Church and later at PDS, serving with him on the staff of *Cymbals* and just walking by him in the halls, I remember him as always friendly, smiling and poised. I know others who knew him better than I have even richer memories, as they so movingly expressed in the "In Memoriam" pages of the Winter PDS *Journal*. Chris, we'll miss you.

Phoebe Knapp's sculptures were exhibited in a show entitled "Sacred Spaces" at the Yellowstone Art Museum in Billings, Montana from October 16, 2004 to January 16, 2005. "Her work is constructed of wood, stone, and metal," according to the exhibit program, "and the artist embraces these classic materials of sculpture with a reverent familiarity and fearless vision informed by a life spent negotiating every day with Nature." Pieces on exhibit included "Tablet," constructed of two 12-foot solid slabs of walnut, "Burial Horse," carved from the trunk of an elm tree and "Necklace," in which 7-foot teeth-shaped slabs of solid walnut are anchored to steel plates. "I work mostly in wood because it is a living, flawed material that is as vital now as it was in antiquity," Phoebe wrote. "It is a material with its own energies and forces and helps the sculptures take on a life of their own. . ."

1968

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Time for tid-bits of news from classmates.

Sia Godfrey Bauer has spent a lot of time in front of the computer

Reeve Never Wanted To Be Ordinary:

A Childhood Friend's Memories of Christopher Reeve

By Mackenzie Carpenter '72

Talk about the boy next door. I grew up in Princeton, N.J., and my coming-of-age years were the 1960s. My neighbor in the big stone house across the street was one any girl would envy — a tall, handsome, gangly, loquacious fellow who would one day be known to the world as Christopher Reeve.

When I was 13 and he was 15, we would stand at the school bus stop in the morning and talk. Or rather, *he* would talk feverishly of his plans for a theatrical career or, more mundanely, about his problems with his hair, which would come out in clumps when he got stressed. Even then, Chris' conversation was mesmerizing, peppered with mimicry and jokes and memorized lines from the latest play he'd read.

I first saw him on the stage when he was in eighth grade, in our school's production of "Our Town," in which he played the heroine's mischievous younger brother. A few years later, when he played the brawny leading man in "Picnic," I tried out for the part of the heroine Madge's younger sister. After my audition, he came over to me and whispered fiercely, "That was VERY good."

I was thrilled, even though I only made understudy. But that meant I got to go to the cast party at his house, and when I finally decided to go home, he grabbed me at the door and gave me a big kiss.

The next Monday, at the bus stop, we looked sheepishly at our shoes. There would be no romance — he was too old and much too sought after by the other girls. But we were always friends.

Chris had never wanted to be ordinary. About eight or nine months before his big break in "Superman," he stood on the balcony of a New York apartment during a party,



looking out over the city, talking about his future. He had already thrilled his former schoolmates by winning a part on the soap opera "Love of Life," but that wasn't enough. "I am not going to have an ordinary, daily life," he said with determination.

I think I winced a little at that: What if his dreams let him down? But of course, they didn't.

I saw him for the last time two years ago while visiting a friend on an island off the New England coast. He was staying there with his family, and she invited him over for drinks. He came, with all his equipment and his aides, and

I thought, "Oh, he'll never recognize the matronly me."

"Hi Kenzie," he said, smiling, using my childhood nickname. His wife, Dana, was there, too, laughing and gracious.

Chris would inhale deeply from his breathing tube and then exhale slowly, launching into a long discussion of theater, politics, marriage and, of course, his great cause in life: finding a cure for spinal cord paralysis. He didn't look well, except in the eyes, which were bright and curious and full of humor.

I gazed in wonder. Underneath all the tubes and braces, Chris Reeve was still there — funny, engaging, completely "in the moment," as the acting coaches say. The guests hung on his every word, but that was nothing new. He had always attracted a crowd, even before he was famous.

But then it was time for them to leave, so I leaned down and gave him a kiss on the cheek. I felt lucky to have the chance. He smiled at me, and then he was gone.

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this fall and winter, reading the ship's log of a sailing vessel that is navigating the Atlantic waters. She is particularly interested in following this high seas adventure because her son Justin is one of only a handful of mates on board (and he is the youngest). How exciting! Sia recently started working a few days a week at a local gift shop in Burlington, Connecticut, which she enjoys very much. She visited me at my home this fall when I was recuperating from an infectious illness. We hope to get together soon—in between snow storms and before the spring!

I presented another photo show in December. I am in my 20th year of being a volunteer at the local elementary school—giving art presentations, reading with first graders, etc. A lot of fun!

I received Christmas greetings from **Joe Chandler**, **Annie Fulper** and **Susan Koch LaTulippe**. I called Susan recently and she announced that she is now grandmother to six grand kids! Four of them live in Vermont (where Susan and her husband Steve live), and the other two are in Florida. Every summer brings them all together in their Nantucket cottage. She continues to run a successful child daycare business. She has little time to hit the ski slopes, but she has the next best thing: a beautiful view of Mount Mansfield from her living room!

I was saddened to read of the death of **Beth Schlossberg** mother this past year. On behalf of the class, please accept our heartfelt sympathy to you and Jo and the family.

1969

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A note from **David Macleod's** father to the Alumni Office reported that David had a crossword book published and has had puzzles in the *New York Times*.

1970

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I was busy putting together all the other class notes and neglected to

collect any from our class. Luckily, **Allison Gilbert** Kozicharow called and gave me news. She and **Hilary Martin** went to London for a week in November to recover from the election and to visit Allison's daughter Nicky who is there for junior year abroad. Nicky will return to Brown next year where she is an art history and Russian major. Allison's other daughter Maggie is teaching 9th and 10th grade English Literature at her alma mater The Holton Arms School in Bethesda, MD. Allison is taking a computer graphics course at a local community college. She reports that Hilary and her husband Kevin have completed their huge home renovations, which Hilary designed. Hilary got so proficient that she is now teaching a course in home renovations.

