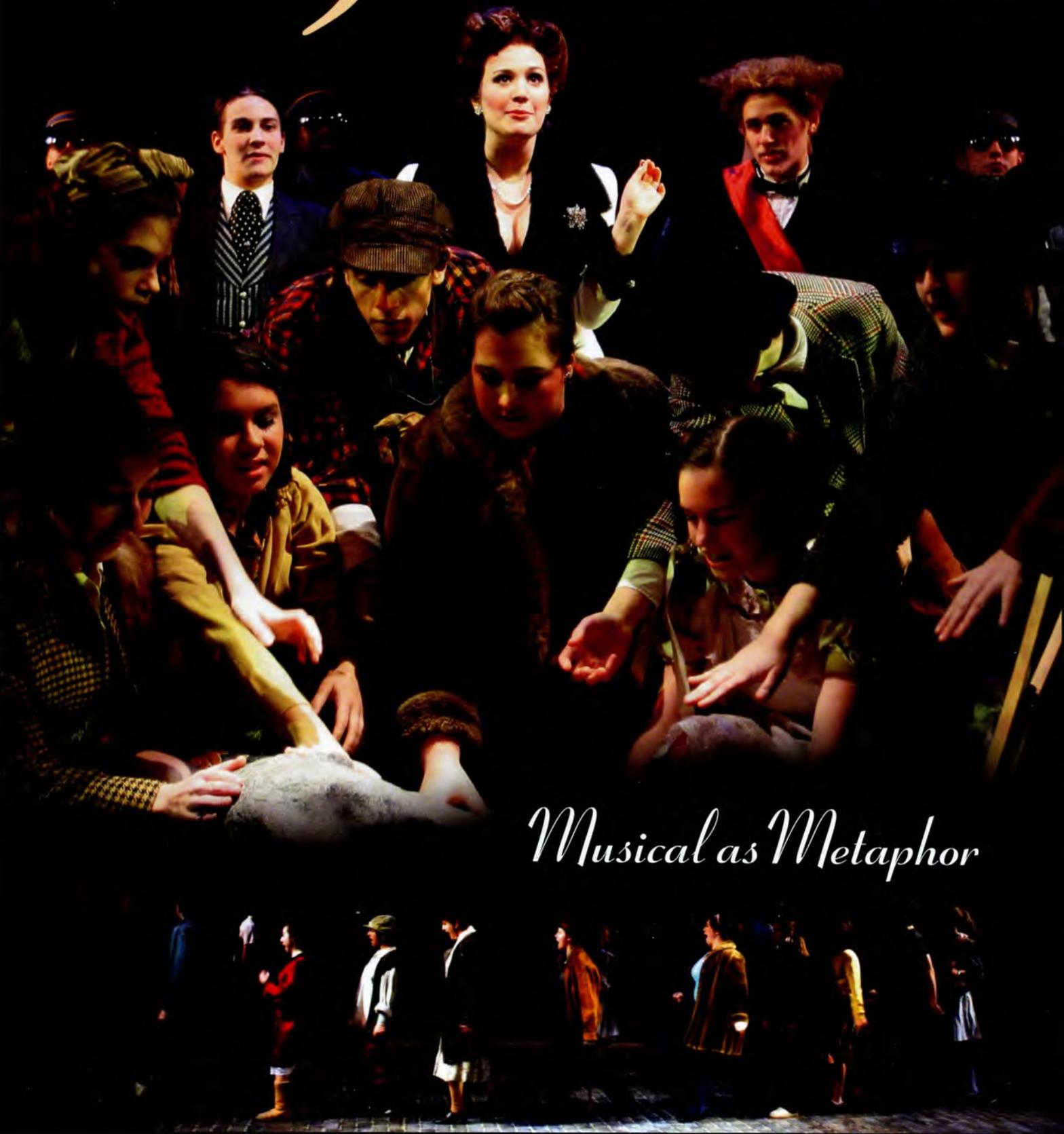


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*Musical as Metaphor*



Dear PDS Friends,

Spring is a time of transitions – especially in the life of a school. Just as we welcome students and families newly admitted, we also say goodbye to some long-time PDS community members. John Ora, the head of Middle School since 2001, will be leaving at the end of June to be Head of the Woodland School. Director of Academic Affairs Warren Gould will become interim Middle School Head for the 2007-08 year. Junior Kindergarten veteran Betsy Trapp is retiring after 30 years of guiding our littlest members. Upper School Composer-in-Residence Laurie Altman also is moving on to focus on his own composing work.

As you probably know, I will be making my own transition by retiring from full-time work at the conclusion of this, my sixth, year at PDS. My years here have been the capstone of a 41-year career as an educator. I was honored to have led the school through the development of its most recent strategic plan, which laid the groundwork for our capital campaign to improve faculty compensation, enhance financial aid and expand our facilities. We have accomplished much and my respect for the PDS community – faculty and staff, parents, trustees, students and alumni – has grown deeper over the years as I experienced first-hand the widespread commitment to excellence.

As I ponder the future, I know I am leaving PDS in capable hands. The Board of Trustees wisely enlisted Lila Lohr to return as Interim Head of School for the 2007-08 academic year. A popular and effective head of school from 1995-2000, Lila will guide the school while the Head of School Search Committee works with Wickenden Associates to identify a permanent leader.

This *Journal* also highlights the excellence that infuses our school, from faculty professional development to Upper School students mastering the intricacies of a Sondheim musical. Other stories showcase the achievements of our Alumni Award recipients and Hall of Fame inductees, as well as the adventures of our more recent graduates, the progress of our campus construction and the pride of our athletic teams.

Looking back, 2006-07 – like all academic years – has been both exciting and rewarding. I am proud of the caring and commitment expressed by our faculty, staff and families. I genuinely feel blessed by the colleagues and friends I have found at PDS. I will always believe that our work – providing the best education possible to the children in our care – makes the world a better place.

Keep up the good work.

Fondly,  
Fondly,  
*Judith R. Fox*  
Judith R. Fox



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# News & Events



## Science Olympiad

The PDS Science Olympiad team has earned an invitation to the State Finals Tournament based on its achievements during a regional contest featuring 20 Central New Jersey schools. Top Upper School science students competed in challenging events focused on biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers and technology. Success requires knowledge of science facts, concepts, processes, skills and science applications.

## Chinese New Year

Upper School Chinese teacher Luh Nelson introduced youngsters to the customs and legends surrounding Chinese New Year in preparation for celebrating the Year of the Pig. Red decorations, dragons and lions are traditional ways to frighten the Nian monster and guarantee a safe New Year's celebration, she said. Second graders and friends shared some Chinese New Year traditions during a performance for the Upper School. PDS has introduced a Chinese language course in Upper School this year.



## From PDS: With Love

It was fun...great fun...at the 15th Annual PDS Parents Association Auction and Party. This year's event reflected the glamour and mystique of that oh-so-debonair spy James Bond with a "007: From PDS with Love" theme. Auction Co-Chairs Lauren Fasolo and Cheryl Ojeda and their committee volunteers did a fabulous job both in planning this incredible event and in gathering exclusive and wonderful items for auction.

The generosity of the PDS community, both those who donate items and those who bid for items, enables the PA to support professional development and teacher enrichment for PDS faculty. Special thanks to everyone who helped create a night of intrigue, fun and surprises!

## Chess Team Champs – Again!

PDS chess teams captured both K-3 and K-6 Team Chess Championships during the New Jersey State Chess Primary and Elementary Championship Feb. 25 at Brookdale College in Lincroft, NJ. Seven PDS players also won individual trophies and PDS second grader Michael Zhao tied for first place in the K-6 Championship winning all five of his games.

This is the fourth year in a row that PDS captured First Place in the K-3 Division. In 2006 PDS also won both primary and elementary "best school team" trophies.





### LEGO Maniacs

Two teams of LEGO maniacs represented PDS at the largest robotics competition in the United States held Jan. 27 at the University of Delaware. Students in grades four through eight designed, built and programmed robots to meet LEGO challenges. Competing against more than 50 teams from five states, our PDS team of eighth-graders earned a Second Place trophy for teamwork. Congratulations to coaches Gail Hayes and Jamie Atkeson and teammates pictured above.

### Investing in Excellence Campaign

Campaign volunteers and donors continue to enthusiastically and tirelessly bring PDS closer to our \$50 million goal – one of the largest campaigns ever by a JK – 12 independent school – for faculty salaries, financial aid, enhanced facilities, and Annual Fund support. With \$41.5 million raised in four years, PDS can look to the future with great promise.

Within a year, PDS students will be enjoying state-of-the-art facilities including expanded libraries with enhanced technology; dedicated studio space for photography, ceramics, sculpture and architecture incorporating natural light and access to the outdoors; performing arts studios with elevated ceilings for dance; a home for the popular PDS fencing program; improved spaces for the Anne Reid Art Gallery, theater set building and woodshop and an enhanced fitness center.

### Mini-Courses = Maximum Learning

Mid-February has become the favorite time of year for PDS Middle School students thanks to the annual Mini Course Week. For four days preceding the President's Day holiday, students in grades five through eight skip their usual academic courses in order to dive into selected topics offered by faculty with the help of parents and alums.

Students this year explored different cultures and periods of history, created stop-motion movies, relived the passions of Gettysburg, crewed a whaler out of Mystic, CT, produced "The Pirates of Penzance" in just four days and explored hidden talents through yoga, drama and origami.



### More to come...

To see what's happening at PDS between issues of the *Journal*, visit [www.pds.org](http://www.pds.org) and click on the News & Events page. You'll find links to press releases, as well as archived photos of past events.

To share photos of PDS events, email Communication Director Michelle Ruess at [mruess@pds.org](mailto:mruess@pds.org).

## News &amp; Events

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## Celebrating Diversity at PDS

Students and adults shared good food and great music, including some enthusiastic polka dancing, during the first PDS Multicultural Dinner organized by members of the AWARE and Heritage clubs. French and Spanish club members also participated in serving dishes reflecting the cultural diversity of PDS students, including crêpes, platanos dulces, Romanian walnut cookies, Guatemalan tacos and jiao zi (meat-filled flour pockets) and ethnic breads donated by the Witherspoon Bread Co.

"This was the beginning of good tradition," said Cecilia Marquez, chair of the Upper School Language Department.



## Guest Speakers

NASA Astronaut Capt. Robert L. Curbeam launched a visit to PDS by touring the Lower School science fair and talking with students in JK through Fourth Grade about their projects. He spent the day meeting with students in lower, middle and upper schools, responding to



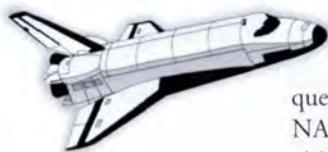
questions about his career and discussing the science behind NASA's space shuttle and the International Space Station. His visit coincided with Black History Month.

Dr. Michael Baden, host of the popular HBO "Autopsy" series, talked with Upper School students about the important roles physics, chemistry and biology play in his work as a forensic pathologist as the 2007 Pioneer in Science. Thanks to scientific advances, he said, a single hair yields more information today than an autopsy revealed a few years ago.

American composer George Gershwin shared the stories behind his most famous songs with PDS students in lower and middle schools. Mr. Gershwin, portrayed by actor/pianist Dennis Kobray,

said "Fascinating Rhythm" was inspired by his family's "bouncing" from one apartment to another. Although Mr. Gershwin is gone, Mr. Kobray told students "his music never died."

Upper School students discussed the horror and the history of the Nazi "Final Solution" with Ivan Becker, a Holocaust survivor. Mr. Becker, who came to the US in 1946 as a 17-year-old orphan, was among thousands of Jews herded out of Budapest by the Nazis. He urged students to stand up against wrongdoing "by voting or being the opposition because one person can make a difference."



Dr. Michael Baden



Ivan Becker

## Editor's Notes

- The "In Memoriam" page in the Fall *Journal* incorrectly listed Fred Blaicher '54. This issue correctly lists his father, Fred M. Blaicher. We apologize for the error and offer condolences to the Blaicher family.
- In addition, a concern was raised about attribution for lyrics of the recently approved Alma Mater for Princeton Day School. The song's lyrics weave new phrases with words from both the Princeton County Day School song by Mr. Launay and Miss Fine's School song. Going forward, attribution for the PDS Alma Mater will read "Music by Moll/Murthy '06 with lyrics inspired by the Princeton Country Day and Miss Fine's School songs."
- Since joining the PDS community in March 2006, I have loved every minute of getting acquainted with this school and I hope you enjoy reading the *Journal* and newsletters as much as I enjoy working on them.
- My goal is to provide entertaining and accurate information about this wonderful community. Please continue to let me know what you think of our work and how we can improve.

*Michelle Ruess*

— Michelle Ruess



## To PDS and Beyond

*Finding the best college fit can be daunting; but PDS supports each student's higher education journey through the College Guidance Office.*

*Here, CGO Director Megan Harlan explains her philosophy and how families can make the most of the process.*

### Q. What is the mission/role of the PDS college guidance office?

**A.** Our mission is to help students match their interests with specific colleges. With so many schools offering such rich and diverse majors and programs, there is a need to help students develop a sense of what they enjoy, how they learn best, what type of community they want to explore for the next four years and what they ultimately may see themselves pursuing in life in order to help them find a good college match.

My role is to support and advise — I listen to students' desires, goals, concerns, and then help them create a plan to achieve their goals.

### Q. How do you measure success in this arena?

**A.** Our success should reflect our mission: to help students find a good fit. Truly measuring our success entails following up with alumni to see if they are enjoying their experiences in college and whether they found a place to become the person they want to be.

### Q. What should students think about before starting their college search?

**A.** The process should begin in January of their junior year. Up to that point, students need to be engaged and focused on their lives at school and in their communities. We hope students will be involved in activities they value and that enable them to discover their passions.

### Q. What do you see as the greatest strength a PDS graduate brings to the college search?

**A.** Princeton Day School students have developed wonderful relationships with the faculty. The small class size and the caring nature of PDS faculty enable students to have conversations that often extend beyond classroom learning. These relationships provide wonderful recommendations but more importantly, help students develop academic and intellectual interests. These relationships help students build confidence not only in their abilities to excel in the classroom but also in themselves as people.



### Q. Do you see too much pressure for PDS graduates to attend Ivy League schools?

**A.** I don't find too much pressure on students to attend, say, Ivy Leagues schools. But I do feel high school students in general face too much pressure. One of my jobs is to help to dispel the myths that cause stress and to create an environment where students can relax into their own interests. Doing too much and sleeping too little, many students are feeling pressured to get into a "good school" without even knowing what a "good school" may be for them.

### Q. What is a parent's role?

**A.** The primary role is to support their child. There will be times of doubt and concern as children begin this journey. They may need constant reassurance. An analogy to keep in mind is that a parent is like a personal trainer. They listen, find out what the goals are, make some suggestions — and then step back and watch. It is the child's role to research schools, meet with college representatives, interview, complete applications, write essays and take standardized tests. Remember, if the personal trainer does all the work, the client — your child — does not make any gains toward his/her goals.

### Q. What aspects of your job do you most enjoy?

**A.** The college admission process comes at a time when students are transitioning from children to adults, as well as leaving the Princeton Day School community and their childhood homes. I am honored to share their journey. Hearing their stories and gaining their trust is what gets me out of bed every morning. ■

**Megan Harlan** joined PDS in August 2006 as Director of College Guidance. She holds a BA in American literature from Middlebury College (1988) and an MS in counseling from Villanova University (1996). After college, she was an academic advisor for student athletes at Villanova and a guidance counselor at Radnor High School (PA). Before coming to PDS, Ms. Harlan spent five years as Associate Director of College Guidance at St. Paul's School (Concord, NH) and three years in the college guidance office at Phillips Academy (Andover, MA), including her final year as Senior Associate Director. In addition, Ms. Harlan was a regional and national All-American, MVP, and captain on Middlebury's lacrosse and field hockey teams and head coach of women's lacrosse at Villanova.

## Opening Night Countdown: 90 days



# Musical as Metaphor

## 90 days

Theater manager Holly Lehmann slides a long-handled dust mop back and forth across the stage floor as Vocal Director Frank Jacobson plays the electric piano.

Choreographer Jim Ruttman waves about 20 girls on stage for dance auditions.

"Step, cross, step" he says, demonstrating the steps as they follow him with their eyes. "A five, six, seven, eight... Give me as much personality as possible."

Sitting about 10 rows back from the stage, Director Ross Hindley watches the dancers, remembering the songs each girl sang and what she read in auditions.

"This is going to be hard," he says softly.

DAILY REHEARSALS for weeks leading up to the performance. Intricate choreography and split-second comedic timing. Custom-built sets and flawless stage tech. Broadway? London? Nope – this is McAneny Theater and the 2007 Upper School musical.

Staging a musical is such a high school cliché that even Disney made a movie about it. But the stereotypical rivalries, competitive back-stabbing and type-casting that drive many high school dramas are lacking from PDS productions. That's not to say these actors aren't ambitious; but the Performing Arts Program has taught them more than how to tap dance or deliver a punch line.

At PDS, the adults who collaborate – they would eschew the word "teach" – on PAP productions are theater professionals who provide students with a unique opportunity to gain life lessons while putting on some darn good shows.

Students and graduates come to value punctuality, responsibility and perseverance. They learn to leave their preconceptions at the theater door, to view this space as a separate world where collaboration is required, taking risks is expected and prima donnas need not apply.

Frank Jacobson, who has nurtured musical performers at PDS for more than 35 years, sees the Upper School musical as "a time when we stop being students and teachers and start becoming a troupe that has a show to put on."

At PDS, the Upper School musical generates the kind of school spirit usually reserved for a football or hockey rivalry. Classmates come to cheer on their friends. Younger students are wowed by the talent and spectacle of live music and dancing – the littlest have been known to seek an autograph when they spot an actor on campus. Performances are often standing-room-only, attracting an audience beyond the school community and winning statewide recognition.

"The kind of passion and commitment evident in the musical is equal to any other kind of endeavor here – athletic teams or the fervor of mock trial competition," said Carlton Tucker, head of Upper School. "At PDS, it's good to be good. Excellence is recognized and appreciated and supported whether in class, on stage or on the fields; the culture supports it."

## 40 days

Jim Ruttman is tweaking the choreography of a key musical number with cast members before leaving to perform in a Kennedy Center production of "Carnival."

Olivia Stoker is trying to nail down a particularly tricky measure with Mr. Jacobson. A group of dancers is practicing in the wings, timing their movements to the lyrics.

"Let's go from the top, guys," Ross says.

And they do – but the Sondheim rhythm and lyrics are complicated. They do it again, without music, again with clapping, again with music, again with steps, again with singing and steps, again with a handshake.

Then they take it from the top – again.

## 40 days



EACH MUSICAL STRENGTHENS the PDS community by fostering those unique relationships at the heart of our school. Rehearsals and shared scenes encourage new friendships, bringing together seniors, freshmen, teammates and others. Everyone can feel at home in McAneny Theater, a place where students discover new facets of themselves — and others.

“You work with such a diverse group of people,” recalled Alissa Crea '06. “Ross has no idea who is who; he just pulls whoever he wants and puts people in situations where everyone has to work together.

“It forces you to build new relationships and friendships,” she said. “I made friends I know I wouldn't have otherwise.”

Rich Dreher will soon graduate from the Carnegie Mellon School of Drama, where his talents are being showcased for talent agents in New York and Los Angeles. At PDS, Rich was in many ensembles as well as the lead in “Pal Joey”, “My Favorite Year” and “Mack and Mabel.” He called PDS theater productions “the epitome of school spirit.”

“At PDS, everybody goes to the theater,” Rich recalled. “You look out at the audience and see all your friends — friends who play field hockey are sitting right there; they're the ones who cheer the loudest.

“When you do something you love regardless of how people act or what they say — that's something people recognize...no one is going to sit there and make fun of it...”

Mark Millner '07 has performed in several PAP productions, most recently as Schub the Comptroller in “Anyone Can Whistle.” He sees the musical weaving a network of friendships throughout the school, as students with various interests connect.

“The nice thing is that guys on the hockey team, I'll ask them about the Lawrenceville game and they'll ask me about rehearsals,” Mark said.

Indeed, the US musical is more than just a fabulous stage production spotlighting talented young adults. When you watch a production being built from the auditions up, you find dedication, enthusiasm and energy. And you realize the Upper School musical says a lot about what makes Princeton Day School such a special place.

For example, the musical provides an incredible learning opportunity for PDS students. Performers and stage crew members work side-by-side with theater professionals — from

Mr. Hindley and Mr. Ruttman to orchestra conductor Jerry Rife and lighting designer Craig Stelzenmuller — thanks to the unique Guest Artist program. These professionals bring high expectations — and the students respond. The lessons they learn in time management, creative problem-solving and dedication last a lifetime.

“The Guest Artist program exposes students to professionals from the business who are not trained as educators but trained in their field,” said Mr. Hindley. “The level of expectation is higher, the demands are greater. It's a very valuable perspective that's not part of the sheltered, educational world; it's part of the real world.”

Matt Tardaugno '04 worked closely with both Mr. Hindley and Mr. Stelzenmuller over four years. Today, Matt is applying lessons he learned as stage manager to his studies of international relations and economics at Hobart Williams College.

“The biggest lesson is management,” Matt said. “Delegating, time management and creative problem-solving. Backstage, things always come up — a curtain gets stuck, wheels fall off... You have to learn to keep panic to a minimum. The level of responsibility that you have to assume is pretty high.”

Rehearsals also develop concentration and perseverance, as actors, dancers, musicians and crew members work together for a perfect performance. For the adults, a little patience goes a long way.

“The only way you get anywhere is by doing it over and over and over again — and then by finding the theatrical energy to look as though you *haven't* been doing it over and over again,” Mr. Jacobson said.

Mr. Ruttman compares the process to teaching a child how to ride a bike — you have to support them until they can do it on their own. Unlike adults, he said, students are in a “learning mode” and are able to do much more than they realize. Students also are more willing to venture outside their “comfort zones” — they haven't developed firm opinions yet about what they *can't* do, he said.

“Because of those dynamics, I'm able to get really amazing things out of them,” Mr. Ruttman said. “I'm willing to go over

*“It's about community...”*

— Dina Bray, Head of Lower School

Opening Night Countdown:

17 days

3 days



it and over it and over it and over it. Because then there is a magic moment – and they take it away.”

And luckily for the rest of us, those magic moments are shared with an appreciative audience. The pride the performers take in their efforts is contagious, generating pride within the PDS community and recognition of excellence beyond our campus.

“It’s about community,” said Dina Bray, head of Lower School. “The Lower Schoolers love seeing the Upper School kids up on that stage. And when they preview the operetta for the Upper Schoolers, the fourth-graders always get a standing ovation.”

“That’s the thing that makes this school so special – you get a lot of approbation from your fellow students by being good at something,” she said. “That means kids feel valued and they’re not afraid to show more parts of themselves.”

Deb Sugarman, Middle School drama teacher, enjoys seeing her former students pursue their talents in Upper School. She knows many middle schoolers are inspired by those Upper School productions and she enjoys putting their talents – whether singing, dancing or tech crew – to work in the middle school play and eighth-grade musical.

“Everybody is doing their best – the kid with the spotlight and those in a crowd scene – they do it for each other,” Ms. Sugarman said. “The people who do the performing and the rest of the community support them. We all work hard together to make an atmosphere where that happens.”

## 17 days

The theater lobby is filled with Chinese School students practicing a lion dance to the beat of drums for upcoming New Year celebrations. Boom-boom-boom invades the theater as performers iron out details with Ross, Jim and Frank, making timing even more challenging.

Jim’s presence today is bittersweet – everyone is glad to see him but sad that an injury is preventing him from performing in “Carnival.” With one arm in a sling, he demonstrates how four actors should skip onto the stage.

THE MUSICAL REFLECTS the PDS tradition of excellence and creativity. Audiences include both alumni who make special trips home to see the show and area residents with no ties to PDS other than a love of good theater. Theater demands both the rigor of discipline and the willingness to take risks. And PDS students excel.

Each year, PDS musicals are recognized as among the best in New Jersey – an honor even more remarkable given the relatively small size of our Upper School. In 2006, professional theater critics named the PDS production of “Anything Goes” the best high school musical production in the state. Cast and crew garnered a total of 13 nominations for Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards and brought home five – for Outstanding Overall Production, Outstanding Achievement by a Teacher or Outside Director, Outstanding Achievement in Choreography, Outstanding Achievement in Hair & Make-up Design and Honorable Mention in Outstanding Performance by an Actress/Supporting Role.

“What Ross does is develop a kind of spirit,” said Stuart Duncan, a well-respected theater critic, Broadway producer and PDS parent. “One of the reasons you guys won last year was because everybody on the damn stage was tap dancing. That’s a whole different concept than a few people doing a few monologues...”

The success of “Anything Goes” followed a tradition of performing arts excellence at PDS, which has received 11 Rising Star Awards over the past 10 years and more than 35 nominations.

“There’s a wonderful spirit that comes out in some scenes,” Mr. Duncan said. “You know it’s going to keep happening because he’s got a good thing going – and the kids will keep it going – and when it happens, it’s wonderful...He makes everybody important.”

When the time came to choose the 2007 show, Mr. Hindley threw PDS a curveball. Instead of choosing another well-known and eminently hummable show, he selected “Anyone Can Whistle,” a 1964 musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim that folded on Broadway after nine performances.

“Anyone Can Whistle,” a satire with book by Arthur Laurents, focused on a tough, unpopular “mayoress” and her cronies who fake a miracle to draw tourists and save their financially ruined



Yes, we wrote him and invited him to the show! Here's his response:

"Thank you for the letter and the compliments, as well as the invitation. Unfortunately, your letter didn't arrive till yesterday, and it's too late for me to attend any performance. But thanks for doing such an experimental show, since I'm sure there will be many of your colleagues who would rather see Oklahoma! It's very brave of you, and I'm so pleased you're having such a good time.  
Please convey my best wishes and gratitude to the cast and crew of the show.

Yours truly, Stephen Sondheim

town. Their scheme is challenged, however, by a skeptical nurse and her charges – 49 patients at the local insane asylum colloquially referred to as "The Cookie Jar." A 50<sup>th</sup> patient, mistaken for a psychiatrist, divides the townfolk into two groups, but no one can discern which group is sane and which is not. The ensuing chaos reveals that "normal" is tantamount to conformity and the only real miracle is to enjoy life – "to whistle."

"Winning an award is icing on the cake – but it's not what I'm working toward," Mr. Hindley said when announcing his choice for the 2007 musical. "I always search for something challenging for me and the students that is also artistically rewarding."

## 3 days

*Orchestra members are warming up with clarinet scales, trumpet squawks and cymbal crashes. Girls pirouette across the stage, which is alternately blue, amber or purple, dappled, spotlighted or dark, as the tech crew rehearses its cues.*

*Ross, struggling to get everyone's attention, picks up a prop megaphone.*

*"I need all cast members in the theater," he bellows. "We're going to try a run through – unless there's a train wreck."*

ULTIMATELY, THE Upper School musical – like any endeavor at PDS, whether it's Latin or fencing or physics – is focused on expanding the horizons of the students and helping them become adults who will "act knowledgeably, lead thoughtfully, share generously and contribute meaningfully."

Mr. Jacobson, who hatched the idea of an Upper School musical at a 1960s faculty holiday party, believes theater offers students a unique opportunity for learning and applying their intelligence in a different way than academics or athletics. And he is happy that PDS continues to recognize its value. "It's really important for a school of this kind to try to present students with as multi-faceted an experience as possible," he said.

While Mr. Ruttman spends hours teaching students specific dance steps and directing the ensemble's antics, he sees students walk away with much more than applause ringing in their ears.

"We're building people whose word means something, who

can see it through and be on time," Mr. Ruttman said. "These lessons will help them out for the rest of their lives so they can do anything they want to."

Students also say there is something special about producing a musical – the long hours, the expectations, the sharing and the risk. Devin Ershow '07 has absorbed many lessons since he debuted in a PDS musical as the young Patrick in "Mame." Most recently, he portrayed J. Bowden Hapgood.

"Every musical, every play, Ross shares the same conversation," Devin said. "He says that you have to take risks – you can't be afraid to have your reputation tarnished."

Olivia Stoker '07 – a PAP veteran last seen as Mayoress Cora Hoover Hooper – credits Mr. Hindley and Mr. Ruttman for creating an environment where students feel safe taking risks because they know the ultimate performance will not look foolish.

"We have to get it wrong before we get it right," Olivia said. "That's the point – you have to experiment."

Megan Reilly '09 is a newcomer. But she already has learned the lesson of the PAP. When she didn't make the cast as a freshman, she worked tech crew. This year, she played an ensemble character who won kudos from Mr. Hindley for waltzing with her crutch.

"What I have learned is the bigger risks you take, they'll really respect that," she said. "If you can get up on stage and sing a song, that takes a lot of effort and self-confidence...It definitely changes who you are...and makes it so much easier to be who you are."

So while "Anything Goes" has received statewide applause and "Anyone Can Whistle" brought audiences to their feet, it turns out the musical isn't really about the orchestra or the acting, or even the dancing or the costumes. The spark that makes the musical such an appropriate metaphor for PDS is the *daring* – that reach beyond expectations for excellence.

"They are asked to be vulnerable, to take risks..." Mr. Hindley acknowledged. "I believe the biggest lesson they can learn is to say 'Yes' – to stay open and say 'Yes!'...You can take that into life."

And when you do, you just might find your own miracle – or at least find yourself whistling. ■

# Angel:

*A guardian spirit or guiding influence; A kind and lovable person; A financial backer of an enterprise, especially a dramatic production*

**W**hen you talk about the PDS Angels, all three definitions apply. But the first two are truly the most appropriate.

Indeed, this self-supporting parent volunteer organization has provided the financial wherewithal for many theater improvements including new theater seats, lighting, audio-visual equipment, carpeting, dry-cleaning and fire-proofing stage curtains, headsets for tech crew members and replacing theater doors.

But they also are “the wind beneath the wings” of performing arts at PDS.

“Angels really benefits everyone in the school community,” said Jill Goldman ’74, a longtime Angels volunteer and co-chair of the 2007 Benefit Dinner event.

Students in both Lower School and Middle School enjoy the PDS theater facilities, whether for musical performances, assemblies, the Fourth Grade Operetta, a Middle School variety show, play or the Eighth Grade Musical.

McAneny Theater “is a great facility,” said Deb Sugarman, middle school drama teacher and director of the middle school play and musical. “Everything good about it has been done due to Angels support. It helps everyone in the school — we all benefit from that.”

Lee Hurford, mother of Matthew ’92, and Vicki Hart, mother of Rebecca ’92 and Meghan ’98, were the original PDS Angels. Ms. Hurford shaped the informal effort into an organized volunteer group to provide cast and crew meals, run a concession stand and fund-raise for the Performing Arts Program (PAP), recalled Dottie Highland, chair of Angels from 1992-1995 and mother of Rebecca ’95, Michael ’03 and former student Vladi ’11.

“There just seemed to be a crying need for assistance ...to support the kids staying late and not eating,”



Angel volunteers sell tickets for “Anyone Can Whistle.”

Ms. Highland recalled. “Ms. Hurford thought at a minimum, we should provide meals during the last week of rehearsals and performance of the show. Together with a few other moms, we called ourselves ‘Angels.’”

Early fund-raising efforts included an Angels Cookbook and Tuition Raffle. In 1996, Ms. Highland launched the McAneny Theater Campaign to renovate what was then a 35-year-old theater. With Christopher Reeve ’70 as the honorary chair, the Campaign introduced PDS to the Annual Benefit Dinner and Performance event, featuring intimate dinner parties followed by the Saturday evening performance of the Upper School musical.

The Angels’ Benefit “is not just an Upper School event,” said Angels Co-Chair Diane Dreher, mother of Ryan ’02, Rich ’03 and Dylan ’09. “It’s a part of the culture of the school.”

Over the past decade, Angels has funded both general maintenance for the theater, as well as improvements such as a sound board and improved acoustic reinforcements. And Angels still keep the cast and crew fed during lengthy rehearsals (including providing

plenty of tea with lemon backstage to prevent laryngitis), organize ticket sales and seating and staff the concession stand on show nights. Volunteers maintain the theater and coordinate ticketing, t-shirts, photography, programs and posters.

In appreciation of the experience their children shared in the theater, Angels recently initiated a special effort to bring guest artists to PDS. These theater professionals work directly with students — a choreographer and dance professional and a top-notch lighting designer from Broadway, a professional orchestra and conductor, sound engineers and a prop mistress and costume designer. The result?

“The kids work with people who are passionate about their profession, starting with Ross, the program director,” said Ms. Dreher. “And their passion and professionalism is inspiring.”

As the PAP is open to all students, Angels is open to every PDS parent.

Participating as an Angels volunteer gives parents, especially those new to PDS, an opportunity to observe school life, said Co-Chair Michele Reilly, whose daughter Meg enrolled as a freshman.

“Volunteering with Angels gave me an opportunity to be involved and see what’s going on, to get to meet the kids and lots of other people I would not have met otherwise — parents, as well as people in the business office and development office,” Ms. Reilly said.

Ms. Goldman, mother of Bailey ’11 and Mallory ’14 and former PDS students Hilary and Maxwell, agreed.

“I’ve made a lot of friends in Angels,” she said. “Every time I do a different volunteer job, I make new friends. PDS is a great community of people.” ■

# Building Excitement

Every day, the beams, concrete and wires look more like new arts studios, libraries and classrooms. Students stop in the halls, pausing at windows to point out the progress to classmates. Teachers daydream about moving into the new spaces. Excitement builds along with windows and walls.

The commemorative steel beam signed in August by members of the Class of '06 during the Last Hurrah picnic is now in place, bracing the ceiling of the new hallway linking Middle School with the new visual arts wing. During Spring Break, workers broke through the windows outside McAneny Theater lobby to connect the "bridge" linking new facilities to our existing building.

Within months, PDS students will be enjoying state-of-the-art facilities including expanded libraries with enhanced technology; dedicated studio space for photography, ceramics, sculpture and architecture incorporating natural light and access to the outdoors; performing arts studios with elevated ceilings for dance; a home for the popular PDS fencing program; improved spaces for the Anne Reid Art Gallery, theater set building and woodshop and an enhanced fitness center.

We can't wait! You can keep track of our construction progress by visiting the News & Events page of the PDS website [www.pds.org](http://www.pds.org).



# ArtNotes

## Arts Walk

The PDS community is invited to a reception from 3 to 6 p.m. May 18 in the remodeled McAneny Theater lobby celebrating the annual Student Arts Walk which features work by students in all three divisions displayed throughout campus.

## 2007 Performing Arts Festival

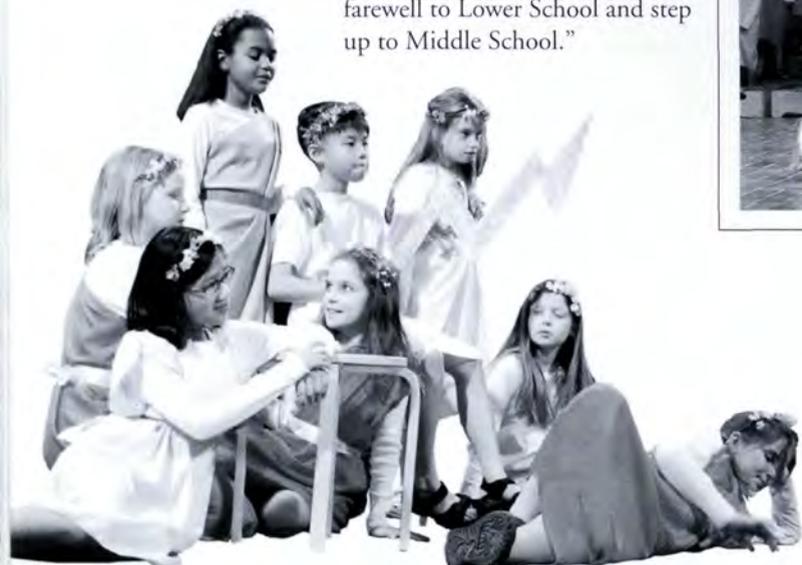
Enjoy a variety of student-generated dramatic, musical and multimedia performances presented Thursday May 17 through Saturday May 19. The annual festival is highlighted by Upper School music class performances, the PDS Choir and Madrigal Singer's Choral Concert starting at 4 p.m. Saturday May 19 and the Jazz Ensemble at 8 p.m., featuring the world premiere of PDS Composer-in-Residence Laurie Altman's *Lost Child Suite*. For an updated schedule of events, visit the Arts page at [www.pds.org](http://www.pds.org)

## Fourth Grade Operetta

The PDS Class of 2015 led us all on a journey back to Ancient Greece in "Mythical Mayhem: It's all Greek to Me," a new production based on favorite myths. Special thanks to the performers, tech crew, musicians and faculty who provided a fun-filled evening. "The kids gain a lot of confidence by being up there on stage," said Lower School Music Teacher Andrea Schafer. "The operetta is a wonderful way to say farewell to Lower School and step up to Middle School."

## Upper School Open Studio

Arts Department Chair Monika Jaeckle and her students recently hosted an open house to introduce other Upper School students to ceramics. Curious students learned how to "throw" a pot and explored techniques for shaping the clay. "Our philosophy is to dispel the myth that art is for the few talented students," Ms. Jaeckle said. "Art allows us to truly integrate learning through the intellect, emotions, body and motion."





### Anne Reid Art Gallery Features Himalayan Artifacts

Princeton Day School recently hosted an exhibit celebrating Mongolian culture featuring items collected by PDS parents Isabella de la Houssaye and David Crane during visits throughout the region.

The exhibition included many Himalayan utilitarian objects, rare Tantric Buddhist clothing, books and ceremonial objects collected in Mongolia in celebration of the 800th anniversary of the Khan Empire.

The Crane family travels the world meeting artists and crafts-people in remote villages and obtaining relics of their culture and art. This exhibit, displayed in the Upper School from March 27-April 5, included items obtained during a three-week sojourn through Mongolia in 2006.

The Anne Reid Art Gallery is scheduled to reopen in the fall when construction of new PDS arts facilities is complete. Gallery Director Jody Erdman '72 already is planning some exciting exhibits. So mark your calendar and come visit!



### Middle School Open Stage

Middle School musicians enjoyed their first Open Stage performance in March. This new event grew from a desire among the students to have more solo performance opportunities, especially in an informal, low-key environment. Bravo to performers Kalyn Altmeyer '13, Maya Anjur-Dietrich '11, Selena Anjur-Dietrich '13, George Blinick '13, Evelyn Esteban '14, Taylor Fasolo '14, Alex Gould '13, Alex Ioffreda '11, Andrea Jenkins '13, Jacob Kaufman '11, Hannah Latham '13, Isha Rahman '13, Katie Reynolds '13, Abby Sharer '14, Natalie Szuter '14 and Matthew Wasser '11.

### Eighth Grade Gets Whimsical

As this issue of the *Journal* was going to press, Middle School Drama Teacher Deb Sugarman and her cast of talented eighth-grade students were putting final touches on their production of "Seussical – the Musical" set to open in early May.

This show is "all about imagination," Ms. Sugarman said, and involves clever sets and creative lighting. The PDS show coincides with the 50th anniversary of "The Cat in the Hat."

The Eighth Grade Musical is a tradition that involves all 76 members of the Class of 2011 and requires more than two months of rehearsals. Students not only sing, dance and act but also handle lighting, set design and construction.

Although such hard work can get tedious, Ms. Sugarman said, "there is a thrill and a pride when it comes together. And that feeling builds community."

## Art Exhibits

### Masters Collection • Fall 2007

Work by 20th century art masters on loan from the private collections of friends and members of the PDS community will be exhibited at PDS.

### Alumni Art • May 2008

Ms. Erdman is accepting requests to exhibit original work by alumni of Miss Fine's School, Princeton Country Day School and Princeton Day School. For more information, please contact Ms. Erdman at [jerdman@pds.org](mailto:jerdman@pds.org)



# The “Hidden” Poetry Program

By PDS Poet-in-Residence Judy Rowe Michaels

## One Thousand Paper Cranes

—poem by Elyssa Feder (XII) for her poetry partner, Caroline Okun (III)

After one thousand paper cranes  
They say you get a wish.  
I would wish for a thousand more.  
With an infinite number of wishes  
You could do anything.

After one thousand paper cranes  
My hands would feel lighter,  
My head would feel floaty,  
I would sit in my room,  
Surrounded by more paper cranes  
Than I could count  
And feel important.

After one thousand paper cranes  
I would choose to become one.  
I would sit in my delicate self  
And think about paper,  
How it burns,  
But—look at me!—  
How it molds.

After one paper crane  
I am only 999 away,  
Which seems infinitely closer.

Krista Atkeson’s kindergarten class is listening to Neruda’s “Ode to the Tomato”—in English and Spanish—and about to begin writing their own collaborative tomato poem. Beth Yakoby’s eighth-grade history class is volunteering details of trench warfare, preparatory to hearing poetry by Wilfred Owen. Students from Judy Michaels’ poetry course, winners of three of the 20 prizes given in the New Jersey State Poetry Contest, are reading their poems to hundreds of students from all over the country at the Dodge Poetry Festival. Visiting poet Martin Espada is leading a poetry workshop for selected Upper School poets as part of his two-day residency; he’s just given a reading to the whole Upper School, and next day he’ll visit Spanish II, American Literature, and tenth-grade English classes. Fifth-graders are writing poems about rivers with the poet-in-residence; later they’ll work with a team of McCarter Theatre’s teaching artists to create tableaux representing the various rivers they’ve studied and written about. Eight PDS poets ages six through 17 are reading their work at the publication party for *Under Age*, the Princeton Arts Council’s annual literary magazine for area students. Visiting poet Georgia Heard is giving a workshop to Kate Winton’s ninth-grade English class with a group of teachers from all three divisions sitting in, writing along with the students. And as Bev Gallagher’s third-grade writers meet their partners from the eleventh- and twelfth-grade poetry class for the first time, pairs of heads bend over Writers’ Notebooks and hands reach for the beautifully illustrated poetry books by artists and poets from Ms. Gallagher’s “Imagine the Possibilities” program.

These PDS poetry moments all occurred in the space of a year. They reflect the unusual degree to which poetry pervades the school. Glance into the

faculty bathrooms and photocopy rooms and you’ll find at least one poem tacked up on the wall. Take a look at an issue of *Spokesman* or the *Journal* and you’re likely to spot an article about a student or faculty writer, a visiting poet, or simply a list of student poets who’ve had work accepted in magazines or newspapers or who have won local, state or national contests. Wander the hallways in Middle and Lower School and you’ll see student poems on the walls. Check the assembly schedule for a reading by a guest poet or, at the end of February, by the Upper School poetry class. Watch students working on their poetry portfolios, some posting their poems online accompanied by visual images. Drop into Barnes and Noble in the spring to hear PDS poets give their annual reading. Go to the poetry readings at Princeton Public Library or at 185 Nassau Street and note the PDS students in attendance. Check out the student art exhibits for photographs that incorporate lines of poetry. On a Saturday in April, the school fills with teachers from all over New Jersey for the Geraldine Dodge Foundation’s culminating events in the six-week series of “Spring and Fountain” poetry seminars for teachers. And, somewhere near the end of the school year, watch for the annual issue of *Cymbals*, the Upper School literary magazine, with its range of distinctive student poets’ voices.

One can’t really classify all this activity as a “poetry program.” Rather, it’s the result of many creative people—of all ages and in various media—plus a few specific and unusual innovations. Together they produce a poetry venue unique to PDS. “Imagine the Possibilities,” developed and directed by Lower School Language Arts Curriculum Coordinator Bev Gallagher, is definitely a contributing factor. This program

brings three visiting writers and artists to PDS every April to work in all three school divisions for two-day residencies. Naomi Shihab Nye, the distinguished Palestinian/American poet, has been such a favorite and liked PDS so much, that she's come back several times.

The generosity of the Parents Association is another piece in the poetry puzzle.

It allows faculty members to attend conferences and workshops where they not only are able to hear and study with professional writers but also have a chance to observe how these writers teach and to envision them in PDS classrooms. Through such contacts, nationally known poets Mark Doty, Edward Hirsch, BJ Ward, and Martin Espada have all come for one or two-day residencies in the Upper School.

It's important that these writers don't simply give a reading or visit one class of specially selected writers, as happens in many schools, but come into a wide range of classes, all of which have read and discussed their work in advance and are knowledgeable and excited audiences, ready to listen, write, and ask questions. Some students hang around after readings and classes to talk further. Yannick LeJacq, who has twice been a winner in the State of New Jersey Rutgers/Newark poetry contest, first heard visiting poet Mark Doty read back in eighth grade; inspired, he went on to read Doty's work, did his poetry class project on Doty's collected poems, and then, reading his

own prize-winning poems at the Dodge Poetry Festival his junior year, actually got to meet again the poet who had been such a powerful influence on him.