I am hoping for a calmer spring. My term as a church trustee ended in January. The Pastor Nominating Committee from my church, which I co-chaired, completed its work in February, as did my Grand Jury Duty. Grand Jury Duty was possibly one of the worst experiences of my life. It was once a week for 15 weeks and was extremely tedious and boring—all this for \$5 a day. Now if only the workload at PDS would lighten up...Ha!

Allison and I are hoping that we get 100% participation at our Reunion. Please come!

1971

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The Alumni Office received the following news:

Laurie Bryant Young wrote that her son Eric is enjoying his junior year abroad in Cairo. He is majoring in Middle East Studies. Her daughter will start college in a couple of years, just when Laurie is eligible to retire. She wonders if she will have the nerve to retire with a child in school.

Nina Shafran wrote: "I got married on November 13, 2004. The wedding was in my hometown of Trenton, at St. Vladimir Orthodox Church where my father had been the pastor for 53 years. He is now pastor-emeritus

there and was a co-celebrant at the wedding service. My attendants were my sister Paula Koerte, my god-daughter, Alexandra Koerte '00, and both daughters of my late sister Kyra Shafran Griffiths '73 - Natalie and Marissa. My husband, Robert Tyszenko, is senior systems and database engineer with The MITRE Corporation, based in Vienna, VA. I continue to enjoy my legal work as deputy chief of the division that handles radio broadcast regulatory matters (but no, not indecency!) at the FCC. Robert and I plan to remain in the Washington, DC area."

1972

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The Alumni Office received the following news:

Cici Morgan Pastuhov wrote: "Still living in mid-coast Maine, working for the past 10 years as a licensed massage therapist. Husband Stefan is a landscape painter. Had a great visit with **Ginny Myer Kester**, **Andy Scasserra** and **Cheri Holcombe** in New Hampshire where Ginny's daughter Lane goes to UNH."

Brigid Moynahan wrote: "My program for senior women leaders was profiled in a *Wall Street Journal* column this December, and I was married the same week. My husband is Raymond Clark, a marine biologist who teaches at

Sarah Lawrence College. Son Julian is graduating from the University of Vermont this year and my daughter Lucia is a senior in high school.

Giaff Ferrante wrote: "I'm practicing vascular surgery in a large community hospital south of Boston. Alison and I have been married 27 years. Francesca is 21 and graduating from college this year. John is a freshman at Lehigh and Cam is a junior at Hingham High School."

1973

Correspondent Needed

A note from **Anne Macleod** Weeks's father to the Alumni Office reported that Anne was named the 2004 Counselor of the Year in Maryland.

Beth Sanford wrote to the Alumni Office that she is keeping busy living in New Canaan, CT, commuting to New York, spending spare time with her three kids (12, 10 and 7), her husband, one dog and three cats.

1974

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All right, it was fun to read the notes in the *Journal* the other day, plus I got a few more emails from some of you, so here goes: **Libby Farr** Luken writes of her wedding on August 6 in Colorado to Tim



Former Head of the Upper School **Sandy Bing** reminisces with his advisees, from left, **Robin Kraut Zell** '73, **Martha Sullivan Sword** '73 and **Ellen Fisher** '73.

(right) Former Athletic Director, **Jan Baker**, organized the mini-reunion when Robin was in the United States visiting from her home in Israel.





Libby Farr Luken was married on August 6 in Colorado to Tim Luken. Beth Ross (left) and Trina Kassler (right) celebrated with Libby.

Luken. **Beth Ross** and **Trina Kassler** joined Libby for the event (see photo). **Sab Russo** writes that the 30th reunion was good and that he thinks **Fran Treves** is leading a pretty relaxed life. I'd like to know Fran's secret. Sab works at CB Richard Ellis in commercial real estate.

Just yesterday, I heard from **Lisa Bennett** Blue who lives down in Baltimore. Lisa wrote that she longs for the days when she was Class Secretary and could write these notes... Actually, Lisa's husband attended the same school our son now attends, so Lisa was giving me pointers (which I will keep from Ellen) on a good antique store in the town. Lisa's daughter Alexie attends the University of Denver, her daughter Wendy attends Vanderbilt (playing lacrosse) and third daughter Bennett is in the eighth grade.

This morning's in-box contained a message from **Cam Ferrante**, who I don't think I've heard from in a long, long time. Cam lives in New Mexico with his wife, Liz and has three sons and two step-daughters. Cam has his own company, CamNet, Inc., that sets up and supports computer networks for companies. Cam writes that he really loves what he does, although it's incredibly busy. Cam also told about his planned visit to Princeton this summer and his thoughts of telling his kids about riding to school in the snow in shorts. I do remember Cam wearing those shorts back in fifth grade when it was freezing. But I did counsel Cam that telling

those types of stories to your children generally fails to impress them. I told ours a story of the days when I lived in Trenton and had to ride to PDS on a broken bike with my brother Bill (on the same bike) and they really didn't seem to care. Maybe Cam's kids will be more sympathetic...

Ellen and I are adjusting to life with only one child at home. It's pretty good, although we feel sorry for her sometimes, since she has to put up with the two of us on her own. Anyway, that's all for now, keep those cards and letters coming (preferably via email to Keith_Plapinger@Putnam.com)!

1975

30th REUNION

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Anne Russell wrote to tell the Alumni Office that she had moved to Athens, Greece in time for the Olympics. They are there for at least two years so she and her four year old daughter can learn Greek. She reports that "it certainly is very different from Malaysia. I miss the curry but love souvlaki."