And, finally, it's highly unusual for a school to have its own poet-in-residence. When, in 1988, Judy Michaels returned to the Upper School English Department from a sabbatical devoted to reading and writing poetry, she found that teaching four courses left her no time to pursue that interest. So a position was created that would allow her to explore poetry not only on her own but by "promoting the teaching of poetry in all school divisions."

While nothing can replace the mysterious exchange that happens sometimes between the silent reader and the printed poem, it's important for students to encounter live, practicing poets—to hear them read and discuss their work, their



Clockwise from top: PDS seniors Elyssa Feder, Charlie Yarborough, Chase Langdon, Mark Millner, Hugh Wynne, Alec Gabin and Lydia Emery '08 share poems with the Upper School.

process, and the writers who have inspired them. From such encounters a student—of any age—may discover that a poet doesn't set out to "hide" meanings from her reader like Easter eggs; a poem as it unfolds in a notebook or on the back of a napkin may offer the poet as many surprises as it will its readers; keeping a notebook handy can preserve the kernel—a word, an image, a pattern, a dream, a memory—that will later sprout, perhaps into many different drafts; poetic license is a wild, wonderful thing when it serves the poem; a poet may rework a piece for years, even after it's been published, and still not be quite happy with it; and even if it's never published, anywhere, it may still be a poem. Possibly a very good poem. How can you tell? Emily Dickinson's way is still the best: "If it makes my whole body so cold no fire can ever warm me I know that is poetry. If I feel physically as if the top of my head were taken off, I know *that* is poetry." As she adds, is there any other way? ■

With appreciation and respect...

## Head of School Judy Fox Retires



### **What are your goals as head of PDS?**

*For the first year, my goals are to meet and listen to as many members of the PDS community as I can. My learning thus far has been quite humbling. There is true richness to this school. The assumptions that I brought with me about what quality education looks like need to be revised. This is an extraordinary educational environment in which teaching and learning are highly personalized for the individual.*

—Head of School Judy Fox,  
Fall 2001 *Journal*

Six years after outlining her initial goals for PDS, Head of School Judy Fox is retiring from full-time work as an educator. Dr. Fox has described her years leading PDS as the “capstone” of a 41-year school career, saying “I have come to deeply respect the PDS faculty and admire the widespread support for the School from all members of the PDS community – parents, trustees and students.”

In turn, the PDS community has come to recognize and appreciate Dr. Fox for her many accomplishments and the tremendous progress PDS has made during her tenure. Indeed, by any measure, Dr. Fox leaves PDS today in a strong position to address the future.

PDS Business Manager Cindy Stadulis has worked closely with Dr. Fox on a wide range of issues affecting school life, from multi-million dollar construction projects to food service contracts and campus security. In each instance, she was impressed by Dr. Fox’s ability to convene a committee representing diverse perspectives, consider and respect those perspectives, focus the group on achieving a goal and then implement a consensus solution.

“She doesn’t dictate,” Ms. Stadulis said. “She really does allow things to come through the process.”

Shortly after arriving, Dr. Fox led a community-wide effort to update the school’s strategic plan. Over 18 months, she spearheaded a process involving several hundred volunteers and dozens of specific task forces. Reaching out to various constituencies, listening to their opinions and considering their perspectives, Dr. Fox helped shape the final document published in 2003.

Following publication of The Plan, Dr. Fox continued working with a smaller group of dedicated volunteers to craft a Princeton Day School Mission Statement.

*“Judy’s legacy at PDS will influence students  
for generations to come.”*

— Director of Advancement Andy Hamlin

This guiding statement achieves the difficult task of articulating the goals, culture and aspirations shared by alumni of Miss Fine’s School, Princeton Country Day School and PDS students past and present.

“Judy completely won me over when she called in a group of PDS parents and sat us down at a long library conference table,” recalled PDS Parents Association President Barbara Batt, parent of Corey ’08, as well as alumnae Jessica ’00 and Dorian ’02.

“One by one, we were asked to give our names and a brief personal introduction. She then asked us what we presently liked about PDS. To my astonishment, Judy was able to recall my words six years later!

“Working closely with Judy these past two years in the Parents Association, I continue to be impressed by her amazing leadership capabilities,” Ms. Batt said. “I believe we have all greatly benefited from Judy Fox’s leadership.”

**A**fter guiding development of both the Strategic Plan and Mission Statement, Dr. Fox has worked tirelessly to move PDS closer to the goals they express. Specifically, PDS can now take pride in accomplishments such as:

- Expanded financial aid resources for families, including the largest gift ever to a JK-12 day school creating the Give Something Back Scholars program
- Enhanced professional development opportunities and more competitive salaries for faculty
- Improved educational and athletic facilities financed by the largest capital campaign ever undertaken by Princeton Day School, resulting in \$24 million worth of new facilities and a state-of-the-art turf field

- Strengthened academic programs, including an Upper School writing center and introduction of Chinese language

“The seeds that Judy planted through her involvement with strategic planning, the capital campaign, building projects, and introduction of Chinese/Asian Studies will allow PDS to remain a flagship school and flourish for years to come,” said Head of Upper School Carlton Tucker. “Having waited 14 years for Chinese to come to PDS, I am thrilled to help support and promote bringing an important world language and culture to the curriculum.”

**M**any of these accomplishments are rooted in the school’s financial strength, which has been bolstered in recent years. Indeed, the PDS endowment has grown 67 percent during Dr. Fox’s tenure, with notable gains in unrestricted gifts that enable PDS to focus dollars where they are needed most in any given year. Faculty salaries are now more competitive, having been increased purposefully over the past six years to attain the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for salaries among independent schools nationwide.

This solid financial base has enabled PDS to reach toward the future, undertaking one of the largest capital campaigns ever by a JK-12 day school. The *Investing in Excellence* Campaign was launched in 2003 to raise \$50 million toward four critical areas of need: faculty salaries and professional development, financial aid, new and renovated facilities and ongoing support of the Annual Fund.

Today, PDS has raised more than \$41 million toward that goal and every day, the beams, concrete and wires look more like new arts studios, libraries and



classrooms. By the opening of school in September, PDS students will be enjoying state-of-the-art facilities including expanded libraries with enhanced technology; dedicated studio space for photography, ceramics, sculpture and architecture that incorporate natural light and access to the outdoors; performing arts studios, a dance studio with elevated ceilings, a home for the popular PDS fencing program; improved spaces for the Anne Reid Art Gallery, new theater set building and woodshop and an enhanced fitness center.

“It would be hard to find a time in the school’s history – except perhaps when the PDS campus was first constructed in the early 1960s – when more was accomplished,” said Director of Advancement Andy Hamlin. “Judy’s legacy at PDS will influence students for generations to come.” ■

# SportsNotes



## From the Desk of John Levandowski, Director of Athletics

As I write this, PDS athletes are warming up for what promises to be a great spring sports season.

I'm very pleased to share that many of our athletes are returning from last year's hallmark season in which we enjoyed state championships in softball, tennis and figure skating; four Patriot Conference titles in baseball, girls lacrosse, tennis and softball; and a state Prep A runner-up in girls lacrosse. No doubt the energy and enthusiasm are high and the kids are eager to get started.

Leading our varsity teams are veteran coaches Rome Campbell (boys tennis), Bruce Devlin (baseball), Charles Fetter (figure skating), Holly Fewkes (softball), Win Headley (golf) and Jill Thomas (girls Lax). A special welcome, as well, to Rob Tuckman who is our new head coach for boys' lacrosse. Go Panthers!

As Director of Athletics, my hopes for our athletes are much the same as those of individual parents and coaches. I wish they could succeed every time they compete! No missed shots...no mistakes...and certainly no heartbreaking losses. But in sports, as in life, this is not always the case.

When addressing our athletes at our winter Sports Awards Assembly, I recalled my years playing college football for a coach my entire team respected and admired. After a tough game, he would gather us together and talk to us about "taking stock." He would remind us that in order to succeed, we had no option but to remain positive, stay on task, accept responsibility, support our teammates and come out the very next day practicing harder than ever.

In watching our teams compete over the past several months, I saw first-hand how they handled both success and disappointment. No doubt they would have made my coach proud... as they did their coaches and parents. So, a heartfelt congratulations to all of our athletes for "taking stock" and for representing PDS with great class and dignity. ■



### • Junior Panthers Post Purrfect Season

Princeton Day School junior girls basketball celebrated an undefeated season, posting a 16-0 record for the 2006-07 season. Coach Jill Thomas praised her team of seventh- and eighth-grade basketball players. The Panthers clinched a perfect season with a Feb. 8 win over The Hun School.

"For each individual player to be able to say they played on an undefeated team is really special," Coach Thomas said. "I'm proud of their effort, hard work and commitment to the team. It was truly a remarkable season."

## Panthers in the News

### • Volleyball Success

The Panthers varsity volleyball team posted its best season in five years, with 7 wins and 7 losses, and had two players named to the "All League Team" by the Independent Volleyball League including PDS and seven Philadelphia-area schools.

"This is very exciting for our team and our program," said Coach Paul Lano. "This validates their effort, and hopefully puts our program on the radar."

### • Winter Sports League All Stars

#### WHLMA All Stars

Second Team: Emily Cook '08  
Honorable Mention: Noni Ammidon '08

#### Independent Volleyball League All Stars

First Team: Lindsey Mischner '08  
Second Team: Alexa Maher '08

### • Basketball All Stars

*Not available by press time*

### • Invitational Tournament Awards

#### PDS Hockey Christopher Reeve Sportsmanship Awards

Jon Sydlo '07  
Elisa Cichonski '08

#### New Jersey State Prep Fencing

First Place Epee Nick Krywopusk '07  
Second Place Epee Trevor Hummel '08

## On Obstruction, 'The Chain' and No Regrets

*A Soccer Player Learns to Love Field Hockey*  
By Alexandra Hiller '07

I swore I would never play field hockey. I had been a soccer player, though not a particularly good one, since I was eight, and intended to remain so. But after years of persuasion from my friends and lacrosse coach, I finally gave in...

Most of my friends were on the field hockey team and were excited upon hearing my sudden change in plans. They all offered to help teach me the basics of field hockey over the summer. My friends ordered me a stick and as soon as it arrived, I brought it over to one of their houses to practice with it. I hadn't picked up a field hockey stick since sixth grade gym class. The first thing they attempted to teach me was how to push the ball.

Pushing the ball further than three feet seemed to be impossible for me, so they tried to teach me how to hit the ball, which proved to be even harder...

At 6:30 AM, on August 21, 2006, I showed up at the Smoyer turf field for my first field hockey preseason practice. Everything was new and confusing, and on top of that, I was incredibly out of shape. I didn't even know what speed dribbling was, and I still could not figure out how to push the ball more than a few feet. I would stay after practice some days to work on pushing and hitting. By the end of the first week, I had discovered one thing that I wasn't too bad at: playing defense.

I had been playing less than two weeks when we had our first scrimmage; I didn't even know most of the rules of the game. Words like "obstruction", "third party", and "side-ins" sounded like gibberish to me.

Although I didn't start in the scrimmage, I played more than half of the game. It wasn't until then that it occurred to me that I might not simply ride the bench the entire season. After this, I accepted the fact that if I really wanted to play and contribute to my team, I would have to improve much more. I began to stay after



The Central New Jersey Field Hockey Coaches Association named seniors Allie and Nina Crouse to the First Team All Stars and recognized senior Katie Briody and junior Emily Cook with Honorable Mention for the 2006-07 season. Senior Ali Hiller was also honored with the Tiffany Bayshore Award in recognition of her dedication, trust, commitment and love of the game. Coach Jill Thomas led the Panthers to another winning season, posting a 13-5-1 record.



practice almost every day to work on developing my novice stick skills. My coach even let me take the ball bag over Labor Day weekend so I could practice. I wanted my teammates to know that they could count on me if I were to be put in a game, even if only for a minute.

We had our first game three weeks into the season. By this point, I had been practicing as sweeper, the same position I had played in soccer. While I had (and still often do have) trouble hitting the ball, and a bad habit of kicking the ball, I had bettered my defensive skills. I will never forget the feeling of stopping a ball headed fast toward the back of our net



off of a corner. I wasn't just relieved that the other team didn't score, but I began to believe in the possibility that I might, one day, be able to contribute to the team by more than just cheering them on from the sidelines. We ended up winning that game 3-2, with only a one-goal difference. After the game, I won "the chain" for the first time. "The chain" is a chain made of carabiners and a rope that is awarded to one player after each game. I didn't win "the chain" because I played great; I did not play great. I won the

chain because of how far I had come in the past three weeks. My teammates knew how hard I had worked in the game. "The chain" does not go to the best player, but to the player who has played their best and has given their all. After the first game, I began to feel enormous pride in being part of this team. I enjoyed being on a team with many close friends and lacrosse teammates, but more importantly, I began to love the game...

Our team has come so far this season, and I believe we have due to each team member's strong commitment to the team. Every one of us came out to preseason practice from 6:30 to 11:30 every morning for two weeks ready to play. On game days, we arrive to school very early so that we can eat breakfast together as a team. We are all committed to play our best every game, and every game we do. Most importantly, our team pride is unrivaled. As a team, we never give up...

After only 10 weeks of playing... field hockey has become much more than just a way to stay in shape for lacrosse. Ms. Thomas always tells us "No regrets girls, leave it all out there on the field." My only regret is that I waited until senior year to discover my love for field hockey.

*Ali received the Tiffany Bayshore Award from the Central Jersey Field Hockey Coaches Association during the 2006 All Star Banquet for her essay.* ■

## Beyond PDS

Stefan Hirniak '03 has been featured in the headlines for his All-American swimming career at Virginia. He was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Men's Swimming and Diving Co-Performer of the Week for swimming the fastest 200 butterfly event of the year during the ACC to help his Cavaliers finish the season undefeated. He has been a key member of four consecutive ACC championship teams and has earned seven NCAA All-American honors. His next challenge: the 2008 Olympic trials in the 200 butterfly.

# Faculty Notes



Betsy Trapp

## Betsy Trapp to Retire

Betsy Trapp has been working her magic with PDS students for nearly 30 years. She joined our community in 1977 as an assistant in the After School Program, stepping up to ASP Director in 1981 before becoming a teacher when PDS introduced the Junior Kindergarten program in 1985.

Since first joining the PDS community, Betsy's uncommon kindness, patience and creativity have nurtured a love of learning among hundreds of our youngest students.

She has cared deeply about each little one in her care and has found a way to teach them so much – while making sure they have a wonderful time.

Betsy has helped children become familiar with the campus by searching for the elusive runaway "Gingerbread Man." Valentine's Day assemblies by the JK children have been a great treat for Lower School students, parents and faculty. Everyone at PDS has enjoyed seeing Betsy on campus, followed by a gaggle of bouncing, skipping, giggling junior kindergartners.

Thank you, Betsy, for making us smile and for sharing your special gift with our children and our community. We wish you long walks on the beach and smooth sailing!

## Fulbright Fellowship Funds China Journey

Upper School Teacher Dave Freedholm is one of only 16 educators selected nationwide to participate in a U.S. Department of Education Fulbright Fellowship journey to China, including travel to major cities Beijing and Shang-

hai as well as historic sites such as Xi'an.

"I'm very pleased to have been chosen and am really looking forward to going," Mr. Freedholm said.

Mr. Freedholm, who has been teaching at PDS for 13 years, describes this trip as the "next step" in a learning process he started some years ago by traveling to India. Those journeys helped shape his teaching of Sacred Traditions and prompted him to lead groups of students to India and Nepal in 2001 and 2005.

On this trip, Mr. Freedholm hopes to study Chinese Buddhism and produce a virtual tour of Buddhist temples that will enhance his World Religions class.

Travel "sparks a kind of passion for something that is hard to duplicate," Mr. Freedholm said. "It gives you a feel for a people or a culture you can't get elsewhere; something about being there, on the ground, brings you a sense of place. To sit on the banks of the Ganges, I know why people love it – I love it. You feel a sense of sacredness.

"For me, it's about enhancing my own knowledge to bring it back into the classroom."

## Elizabeth Willey Samuels

Betsy Samuels '35 was living in Boulder, CO when she died in December 2006. The widow of James Samuels, who attended PCD, she received an undergraduate degree from the College of New Jersey and her master's degree from Temple University. She taught at Miss Fine's School from 1936 to 1948.

After leaving MFS, Mrs. Samuels worked in the textbook publishing industry and taught in the Hopewell Valley School System. Upon retirement, she volunteered in education, both at the New Grange School in Hamilton and as a tutor. She played tennis well into her 80s and was also a lover of the outdoors – and avid birdwatcher – and an expert solver of crossword puzzles.

— Carroll Stephens '72

## Sabbaticals Promote Professional Growth

Faculty are at the heart of our community of learners. Each year, PDS is able to grant several teachers a sabbatical to pursue professional development and explore teaching techniques that can be shared with students and colleagues.

Sabbaticals for the 2007-08 academic year have been awarded to Upper School English Teacher Susan Stein and Lower School Teachers Susan Ferguson and Judy Williams.

Ms. Stein, known for infusing drama into her Shakespeare course, will be on sabbatical for the entire 2007-08 school year, taking time to adapt "An Interrupted Life: The Diaries of Etty Hillesum" into a one-woman theater piece which she hopes to perform at PDS and a number of other schools and theaters.

Etty Hillesum was a 29-year-old woman who lived in Amsterdam before being sent to Westerbrook and then to Auschwitz, where she died. "At the heart of Etty Hillesum's words is a young woman who transcended religion and used the circumstances that surrounded her to turn inside and understand her own capacity for love on a profound level and do what she could to help those around her triumph in their own spirit," Susan wrote in her proposal to the sabbatical committee. "Although raised a Jew, she finds Christianity in the face of her own imprisonment. It is the New Testament that is under her pillow when she is taken from Westerbrook and shuttled to her final days at Auschwitz."

Ms. Stein already has requested permission to adapt Hillesum's diaries and has captured the attention of two different directors interested in directing the finished script next year. Preparatory to writing the script, Ms. Stein will do a close reading of Hillesum's diaries and letters and research Hillesum, the Holocaust, and the Westerbrook concentration camp. She also hopes to travel to Westerbrook's former home in Amsterdam and interview survivors who knew and remember her. Ms. Stein also will study how to adapt non-dramatic texts into theater scripts.

In the Lower School, Judy Williams and Susan Ferguson each will receive half-year sabbaticals. Their proposal, submitted together, allows Ms. Ferguson to be away from campus from part of November through February and Ms. Williams from February through May. While one teacher is off-campus, the other will fulfill the math Learning Resource Center duties and support lower school teachers' continued exploration of math curriculum and instruction.

Ms. Ferguson plans to research peer schools' math programs and community service programs and explore new partnerships between PDS and existing programs in our local community. Ms. Williams plans to explore math enrichment models used at other schools, assemble math enrichment activities, learn more about how to identify truly gifted math learners, and meet with educators involved in university-based math programs such as CTY (Johns Hopkins), EPGY (Stanford), and UMTYP (U. Minnesota).

Both Ms. Ferguson and Ms. Williams will help Lower School faculty develop inquiry-based, investigatory math lessons by team-teaching classes, as well as by assisting with supplying and preparing materials, meeting regularly with grade levels, and planning a math information evening for parents.



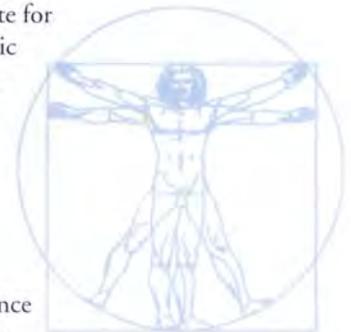
## Siemens Foundation Honors US Science Teacher

Upper School  
Science Teacher  
Barbara Maloney

Upper School Science Teacher Barbara Maloney was selected as the New Jersey recipient of the 2006-07 Siemens Award for Advanced Placement recognizing one high school science teacher per state for exemplary teaching and enthusiastic dedication to students and the AP Program.

Ms. Maloney joined the PDS community in 1993. She teaches Advanced Placement Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, and coaches the Science Olympiad, Science League, and National Science Bowl teams for PDS. Ms. Maloney also has taught ninth-grade biology.

Head of Upper School Carlton Tucker applauded Ms. Maloney, saying "This well-deserved award recognizes the dedication that Barbara has to both the AP Biology program and to sharing her knowledge with students."

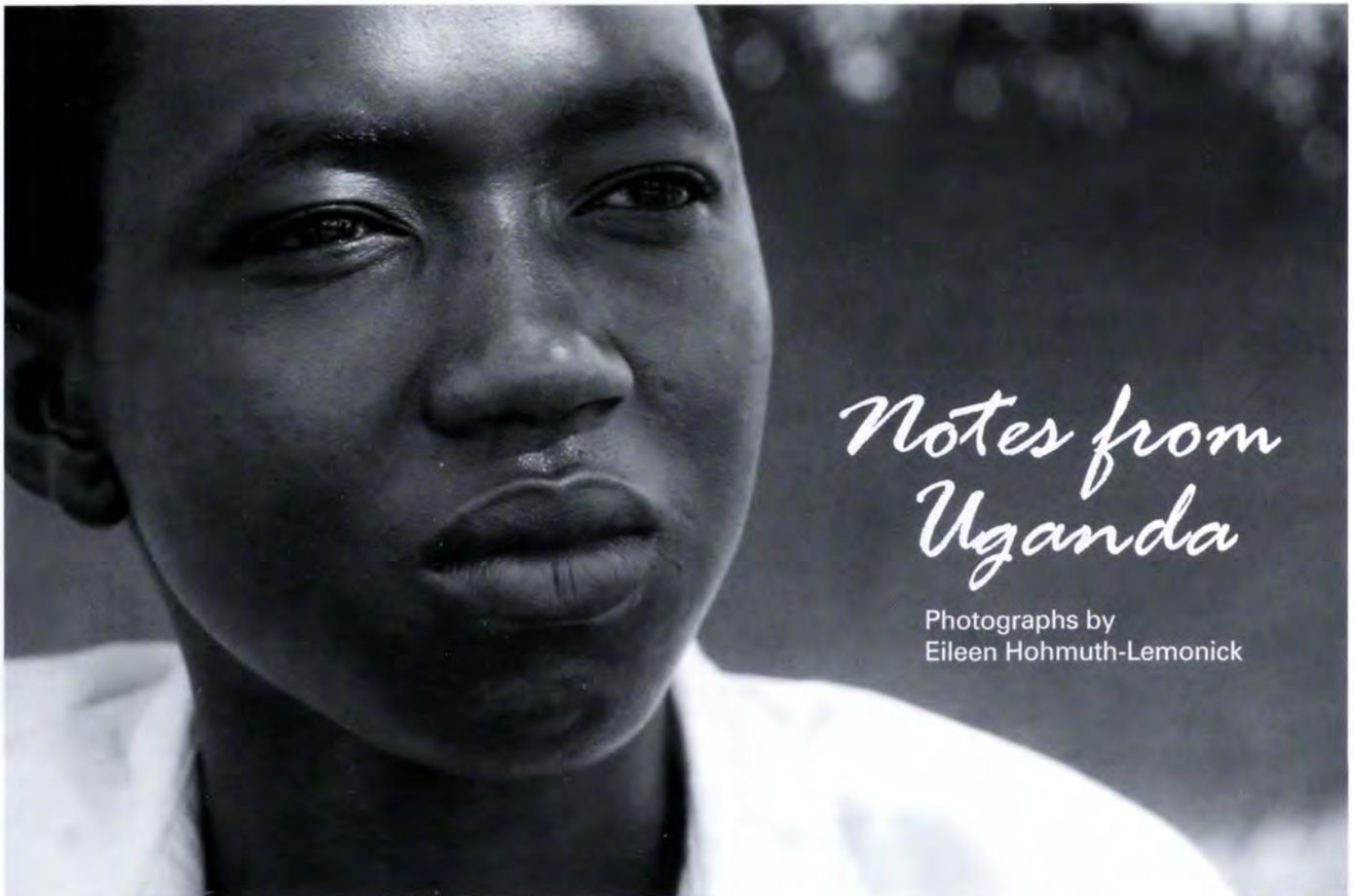


### Former Faculty

#### Attention Former Faculty: *Enjoying a new adventure?*

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## *Notes from Uganda*

Photographs by  
Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick

In November, Upper School Photography Teacher Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick took her cameras and her compassion to the East African nation of Uganda. Her photographs capture the dignity and despair, energy and endurance of AIDS orphans, former child soldiers and those struggling to care for them. Ms. Hohmuth-Lemonick's vision has inspired PDS students for many years. Her images should inspire us all.



In 1987, Joseph Kony started a movement to overthrow the government of Uganda. The movement, now known as the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), thrives on the violent abduction and forced enlistment of children. Anyone suspected of sympathizing with the government is killed or maimed; often, LRA child soldiers are forced to murder their own families.

Kony has been indicted by the International Crimes Court for war crimes and crimes against humanity. Humanitarian organizations estimate that more than 25,000 children have been kidnapped by the LRA, while millions of Ugandans have been forced to flee their homes and settle in displacement camps – camps that are frequently attacked by the LRA seeking more children for their war.

The Children of War Center provides former child soldiers with temporary shelter, HIV/AIDS education, food, medical treatment, psychosocial counseling, vocational training and spiritual nurture in hopes of facilitating a smooth reunion for children and their families. Since the Center opened in 1995, more than 15,000 children and adults have passed through its gates.

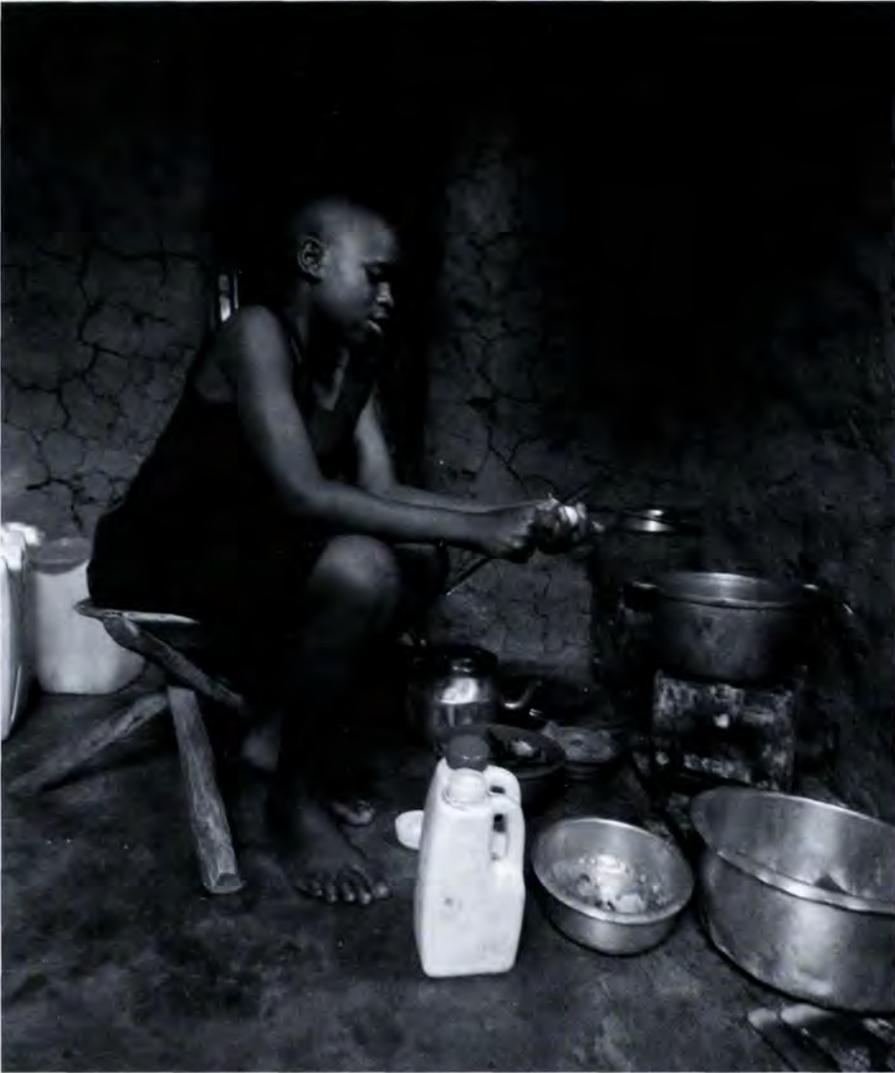


Today we arrived in Rakai, steeped in thick red mud, the birthplace of the AIDS epidemic in Uganda. It was raining much of the day. Although I've seen hardship in the third world before, nothing prepared me for this. There are countless boarded up abandoned homes left by the people who died. Each of the families in the two villages we will be working in has at least one missing parent. Orphans are living with grandparents or relatives. The place just says "death" to me. These people receive no AIDS drugs. Everyone is affected. These people are cursed.



It's hard to know what is the right thing to do. Before we left Kampala we stopped in a mega supermarket to purchase gifts for our 14 individual families: 2 gal jags of bottled





water and 14 large round colorful plastic wash basins, each filled with sugar, basmati rice, maize flour, beans, legumes, Uganda tea, dish cloths, dish soap, a foot long blue laundry soap, needles and thread, I added to my bin scissors, pens, colored pencils, crayons, a rubber ball, cookies, lollypops, a sponge, biscuits, and babbles for the children. As we were walking around, it became clear that other families felt left out because they had not been chosen. It's going to be a lot worse when we give out those gifts at the end of our stay. And what we are offering is an enormous gift. These people have nothing.

The ride to Rakai: Banana trees, papyrus fields, 5-foot termite hills of red dirt, red dust, red mud brick huts with thatched roofs, herds of cattle with very long curving horns, Catholic & Protestant churches, Mosques. Avocados, pineapples, mangoes, melons, casaba, tomatoes, eggplant, tropical flowers and birds. Trucks stacked high with big branches full of bananas. Children everywhere. Coming home in their school uniform colors: pink, turquoise, purple, green.

We crossed the equator and literally saw water change its direction of flow.

My family is headed by a 63-year-old man and a 58-year-old woman. Three of their children as well as their three spouses died of AIDS, so they are raising six grandkids. These are good people - very hard working - and very poor. ... There are lots of things growing and no one is starving. They have a few goats. Yet basically they have nothing.

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# AlumniNews

Greetings Alumni!

As we approach the end of another academic year – and the end of my term as president – I would like to thank my fellow Alumni Board members and all the Reunion Chairpersons and volunteers who provide a variety of opportunities for classmates to reconnect and maintain those terrific friendships we developed at PDS.

Looking back, I am proud of our accomplishments – the revenues our PantherWear sales generated for financial aid, the gifts to the school and wonderful events throughout the region. I know our new officers, President-elect Sally Lynne Fineburg '80 and Vice President-elect for Alumni Activities Stephen Nanfara '96, will bring new energy and ideas to PDS. I encourage you to get to know all of these dedicated alums from Miss Fine's, Princeton Country Day and PDS and to share your talents, as well.

Indeed, our 2007 Alumni Award recipients and Hall of Fame inductees provide wonderful examples of the gifts our graduates continue to share with the school, the community and the world. I look forward to talking with them at Reunion Weekend, May 18-19.

I do hope you already are planning to celebrate with us – but it's not too late to sign up! Come back to enjoy friends and faculty, tour the new facilities, participate in Alumni Games and feast at the Shore Luncheon and Family Fun Festival.

For more information about Reunion Weekend or to register for events, visit [www.pds.org](http://www.pds.org) and click on the Alumni page. I look forward to seeing you there.

Best regards,



Jud Henderson '92  
President, PDS Alumni Board

## Nominees for Alumni Board 2007-2008

Sally Lynne Fineburg '80, President  
Stephen Nanfara '96, Vice President Alumni Activities  
Shana Fineburg '86  
Galete Levin '96



## Lucy Law Webster: Still Fighting for Peace

By Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62

Lucy Law Webster '49 vividly remembers the day she made the decision that changed the course of her life. She was nine years old.

"From infancy I was always saving spiders and such," she says. "But one day I carefully calculated the effect of my efforts and decided I'd have to limit my good works to human beings. I couldn't save all the animals in the world," she laughs.

She lost no time changing direction and shortly thereafter wrote an anti-war poem that was published in *Parents* magazine. Since then she has written innumerable articles, speeches and position papers in her quest for peace and worked tirelessly to find fair and practical solutions to avoid conflict. What for many people is an elusive dream is for her a deeply felt responsibility and a very real goal.

"My main objective in life is to put an end to war," she says simply.

As a result, Ms. Webster has fashioned an impressive career on the world stage and is being honored with the Princeton Day School Alumni Achievement Award for her work with the United Nations.

From 1981 until she reached mandatory retirement age in 1995, she worked in the UN Secretariat for various agencies, culminating in a seven-year position as a political affairs officer in the UN Department of Political Affairs.

Since then she has been allied with several non-governmental organizations (NGOs), groups whose members are granted consultative status at the UN. They have access to delegates and advocate on a wide array of social issues and global concerns. Ms. Webster is on the board of directors of Economists for Peace and Security and acts as their UN representative.

"I wrote their statement of opposition to the war in Iraq in February 2003. It was signed by 200-plus US economists, including eight or so Nobel Laureates," she says. "What I'm really trying to do is to figure out a way that automatic power structures and incentive systems can work for good. That's why I'm studying economics, because I think there's a lot of power in the way economics pushes people to do what they do. The question is how to harness that in a creative way. I haven't found the answer yet, but since I view myself mainly as a catalyst, I hope I can lead others to do so."

Through the years, she has developed a large network of influential friends and learned not only who to go to get things done, but how to best encourage them. "Different foreign offices



Lucy Law Webster '49

have different approaches to what they're trying to do in the world and we have to relate to that. You can only push people so far," she says.

"Two people at Miss Fine's especially helped me acquire a world view: Miss Davis with her background growing up in Geneva, where I think her father worked for the League of Nations, and Mrs. Roberts who came to us from the American University of Beirut. This led to my interest in international relations and making the world safe for people," she says.

She translated her conviction into action in innumerable ways. The MFS yearbook describes her "exuberance" and "her active participation in anything and everything."

She was president of the Social Service Committee, a Student Council member, Blue Team captain, a member of the field hockey and basketball teams and active in drama productions. She also co-founded (with Eugenia Warren Herbert '47 and Marina von Neumann Whitman '52, the first recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award in 1995,) a MFS chapter of the World Federalists, an organization with which she is still actively involved. The class chart lists her pet peeve as "unresponsive people," an opinion that has not changed, and her prophetic Link senior profile ends, "Lucy is determined that when she gets out of college she is going to 'do something'."

After graduating from Wellesley College, she studied political science and international relations at Columbia University while working part-time at the Institute for World Order. She also served as secretary of the Young Adult Council for Social Welfare which was organizing the American delegation to the World Assembly of Youth, a large international youth conference being held in Singapore, which she now thinks was secretly financed by the CIA to counter Communist funded groups based in Eastern Europe.

When the youth conference ended, she traveled to Kuala Lumpur with some of the other delegates and then proceeded, on her own, to spend four months visiting friends and acquaintances in Indonesia, Thailand, Manila, Hong Kong, Japan and South Vietnam. In most places she stayed with local families, but Saigon was swelling with refugees in the summer of 1954. "Households were full up with relatives moving down from the North," she says.

She financed the trip with speaking fees provided by some 50 US World Federalist chapters which had arranged for her to speak on local radio stations and address high school and college classes, Junior Chambers of Commerce, Rotary Clubs and League

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## Bob Hillier: 'Just Having a Good Time'

By Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62

**S**unlight bounces off the glass building and sparkles on the encircling pond. Inside, natural stone anchors the entry and creates a feeling of welcome. Then suddenly, the ceiling soars three stories to a glass pyramid through which more light streams down, drawing you in, inviting you to explore, promising something special just around the corner. You have entered the Princeton headquarters of Hillier Architecture where dreams are fashioned into reality.

It is a world created by J. Robert (Bob) Hillier '52, founder and CEO of one of the nation's largest and most respected architectural firms, and one of this year's Alumni Achievement Award winners. His enthusiasm and creativity, coupled with an indefatigable work ethic and unerring business acumen have propelled him to the top of his profession.

Mr. Hillier's firm which celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2006, has grown from a one-man office at 44 Nassau Street into a worldwide company with more than 300 architects as well as branches in New York, Philadelphia, Washington, DC, Dubai and Shanghai. The firm has received international, national and state design awards. A few recent commissions include Sprint's five-million square foot world headquarters outside Kansas City, the million-square foot GlaxoSmithKline global headquarters in England, a \$1.6 billion resort metropolis in the Bahamas, eight new buildings in China, the restoration of the US Supreme Court building and, closer to home, the new Princeton Public Library.

Mr. Hillier is modest about his success and quick to credit others. "I've been lucky," he says. "I've had really, really wonderful people working here. Some have been here 40 years. We treat everybody like family."

It was family that contributed to Mr. Hillier's rare blend of scientific expertise, artistic talent and business sense. He was born in Toronto, Canada but grew up in Cranbury and Princeton. His father, the recently deceased James Hillier, developed the first operational electron microscope and eventually became director of RCA's Sarnoff Laboratory. His mother, Florence, owned three flower shops in Princeton.

"My mother was an entrepreneur," he says. "She knew how to deal with customers. My father was not only a scientist, he was a great artist. Architecture is a combination of art and science, so I had just the right combo."

Mr. Hillier was responsible for paying half his tuition throughout school and college. He can trace his first business opportunity to the playing fields of Princeton Country Day School and classmate Richie Bray's broken arm. When his pal



Bob Hillier '52

was injured playing six-man football, the class bought him an aquarium. Soon after, his family moved away and gave the aquarium, complete with tropical fish, to Mr. Hillier, who began breeding and selling them in his mother's shop.

The most popular were the Siamese Fighting Fish, known as Betas. The males have a nasty habit of eating each other which appealed to the competitive instincts of Princeton University students who bought as many as Mr. Hillier could provide, and then pitted one against the other and bet on the outcome. The hapless fish were in such demand that at the age of 13, Mr. Hillier netted a \$3,600 profit in a single year.

Mr. Hillier funded his college tuition with a summer job, working nights at a forge in Elizabeth. When he entered Princeton University, he intended to become a labor lawyer. The freshman prom changed all that.

"It was a Greek theme," he says, recalling he had volunteered to chair the decorations committee. "We had Ionic columns that were 30 feet high with stretched white fabric and lights inside them. We had reflecting pools on the floor of Dillon Gym and we dyed the water black and dumped dry ice in it so there was this mist. There were Greek gods and clay models of the Acropolis. It was just a ball. I was totally consumed by it, but my grades started to slip."

That prompted his advisor to suggest he look into the School of Architecture which Mr. Hillier found "was everything I wanted and more." After earning his B.A. and M.F.A. from Princeton, he worked for a local builder until he opened his own firm in 1966. Two years later, his was the first firm to win three New Jersey AIA design awards in the same year. Since then, it has grown to include experts in the fields of architecture, interior architecture, strategic facilities planning, historic preservation, urban design, graphic design and land planning.

"Hillier Architecture is a very large firm doing an incredible variety of quality projects all over the world, but it provides its services as if it were a small, personalized 'boutique' firm," says Karl (Pepper) Pettit PCD '60, an associate principal in the Hillier firm's education studio.

In a field where artistic temperament can clash with deadlines and budget restraints, it takes a sensitive management style to keep things running smoothly. Hillier Architecture is divided into specialized studios of five to 25 people who work as a team for the duration of a particular project, be it a few months or a few years.

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## William Andrew Harris: Déjà vu All Over Again

By Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62

When William Andrew Harris, M.D. walks to the podium to accept the 2007 Alumni Service Award this May, he will be retracing a path he took 50 years ago. In 1957, a young, slightly insecure Andy Harris was awarded the Faculty Cup at his ninth-grade graduation from Princeton Country Day School. It was a moment he still remembers, for it gave him the confidence to pursue the work that the school is honoring this year.

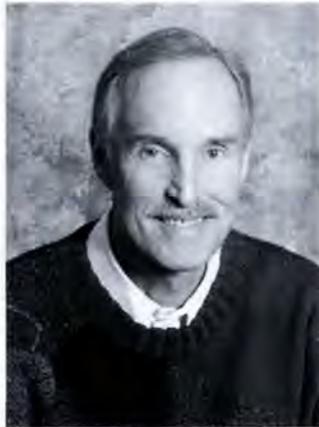
"It was kind of touching," he says. "There was something about getting a big award like that at graduation that's spurred me on. It really helped give me a boost to think that someone, especially my teachers, had confidence in me at a time when I wasn't sure where I was going. It really meant a lot to me."

Dr. Harris has more than fulfilled the promise seen by his PCD teachers. The Faculty Cup was just the first of many honors he has received for his tireless efforts to stop nuclear war and global warming and to create a better world for all people. As a board certified ophthalmologist practicing in Oregon, he has taken a leadership role in several local, national and international humanitarian organizations including Physicians for Social Responsibility, the US affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, the recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize. He was on PSR's board for 13 years, served as its national president in 1998, and received the Oregon PSR Peacemaker Award last year.

The organization was established in 1961 to educate the public on the medical and public health consequences of nuclear warfare. Its documentation of Strontium-90, a highly radioactive waste product of nuclear fallout, in children's teeth led to the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty which eliminated atmospheric nuclear testing in 1963. More recently, PSR has broadened its focus to include environmental health issues caused by global warming and toxic pollution.

Dr. Harris was also honored with the 1992 Broad Street Pump Award, given to an individual who combines the best of medical science with social activism, The Oregon Academy of Ophthalmology Outstanding Humanitarian Service Award in 1997 and the Salem Peacemaker Award in 2006.

"Andy was always helping in any way possible," remembers Rob Kuser, a PCD classmate and longtime friend. The son of a Presbyterian minister, Dr. Harris relies on his faith and his family for support, but he says his activism was honed as a Yale undergraduate in the early '60s, "sitting among a group of students on the floor of Rev. William Sloan Coffin's apartment,



William Andrew Harris '57

talking about civil rights and the Vietnam War."

For more than 40 years, his contributions have been diverse and far-reaching. Before entering the University of Virginia School of Medicine in 1965, he spent the summer teaching at the Grenfell Mission in Labrador and the following two summers he fulfilled his dream of going to Africa by working in a mission hospital in Sierra Leone. In 1968, he worked for Project HOPE in Sri Lanka. More recently, he volunteered with Medical Teams International in Mexico and Moldova, and in 2004 he spoke at Beijing University on the threat of nuclear weapons and in Haridwar, India on the effects of global warming.

In 1985, he set up a Sister City relationship between Salem, Oregon and Simferopol in Ukraine. "The two cities have exchanged students, teachers, vintners, soccer players, mountaineers, musicians, farmers, physicians and journalists," he reports.

Closer to home, Dr. Harris has shared his expertise with the Salem Symphony, the United Way, the Salem Human Rights and Relations Commission and he served as an elder in the Presbyterian Church. In 1989, he co-founded the Salem Outreach Shelter for the homeless and the next year he established the Salem Peace Lecture. He served on a Governor's Task Force that recommended pesticide reporting protocols to the 1999 Oregon legislature and in 2002 he co-founded the Salem Citizens for Alternatives to Pesticides.

In addition, he was on the board of the Oregon Academy of Ophthalmology and served as its president in 1984-1985. He has written op-ed articles for local newspapers and contributed a monthly medical column for Salem's Senior News.

Dr. Harris is retired from his full-time ophthalmology practice but, far from taking some well earned time off, he is spearheading an ambitious new project at Oregon Health Sciences University. He is seeking grants to fund a unique program to retrain physicians for disaster relief in developing countries.

"It's very exciting," he says. "The fellowship training would be the first in the country to combine clinical rotations in family practice, emergency medicine and pediatrics with courses in preventive medicine, infectious disease, stress management, tropical medicine, nutrition/hydration therapy, security risk assessment and many others." His idea seems to have come at the right time. "We're finding there's a wealth

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**Award: Lucy Law Webster***continued from page 23*

of Women Voters gatherings as she traveled home across the country.

After her eight-month speaking tour, she began dating David Webster, a British journalist on leave from the BBC and working for the UN in New York. The couple married, moved to England and raised two sons, Daniel and Alexander. In London, Ms. Webster worked in media, opinion and marketing research while her husband pursued his BBC career. When that marriage ended in divorce, she called a friend at the UN to find a job there which led to a position at UNICEF and the start of her career with the UN.