1976

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ALUMNI PROFILE

Sandra Benson Cress '77

Making Treatment of AIDS a Reality in Africa

As the new Director for the Clinton Foundation's HIV/AIDS Initiative in Tanzania, Sandra Benson Cress '77 hopes to change lives with an ambitious program for treating AIDS patients – all in a country with an average \$6 per person health care spending.

Cress currently provides technical assistance and support to the national care and treatment program in Tanzania and Zanzibar, rolling out the delivery of anti-retroviral drugs to the general population. "My biggest challenge is moving the intrinsically bureaucratic government agencies," states Cress. "Yet each day that another person is put on anti-retrovirals, I feel that I am participating in saving lives and turning the tide on this insidious disease."

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with an MBA from UCLA and a master's in public policy from the Woodrow Wilson School, Cress took her first foray into international relations as a project specialist for international events, including three Olympic Games (Los Angeles, Barcelona and Atlanta) and World Cup soccer. She was recruited in 1996 to work for Nike's Sports Entertainment Division, developing a tour for the Brazil national soccer team.

Cress then realized it was time for a career shift. "Feeling I had achieved so much within soccer, particularly as a woman in a man's world, I wanted to work in an area that would bring greater benefit to the world," she explains.

After receiving her master's, Cress returned home to Portland, Oregon, and consulted on a variety of African environmental projects. In 2004, Cress was tapped to start up offices for the Clinton Foundation's AIDS Initiative in Dar es Salaam, supporting the Government of Tanzania's five-year, \$500 million National HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment Plan.

"I am very fortunate to have this opportunity to contribute to the fight against AIDS in Africa," says Cress. Ambitious as it may be, the Tanzania AIDS program has a measurable impact. Through an agreement with generic manufacturers, she points out, the price of AIDS treatment that costs \$12,000 annually per person in the U.S. is now available in developing nations for about \$140 per person. "The Clinton Foundation is a 'lean and mean' organization focused on providing treatment by drastically lowering the cost of anti-retrovirals, and by supporting the development of greater health care capacity."



1977

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A note to the Alumni Office from **Anthony Knott's** mother reported that Anthony and his family have moved from Arizona to Long Island. Anthony is practicing medicine in Montauk.

Jennifer Weiss wrote to the Alumni Office to announce that she was re-elected in November to the North Carolina House of Representatives. Congratulations!

1978

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Thanks to all who promptly replied to my pleadings for news. It was great to hear from so many of you. Not much news from your intrepid class correspondent. Life is clumping along in its glorious, unpredictable fashion. Sounds like those who wrote in are fairing well too. Here is the latest scoop:

Keith Baiker writes: "Work at Radiation Data continues to keep me busy, we are the largest radon testing lab in NJ and probably one of the top two or three in the country. I mock myself as the 'Gas King,' but the firm has done well and we are starting an expansion of our building out in Skillman. The other item of interest to the *Journal* is that I am having some cabinet work done at my house and it turns out the woodworker that I was referred to is none other than fellow alum David McCord '79. His customer service skills run very high, because so far I cannot tell if he thinks any of my questions are stupid."

Terri Gilman Worley wrote that her email address has changed. It is now: terrieworley@netzero.com. She is still in the DC area.

Suzanne Vine's email has changed also. She is now suzannevine@comcast.net. (Actually, mine has changed too. I am at allisoni@comcast.net.)

Sheila Mehta wrote to say there is not much news to report but to send regards to everyone.

I got this great email from **Lise**

Anne Roberts: "After 10 years as a stay-at-home parent, I have resumed my career as an architect. I work with a firm and specialize in the renovation and restoration of historic homes (we have lots of 1700s homes in Connecticut). I forgot how much fun it is! I live in a small beach community called Rowayton, CT. I love being by the water, sailing, etc. My husband and boys (11 and 8) are all happy and well."

Jeff Ritter sent this dispatch: "That was quite a reunion we had, eh? I couldn't have imagined that I would enjoy it so much! Anyway, I have been traveling about: Africa, Europe and bit around the U.S. showing my documentary at film festivals and some conferences. It is called Abantu N'Umuco (People and Culture) and is about twenty Rwandan students who attended my college in Pittsburgh beginning six years ago. Copies are available for free to those who want to visit my website www.relativecontent.com. It is especially useful for teachers involved in teaching intercultural communication, things on globalization, Africa, etc."

Susan Blaxill-Deal wrote from sunny Florida about her experiences during last fall's hurricane season. She lives in Vero Beach on the east coast: "We survived two direct hits by hurricanes Francis and Jeanne. We wish many of our friends and neighbors had been so lucky. We are currently the only house occupied on our street; all our neighbors had a combination of four feet of river in their homes and roof failure. As the only FEMA compliant house on our street, we survived, so surprisingly FEMA knows what they are talking about."

Greg Morea sent me his family's Christmas letter. I would have loved to include all of their news, but alas, there just isn't space. Here are some highlights: "Rebecca, now a bona fide teenager, celebrated becoming a Bat Mitzvah this past spring. To see her standing proud and accomplished as she read from the Torah and told us of her life's passions was truly a proud moment for her parents. The fact that her party had a Hollywood theme was not a big surprise to anyone who knows our budding actress!"

"Joseph successfully completed all requirements and received the rank of Eagle from the Boy Scouts. This was the climax of many years of scouting work and service to the community. We also had the wonderful opportunity of seeing Joseph honored again as he was named the Jewish War Veterans Scout of the Year."

"Last year, Barrow-in-Furness, England, played a major part in our lives. As luck (or more properly Electric Boat management) would have it, I was asked in May if I could spend a few weeks in Barrow to help out the office there. In typical fashion, a few weeks quickly turned into five months. Never one to pass up an opportunity to visit yet more churches, castles or cairns, my wife Barbara quickly arranged to visit me several times and have Joseph, Rebecca and herself spend the month of August in England. Barbara spent many enjoyable days touring with the kids while I slaved away at the office."

Tom Gates sent along this news: "The Gates' are doing just fine, cruising through these years so fast. How can our oldest be only 2.5 years from graduating HS? Ren is 15, a sophomore at Hun, loving life, school, friends, tennis and hockey. Sheridan was Martha Cratchit for the 2nd year in a row at McCarter. Great experience working with 11 kids and all professional adult actors. She is doing well at Timberlane Middle School 7th grade."

"I play squash with Pete Buck '77 once or twice a week. He crushes me, but that's OK, because I have enjoyed crushing him on the tennis court for many years. We do have GREAT fun though, and we are significantly more mature than in years past. (Not.) I just auditioned for *Sweet Charity* at Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College. Song went OK, monologue went OK, dance tryouts were a true nightmare. I had no idea just how bad I am. Film at 11. [Editor's Note: He got the part. Break a leg, Tom.] (I have done several area shows in recent years. A few have been with Sheridan, which is a gift) It's been 11 good years with Arlington Capital Mortgage, right in Princeton. I wear hats ranging from Director of Marketing,

Training, PR and Advertising, but what I love most is the hands-on lending. We provide residential mortgage loans, one at a time all over the US. That's about it! Best regards to all."

I can always count on **Nora Cuesta Lazzaretto** to send news. She writes: "My adopted son, Jovan has been my inspiration for three years now! As a widow, I do not know how I would have gotten past the days without this little guy. I have a college friend who just returned from Ukraine, after 34 days, childless. It has become increasingly hard over there to adopt, so I appreciate even more so that my trip brought this wonderful child into my life."

"Life is good. At 44 I am going next week for a week at Lake Tahoe and trying to downhill ski. I had crossed country skied in Vermont with **Bethlin Thompson-Proft** and **Melanie Thompson Fauchet** back in the PDS days, but never downhill! We will see if my next *Journal* insert has me in a cast!! Still living in Florida. Senor Marcelo, my dad, says hi to everyone and we enjoy looking through the class notes together. I received a beautiful Christmas card from Priscilla Grindle who always remembers us and my parents."

"Miss everyone and look forward to our next reunion. If anyone is in South Florida, they are welcome to stay with us - we have the room, and the pool! Take care of yourselves and know that this classmate remembers you all,"

I got a great letter from **Steven Cragg**. He continues to produce MADTV but seems to be moving in all sorts of interesting other directions. He recently returned from the Aspen Comedy Festival where the play he wrote was performed. He also was in NYC performing in a one-man show that he wrote and directed. His short movies have been well received at MADTV and he is hoping to produce more of them. Go Steven!

Thanks to everyone for the updates. Keep those emails coming!

Robyn Ultan sent a note to the Alumni Office: "I am in my second year as a guidance counselor at Franklin High School in Somerset, NJ. I have freshmen this year which are a whole new challenge. The love of learning



Left to right: Caroline Hartshorne Bush '79, Suzanne Vine Drucker '79 and Laura Farina '79 celebrated the holidays at dinner in Lawrenceville.



Members of the class of 1980 got an early start to their 25th reunion, from left to right: David Whitlock, Jeff Freda, Jim Groome, Jim Laughlin and Vince Pocino.

that was strengthened by my experience at PDS is something I try to pass on to them. May 2005 be a fulfilling year for everyone."

1979

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The Alumni Office received the following news:

Karen (Kipi) Polcer Bdera wrote: "Sorry to have missed the 25th reunion; my boarding school high school reunion was the same weekend. Nick and I celebrated our 15th anniversary this year. I continue to work at Frederick Goldman and to fundraiser for a breast cancer cure. We continue to race-walk and marathon... Time marches on."

A note from **Leslie Macleod-Lamb's** father reported that Leslie now owns her own title search company, Catskill Mountain Abstract.

1980

25TH REUNION

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The Alumni Office received the following news:

Liza Stewardson Connolly wrote: "It's motherhood for me, but it's gotten more exciting since my sister Carrie '83 adopted a baby boy in October. Now I can share the joys and trials of motherhood with her!"

Sally Robinson Rue reported that after three years in New Jersey they

have moved back to Bozeman, MT.

Karolyn Carr Diamond-Jones sent in news that she and her husband Greg have four children: Nate (8), Harry (6), William (6) and Darcy (2). They live in Alpharetta, GA.

Tim Thomas wrote that he has recently re-married and is the father of two daughters and two step-daughters.

1981

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News sent to the Alumni Office:

John Denny announced that he, his wife Betsy Rivinus Denny and their daughter Annie (22 months) welcomed the arrival of John (Jake) Denny III on September 4, 2004.



Karolyn Carr Diamond-Jones '80 and her family enjoying a day at the beach.

Jonathan Brush now has three children: daughter Teagan Katharine was born January 20, 2004, Keelan is in kindergarten and Patrick is in first grade. The boys play ice hockey early, every weekend. Jonathan is looking forward to the 25th reunion and hopes to see many classmates there.

1982

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Jonathan Raab writes: "It's been something of a banner year. My wife, Andra, gave birth to twins on July 6th. Emilia and Benjamin are now closing in on 7 months - sitting up, eating solid food, and teasing us with nights of sleep. I think Emilia said 'da-da' the other day, but that could just be wishful thinking. Elsewhere, my third novel, *Rosa*, is arriving in stores at the end of February, so I'll have to be away from the kids for a little

bit promoting it. And I've started work on number four...book, that is, not kid."