Today, Ms. Webster shows no signs of slowing down. She is vice chair of the International Council of the World Federalist Movement and president of the NY Tri-State Chapter of Citizens for Global Solutions. Last spring she was appointed executive director of the Center for War/Peace Studies, a think tank which seeks to “establish an international political and legal system to abolish war.” She understands that change happens slowly and is willing to be patient. “You have to take the long view,” she says.

In the fight for world peace, Ms. Webster has a formidable array of weapons in her arsenal: intelligence, dedication, energy, patience and optimism. “I’ve often viewed the problem as walking up a down escalator,” she says. “But it’s better to walk up than just *stand* there!”

As long as people like Lucy Law Webster keep walking up that escalator, there is hope for a better world – for human beings – and perhaps for spiders, too. ■

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“We consider ourselves a bunch of well-managed egos,” Mr. Hillier laughs. “Architects are inherently control freaks. We try to manage your ego and work more as a team.”

There are no doors on the headquarters’ offices and the walls are mostly glass, allowing the free exchange of ideas and easy accessibility that Hillier encourages. “He wants the firm’s projects to be joyful, creative and bring delight,” says Mr. Pettit.

John Pearce ’54, another PCD alumnus and an Athletic Hall of Fame inductee is familiar with the team concept. He was one of the firm’s first principals and worked with Mr. Hillier for more than 25 years. “Bob and I played soccer together at PCD and I believe he would agree that sports influenced us to be better professionals. Dedication, commitment, training, practice, attention to detail, team work, professionalism and fair play are just some of the words I would use to describe Bob.”

Mr. Hillier and his wife Barbara, who joined the firm as an interior designer, then became an architect and launched the office in Philadelphia, live with their teenage daughter, Jordan, in a modern Bucks County house built in the context of the area’s older farmhouses. It has a solar-heated, silo greenhouse where Mr. Hillier raises orchids. His son, James PDS ’84, from his first marriage to MFS alumna Susan Baldwin Smith ’57, is a teacher in Vermont. Their daughter Kimberly PDS ’81 was killed in a car crash while an architecture student at Cornell University.

Today, Mr. Hillier spends less time at the drawing board and more time guiding his young designers. He finds an outlet for his own ideas by taking on local development projects with his wife to benefit the community. They recently converted the old Witherspoon School for Colored Children from an outdated nursing home to affordable condominiums and created a foundation to help area residents buy the units. Also underway is the design of a senior housing project which Mr. Hillier boasts “is totally green” in keeping with the firm’s commitment to Smart Growth and protecting the environment.

Mr. Hillier’s joy in his work is obvious as he seeks new challenges. He is an adjunct professor at Princeton, teaching a graduate course in architectural practice, and says he is energized by the interaction with students. On the high school level, he hosts an annual Architecture Career Day at the firm for more than 100 students. In December, he spoke at the United Nations on sustainable design and the loss of cultural identity in villages in developing countries. He is involved in designing a new system of signage for pedestrians in cities and, ever eager to try new ventures, he is about to launch a bold new magazine named *Obit*.

“I’m just having a good time,” he says.

**Award: William Andrew Harris***continued from page 25*

of doctors taking early retirement today and they still want to use the skills they’ve developed in productive ways.”

Dr. Harris explains that although physicians may pour into a disaster area soon after the event, most must soon return to their practice. His program would provide long-term care. “Most needs come later,” he says. “You have ongoing public health issues. Doctors should be able to stay two to four months and offer continuing care. They could work with and assist local doctors and local health agencies.”

Dr. Harris completed his residency and a fellowship in ophthalmology at the University of Wisconsin in 1974 and then migrated to Oregon where he and his wife, Pam, still live. He has three children by his first marriage and a 15-year-old stepson. His eldest daughter is a missionary in Peru, his other daughter is a graduate student in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Washington and his son is a student at Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Although his own children are grown, Dr. Harris has become a father figure to an eight-year-old boy he has mentored for three years. “The time spent mentoring is the highlight of my week,” he says. “So much of the work I do is policy oriented, this really keeps me grounded. The reality of working with a dysfunctional family is that it has exposed me to major flaws and injustices in the judicial, penal and welfare systems.”

Typically, once Dr. Harris becomes aware of a need, he sets up the machinery to find a productive solution. As a consequence, he chairs the board of Oregon PeaceWorks, a statewide, grassroots organization working for peace and justice. He is also currently on the steering committee of the Oregon Center for Christian Values which promotes economic fairness, peace, human rights, access to health care, educational opportunities and environmental stewardship.

Dr. Harris’ Faculty Cup and Alumni Service Award bracket an extraordinary volunteer career. His accomplishments, coupled as they are with an innate modesty, inspire us all. ■

# PDS Celebrates Five Athletes

Outstanding athletes are exciting to watch, not only for the consummate skill they display, but for the sheer joy they derive from their sport. The best combine exceptional ability and dedication with leadership and sportsmanship, inspiring others by the high standards they set. Alumni Weekend will celebrate five such athletes as they enter the Athletic Hall of Fame.

By Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62

## MARCIA GOETZE NAPPI '52

It never occurred to Marcia Goetze Nappi *not* to go out for basketball. At 5'1" she was hardly the prototypical shot maker, but she was quick and ended up as a forward on the Varsity team her sophomore, junior and senior years at Miss Fine's School. The self-confidence and enthusiasm that helped her achieve such success are qualities she displays today.



MARCIA GOETZE NAPPI '52

"I had to work very, very hard at Miss Fine's, but when I went outside to play, there I could be happy and run around and let it all out," she says. "We were given a well-rounded education; not only did we have the finest classical learning, but we had the athletic education too. We

were always meeting challenges, and it was very wonderful. We learned life's great lessons in that school."

She also developed a lifelong love of sports. She was a wing on the varsity field hockey team for three years and "a terror on the field," according to classmate Daisy Harper Fitch. Although no interscholastic sports were offered in the spring, she played intramural baseball and did her best to emulate her hero, Yankee star Phil Rizzuto.

"I was always being asked to lay down a bunt," she laughs. "I wasn't very strong, but I lay down those bunts and I had a good time."

The MFS basketball team practiced at the Princeton Theological Seminary gym on Stockton Street and honed their skills by scrimmaging the Princeton University (men's) basketball team. "We had a blast," Ms. Nappi recalls. "It was the highlight of our season."

At graduation, she was a winner of the Gold "F" for athletic talent and sportsmanship. She started playing tennis competitively at Wells College and continued for almost 40 years, 15 of them playing singles for the United States Tennis Association (USTA) team in Burlington, VT. "We had a marvelous time and we did very well in the New

England championships," she says.

Ms. Nappi hardly had time to catch her breath before taking up yet another sport – golf, which she continues to enjoy today.

"I really do love all sports," she says, "but golf is the epitome of sports to me. It's played outdoors in beautiful places. Companionship and sportsmanship are integral parts and every shot is a challenge."

## JOHN PEARCE '54

It is one thing to be a standout in sports and win trophies. It is quite another to pass along one's knowledge and love of the game to countless others. John Pearce



JOHN PEARCE '54

has done just that. While he excelled at all the sports he played, ice hockey was his favorite and he coached youth hockey for 25 years, first in Princeton and then in Chapel Hill.

"In North Carolina, teaching hockey and growing the sport has been a challenge," he says. "In basketball country, one doesn't sell skating or hockey easily."

His success is legend, however. Not only was he instrumental in having a rink built near Chapel Hill, but also is rumored to have had a hand in luring the Hartford Whalers to the Triangle, thus introducing the game to thousands of southerners.

Mr. Pearce played varsity soccer, hockey and baseball at PCD and says, "Team participation saved me from being overwhelmed at PCD where all seemed smart and accomplished. Sports were a form of escape and honor. The team is a place for individual identity within a social structure that can be supportive and challenging."

At St. Paul's School in Concord, NH

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he played varsity soccer all four years, enjoying three undefeated seasons, and captained the team for two. The SPS ice hockey team won the Lawrenceville School Tournament two years running and Mr. Pearce was given the Campbell Hockey Award as captain his senior year. He had the highest batting average on the baseball team, which he also captained, and he served as president of the SPS Athletic Association.

At Yale, he twice made the All Ivy and All New England soccer teams. Captain in 1960, he was named to the All America Team and, until 2000, was ranked in the top five for varsity goals scored.

"I believe John to be the best athlete I ever played with," says Patrick Rulon—



**MARK ZAWADSKY '77**

Miller PCD '55. "During his Yale career, he played every position in ice hockey. A solid goalie, he accomplished the remarkable feat of re-engineering his skills to become a forward and a defenseman."

Today, Mr. Pearce is the Duke University Architect and has overseen the construction of \$1 billion worth of projects there. He and his wife Jane have four children who have had impressive athletic careers of their own. He marvels at the advances in training and technology.

"I can still dream about the potential had I received skates in 1949 like I skate with today," he says. A look in the record books reveals that even without the new skates, Mr. Pearce did just fine.

### **MARK ZAWADSKY '77**

When Mark Zawadsky was growing up, there was always a game in progress at his house, and if his five siblings were not enough to fill out a team, friends were happy to join in.

"Our house was always where the neighborhood showed up and we played whatever we could," he says.

Those early games honed a fine sense of sportsmanship and fair play that, combined with his natural ability, made Dr. Zawadsky an outstanding athlete. He played varsity football and ice hockey three years at PDS and varsity lacrosse all four years. He captained the football team and was twice selected for the All Prep and All Mercer County teams. In senior year he was named a Scholar/Athlete by the Delaware Valley Chapter

of the National Football Hall of Fame.

In ice hockey he led the team as captain, MVP and high scorer both junior and senior years. As an attack player in lacrosse, Dr. Zawadsky helped the team garner three consecutive Prep B Championships and was elected captain his senior year. He led the state in goals scored in 1977 and was leading scorer for PDS and the league for two years running. He was named All State twice, was nominated as a High School All American, and received the Gold "P" at graduation.

*"The lessons that you learn carry through to medicine and learning how to work with people."*

"Mark played with confidence, determination, and talent, while always remaining light-hearted, good-natured, and just fun to play with," says Rob Olsson PDS '78, a teammate in all three sports. "I remember a particular lacrosse shooting practice that somehow turned into a game of army with bright forsythia branches stuck in our helmets as camouflage. I also remember a state championship lacrosse game with PDS going into the fourth quarter trailing by several goals. Mark's stellar play and leadership rallied the team and turned a loss into a convincing win."

At Princeton University, Dr. Zawadsky played lightweight football until a knee injury prevented him from continuing. It did not keep him from making the JV ice hockey team however, and he was MVP and leading scorer as a junior. He also managed to play two years of varsity lacrosse before all those contact sports took their toll.

Dr. Zawadsky, now an orthopedic surgeon in San Francisco, still competes on a hockey team with his brother Jeff '89 whenever possible. He also keeps fit with golf, tennis, running and surfing. Playing team sports helped make him a better doctor, he says. "The lessons that you learn carry through to medicine and learning how to work with people."

## The Stats

They immediately draw your attention – the play-makers, the high scorers, the fastest runners. Every year, Princeton Day School honors some of our best athletes for their talents and their tenacity, their strength and their spirit. Here's a look at the records of our 2007 Hall of Fame inductees:

### MARCIA GOETZE NAPPI '52

#### Miss Fine's School

Varsity Field Hockey, 3 years  
Varsity Basketball, 3 years  
Gold "F"

#### Wells College

Varsity Tennis, 2 years

#### Post College

USTA Tennis Singles  
Golf

### JOHN I. PEARCE, JR. '54

#### Princeton Country Day School (7-8)

Varsity Soccer, 2 years  
Varsity Ice Hockey, 1 year  
Varsity Baseball, 2 years

#### St. Paul's School

Varsity Soccer, 4 years, Co-Captain '55,  
Captain '56  
Varsity Ice Hockey, 2 years, Captain '57  
Varsity Baseball, 2 years, Captain '57,  
Batting Champion '56  
Campbell Award for Leadership  
Athletic Association President

#### Yale University

Varsity Soccer, 3 years, Captain '61  
All-Ivy Soccer Team, '59, '60  
All New England Soccer Team, '59, '60  
All American College Soccer Team, '60,  
National Coaches Association of America  
Varsity Ice Hockey, 3 years

#### Post College

New Haven Ukrainians Semi-Pro  
Soccer Club '62  
Yale University Faculty Hockey Team  
St. Nick's (NY) Hockey Club  
Youth Ice Hockey Coach, 25 years

### MARK W. ZAWADSKY '77

#### Princeton Day School

Varsity Football, 3 years, Captain '76,  
All Prep '75, '76; All Mercer County '76  
Varsity Ice Hockey, 3 years, Captain & MVP '77  
Varsity Lacrosse, 4 years, Captain & MVP '77;  
All State '76, '77  
Delaware Valley Chapter National Football  
Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete '76  
Gold "P"

#### Princeton University

Varsity Light Weight Football, 1 year  
JV Ice Hockey, MVP '81  
Varsity Lacrosse, 2 years

#### Post College

Princeton Hockey Club  
Ultimate Frisbee League

### JESSICA A. DREZNER '82

#### Princeton Day School

Varsity Soccer, 4 years, Captain, MVP '81  
Varsity Basketball, 2 years, Captain, MVP, '82  
Varsity Ice Hockey, 1 year  
Varsity Lacrosse, 4 years, Captain '82,  
MVP, '81, '82  
All-State 1st Team Soccer, '79, '80, '81  
Independent Schools All Star Lacrosse Team '81  
All American Lacrosse, '82  
Gold "P"

#### University of Vermont

Varsity Soccer, 2 years, '82, '83  
Varsity Lacrosse, 1 year, '82

#### Post College

L.A. Blues, Semi-Pro Soccer Team  
US Soccer Federation Coach  
High School & League Soccer Coach  
Division I Lacrosse Official  
Physical Education Teacher

### JUSTIN GEISEL '92

#### Princeton Day School

Varsity Cross Country, 3 years, Captain '91, '92  
Mercer County Individual Cross Country  
Champion, '91, '92  
Kinny All-Northeast Regional Championships,  
Placed 16<sup>th</sup>  
All-Northeast 2nd Team, 1992  
Star-Ledger All-State 1st Team, '92  
State 1600 Meter Champion '92

#### University of Richmond

Varsity Cross Country

## JESSIE DREZNER '82

Just as Jessie Drezner could spot a hole in the defense and exploit it for a perfectly timed goal, so she has recognized ways to turn her passion for sports into a fulfilling professional life. And she has done it from just about every angle possible: as a player, coach, official, physical education teacher and sports photographer.

"It was through sports that I was able to creep out of my enclosed surroundings and see more and do more," she says.

Her journey started at PDS where she played soccer, basketball and lacrosse. She played varsity ice hockey one season then participated in an exchange program the winter of her junior year. Coaches and administrators remark on her exceptional natural ability, coordination, integrity, work ethic and sportsmanship.



JESSIE DREZNER '82

"She was brilliant," says Buzz Woodworth '73, her soccer coach and a Hall of Fame inductee himself. "It was reasonably early in the advent of women's soccer and she just had all the skills. The amazing thing about her was that she made everybody around her better. Few are able to distribute the ball and make those around them better the way she did. She was selfless in that regard."

Never content to rest on her laurels, Ms. Drezner was always working to improve. "There's nothing better than putting in 100 percent," she says.

That effort earned her a place on the All State Soccer First Team three years in a row, selection as an All American in lacrosse and the Gold "P." At the



JUSTIN GEISEL '92

University of Vermont she continued to play soccer and lacrosse and coached both after graduation. Then she obtained her credentials as a Division I lacrosse official.

When she injured her knee skiing, Ms. Drezner took up bicycle racing to strengthen it. She liked the sport so much, she moved to California so she could ride year round, eventually attracting a sponsor and earning money as a CAT IV cyclist. She also played a couple of seasons for the LA Blues, a semi pro women's soccer team.

These days, Ms. Drezner is still taking shots – with her camera. She started her own business taking team pictures and has expanded into video of games, celebrities and events. She is also passing along her love of athletics to her students at Mira Catalina Elementary School. "I'm very happy working with elementary aged kids, giving them a chance to grow into gifted athletes and encouraging them until they can do unimaginable things."

## JUSTIN GEISEL '92

According to his PDS coaches, Justin Geisel was a natural athlete, good at tennis, golf, soccer and, especially, basketball. Indeed, he was considered the best shooting forward in Middle School. So it would have been natural for him to stick with the game through Upper School. Instead, as a sophomore, he dropped all other sports and went out for cross country.

He never looked back.

"He was extremely talented," says Eamon Downey, cross country coach and US history teacher. "He had a great combination of endurance and speed and he quickly made his mark."

Coach Downey was not surprised by Mr. Geisel's success – the PDS coach was a freshman at Princeton University when Mr. Geisel's father was one of the university's top runners. After college, the two continued to run and train together and it was Mr. Geisel senior who encouraged his son to try cross country.

"It felt comfortable," the younger Mr. Geisel says. "It's a nice change to everyday life. Just getting out there and being on your own with your thoughts is always nice."

Mr. Geisel was elected captain of the cross country team in both his junior and senior years. In 1991, he guided the team to the Prep B Championship and won the Individual Mercer County Cross Country Championship. His senior year was one for the record books. He again won the Individual Mercer County meet and led the team to the conference championship.

Mr. Geisel entered the Kinny Regional Cross Country Championship in New York which consists of the best high school runners from 13 northeast states. He finished an impressive 16th in that elite field and was named to the All Northeast Second Team for his performance. That year he also was named to The Star-Ledger's All State First Team. Since PDS did not have a track, Coach Downey arranged for Mr. Geisel to train at Lawrenceville School's facilities. He entered the state track meet and came away with the Prep Championship for the indoor 1600 meter race.

He went on to run both track and cross country all four years at the Division I University of Richmond. "I feel very strongly he is one of the top athletes in terms of sheer quality in his sport that we've turned out," Coach Downey says.

It seems only one thing can slow Mr. Geisel down. "With a wife, a son and a daughter and another baby on the way," he says, "I don't run as much as I used to." ■







## Spotlight on Young Alumni

# Trevor Lamb '00: Retracing Steps, Discovering New Vistas

**O**n Feb. 23, 2006, my sister Blair '03 and I climbed Springer Mountain in Georgia and began our five-month hike of the Appalachian Trail. Along the way, we were amazed by the sense of community that has been built up around the trail and surrounding towns. I couldn't believe the kindness and willingness of complete strangers to help people who smelled as bad as we did.

Hiking the A.T., as it is affectionately known, had been a long-time goal for both of us. One of my first tastes of the trail was the summer after my junior year at PDS when two of my classmates, **Ben Brickner** and **John Dorazio**, and I pleaded and argued with our parents until all of them agreed to let the three of us band together and hike a 100-mile section in Maine renowned for its remoteness.

We spent our week hiking, sleeping, eating, and reading bits of Bill Bryson's *A Walk in the Woods*, an ode to being wildly unfit to hike the trail, out loud to one another and busting our guts laughing. It was an amazing time, one that solidified in me the knowledge that I would one day hike the entire length. The beauty of the A.T. can be overwhelming at times, as can be the quiet

and solitude. I loved every day of my hike, mostly because I never knew what I'd get myself into. In the Grayson Highlands I was able to approach the resident feral ponies and pet them, using a precious apple as bait. At the Blue Mountain shelter I survived the coldest night I have *ever* experienced, wearing a full rain suit and virtually all of my clothes in my sleeping bag in an attempt to stay warm. At the Delaware Water Gap, we rented a mini-van and headed back to Virginia, a 500-mile detour, for the Trail Days hiker fest. There we united with thousands of other hikers and celebrated the rich community built around the trail.

I slept in "the dungeon" at Lake of the Clouds hut in the White Mountains and then had 85-90 MPH wind gusts paired with 20-foot visibility and hail going over Mt. Washington. I swam at Screw Auger falls in Maine and was dubbed "Fat Camp" for eating my sister's Little Debbie's treats. Oh sweet, delicious Little Debbie's... I figured I needed a shower when a guy outside of a gas station told me that he could see that I "needed savin'" and that God had told him to give me \$20.

These are the sorts of things that became beautifully commonplace as I hiked mile after mile, through mountains, rivers, fields, and balds. "Balds," so you know, are mountaintops that



are bare, oddly devoid of vegetation, phenomena that not a single person has been able to conclusively explain. Though my favorite among the theories is interference from extraterrestrial beings.

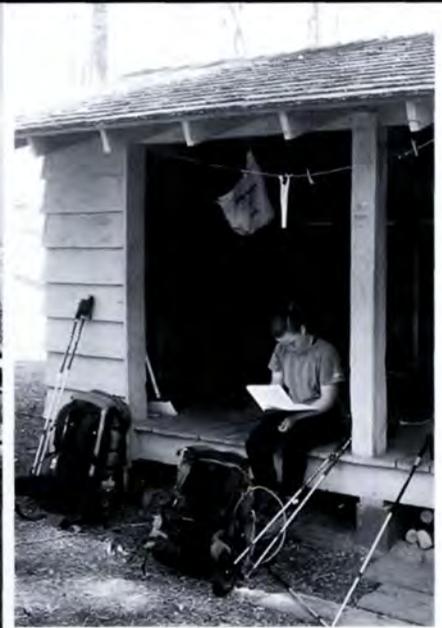
The hike was all the more fulfilling because I had been waiting so long to face it. My trip with Ben and John had solidified my desire, but I had my first experience with the trail in the summer of '98. That year, 15 of us hiked the 100 Mile Wilderness. It was my last summer at camp Kieve, and we were the men of Maine Trails. Thinking of that trip and the guys with me still makes me smile. Maine Trails sparked in me a love of the A.T.

The physical challenges of hiking miles upon miles can only be compared to the mental challenges. Erased from the mind were swollen knees and blistered feet in the face of nothing but three peanut butter sandwiches and 25 miles a day, or the prospect of topping your third mountain of the day before noon and after exhaustion already set in. But the trail always faced you in the morning, relentlessly and endlessly offered the promise of adventure or a cold beer left in a creek by a generous neighbor, or



“trail angel,” as they are known. The promise, the magic, always pressed us forward.

Along our travels Blair and I banded together with a handful of other hikers, Jolly, Moleman, Salsa, and Coconut Monkey. These were the people we became closest to: hiking, eating, sleeping, and telling stories together. Step after step, tree after tree, bear after bear: the trail was the hike, but it was the people, our friends, that *made* the hike. Camaraderie ran deep in our veins and we pulled each other up (or down) as was required. All it took in a town to take a zero day (a day of no hiking) often was a single dissenting cry that Salsa couldn't take one more step, or that Jolly wanted to see a movie and like magic the rest of us knew we wouldn't be going anywhere, and that we would love it.