Jeffrey Perlman writes: "My daughter, Raquel, started PDS this past Fall as a 9th grader. We are lucky to have found the perfect educational setting for her. The balance among academics, athletics and social activities creates a fantastic environment for personal development. A few of the improvements since we graduated include an updated and expanded lunch room (they have some special name for it now), a new Lower School wing, a snack bar (very

popular), a synthetic turf field, a bunch of new fields near the rink, an indoor rink where you don't need gloves to keep warm, the auto mechanic garage is now the Latin classroom, the lockers near the bottom entrance to the theater are gone, and chalk and erasers have been replaced by digital blackboards controlled by laptops. A few things haven't changed: Mr. Skvir is still teaching Bible; Mr. Walker is still teaching math; the boys bathroom near the theater is still a popular hangout (the Bathroom Boys of 1982 were never brazen enough to put a sign on the door that says, "Senior Boys and Adults Only" as is currently posted); the boys basketball team does not have anyone over 6' 2"; the seniors still sweat the college acceptance process; and the seniors still get into the best colleges in the country. On a personal note, living in Princeton allows me to stay in touch with a few other locals, including **John Vine**, **Jamie Herring**, and **Sam Woodworth**."



(l-r) Henry, Drew and JJ, sons of Anne Metcalf '82 and John Hunt enjoying their bath together.

Lynne Freeman Stein writes: "We have moved to a house in the town of Vienna, VA. I am currently teaching reading at a school in Arlington County. I work mornings only and spend the afternoons driving car-pools for my two boys; Robert is in sixth grade and Jake is in second grade."

Wendy Donath Selig writes: "I am still here in McLean, VA working downtown in DC as VP of Legislative Affairs for the American Cancer Society. My kids are great; Jessica is 6 1/2 and Ryan just turned 2. I don't get to Princeton so much now that my mom lives in Las Vegas. I did see **Margaret Petrella** not too long ago in Boston and I ran into **Lauren Goodyear Schramm** a few days ago in the DC area."



(l-r) : Alex (14) Robinson (1) and Jesse (11), sons of Lindsay McCord '82 and Rob Norman.

Susan Short, Associate Professor in the Sociology Department at Brown University writes: "We welcomed a fourth addition to our family. Eli was born in July, 2004."

Lindsay McCord writes: "My husband Rob Norman and I are living in Savannah, Georgia with our three sons, Alex (14) Jesse (11) and Robinson (1). Time flies, doesn't it? I am currently staying at home with Robinson and enjoying my break from teaching middle school French. After 16 years of teaching (nine in Alexandria, Egypt, seven here in Savannah), it's fabulous to be exploring some new activities! I am busy at our Presbyterian church, bicycling around this fair city with our one-year-old, and planning our trip to Italy next spring where our whole family will, in part, follow in my father's footsteps from all those student trips he took as a Latin teacher at PDS. Can't wait!"

"Our eldest son Alex will be attending the local Arts

Academy High School Band program next year where his musical (baritone sax) and vocal talents will be a center focus. Jesse, a sixth grader, is busy with his 'Odyssey of the Mind' competitions and basketball, and little Robinson tries to keep up with his big brothers! Fellow classmates visiting Savannah should look us up! We'd love to show you around."

Your class correspondent spends most days designing and making draperies for other people's homes.



(above) Out of the saddle, Leslie Pell Linnehan '82 (left), Suzie Haynes Halle '82 (center) and Bonnie Bershad Zinn '83 continued the celebrations for Suzie and Leslie's 40th birthdays.



"Why would Bonnie choose a horse called Zippy?" Leslie Pell Linnehan '82 (left), Suzie Haynes Halle '82, center, and Bonnie Bershad Zinn '83 celebrated Suzie and Leslie's 40th birthdays in Vail wrangling some cattle and rafting down the Colorado River.



A mini-reunion in West Chester, PA at Thanksgiving brought together, Ken Becker '85 (standing) and his wife Michelle, and their two children Zack (5) and Gabrielle (2); Kim Thornton Taggart '85 (front row, left), and Carl Taggart '82 with their children Jeffrey (5) and Ellie (2); and David Becker '82 and his wife Madeline (in front of him) and their son Adam (5) (over his right shoulder).

Emerson is in Kindergarten this year and playing a great game of soccer on the weekends with Team Chicago Soccer. Holden is enjoying pre-school and playing with his cousins. Mike has a 100 kilometer bike race in South Africa in March 2005. And I am training to climb Mt. Whitney



Lorraine Herr's '82 boys, from left, Holden (3) and Emerson (6) love to play soccer with their mom.



Bill Brennan '82 has rejoined the Philadelphia law firm of Pepper Hamilton as a partner in the Health Effects

Litigation Practice Group. Bill is also a member of a three-person board that oversees and considers requests from legal scholars for access to case histories and papers of his grandfather Justice William J. Brennan, Jr.

with my father-in-law this summer. Please send word of any updates to Lorraine Herr at LHerr@Herr-Design.com

The Alumni Office received the following news:

Alice Ganoe wrote to announce that she is engaged to be married on March 19, 2005 to Kurt Ryden in New York City. Kurt grew up in Wilmette, IL, graduated from Haverford College and Kellogg Business School, and works at JP Morgan, where Alice has worked for more than 15 years.

Carl Taggart wrote: "Since the 20th reunion three years ago, a lot has been going on. We are happily settled in Kennett Square, PA, and now have two children, Jeffrey (5) and Ellie (2). I am still working from home doing investment banking and Kim (Thornton '85) is a special education teacher in Delaware. Life is busy, but we try to make it to Princeton a few times a year to see friends. In November we had a great get-together with **David Becker** and his wife Madeline and son Adam (5). They were visiting his brother, Ken '85, and his family (see notes in class of '85) who live near us. We will be back to Princeton for the reunion in May, as it is Kim's 20th.

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From the Alumni Office:

Carrie Stewardson Thornewill and her husband Luke brought home their baby boy Wes Lyon on October 8, 2004. "He is a blessed bundle of sparkle and spice and lights our lives every day! Yahoo!"

1984

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The Alumni Office received the following news:

Tonya Elmore Faulkenburg announced the arrival of Adleigh Scott Faulkenburg on September 2, 2004. Tonya and Scott have two other children: Carson and Teagan.



Ellie (2) and Jeffrey (almost 6), children of Kim Thornton Taggart '85 and Carl Taggart '82, loved playing in the snow this winter.

Kate Reavey wrote: "Looking forward to the 20th reunion in May, although my family (husband Tom and children Maeve, 8 and Liam, 5) will have to stay in Washington now that the children are in school. I am back to teaching English at Peninsula College, playing soccer and writing poetry.

Kim Thornton Taggart wrote: "I can't wait for the 20th in May, and plan on attending. I am back teaching full-time in Delaware as a special education teacher. The kids are great; Jeffrey will be six in June and is in Kindergarten, and Ellie is two and in daycare full-time. We aren't in Princeton as much as we would like, but we are there a few times a year. Carl '82 sees **Ken Becker** every month or so for a play date with his son Zack and our son Jeffrey, as they are both five. Ken lives in West Chester with his wife Michelle and their two children, Zack (5) and Gabriele (2). We recently saw Ken's brother David '82 and his family.

An advertisement in *Town Topics* for Matt '89 and Jud '92 Henderson's Princeton Real Estate Group announced the birth of

Lillian Scarlett Henderson, daughter of **John Henderson**, on December 30 in Taos, NM.

1986

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The Alumni Office received the following news:

Cary Paik is living in New York City, is married to Sylvia and has an architectural office in Manhattan. He is enjoying life and would love to see classmates.

A note from **Vanessa Chase's** parents reports that Vanessa and her husband John Lilly had their first child, Jane Elizabeth, on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2004. They live in Manhattan where Vanessa works at the Skyscraper Museum.

Liz White

Meahl wrote: "Feeling far away since my folks are now on Cape Cod. Hoping to make a trip to Princeton and PDS this winter. Cathy (White Mertz '79) and Wendy (White Brokelman '84) had a blast at their reunions and said much has changed with the campus. We are in Portland, ME bracing ourselves for another cold winter! Jack is now five and in kindergarten – loving it. Our boss Sumner is in her first year of preschool at age 3. I am still at our local elementary school in an administrative role and part-time fifth grade teacher! Recently saw **Kelly Noonan O'Shea** and **Christi Curtin** and **Susie Curtin** '87. It was great fun and they are all well.

The *Princeton Packet* announced the marriage of **Neale Dougherty** and **Lorraine Snyder** on October 2, 2004. After attending PDS, Neale graduated

from Wyoming Seminary School and the University of Pennsylvania. He is employed in commercial insurance marketing with Federated Mutual Insurance Company. Lorraine graduated from West Windsor-Plainsboro High School, Rice University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She completed a residency in internal medicine at Penn and is currently a fellow in hematology and medical oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center.

1987

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From Sofia: Hi everyone. I am bad. I have been busy and did not get on the ball soon enough to get much news, but my last entry was big. I went to Mexico for Gala (Westheimer) Narezo's '84 wedding and met **Kai (Westheimer) Narezo** and **Mike Rassweiler** there. We had a blast. It was a three day party Mexican style.

Michele Sternberg now has two girls Jaden who is 3 and Brenna who is 1.

Andrew Blechman and his wife Erica welcomed Lillie in October. She is a very cute healthy little girl. CONGRATULATIONS! I



Michele Sternberg '87 with her girls Brenna (1) and Jaden (3).

cannot wait to meet her in June.

My daughter Kristen is so big now; she has started pre-school. We are finding that Illinois has much warmer winters than Massachusetts.

I hope all is well and expect an email from me this summer.

The Alumni Office received a note from **Randy Walter** announcing the birth of his daughter Carina Mary Walter born on October 25, 2004.

The *New York Times* reported the wedding of **Jane Podurgiel** Hoeffner and **Jess Hoeffner** on October 24, 2004. Jane is a senior associate for marketing at Morgan Stanley in New York. Jess is a research editor and analyst in New York for Credit Suisse First Boston.

1988

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The Alumni Office has received the following news:

Peter Dykstra was married last year to Janine Joly, a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with King County, WA. Peter works for The Trust for Public Land in Seattle where he works on a diverse portfolio of conservation real estate transactions, including urban parks, farmland preservation, forest protection, and stream restoration. He also has been teaching Land Use and Planning Law at the University of Washington.

Dawn Feldman Fukuda wrote: "In September 2004 I started a new position as a contract manager with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health HIV/AIDS Bureau. We adopted our younger daughter Mia Sydney from China in March 2004. Mia joins big sister Naomi (four years old). We recently moved back to Boston and are enjoying 'city life.'"

Andrea Hall Elish is living in New York with her husband Dan Elish and their daughter Cassandra Hall Elish, who was born in May 2003.

Ben Travers announced the arrival of Christopher Gates Travers on September 13, 2004.

Tucker Levy was married to Victoria Schwartz in New York.

1989

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News sent to the Alumni Office:

Meg Young Yoder is busy with three children: Mary (4), Nancy (3) and Joe who will be one in March 2005. She was sorry to miss the 15th reunion but Joe was just six weeks old, but she is looking forward to the 20th in 2009.

Nicole Dunn wrote: "After taking eight months off from the corporate grind in 2003, I have returned to work as an independent management consultant. I moved to Brooklyn a couple of years ago and love living near Prospect Park, the Brooklyn Museum and Botanical Garden. I happily share my home with a dog Dolly and cat Zebrina. It is at their pleasure that I continue to serve. My sister Larissa is expecting a baby in December and, strangely enough, Michele Lo '87 is her obstetrician. Small world!"