Finally, after months on the trail I found myself in familiar territory, the 100 mile wilderness. Every twist and turn I felt like I knew and each step brought us that much closer to our goal. Finally, the morning of July 26, I summited Katahdin once again, and reveled in my success. I stood at the edge of a 1,000-foot precipice and stared out over the landscape. The wind passed across my face and I couldn't even imagine being finished with the trail. I wasn't ready to let it go.

Getting back to town Blair and I met our parents and enjoyed the luxuries that staying in a hotel afford: a bed with sheets, shower, hot water, food easily at hand and not cooked over an alcohol flame. It was wonderful, for two nights; then I hit the trail again, hiking across the border into Canada and up to the St. Lawrence River, another month and a half and 700 miles.

Hiking, I will let you know, is a sickness. If you catch it bad, it'll stay with you. ■

# Alumni Boston Gathering



There was a great turnout of young alums and college alums for the Boston regional party Feb. 27 at Lehman Brothers hosted by Lauren Welsh '99, left, posing here with Stacy Orr '99.



Peter Martin '05, left, shares a laugh with Adam Petrick '93.



Kyle Lieberman '00 and his fiancé, Kristina, were among the party guests.



Boston University was well represented by, from left, Adam Sussman '06, Carly Crouse '05 and Kevin Smith '06.



Marissa Carberry '06, left, chats with Becky Gallagher '06 while networking with other PDS alums in the region.

# BookNotes

## Ivies in Athens

Jay Bavishi '05  
Markus Wiener Publishers

This nonfiction book by Jay Bavishi '05 explores the bond between the Ivy League and the Olympic Games. A sophomore at Boston College, Jay interned at the Ivy League Athletic Conference from 2003-05 where he researched the performance of Ivy League athletes in the Olympic Games. In 2005, as he was embarking on the Senior Project, he decided to turn his research into a published book. The book was published earlier this year.

Jay credits the opportunities he enjoyed at PDS with his current success:

"PDS, and the Senior Project of course, were critical in my development and in the completion of this book. To start with, I attended PDS from 9th to 12th grade and immersed myself in activities such as the *Spokesman* and Community Council, graduating as Editor-in-Chief of the *Spokesman* and VP of Council. My work with the *Spokesman* was especially important in getting the job with the Ivy League back in the summer of 2003.

"Then PDS came into play again when I had the opportunity to start working on getting the book published in April of 2005 with the Senior Project. The process of getting the book published was long and grueling – I signed a contract in July 2005 after approaching nearly 50 publishers. Had I not had that head start in the spring, I am sure this would not have happened.

"And to take it one step further, the book has opened many doors for me as I look to pursue a career in international sports marketing. Over the summer of 2006, I interned with Octagon Sports Marketing in McLean, VA – one of the world's largest sports marketing/manage-



ment firms. I was the youngest intern in the program – out of the 16 interns – some were a whole decade older than me.

"I look to build on this experience – I am taking Chinese at Boston College and have my eyes on the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, which should be monumental for sports history and change the landscape of sports business. This coming summer (2007), I hope to position myself to be in Beijing in 2008 and work on a corporate marketing program while observing the prosperity and advancement of China.

"I owe quite a bit to PDS for the great things that have been happening to me since I graduated. I've been interested in working in sports since I was little, and if PDS taught me one thing it is how to overcome obstacles – which in my case, was my age and lack of experience. And while I don't think I have overcome that completely, I'm getting there."

*Jay can be reached at jay.bavishi@gmail.com*

## Lines on the Water: A Collection of Isle Au Haut Stories

Harold S. van Doren '59  
Goose River Press



Harold van Doren is currently a "seasonal resident," splitting his time between Isle au Haut, Maine and the Big Island of Hawaii. His collection of stories chronicles more than 50 years of the author's experience with this small, remote island and its people. These are tales of hard struggles as well as the laughable, good times.

Harold writes "One night, I went up to the church and sat in the silent darkness, imagining all the Islanders I used to know that are now passed on, seated there with me. It was a full congregation,

and I felt moved and saddened, not only by not having them around any more but by no longer being able to share their knowledge...

"In my effort to capture the complex lilt and rhythm of local Maine speech, I often talked to myself as I wrote, reliving conversations I had years ago with old friends...I hope you enjoy reading this book as much as I did writing it."

## The Teahouse Fire

Ellis Avery  
Riverhead Books

Ellis Avery – Elisabeth Atwood '90 – has studied the Japanese tea ceremony for five years in New York and Kyoto, where her novel is set. The story centers on nine-year-old Aurelia, a bright and empathetic orphan brought to Japan by her abusive missionary uncle. After a fire, she takes shelter in the beautiful and mysterious Baishian teahouse and her one wish is granted when she is discovered by 16-year-old Yukako and adopted by the family of an important tea master. Yukako is based on a real-life woman from one of Kyoto's most important tea families who is credited with having saved the Way of Tea from the rising tide of Westernization.



## Pigeons

Andrew Blechman '87  
Grove/Atlantic

Worshipped as fertility goddesses, symbols of peace and crucial communicators in wars since ancient Egypt, pigeons are the subject of Andrew Blechman's nonfiction. To research his book, Andrew traveled across America and Europe to meet with pigeon fanciers and haters to tell the remarkable story behind this seemingly unremarkable bird.

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# ClassNotes

## Miss Fine's School

### Please note:

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P.O. Box 75  
Princeton, NJ 08542  
Email: classnotes@pds.org

### 1925-29

*PDS Communications Office*

**Ruth Kemmerer Dorf '27** writes: I am planning on returning to Wellesley in June 2007 for my 75th reunion. I have asked my daughter, Molly Purrington, Wellesley class of '69 to accompany me.

### 1930

Margaretta R. Cowenhoven  
501 East Campus Avenue  
Apt 247  
Chestertown, MD 21620-1680

### 1931

*PDS Communications Office*

### 1932-33

#### 75th Reunion

*PDS Communications Office*

### 1934-1936

*PDS Communications Office*

### 1937

#### 70th Reunion

*PDS Communications Office*

### 1938

Roberta Harper Lawrence  
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bobbielawrence@aol.com

**Bobbie Lawrence** writes: My news is very, very sad. My beloved husband of 64 years passed away in January at the Arbor Hospice. Everyone was amazed at what an amazing life he lived. He was always very quiet about it.

**Helen Crossley** writes: **Nan Agar** is still very active and busy, especially looking after two houses — a Rocky Hill condo and the East Falmouth home (rented in summer), where her only son Ray lived until his sad sudden death over a year ago. She and I shared a McCarter Theatre play subscription, but I had to drop out last year because of poor hearing.

My activities are also centered on housing. Since 1966, I have had an apartment at McLean Gardens in Washington — I was part of the historic tenant group that saved the Gardens from being torn down for a large commercial mall. But since retiring from the U.S. Information Agency in 1993, I've been back on Battle Road. When osteoporosis knocked me for a loop last year I had to give up my frequent trips south and the apartment is up for sale — still full of 40 years' stuff! The commute on I-95 gets worse every trip, so I've bought an "Adult Community" home in Brick NJ (near the Jersey shore) to put the stuff in and use in the summer to cool off. The clean-up and moving doesn't leave time for much else, so I don't have any other news — except that my sister Dorothy (MFS '46) published a book on ski photography called "Take MY Picture!" last year.

### 1939

Therese E. Critchlow  
11 Westcott Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540-3059

### 1940

Ann Guthrie Yokana  
87 Battle Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540-4945

**Margaret Munro Dayton** writes: Not much news. I keep in touch with **Phyllis Vandewater Clements** but that's about all. No new anything.

**Joanne Sly Hicks** writes: My husband and I are in a lovely retirement home in Sarasota, FL. We are happy here and in more or less good health. I am fine, but Lige, my husband, has been having various problems. But I can say that so far today, everything is fine!

**Phyllis Vandewater Clement** writes: This is a busy time of life thanks to good health. I'm very active on the board of the local senior center, still doing a few things (fundraising) with the League of Women Voters. I row my single shell daily in the summer. Traveled to Turkey with a small group in October (fascinating!). We celebrated our 60th in November and were pleased that sister Eleanor Vandewater Leonard '44, came from Idaho. Four great grandsons now!



Marie Frohling Rawlings '43 hopes her classmates enjoy this photo of her at the annual fiddle/sing gig at John Greenleaf Whittier homestead.

### 1941

*Correspondent needed*

**Peg Longstreth Bayer** recently celebrated backstage with her daughter Peggy Bayer Waldron who was one of four women performing in the musical comedy "Menopause" at the Society Hill Playhouse in Philadelphia.

### 1942

#### 65th Reunion

Mary Roberts Woodbridge  
2316 Windrow Drive  
Princeton, NJ 08540-5020

### 1943

Marjorie Libby Moore  
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**Marie Frohling Rawlings** writes: Hope you enjoy the picture of me at the annual fiddle/sing gig at John Greenleaf Whittier homestead. I'm also still teaching fiddle/violin two days a week at the Music Centre. I toured as lead fiddler with Strathspey & Reel Society of New Hampshire two weeks in Scotland in June 2006. Miss Fine's gave me a great education!

### 1944-1946

*Correspondent needed*

### 1947

#### 60th Reunion

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**Patti Tighe Walden** writes: I moved to Las Vegas in 2005 and have a lovely house in the over-55 Sun City community, where there are many activities, clubs, etc. I have six grandchildren from 16 on down, with a seventh due in February. I will celebrate the big 75 in February! I am happy to be near my youngest daughter Emily and family and see son, Ben (L.I.), and daughter, Liz (Big Island, Hawaii), when I can! I love living in Las Vegas.

**Joan Budny Dawe** and husband, Roger, have moved from Spain to a new flat near London. They were recently in Spain on holiday and she celebrated her 75th in September with family and a trip to Paris and other jolly things. They are well!

Web Coleman, the widower of **Mary Nicholson Coleman** and later, of **Barbara Smith Coleman**, lives in Vermont now. He has stopped by to see me in Concord a few times. We have a good time reminiscing.

**Kirby Thompson Hall** writes: I have been in Concord for 15½ years now and it feels like home. Politics are a prominent issue in New Hampshire. For the first time since 1870, both houses of the legislature and governor's office are in the hands of the Democrats! Two Democrats are in the U.S. House of Representatives. Unheard of!

Five grandchildren nearby, ages 18, 18, 16, 14 and 14. The two oldest are at Vassar and University of Chicago. Youngest is the only boy. So far so good in my 12-year struggle with breast cancer. My life is jolly and that's what it's all about, I think!

**1950**

*Correspondent Needed*

**1951**

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**1952****55th Reunion**

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**Llewellyn "Wendy" Hall Alden** writes: John and I went to his 50th reunion at Bowdoin College in late spring 2006. It was lots of fun, in spite of the almost constant rain during the weekend. I have my 50th at Smith in 2007. Looking forward to the 55th at MFS/PDS in 2008.

**1954**

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**Chloe King** writes: **Jean Crawford** sent a note with the photo of her oldest daughter, Karen, at her wedding in November. They live just a few miles away from Jeannie in the Camden, Maine, area, as do all Jeannie's children and grandchildren. She continues to like her volunteer work, especially with Quakers. She is still "trying to get the hang" of watercolors.

**Laura Travers Pardee** sent news of her travels — a great trip to Sicily and Italy last March, then in



Alice Byrd '52 shared this photo of classmates posing on the steps of Morven during a birthday party for Sheila Johnson.

September she and Fred were in France for three weeks. Soon they are off to Italy for a couple of weeks, then a week's cruise with 30 of Fred's Princeton classmates along the Dalmatian Coast, followed by another gathering of his classmates in Switzerland for four days in May. Laura is a facilitator of history of art courses at the Colorado Academy of Lifelong Learning and she loves that challenge. She is also very involved as a member of the vestry at St. John's Cathedral in Denver... Never a dull moment!

As for me, I continue to enjoy the cottage in the New Hampshire woods, traveling (Great Rivers of Europe: Amsterdam to Vienna in May 2007), playing flute with lessons, attending Boston Symphony Orchestra concerts, singing with the Wellesley Choral Society, working-out to stay relatively fit and playing golf. Life is good!

**Jo Cornforth Coke** writes: I have been selected one of the Chattanooga Women of Distinction for 2007! I am psyched, of course. It is an honor from the American Lung Association. Mother and Daddy have moved to a wonderful retirement facility in Chattanooga. Julia and I sold their home of 53 years on Westcott Road, and they lived with her for two years. Now it's my turn! My older son and family, his in-laws, and I are going to Italy for three weeks in June. Have a villa near Florence for 2 weeks, and then Rome for the rest of the time. Fun! And last but not least, I am moving in March to the home of my dreams. A good friend has a wonderful job offer, so I am buying her house on the side of Signal



Jean Crawford '55 (right) at her oldest daughter Karen's wedding in November.



Jo Cornforth Coke '55 recently moved to a house on the side of Signal Mountain in Tennessee with "a view to die for!"

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**Lucile Stafford Proctor's** son Thomas Patrick Proctor in December married Darcy Michael Ann Wolcott at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Ridgefield, CT.

**1957****50th Reunion**

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**Ann Clapp** writes: **Ruth Pessel Riedel** was married to William Leigh in Del Mar, Calif., in mid-November. They are spending February (Phase III of their honeymoon) in New Zealand and contemplating moving there.

Mountain. A view to die for! It is my LAST move, I promise! New address will be 1208 Lower Brow Road, Signal Mountain, TN, 37377.

That's about it from me... I guess that's enough! Life is fun if exhausting.



Ruth Pessel Riedel '59 was married to William Leigh in Del Mar, California, in mid-November.

Jean Schettino Conlon is contemplating renting an apartment in Rome for a month around the holidays.

Kristina "Tinka" Grondahl Bear lives and works in Berkeley; her two sons and three grandchildren live nearby. She travels, for business, twice a year to Wales, Ireland and northern Germany.

Wendy Yeaton Smith became a grandmother in November. She plans to retire in June to care for Jack while her daughter resumes teaching Spanish and being the World Language Coordinator at Brookwood School. In March she will be fishing in Mexico.

Nancy Goodrich writes: Hope you enjoy these photos! The first is of my ever-expanding family, taken just before Christmas — four daughters, three sons-in-law and five grandchildren. The second is a picture of Bob and me riding camels along Lake Nassar in Egypt. We flew (without our lost checked luggage) to Abu Simbal and boarded a cruise ship for a four-day trip to the Aswan Dam. Much to our surprise, we were the only passengers! The ship normally carries 130 passengers with a crew

of 70. For us, they cut the crew back to 40, but they didn't cancel the trip. We felt like Charles and Diana on their honeymoon on the royal yacht. Tourism in Egypt has declined sharply since the Sharmal-Sheikh bombing earlier in the year, and September, when we were there, is low season (very hot). But we had a wonderful time sailing up the Nile and visiting Cairo before heading to Kenya for 10 days of photography.

## 1960

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## 1961

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Polly Busselle Bishop writes: I had a magical visit with Cherry Raymond this fall. It meant a lot to both of us not only to maintain but also to strengthen such a long — heavens, 50 years — connection. The other great thing was a much too brief visit Trish Ward White paid to us in Maine last fall — what fun. I'm on the Cape trying very hard to write this treatise — long article, book — something I am determined to publish. Tibby Chase Dennis has already started to help — little does she know how much I'm depending on her brilliance. So doing this work is my goal for the

winter (and beyond), plus I'm teaching English to a Haitian woman and playing my favorite platform tennis. The head and the body are engaged.

Tibby Chase Dennis wrote at Christmas: It was just four months ago that I sold my Cape Cod cottage, having realized after three years of commuting that I couldn't abandon Northampton for the Cape, and that keeping both places really wasn't feasible. It was hard watching the demise of the Prayer House vision, and hard to admit to myself that without moving full-time to the Cape I would never be able to plug into any other homeless ministries there in any meaningful fashion... I've been exploring ways to weave together a fabric of similar activities here, and to integrate this with involvement in a number of Northampton area churches.

Shelia Long wrote in August that she is "taking on a new Latin student, a very hard-working novice with not much intellectual background." She told a funny story of working around the French fear of eating blackberries which resulted in her being able to eat them with yogurt for breakfast. "They're pure comfort food, at least for me, taking me back to summers spent at my grand-mother's farm in Vermont." In December she wrote: After the excitement of going to Japan in 2005, this past year has seemed singularly unremarkable. I miss studying Japanese, but it's hard to learn a language in a vacuum, and my chances of returning to Japan are very slim. As an alternative, I've taken up rabbinical Hebrew with Sr. Lucie, with whom I've been reading Biblical Hebrew on Sundays for the past 18 years.

As of this writing, Sheila should be on her annual trip to the U.S. and Cynny and I are waiting hopefully to hear from her.

Joan Yeaton Seamon and husband Hal were in New York briefly and I was happy to see them for coffee one morning. They looked as if retired life were agreeing with them in every way. Joanie wrote at Christmas that "the year 2006 began with the

christening of Luke Palmer Aslaksen," her newest grandchild, son of daughter Julie and her husband Shaun. Another grandson, Scott Marshall Seamon was born in October to Joan's son John and wife Lisa. John has returned from Brussels and lives in northern Virginia as he begins a three-year tour at the Pentagon with the Joint Chiefs. Not to be outdone, Julie is expecting a second son who will have been born by the time you read this in the *Journal*. Joan and Hal have traveled to the southwestern U.S., to Ireland and to Illinois. "Life in Williamsburg is good with lots of golf and tennis. Work has begun on enclosing our screen porch to give us more room when the little boys and their parents will all be here at the same time. That will include Great-Gram Yeaton, Joan's mother, who turned 91 this year and lives nearby."

Lucia Norton Woodruff writes: I am just back from two weeks in Europe, 10 days in Prague having a little holiday with Paul and then participating in the Manhattan String Quarter's yearly workshop in Europe. Ten quartets worked on Smetana's "From My Life" quartet (a juicy viola part) and learned lots about the Czech Republic as well as going to concerts and just having fun. I added on four days visiting Welsh friends now in their mid-80s whom I met at age 9 in Princeton. The whole family is a Welsh treasure — musicians, philosophers, active participants in the Welsh language and culture. And they also knew not only my parents but even my grandmother from their years in Princeton. You can imagine what a special visit it was.

Lucia had planned to join Nancy, Trika, Kasa Lowndes Catugno and me for dinner in November when Nancy was in the East, but her schedule was too crazy to make it. For those who didn't know her, Kasa was in our class in fifth through seventh grades. She lived in Connecticut for 20 years, where she raised her kids and went to the theater in NYC whenever possible. She now lives in Oakland, CA, and has a daughter living in Springfield, MA, and a son and granddaughter in Tacoma, WA. Kasa worked as a legal secretary in trademark and declares herself now "semi-re-



Nancy Goodrich '59 sent this photo of her "ever-expanding" family taken just before Christmas — four daughters, three sons-in-law and five grandchildren.



Nancy Goodrich '59 thought her classmates would get a kick out of seeing her and Bob riding camels along Lake Nassar in Egypt.

tired." Her mother still lives in the East and so Kasa can still get her NYC theater fixes when she comes to see her. Our dinner together was a wonderful reunion — the first of many, I hope. Kasa promised to come to our 50th MFS reunion in 2011. I know you'll all enjoy reconnecting with her as much as we did. Her address is: 5775 Ayala Avenue, Oakland, CA, 94609; kasacccc@hotmail.com.

**Cary Armstrong Rothe** sent an electronic Christmas card that arrived just as I was looking for news. Thanks, Cary. She reported that her twin boys, well men actually, are in Madison, WI, and Hyde Park, NY. Cary's spirits are strong and positive as she adjusts to the medical constraints in her life. "We had a fine Christmas holiday, able to go to all our traditional gatherings, seeing every 'once-removed' relative (parents, all children, in-laws, grandchildren and siblings) and held our annual random Christmas Day open house. It was all very satisfying." She and Paul drove 1,700 round-trip miles from New Hampshire to Virginia to Montreal where they explored the city with Cary's parents.

**Fiona Morgan Fein** writes: My news includes a return to the guitar after more years than I care to admit. Am taking classical guitar lessons and having a wonderful time while it lasts. Have also volunteered to head up a committee at Wells to solicit larger gifts for the Annual Fund. The college went co-ed last year and is having a real renaissance. It's fun to be a part of its growth. I had a wonderful week in London in late October.

We're hoping for a summer 2008 class reunion at Debbie's, so don't plan to go too far away that summer. Stay tuned for details as they become available.

## 1962

### 45th Reunion

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**Gail Cotton** writes: I am so pleased to be able to share a first with you - news from **Dede Shipway Webster!** Dede is kept very busy teaching squash nearly year round at PDS and Princeton and squeezing in

visits with children and grandchildren. Last spring she filled her empty nest with a Corgi puppy, Ace, and a Siamese kitty.

I had a wonderful visit with **Kitty Walker Ellison** and her husband Dan in October. Kitty and Dan were in Fort Collins for an exhibition of their daughter Clare's photography. Clare is a very talented photographer and I was impressed with the exhibit. After 12 years as a County Commissioner, Dan has decided not to seek reelection and to retire from that arena. Kitty has been kept busy volunteering for an agency that helps developmentally disabled adults, working occasionally in the church office, and serving as an election judge. They were delighted to report the engagement of their daughter, Jenny, to her long-time significant other and are looking forward to a wedding in the near future.

Those of us with e-mail have been working on arrangements for our 45th reunion above and beyond those planned by PDS. **Linda Maxwell Stefanelli** has graciously agreed to make plans for our class over the May 18 reunion weekend. I will be hosting another reunion over the weekend of Oct. 5 in Estes Park, CO, for those unable to attend in May. You are welcome to come the week ahead or stay the week after. In addition, the weekend of Aug. 25 (including the week before and week after) in Estes Park is available for those who can't make May or October. Please let me know if you are interested in either time.

I was really disappointed at having to miss our birthday party in September due to a family medical emergency but am looking forward to attending our reunion in May in Princeton. The highlight of our year was the visit of our two Australian granddaughters (Colton's children) who came (by themselves!) from Dec. 8 to Jan. 2. They are 9 and 7 and obviously accomplished travelers to be able to make such a lengthy trip on their own! The great holiday blizzard was quite a surprise and altered many of our plans. Dennis and I were trapped with four grandchildren from Wednesday until Saturday which was quite an adventure. Thank-

fully, everyone was able to make it for Christmas on Monday and we had a wonderful time.