Jackie Reiss Kravitz wrote: "This year brought an addition to our family...Cooper Thomas joined big sister Jillian on March 11. We are grateful for our continued health and happiness. If anyone visits the Southwest, please give us a call."

1990

15TH REUNION

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The Alumni Office received the following news:

Zach Gursky wrote that he is still living in San Francisco working for an internet media company.

Chris Baker wrote: "My wife Joanna and I have two beautiful

children, Katelyn (3) and Ryan (1) and live in Levittown, PA. Joanna works on clinical trials and I work as a paramedic. I recently received a biological sciences degree from Drexel and am awaiting my secondary education certification in biology. I think about Mr. Franz very often. Who knew (way back then) that I would take up woodworking as a hobby and put together my own woodshop?"



Lylah Alphonse '90 and her husband Mike Saunders announced the arrival of Alanna Mistry Alphonse Saunders on October 20, 2004.

The *Princeton Packet* announced the wedding of Alyssa Machold to Kevin Ellsworth on October 30. Alyssa is a project officer for a World Bank governance program in Washington, DC. Kevin is a management consultant at CGI-AMS in Fairfax, VA and a lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Reserve.

1991

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The Alumni Office has received the following news:

Aly Cohen Lewis was married on October 2, 2004 to Dr. Stephen Lewis. They are living on a farm in Cranbury, NJ. Aly has completed her medical training in New York City as an internist and specialist in rheumatology.

A note from **John Belanger's**

parents announced that John is engaged to be married in September 2005 and is living in the Boston area.

1992

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News sent to the Alumni Office:

Kate Marquis wrote: "I've been working this past year as an instructor at the US Military Academy at West Point. It's been very rewarding and challenging in ways I didn't expect - half of my students in my class in terrorism last spring were slated to deploy to Iraq between August and November of this year, which made class-



Aly Cohen Lewis '91 and her husband Dr. Stephen Lewis.

room discussion very sensitive but also relevant in a way I think most college classes don't approximate.

A note from **Cord Johnston's** mother reported that Cord returned from Iraq in November 2003 and was discharged as a captain in May 2004. He is currently living in Arlington, VA and working for Booz Allen as a consultant to the Department of Defense. His mother is happy that he is with a US based team and not in Mosul training Iraqi border patrol.

The *Trenton Times* announced the wedding of **Shannon Tate** Freehart to Paul Freehart on July 10. Amanda Tate '95 was her sister's maid of honor. Shannon is employed by the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District. Paul is employed by Wawa Corporation as a project manager.

1993

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The *New York Times* announced the wedding of **Adrienne Scholz** Hines to Samuel Hines on September 18. Adrienne is the assistant vice president and head of the watches and clocks department in New York for Sotheby's Auction House. Samuel is a business analyst at Sotheby's.



Aly Cohen '91 (center) celebrates her wedding with friends and classmates, Julie Marcus Downs (second from right) and Fanya Stansbury (right).

1994

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A note from **Brad Johnston's** mother to the Alumni Office reported that Brad is in his first year of residency in emergency medicine in Pittsburgh. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Medical School last May. He keeps fit and entertained with rock and ice climbing.

Julia Ober Allen wrote to the Alumni Office: "I just finished my MPH at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and I am now a researcher at the University of Michigan Prevention Research Center conducting community-based participatory research and program evaluations."

1995

10TH REUNION

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The Alumni Office has received the following news:

Corinne Brown married Thom A. Smith, DVM, on May 15, 2004 at the Ritz Carlton in Sarasota, Florida. They are living in Sarasota.

The *Princeton Packet* announced the marriage of **Deborah Pollard Wepman** and Noah Wepman on April 3, 2004. Miriam Pollard Cohen '88 served as her sister's matron of honor and Stephen Pollard '90 was a groomsman. Deborah teaches elementary school in Arlington, VA. Noah is the director of budgeting for special education in the District of Columbia public schools.

1996

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News sent to the Alumni Office:

Chandler Plohn Dektas wrote: "I married Michael C. Dektas II of Cincinnati in Princeton at The Princeton University Chapel on June 5, 2004. It was a great reunion for PDS alumni and their families including maid of honor **Sarah Green** and bridesmaids **Morgan Altman**, **Rebecca Nemiroff Siegel**, and **Lise Lyman** (see photo). We now reside in Cincinnati with our two dogs Pina and Chet. I am pursuing a master's degree in art education at Xavier University, which I credit my inspiration to Mrs. Reichlin, and working part-time with my in-laws at their advertising agency. Mike is in mergers and acquisitions at Omnicare in Covington, KY.

"A month later we celebrated more than just our country's independence as **Rebecca Nemiroff** married Robert Siegel in New Hope, PA on July 4th. This wedding was also a great reunion for PDS alumni with Robbie's brother Stephen '93 acting as best man and Becca's brothers Joey '98 and Russell '03 as groomsmen. Sarah and I were happily in attendance (see photo)."

Edward Li has received a doctorate in pharmacy and has been appointed as tenure-track faculty at Wilkes University in

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice specialized in Oncology Pharmacy Practice.

A note from **Erin Belanger's** parents reported that Erin spent almost seven months deployed in the Persian Gulf aboard the carrier George Washington. She is now home in Virginia Beach and has been promoted to lieutenant.

1997

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From Mandy: As we all slowly but surely trudge through winter I have had the pleasure of getting to see some of our classmates over the past few months. In December I was able to catch up with a few of you at the Alumni Gathering at the AIG building. **Ameesh Shah**, newly wed, was about to move to Los Angeles where his wife Neha is pursuing her PhD. Along with Ameesh, **Tom Anderman** and **Jeff Schor** were also in attendance. It was also great to see **Dave Bromwich** and **Mike Zarzecki**, as well as many other PDS alums.