**Win Dickey Kellogg** was able to sneak in between storms to spend Christmas with her family in Colorado. We weren't able to work out a face-to-face visit but I enjoyed our chat on the phone.

Hi! It's me, **Max**, and, as our friend Eloise would say, here's the thing — we had this most absolutely fabulous reunion last fall. It suddenly dawned on us that we'd been "skittering and scampering around" and missed our 40th reunion but, not to be denied a party, we came up with another good excuse to get together. The Class of '62 turned 62 last year and that seemed like an excellent reason to celebrate. When **Susie Shea McPherson** offered to host a birthday party at her beautiful house in Hyannisport, we started making plans and eventually almost a third of the class traveled to the Cape the weekend of Sept. 22.

Classmates arrived throughout the weekend, but seven of us were together Saturday and Sunday. **Wendy Coppedge Sanford** came out from Boston late Sunday and stayed until Monday. **Suzi Mathews Heard**, from California, got the long-distance award, although **Cindy Brown Haag**, from Florida, was a close second. The rest of the revelers included myself, **Carol Estey**, **Win Dickey Kellogg**, **Sonia Bill Robertson** and, of course, Susie. She was the consummate hostess, making up innumerable beds, marketing, cooking and leading tours of the area. The weather was rainy but that didn't deter us from enjoying wonderful beach walks and strolls around the neighborhood. She even planned a real birthday party for Saturday night with lobster, birthday cake, party favors and special presents for each person. Her house is beautiful and welcoming and boasts gorgeous views of the sound.

A note from **Suzi Heard** says it all: "It was wonderful to be together again, and in Susie's family home. The house was a perfect place for us to spend time together sharing our memories. It was exhilarating to walk the beach and around Susie's Hyannisport. She runs the place! We had delicious meals, especially our 62nd birth-

day celebratory lobster dinner, including beautiful decorations and flowers; blue and gray M&Ms specially marked '1962 MFS Birthday,' fabric lobster bibs, special gifts and a cake decorated by Susie's daughter, Sandy. We also enjoyed a special lunch at the golf club."

**Susie Shea McPherson** also shared her thoughts. "It was fabulous (though I do wish the weather had been better). But I have great memories of a group of women only bound together by MFS 44 years ago, and yet coming together we had such a cohesive group sharing stories, thoughts as people came and went, wonderful memories and memorabilia from all. We seemed to have survived the misfortunes and pleasures of MFS, our parents, our era — I was so proud of all of us to have done as well as we have over the years. I was impressed at how honest we were about our thoughts and feelings of the past and present. Everyone seemed to feel good enough about themselves and us to get involved in various discussions. I'd do it again in a minute!"

And we'd go back in a minute! What a great tribute to us and what a great incentive to gather at Estes Park this fall — or any other time we can manage!

## 1963

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**Lee Gardner Shult** wrote that she has retired. She and her husband Doug have leased their California home and are off to Guatemala and other Central American destinations for five months. Their plans are to "learn Spanish, travel, and volunteer where needed." Lee reported that **Ellen Levy** attended their daughter's wedding in October.

**Laurie Rodgers, Pam Sidford Schaeffer**, and I e-mail each other frequently. We are planning a May reunion at the Schaeffer's new home in L.A. Laurie's Christmas letter told of our June 2006 reunion in Portland and several other meetings with "old" friends, including a reunion in Newport Beach of 25 people who had lived in Acapulco in the '60s and '70s. Laurie's third trip to the West was a

September trip to Red Rock Ranch in Jackson, WY, where she and her sister, Cath, wrangled cattle and enjoyed the stunning views.

Pam and Leonard moved into their remodeled home in the late fall. They met their new neighbors right away because the sump pump alarm went off in the middle of their second night in the house. Pam said, "Imagine an air-raid siren." To make matters worse, they couldn't get to the fuse box to turn the alarm off because of massive yard debris. Pam concluded, "We are great friends with the neighbors now." As only Pam would, she decided that despite the fact that everything (including her knives) was packed, she'd host Thanksgiving dinner. Her final words about this column were, "I only want to know about people as disorganized and overwhelmed as myself." So I propose the MFS Class of 1963 Contest for Most Disorganized and Overwhelmed. Please send entries to the above address!

**Liza Maugham** sent a note inviting class members to visit her in Maine; e-mail her at [lmaugham@verizon.net](mailto:lmaugham@verizon.net). She also reports that she is working in Concord, MA at Early Intervention and is very busy with her old house in Maine and her five grandchildren.

**Kathy Sittig Dunlop**, her husband, and her daughter went to Pennsylvania for Christmas to visit son Rob and his wife. Both Dunlops had surgery for bone-related problems this past year, and Kathy reports they are doing well and back to their usual activities. Kathy lost her father this past year, and I know all our classmates join me in sending condolences. One of the positive highlights of the Dunlops' year was a two-week trip to France in late October.

I had a wonderful year for travel in 2006. My partner A.J. and I visited Greece and Turkey in May and Chile and Argentina in December. Buenos Aires is one of the most vibrant, exciting places I've ever been. And we enjoyed the sights of Patagonia and the towns at the "End of the World". I very much enjoy my second career as an executive coach and consultant.

Would those classmates who do not get my twice-yearly e-mail

messages asking for news please take a moment and share your e-mail addresses with me? I am an equal opportunity annoyer, and I'd be delighted to know where everyone is and beg all of you for news.

## 1964

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**Barbara Callaway** writes: Thanks, guys, for your great response to my e-mail plea for news. For those classmates who are reading this who did not contribute to this issue, I encourage you to write in for the next. I am pleased to be the MESSENGER, and so will let everyone speak for themselves in this issue.



**Cary Smith Hart '64 and Dora Lange Gilstrap '64** at Santa Barbara Polo Club in 2006.

**Cary Smith Hart** writes: I retired from practicing pediatrics at Kaiser as of the new year. I loved my work, am convinced that Kaiser is the best health care model but felt terribly stressed trying to stay on schedule and still manage electronic charting. I could do it, but at a price for my blood pressure and evening hours. Now I'm looking forward to seeing more family and friends, volunteering, traveling, bird watching and doing more reading.

**Susan Jamieson** has cause to celebrate as "...a breast cancer survivor (one year in February 2007), daughter Emily living and working in DC for American Immigration Law Foundation, son Mathey, in grad school at U Penn. I am working a legal aid still in disability rights, and husband Max is inching toward retiring which includes spending time fixing up a sailboat, hangin' out in the swamps of south Georgia, and visiting old friends. Love to all, come to Atlanta!" CONGRATS, SUE!



**Fran Wolff '64** on Great Wall of China 2006.

**Fran Wolff**, a woman of few words, says she "spent a month traveling in China and Tibet recently. Found it fascinating. That's about it for me." Not even Mrs. Peck would have allowed you to get away with such an incomplete report, Fran. I hope you'll elaborate on this exotic-sounding trip in our next class notes.

At least two of us celebrated a family wedding this year. **Linda Conroy Vaughn** and her husband had a great time at their daughter Heather's nuptials. She writes: The wedding was on New Year's Eve at the newly built Schermerhorn Symphony Hall in Nashville. Heather's wedding was the first wedding in the Hall, which made it even more dramatic. Because it was New Year's Eve, the band played until 1 a.m., and my friends, who usually hit the sack around 10 p.m., were still rockin'. We had feather boas and 2007 dark glasses and hats that we passed out at 11:30 to bring in the new year. Most of the guests were from out of town so we entertained them all weekend going to the Grand Ole Opry, the honky tonk bars, the Country Hall of Fame museum and the rehearsal dinner at Vanderbilt. I was flying high in another stratosphere with a grin from ear to ear for the entire week. Heather met her husband in graduate school at Vanderbilt while both were getting their MBAs. Her husband, Rick Marsh, is from the Baltimore area and they plan to make their home in Nashville.

**Gail Petty Riepe** and husband Jim's son Jamie got married last May in the National Cathedral in Washington. It seems 2006 was a big year for Gail and her family. Gail wrote from their home in Utah that in addition to the wedding, Jim retired in April from T. Rowe Price, and she and Jim joined their daughter Christa in Torino, Italy, for the Olympics,

which Gail said was "very exciting." This year she is looking forward to a family trip "trekking in Bhutan and sightseeing in Cambodia and Thailand to celebrate my BIG 60 b'day."

**Joanna Hornig Fox** wrote: It's wonderful to hear from all again. What news here? Dan and Alicia have one baby, Isabel, now a year+, and a second, Lidia, will join her in March in Madrid, so I am delighted, although wish I wasn't experiencing grandma-dom transatlantically but in a more up-close way. Lara moved to San Francisco after 10 years in Boston, a little over a year ago, and she and I had a fabulous October road trip from Albuquerque to San Francisco, navigating all the wonderful parks and back roads and Indian ruins that the men in my life had always been too impatient to slow down and visit. ...In late December I was offered a new job, here, as senior program developer and policy analyst, am working on legislation to fund high schools and on developing a science component to our work of helping failing high schools, and suddenly feel quite young again.

My computer actually shook from impact when the e-mail from **Dora Lange Gilstrap** rocketed in a short while ago. What a nice surprise! Bringing us up to date on her life, Dora wrote: You've jolted me out of my cocoon with all the news of so many dearly remembered friends. Wish I could've come to the reunion you organized so beautifully, Barbara — maybe it'll happen again? It's true that this is a remarkable group of women and classmates!

My news isn't very exciting, but I'll try. I continue to teach first grade in a local elementary school



**Gail Petty Riepe '64 and Jim Riepe** at their son Jamie's wedding in May 2006. Daughter Christa is bridesmaid and bride is Allison.

— a wonderful job until No Child Left Behind came along, but sadly, now, we are expected to teach to the test not to the child. Still, teaching is always a joy at this level because the whole world is new to 6-year-olds and they eagerly absorb everything you offer them! My husband, George, owns a tack store/polo shop here in Indio, which gives him the excuse to play as much polo as his aging bones allow. In the summer it gets too hot here in the desert to play polo, so he moves his store to Santa Barbara and another branch to San Diego, which allows us to spend lovely days on the Santa Barbara beach (and polo fields). Our boys: Daniel (24) is in the audio business setting up sound for concerts, etc., living in Riverside. His 18-month-old baby Zachary has put a new twinkle in our dotting grandparental eyes. Justin (27) is at Columbia getting his master's in international affairs, specializing in Russia and Eastern Europe. He loves NYC, but misses D.C., where he worked for four years.

I occasionally see **Cary Smith Hart** when she and Gary visit here in Indio or Santa Barbara. I hope we'll see more of one another since Cary has just retired from Kaiser and must surely be awash in free time (what a lovely prospect)! In fact, I'd love to see any or all of you here in the beautiful, sunny California desert!

**Susie Moulton**, who is surely a finalist in the "who hasn't changed since MFS" contest, wrote from Boston: I turned 60 in May and in October my fabulous, fascinating and somewhat opinionated mother died at age 93. I miss her very much and realize that, like so many of us, there is now no generation between me and the great-beyond.

My wonderful 22-year-old son Ben decided against college and is working hard to become a chef - doing well at it and living at home. But chef-ing is difficult work and I have to think he still needs college (but I am stuck in the time warp of what was expected of my generation). And then there is the world that worries me. A friend and I are actually thinking of going to Washington, D.C., for a protest march against the war at the end of January. The funny thing is, as a child of our generation, I actually



Jasper Drake, son of Elizabeth Hare '88 and Todd Drake, grandson of Barbara Rose Callaway MFS '64.

believe in protesting and speaking out, writing my congressmen etc. But my son and his friends look at me as if I were crazy! They are cynical about our political world and that bothers me.

So, I happily plod along and continue to be convinced that I can handle every challenge that life throws me — but do not want anymore! And I remember so fondly the wonderful reunion that Barbara organized for us several years ago. We are a great group of women and I would love to be 16 again and hang out with our little group.

I made a few changes in my life as well in 2006. I sold my house on Kiawah Island and moved into downtown Charleston. Now I can walk to everything (fabulous restaurants, theater, waterfront), and have enjoyed acquiring a group of new friends. You are all invited to visit me any time.

In addition to having my own real estate company, I have become a consultant for Arbonne International, a fabulous skin care company. Check it out at [www.arbonne.com](http://www.arbonne.com).

The "main squeeze" in my life is only 3 feet tall, has twinkling blue eyes and calls me "Nana."

In a couple of years it will be time to have another reunion — actually, we could have one at any time. What do you all think about meeting in California? So many of us live on the West Coast. Food for thought...

## 1965

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**Elise Rosenhaupt Noble** writes: **Alison Hubby Hoversten** has moved from Vail to Denver and writes: I still have a foot in the door in Vail in that the "family" house is on the market and I work up there

two days a week so that I can check up on things and catch up with friends and my daughter (now 27 who is working up there as well). Once I have the house sold, I will most likely make a permanent switch to Denver where there is so much more going on. A small ski resort is not an ideal place for single, aging women! My middle son (25) is also in Denver and he is the marketing director for the Colorado Crush (an indoor football team owned by John Elway, the former Denver Broncos football player). My youngest (son, soon-to-be 21) is in Oxnard, CA, working for a show-production lighting company. He aspires to be a lighting designer for a nationally recognized band and wants to go out on tour (preferably with Dave Matthews!). My new passion is road biking and I spent a few weeks in the Dordogne region of France this past fall biking through this incredibly beautiful part of Southern France. I am pondering my next adventure, perhaps to Italy or Vietnam.

Now, after a few seasons of gathering news and musings for the *Journal*, I want to say how much I appreciate Alison's diligence as class secretary for so many years, especially during the years when she had one, then two, then three children at home. Thank you, Alison!

**Karen Fraser** wrote from Indiana: The wonderful — and did I say persuasive? — Elise has asked for a mid-western report for the *Journal*, so here is something, albeit brief. Class of '65 had a spectacularly wonderful reunion in New Mexico last spring, and came away rejuvenated, with shared book lists, movie titles to rent, lots of love and goodwill. SOME OF US have been more responsible than others about putting our good intentions to good purpose, but we have pretty much all shared some titles, some thoughts, some changes: **Peshe Cantor Kuriloff** is, perhaps as we speak, moving into a new house in Philadelphia; and I've had quite the jet set fall and winter, hosting a cruise down the Danube for public radio station friends — terrific of course — and then a trip in January to visit my father Russell and his wife Mary in Honolulu, which was more wonderful than I anticipated. I read a Charlie Chan book on the plane

trip going out, and it all led to the desire for cigarette holders, steamer trunks, evening attire, etc. I want to learn the hula and learn to play the ukulele, and smell a lot of orchids, and go back again very soon. Especially since now the selfsame Midwest is in a true deep freeze, and both sons in Chicago (that's Charlie a freshman at Columbia College which Russell had never heard of and vowed that he would never speak to him again if he went there; and Fraser, working at Remy Bumppo Theatre) enjoy letting me know the minus 20 degree temperatures they've been having. In contrast, I hope all is well with you, and that some of the Class of '65's warmth extends to the wider Miss Fine's/PDS family.

**Lauren Adams Fortmiller** and her spouse Pam, who live in Sag Harbor, have trained as Marriage Ambassadors with Empire Pride Agenda to work through the legislature for equal civil rights for gays in New York State.

**Peshe Cantor Kuriloff** and her husband Peter, after months of temporary housing while they renovated, are finally moving into their new house in Center City Philadelphia, (confirming Karen's reportorial chops). Their son Gabriel is getting married in August.

My (**Elise Rosenhaupt Noble's**) news: My mother Maureen died peacefully on Dec. 1, 2006. Our daughter Kate had extended her early November visit to us in Santa Fe, and Patrick has lived here since June 2003. We chose to bring my mother home for her last days, barely aware that the decision would enlarge our universe. Two months later, Kate returned to Santa Fe after more than 13 years living and working in New York City. To everything there is a season.

Tom and I have given in to the urge to restore yet another old place, and are repairing and renewing a historic compound of six houses (five are tiny). Thanks to my fine classical education at MFS, I identify both with Hercules when he mucked out those Augean stables (it's piled so deep) and with Sisyphus (no end in sight), and am having a fine time.

# ClassNotes

## Princeton Country Day School

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#### 70th Reunion

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**John P.C. Matthews** writes: My book on the Hungarian Revolution of 1956, called *Explosion*, which was to have been published October 2006, now is scheduled for May 2007. It follows on *Tinderbox*, published in 2003. I am now beginning work on my autobiography Not Exactly: *The Autobiography of a Cold Warrior Turned Peacenik*, which I hope to complete in two years.

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#### 55th Reunion

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**Philip Kopper** writes: **Bob Hillier** says "The most important thing is that I am not retired and am, in fact, having more fun than ever..." Hillier Architecture was named "Firm of the Year" in 2006 by New Jersey's AIA chapter. The company has projects everywhere from Witherspoon Street to China, Korea, Egypt, Bahrain and India. Of special interest locally, Bob did his bit for "anti-gentrification" by transforming the Quarry Street School (formerly the Witherspoon School for Colored Children) into a 34-unit condo development that includes low-cost housing for long-term residents. Meanwhile, the Chamber of Commerce named him Princeton's "Innovator of the Year."

In the spring, Bob and wife Barbara will launch *Obit... revealing lives*, a monthly magazine that will cover recent demises, spectacular and/or interesting funerals, notable octogenarians still working actively, and political issues involving death (e.g. California doctors who refused to perform executions). The sheet is for the boomer generation, folks

like us who are much closer to the end than the beginning. Its purpose is to stimulate "more open discussion and exploration of dying in today's society." Bravo!

Recent sightings and non-sightings: A reliable source reports **John Wellemeyer** has returned to Princeton after living in London for decades...

Meanwhile, two members of our class are listed in the directory of St. Alban's Episcopal Church here in Washington, yours truly and **Ren Lee**, though we haven't laid eyes on each other since graduation.

Where Are They Now? The post office returned my letters to both **Ted d'Arms** and **Tim Ward** as undeliverable. If anyone knows their whereabouts, please send word.

**Sherry Smith** sends word — via typewriter — that he still manages a book store in Vermont, serves on the local library board, goes hiking and "minor mountain climbing," helped found a reading group and enjoys "keeping active both mentally and physically... Oh yes, I avoid hypertechnology with equal passion." Write on!

For myself, like Hillier I have not retired. I continue to run Posterity Press while spinning words in various venues, such as writing book reviews for the *Washington Times*, and, presently, ghosting the memoirs of **Wilhelmina Cole Holladay**, founder of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, for publication later this year.

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**Harold van Doren** writes: I published a book of 32 short stories about living on Isle au Haut, Maine. Take care, Harold.

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**1961**

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**J. Ward Kuser** writes: I seem to be getting later in my efforts at penning a few lines for this special magazine. I guess mostly because I see so few people any more and I hear even less.

Well, the one person that I now hear regularly from is Brother **John Sheehan** who has left as of mid-December the fun and sun of the South Pacific for the excitement of the Big Apple. Once again after leaving his mark among the natives, John is ready to take on the world and spread both the Good News and his famous charms. Actually, after many years, he's finally been given a sabbatical 'til some time in the summer. So, what's he doing right now? Well, it's close to 10 at night and he's undoubtedly working on his five-hour-a-day-stint at the piano dazzling the Jesuit Residence on 83rd Street. Oh wait, that's right... Of course, he's visiting people left and right around the country, upstate New York, Maryland, Texas, Denver, the National Rotary Convention in Salt Lake City, etc., etc. Then, some time in February, he ventures to Europe for visits to England and Austria for more backslapping and whatnot.

He stays on this course of socializing and ivory pounding 'til the summer, when finally the "powers that be" will come up with a new assignment for our dear friend. I'm pushing for Rome, but I, as usual, know naught. He, of course, is gracious and says he will be pleased with whatever. More later, but find out yourself with [jrsheehan@yahoo.com](mailto:jrsheehan@yahoo.com) or, even better, take in the real "Shamrock" himself at [frjohnsj.blogspot.com](http://frjohnsj.blogspot.com). No kidding, it's live John, every hour! Too cool!

As to other news, the usual run-ins over the Christmas holidays with **Regan Kerney** and other assorted alumni behind the goal at the Lawrenceville Hockey Tournament. Regan was his usual loquacious self as he went from one L-village group to another.

**Randy "Ra" Hobler** called and spread the latest about his world. Apparently, he moves closer and closer to success with his semi sequel to "The Music Man." Keep going, "Ra." There have been further rumors about **David Johnson** that I still haven't followed up, but will. **Hank Tomlinson** bids good fortune to all from "The Land of the Enchantment."

Oh, by-the-way, I had no idea

anyone but **Tom Chubet**, **Peter Katzenbach**, and **Peter Raymond** ever read what I write in the *Journal*. Well, a few days after the last magazine was sent out, I was shocked when I received a terrific-looking postcard from someone else that reads my "balderdash" writing. The unsigned author pointed out another of my inabilities, this time to spell correctly people's names. He/she was right. I just shouldn't trust my spell check when I have two friends with similar names in the memory. Thanks for telling me... Again, sorry, Regan.

OK, lastly, I did get to speak for a little bit with **Richard Reynolds**, who was here in town quite unexpectedly. . . . His brother Tom Reynolds '60 passed away quite suddenly and Richard had come out from Boulder to be with the family. I didn't know Tom at all, which apparently was my loss.

The evening after the funeral, while cruising about town, I overheard three separate groups of people speak of Tom... He must have been a fine man... Our loss. As to Richard, I hope that I will be able to catch up more with him in the future.

Well, that covers what I have this time. A bit on the slim side and not all that good to hear. Still... Remember the reunions

on May 18 and 19. We're up to 46! Wow, that's a long time... And hey, how about some news? I need something good to tell the rest about the Boys and now the Men from Broadmead.

**1962****45th Reunion***Correspondent needed***1963**

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**Ford Fraker** was recently named as the new US ambassador to Saudi Arabia. If confirmed by the Senate, he would replace James Oberwetter, who served in that post since December.

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Sarah Jaeger '66 received a fellowship honoring her ceramic work from the United States Artists, a foundation that nurtures and supports America's finest living artists.