Celebrating Calder Cruikshank's '96 wedding are, from left, Andy Golda '96, the bride Betsy Parkyn Cruikshank, Calder, Mike Watts '96 and Calder's sister Lila Cruikshank '00.

Jess Boyd & Wes Steffens '95 were married this past June at Meadowood in Napa Valley. Congratulations, and can I just say it was about time; I know I had been waiting for this since we were freshmen at PDS!!

More recently I was able to catch up with **Janie Egan** and **Louise Sturges**. Louise is now living in NYC and keeping busy painting. Thanks to Louise, I was able to get the latest update on *Saves The Day* and various band members. **David Soloway** and **Chris Conley '98** are keeping busy with the band recording a new album. Congratulations to Chris Conley who recently got married!! **Mariana Sparre** has returned to the US and is currently living in Lambertville, and has kept in touch with Louise and **Pearl Lee**. **Charles Plohn** is also living in NYC these days and working for the Yankees. Congratulations go out to **Bryan Esposito** who is getting married this May to Courtney Pearson, his girlfriend from Cornell. Bryan



Chandler Plohn Dektas '96, center, celebrates her wedding with classmates, from left, Morgan Altman, Sarah Green, Chandler, Rebecca Nemiroff Siegel, and Lise Lynam.



Classmates Sarah Green, left, and Chandler Plohn Dektas, right, with Rebecca Nemiroff Siegel '96 at her wedding last July.

keeps very busy making sure all those Atlantic City high rollers stay happy; I'm sure he does a great job. **Chuck Buck** is also doing well, keeping busy in the world of finance.

Speaking of L'ville defectors, **John Whittaker** is spending time in London for work, doing the same job, just on a different continent – sounds like fun to me! In February **Kevin Mackay** headed down to Miami to serve as best man in his brother Scott Mackay's '93 wedding.

As for me I am still keeping busy in the Big Apple, working at Tommy Hilfiger, and trying to track down any news about my classmates! Hope all is well with everyone, and let me know what you are all up to!

A note to the Alumni Office from **Ted Chase's** parents reported that Ted is now with Lifetime Television in Manhattan, and has moved from the East Village to southeast Chelsea.

Ali Johnston wrote: "I spent the summer in Europe with a photography show in Tbilisi, Georgia. Since September I have been living in Brooklyn and studying photography at the International Center for Photography in New York City."

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The Alumni Office received the following news:

Sakeenah El-Amin wrote: "I graduated from Barnard/Columbia with honors in 2002. I am currently working as the assistant director of an organization in Philadelphia that provides educational opportunities to underserved children. I am a

newlywed. My husband Edward Mensah and I married this past May. I am currently applying to law school for the fall of 2005."

Eric Hochberg is living in New Haven, CT and teaching fourth grade in East Haven. He and his fiancée Abby Lifter are planning their July 2005 wedding.

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News sent to the Alumni Office:

Regan Kenyon is in his second year of law school at Rutgers.

Maren Levine is working at St. Mary's Hospital in Hoboken doing mental health screening for their emergency room. She is also attending Columbia University full-time for a master's in social work. She wrote, "If anyone needs a therapist..."

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James Utterback's mother reported that James graduated from Wesleyan in May and is teaching

English in Chengdu, China for the 2004-2005 year. The name of the school is Chengdu Meishi International School. He can be e-mailed at jutterback@wesleyan.edu. He is taking Chinese and planning many hiking trips.

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The Alumni Office received the following news:

Dan Crosta is a junior at Swarthmore College majoring in computer science with a concentration in computer vision and computer graphics.

We read in the *Trenton Times* that **Courtney Bergh** was selected to the 2004 New England Small College Athletic Conference Fall Academic Team. She played every minute of the season for the Trinity College field hockey team. As goalkeeper, Courtney made 84 saves (3rd in the conference) and had a save percentage of .789 and a goals-against average of 1.97. Courtney is also the starting goalie for the Trinity ice hockey team.

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Lon Johnson sent news that he competed on the Princeton sprint football team as a wide receiver and he enjoyed a class with Peter Singer.

Sean Massimo wrote: "Dallas is great. SMU is awesome. Thanks, Senora, I tested into third year Spanish! Take care everyone!"

The Alumni Office received the following news from **Mallory Sosinski's** parents: "After thirteen years in cold ice rinks, Mallory has decided to warm up at the University of Miami. She was awarded the University's Bowman Foster Ashe Merit Scholarship, a four-year award that is one of Miami's highest accolades, and was invited to join their Honors Program. Mallory plans to double major in Political Science and Child Psychology, with a double minor in English and Spanish. As if that weren't enough on her plate, she auditioned for and was selected as a member of the Miami Hurricanes' featured dance team, the Hurricanettes. She performed on national TV as Miami beat University of Florida in the Peach Bowl.

"Mallory was named to the University of Miami's Provost's Honor Roll following her first semester. She was also one of 24 students at the University chosen on the basis of a competitive essay to attend the first Presidential Debate which was held on campus in the fall. She says seeing both Bush and Kerry 'up close and personal' was awesome."

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The PDS Performing Arts Program held five performances of *On the Town*, the rollicking musical comedy that catapulted the song, "New York, New York" to fame. The nearly sold out shows included a benefit performance organized by the Angels, supporters of the Performing Arts Program at PDS. "*On the Town* stands out as one of the most original, inventive, and irresistibly charming of all American musicals," says Ross Hindley, director of the Performing Arts Program at Princeton Day School. "It was a perfect fit for the talent and youthful exuberance of our PDS cast."

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