## 1966

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**Debbie Hobler** writes: On Dec. 4, 2006, at a gala ceremony at Lincoln Center in New York City, the United States Artists, a foundation whose mission is to nurture, support and strengthen the work of America's finest living artists, awarded **Sarah Jaeger** a fellowship honoring her ceramic work. In its inaugural year of giving the awards, USA presented 50 artists with USA fellowships. This award is the artistic equivalent of the MacArthur awards, and is a GREAT honor for Sarah. As a USA fellow, she receives an unrestricted grant of \$50,000 to support her creative work. She says, "Of course the money is wonderful, but the most overwhelming and rewarding part of this is the affirmation of my work."

In their naming of Sarah as a

fellow, USA writes: "Ceramist Sarah Jaeger has been recognized as one of the leading studio potters in the country. Her attention to form and use of sumptuous glazes in her staunchly utilitarian ware invites touch and use, integrating a sensual aesthetic experience into the everyday. Jaeger holds a BA from Harvard, and a BFA from the Kansas City Art Institute." We are all SO proud that Sarah has been named a United States Artists Fellow and that she's received national recognition for her ceramic artistry.

Another exciting event for our Miss Sarah this year is her appearance on the PBS documentary series titled *Craft in America* ([www.craftinamerica.org](http://www.craftinamerica.org)). The program is organized in three segments, "Landscape", "Memory" and "Community", and Sarah will be featured in the "Community" part. This past summer the PBS film crew spent three days schmoozing with Sarah at her home in Helena, MT. The broadcasts are scheduled to be seen on three Sundays at the end of April, and in early May. Check your local TV guide to see when it's on. For those of you who haven't seen her

pottery, this is your big chance to see how incredible an artist and craftswoman she is!

In September, all class members received the 181-page *MFS/PDS Class of 1966 40th Reunion Notebook*, created by **Debbie Hobler** during the summer months. Filled with class memorabilia, completed questionnaires, old and new pictures of our reunions and our families, it was critically well reviewed, is now available on Amazon.com., AND will soon to be released as a major motion picture! (not). Next will be the PDS Calendar Girls of '66. What say? Copies of the notebook are actually available in the PDS library. Debbie even lost five pounds during the writing of the book due to her wrestling, nudging and pleading with classmates to submit their questionnaires, plus added needed muscle to her aging physique after carting 40 3-lb. books to the post office for mailing.

**Mary Carol Bilderback** writes that she is hopelessly energetic about the new semester. She's teaching a course in evolution, organisms, ecology and molecular cell biology. I think Mrs. Schleyer

would approve, don't you? Mary says, "As of the first class, all the students are wonderfully alert and wide-eyed. The trick is to help them sustain the "Beginner's Mind" (as the Buddhists aptly name it) of delight and curiosity."

After selling her old home, **Sally Behr Ogden** has just moved to Stamford, CT, with her husband Denny, three kids, four dogs, three mini horses, birds, chickens and the cat. What, no cow? Denny has a business involved in the automotive industry. Sally's oldest daughter Oakley graduated from Sarah Lawrence and is in a master's program in integrative psychology. Her son Nick is a senior at Vanderbilt, and youngest daughter Lacey is a freshman at Bates. It seems that everyone in the Ogden family has caught the learning bug, as Sally too is attending Sarah Lawrence to finish her degree. She says "My clothing company is still going after 30 years, and also sold the specialty concrete company I was involved with to WR Grace." Hey Sally, in the next class notes, maybe you can explain if there is a connection between specialty concrete and clothing?

Apparently, **Sally Harries Gaudie** can't stop attending weddings. Her son Steve was married in June in Scotland, her nephew's wedding was in August, and now her son Dave will be married this year. He and Sandra



This happy couple is Sally Harries Gaudie's son Dave and his fiancee, Sandra.



From left to right, Carol Bonner Clark, Patience Morgan-Irogoyen, Debbie Hobler, Katherine Becker and Andrea Hicks gather in December 2006.

got engaged in Cuba over Christmas. Sally's particularly happy since Steve and his new bride have relocated to the Boston area from Scotland, which is much closer to Sally and Jack's home.

Winging their way to Paris and Venice, **Susan Bonthron** and Gilbert celebrated his 60th birthday in the fall, residing in apartments. Now that they own the little schoolhouse that adjoins their property, they'll be fixing it up over the summer, and rent it as a guesthouse for people coming to take her book art classes. Susan's bindery classes continue to expand. Since we all saw how beautiful her work is at our reunion, we can understand why people would flock to Susie's classes. She and **Hermine Delany** were looking forward to getting together in



Carol Bonner Clark's grandson, Weston.

early February.

New York City in early December was the gathering place for a dinner attended by **Andrea Hicks**, **Patience Morgan-Irogoyen**, **Carol Bonner Clark**, **Katherine Becker** and **Debbie Hobler**. Despite our loitering with intent and high noise levels, we were not arrested at the Bull and the Bear at the Waldorf Astoria. Hey, we were only behaving like our usual selves at Renwicks. In the early fall, Carol and Katherine

brought **Linda Staniar** up to snuff on our reunion when they got together for a lunch in Princeton.

**Dale Marzoni Kellogg** says hello from snowbound Denver. She was stuck in her house for four days during the winter storms. As a result, she was unable to catch her plane to see her daughter Lorelei for Christmas in Santa Fe.

**Barbara Sullivan** continues to be the Energizer Bunny: she gives presentations, does radio commentaries, writes magazine articles on gardening, AND takes Spanish courses at her local university. Where is all this energy coming from? She's awesome. Barbara's goal is to become fluent enough in Spanish to become a translator.

Our environmentalist **Mettie Whipple** was quoted in the Boston papers again (*The Boston Globe*). Mettie, president of the Eel River Watershed Association, was thrilled to find out that Massachusetts state scientists confirmed the presence of a rare freshwater fish, the slimy scuplin, in a branch of the Eel River in Plymouth. She felt that it confirms the value of the river's freshwater habitat at a time when her association is facing a potential fight over a new permit for a Plymouth town waste-water treatment plant. The Association fears that declining water quality will threaten the slimy scuplin along with the watershed's 67 rare and endangered species.

Another Massachusetts resident, **Enid Sackin Reddick**, and husband John, like all folks who renovate their homes, had high hopes for ending their long term relationship with their contractor. Alas, the contractor remains, their home continues to be renovated and Enid jokingly prays for completion before the 2008

election. When asked, Enid shared some family information with us — John, who's an electrical engineer who lived in Texas most of his life, met Enid in D.C., and soon after she "dragged him back to the Northeast." The father of four grown kids who live in Georgia, Oklahoma and Texas, (three sons and a daughter), he and Enid enjoy being grandparents to five grandkids to whom they wished they lived closer.

**Katherine Becker** mentioned that she will undergo an additional back surgery in early March. (Her most recent one was in June 2006.) "Ever striving to get this right," she says, "but I really don't want this to become my avocation." Katherine said she'd welcome cards or e-mails from classmates during her recovery which will last about six months.

Thanks Debbie for writing up the news again. I'll just add a note on what I, (**Lynn Wiley Hoffman**) am up to. I am valiantly trying to readjust to the East Coast winters. I must admit I was thrilled to see the first two snows, having not seen any close up and personal for about 11 years. But when I had to drive home in it the other night — well, enough is enough. I'm living in my Hobbit Hole in Croyden, PA, where until recently, I worked at Target (remind me not to work retail at Christmas!). While there, I lost 30 pounds running around stocking shelves while having hot flashes, and felt I should be a poster girl for creating a Target weight loss program. I'm now working at Credit Suisse in Carnegie Center, a job which has me sitting down, which I prefer. I like having a normal schedule again.

Thank you all for sharing your news with us. We're hoping it will become a habit...

## 1967

### 40th Reunion

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**Susan Fritsch Hunter** writes: We had a great response for class news in the last issue. Thank you! I think everyone is interested in what we're all doing. Please note

that I have a new email address: ares543@comcast.net. Feel free to send me your news and photos anytime.

I hope to see all of you at our upcoming 40th reunion, May 18 and 19. There will be events on Friday and Saturday and dinners Friday and Saturday nights, either at private homes, the school or local restaurants. Details are still being worked out. The reunion committee, **Laura Peterson**, **Jo Schlossberg McConaghy** and **Susan Fristol Hunter**, will keep you updated. I know many of us are making arrangements to set aside this weekend, so I hope we have a great turnout!

**Marta Nussbaum Steele** writes that she has a new job and will be moving to Washington, D.C. She will be working as an editor of journals and books at Dumbarton Oaks in Georgetown, specializing in Byzantine culture and Mesoamerican archaeology. Congratulations Marta!

**Julia Lockwood** writes: Rachel is a senior at Vassar, graduating this spring. She is interested right now in pursuing a master's degree in English literature and wants to return to Ireland next year. She has had a great last two years and has truly enjoyed her studies at Vassar. The college years pass so quickly. Shradha is a freshman in high school now, playing on the JV basketball team this fall. Priyanka is a big second grader, learning how to read and swim. Her favorite activity is play dates, and I can't seem to schedule enough of them. My practice is thriving, with two partners and two physician assistants. I am not thinking of retiring yet! I saw **Jennie Bergerhoff** at Thanksgiving which is always wonderful. It is one of those quirky elements of fate that our two children are the same ages and enjoy playing together.

Bill and I and the girls had a pre-holiday dinner at a New York City restaurant with **Mary Young Bragado** and her husband, Max Bragado Darman. They are dividing their time between New York City, where they are restoring a brownstone, and Carmel, CA. Max is the music director of the Monterey Symphony.



Proud Mom, Peg Longstreth Bayer '41 shared this photo of son Bob Bayer '69 after he scored "a hat trick plus one" as the oldest player on the ice for his Moose Team in Boston.

## 1968

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Mary Hobler Hyson writes: Temperatures have dipped well below the 50s, as winter has finally announced its arrival in New England. It's a good time to hunker down and write up this column.

Linda Michael Hart has provided me with stories from across the Great Pond. "In 2006 I had a great time in London for just under three weeks. I went to museums and flea markets and shopped for clothes. I also visited with Ingrid Selberg and Gillian Gordon, who are both gorgeous and talented and thriving. Did you know that Gillian is now a psychotherapist? In the UK, this requires some 4,000 hours of internship! She's also teaching film stuff, graduate level somewhere." I think Ingrid is still in the publishing business, as Michael did not say to the contrary. Michael has just begun a creative writing class at the local junior college. "Poetry (of all things) is flowing freely around here," she says. Michael's address is 819 Chileno Valley Road, Petaluma, CA, 94952."

There is sad news to report as well. Sia Godfrey Bauer's older brother, Andy, died suddenly this past summer in Utah. He was part

of the PCD family for many years. In addition, word came recently that John Claghorn's mother, Margery, died in late December. Margery was one of our strongest PDS sports supporters as well as a PDS receptionist for about 20 years. She was actively involved in other Princeton community efforts. To Sia and John, we send our sincere condolences.

Remember sending news to me is as easy as going on line and plugging in: bassett7750@cox.net. Cheers, Mary.

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## 1972

### 35th Reunion

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Jan Hall Burruss writes: In April 2006, my family and I drove down to Princeton from Boston, as part of my oldest daughter's college search. I drove my family by PDS and was pleased with all the new buildings, rinks, and other new additions since my last trip to Princeton in 1981. I was shocked, though, to discover that the big old farmhouse, where we lived for part of the time I was at PDS, has been torn down. Only a chain across a weed-filled driveway marks the spot. My daughter, Meriwether, did not decide to apply to Princeton; instead she applied early action to Harvard and got in last December. She will join her brother, Oliver, who is a junior there. My youngest daughter, Georgiana, is in her first year

at Dover-Sherborn High School. I continue to work at the local elementary school, and my husband, John, works with computers. We still live on the family farm in Sherborn, MA, where we keep chickens, cats and dogs. Our PDS yearbook said I'd end up on a farm!

## 1973

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Sandy Oxley writes: Hilary Morgan has recently relocated from Anchorage, Alaska. Leaving New York City in 1984, she spent the past 22 years living in Australia, the Philippines, Thailand, England, France, Hawaii and Alaska. She currently owns her own consulting firm specializing in transformative solutions for nonprofits and is the Director of Development and Communications for the Community Preservation and Development Corporation in Washington, D.C. Check out her company's Web site at [www.resourcefulresults.com](http://www.resourcefulresults.com). Continually composing, Hilary has two CDs out ([www.hilarymorganmusic.com](http://www.hilarymorganmusic.com) or [www.cdbaby.com](http://www.cdbaby.com)) and is starting to perform again in

the D.C. area. She writes that she is eager to reconnect now that she's back on the East Coast!

Duncan Martin is living in Connecticut and working for ESPN. He's been there for about seven years writing and researching for the ESPN Website. He'd love to catch up with some of his



Marion Huston Lisko and Martha Sullivan Sword got together in Spokane, WA.

classmates.

Marion Huston Lisko and Martha Sullivan Sword got together in Spokane, WA, to watch the U.S. Figure Skating Nationals, courtesy of Lisa McGraw Webster '44. Martha writes: It was just like the good old days in the PDS rink, only better!! Marion writes: What a great time we had – sad to think that she has to travel cross-country for us to catch up! Anyone else in the Seattle area, don't hesitate to let me know!

As for me, I'm still living in Boxborough, MA with my partner of 20 years and our nearly 7-year-old son, Ben. My latest news – I was recently accepted to Goddard



Hilary Morgan '73 sends these images from Alaska. Left, she is reaching the 9,000 ft. summit during a 100-mile bike ride to raise funds for Lance Armstrong's Cancer Research Center and, right, she is standing in the Bering Sea/Arctic Ocean.



College's creative writing MFA Program in Plainfield, VT. I attended my first residency there in January, which was absolutely amazing. I'm still working as a technical writer at the U.S. DOT...and writing poetry.

Take care everyone – lovely to hear from you! Next time, with any luck, we'll do even better.

## 1974

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**Ted Thomas** writes: After many years of mountain biking recreationally, a friend loaned me his road bike and suggested that I enter a local road race which was open to the general public. I ended up doing well in that race and decided to take up the sport of road racing at the young age of 47. As I got more into the sport, I hired a coach, and worked my way up the peloton to become a serious contender over the last two seasons.



Ted Thomas and Jamie Morgan

Around this time, I was talking with a fellow racer who introduced himself to me as Jamie. I quickly realized that this fellow was none other than **Jamie Morgan**, a classmate of mine from PDS. What a small world! Over the last couple of seasons now, Jamie and I have shared quite a few anaerobic moments together on the back roads of Northern California competing in the Masters 45+ category. Enclosed is a picture of us following the particularly grueling Mt. Tam Hillclimb this September where we both earned top 10 results. Hope all are well, and if you're ever in the Bay Area, give me a call and we'll go for a ride.

## 1975

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**Molly Sword McDonough** writes: Hi gang! The theme for the Class of '75 this year is turning 50!

Having just survived turning 50, I wanted to let you know that there are a couple of people who have reported their existence from the "other side," namely **Kip Herrick**, who turned 50 last April, and **John Joyce**, who became older than the rest of us on Nov. 17, 2006.

In a related note, **Eric Dunn** had the audacity to tell me, just hours after I turned into a mid-century dinosaur, that he won't be turning 50 until 2008!!! He does, however, seem to have a countdown clock on the date, relating that, as of Jan. 26, 2007, he still had 371 days to go... which may make his birthday either Feb. 1 or 2? I'm not sure... I have to leave that math stuff up to Eric. Eric, do you happen to have something that would help with my taxes? HAH!

Birthdays of those who will turn 50! (that I know of):

- **Philip Benson**, February 11 (We're all grateful to have gotten the report from Beirut)
- **Bill Graff**, February 18 (I have included some great news from Bill Graff below)
- **Curtis Webster**, February...? (I forgot!) Curtis, his wife Jennifer Ortega, and I had a great time in New York last week at the Association of Performing Arts Presenters, stopping in at the William Morris party, and seeing some great showcases at BB King's.
- **Liv Johnson**, March 6
- **Suzanne Bishop Willis**, March 14
- **Bill McClellan**
- **Caroline Erdman Hare**, April 1
- **Anne Russell Barrett**, April 26

**Harvey Wiener** writes: I too have received my AARP card as my 50th is Jan. 26. It's amazing how 'they' know. It seems like yesterday that I turned 18 and received my draft card. Same old, same old here — Seth is in his last semester at Columbia University and is waiting

to hear from law schools (the top five seem to take their time). Philip is in his last semester of high school and will be attending the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University in Tempe. I hope you have a happy and healthy 50th birthday. Think of all those great discounts we can get with our AARP cards. I'm all over the early bird special at the local Applebee's!

**Bill McClellan** writes: Kate is at Lawrenceville and enjoying it. She is playing on the same ice hockey team as Molly's niece. I have just received my MA in education from Goddard College. I am teaching social studies and science to a seventh grade class in Union, Maine. Hope all are well. I will be 50 in April. (PS from Molly: Kate plays with my brother Dick's youngest daughter, Payson Sword, and also **Stephen Mantell's** niece, Becky Mantell!)

**Caron Cadle** writes: My 50th arrives on July 21, and my husband Ralf Remshardt and my mom (still living in Princeton) and I are targeting Quebec City as a good place to celebrate. I haven't been to French Canada since 1968, so it's about time. My sister-in-law Tina, a radiologist in Germany, and her partner, also a radiologist, actually thought so far ahead that they reserved the time around my birthday for their summer vacation slot when these were allotted in December, so we hope they will join us. If Canada doesn't work for them, we may settle on a site in Europe. My main criterion is, it can't be as hot as Florida in July!

This is in keeping with a tradition established on my 40th birthday, when Mom, Ralf and I spent a sybaritic long weekend in Savannah, GA, (too hot, but otherwise sublime). We spent our time lounging around our wonderful bed and breakfast, taking high tea, enjoying brandy and a chocolate at bedtime, and otherwise tootling around that lovely city seeing heritage houses, scoping out flea markets and antique shops, and sampling some terrific restaurants, one of them, The Olde Pink House, twice (it was that good!).

I've enjoyed my 40s more than any other decade of my life and look forward to my 50s. Not that



Tom McDonough, (formerly class of 2010) dancing with my mother (his grandmother) Sally Sword (former trustee) at Molly Sword McDonough's 50th birthday party.

the last decade has been problem-free, but I'm better suited to coping with the inevitable setbacks and shocks and my sense of humor is a lot more acute than when I was younger (especially when it concerns my person and my foibles!).

Not much to report otherwise. I'm cranking away on my book project, a seven-part saga, encouraged by interest on the part of the editor-in-chief of a leading publisher in my field (space opera, i.e. science fiction/fantasy short on hardware, long on character development, and with a happy ending). Ralf is working on a book project as well, on theater and early film, and will be giving two conference papers in the next five months, one in Long Beach, CA, and the other in Montreal. We survived a very heavy travel schedule last year (147 days for me) and hope to be on the road somewhat less in 2007. But I'll be up in Princeton from Feb. 15 on to do Mom's taxes and then take her out to Seattle to visit some old friends!

**Philip Benson** writes: We always cringe when we turn on CNN on the hour to hear, "It's 8 a.m. in Beirut, 9 a.m. in Baghdad" or something along those lines. This morning the situation here was unclear, so we didn't have to turn to CNN to find out what time it was. Now, of course, we are lead story on both CNN and the BBC. Far too many times in the past two years for our liking but at that the same time, never a dull moment.



From left to right, Ellen Albert, Kathy Burks Hackett, Jane Farley von Oehsen, Caroline Erdman Hare, Amy Stover Garofalo, Suzanne Bishop Willis, Molly Sword McDonough.

The skies were very dark when I awoke this morning. My, the opposition got up early to set their countless fires. And the smell of burning rubber was not what I like to accompany my first cup of Ethiopian coffee. What would have been a glorious crisp winter morning on the Med. turned into a scene from the *Inferno*.

Walked to school through the AUB campus in case there was an upset Shiite or loony Christian enraged at the sight of two non-Shiites or loony Christians. Not that our neighborhood is unsafe — we do have a nice contingent of soldiers on our corner and down the street (being close to AUB and the prime minister's apartment does have its advantages). Once at school we were told that there would be no classes. Beirut Snow Day is what we call a day like today. Many people could not get to school because of barricades and frenzied mobs. But the school was quite pleasant without the distractions of students and a full contingent of teachers. Deirdre managed to get through most of her TOK essays and I was able to clean off two of my classroom tables. Looks like it will be more of the same tomorrow. School will most likely be shut unless we hear tonight that Nasrallah is calling off his screaming meemies. Not sure if that will happen since the possibility to bring down the government is ever closer. At the same time, the opposition may want to rest on its ill-gotten laurels and call it

'Victory' like they did this past summer. 'Divine Victory II'? We are all hoping that Iran and Saudi Arabia are working behind the scenes to pressure their respective miscreant factotum to work on some sort of compromise. Ha. And the airport road is cut off which may put a crimp in my plans to leave for Bahrain on Thursday afternoon to give an IB History workshop. If I do get out I had better pack a c.v. in case my time in the Gulf gets extended!

We did have a great trip to Rajasthan over Christmas and are looking forward to Easter in Morocco. So, don't worry — Beirut is not on fire but there has been a lot of smoke. We certainly don't want/plan to be evacuated again! So, that is the picture from Beirut. More as the situation warrants. Cheers.

**Molly Moynahan** writes: Thanks for that amazing report from Philip. I still remember encountering him totally by chance 30 years ago with Deidre in... Athens, maybe? Anyway, I am 50 on May 15 and feel it's very odd as do my parents-50? 50? I thought you were 48? Of course I married a mere babe (44) so he's been put on notice. I can't help feeling incredibly lucky to be alive despite the "interesting" times. We have moved into a place that has the finest view of downtown Chicago in the entire city so if anyone wants to visit I say come be 50 on our huge balcony!

**Kip Herrick** writes: Thanks for the updates. I turned 50 in

April. My husband took me to a spa on St. Bart's for vacation... alone!! We had a spectacular time and it was a perfect way to ease into 50! My daughter is looking into boarding schools for next year which makes me sad but our local school isn't great for her. Maybe she'll be in school with one of our classmates' kids somewhere... you never know!

**John Joyce** writes: It's really interesting for me to hear about such a diversity of things our classmates are doing. I must really be old, I turned 50 back on Nov. 17, 2006. I couldn't tell any difference. But now when I turn on the TV, I understand that 50 is the new 30 so I'm feeling much younger. There are also a lot of companies that think we have lots of money to spend so I feel honored that they are making commercials just for us! I don't really have any exciting news, we do have some insurgents here in Wyoming but they are mostly from Colorado and California just trying to escape the crowds. The high energy costs have pushed up fuel, fertilizer and corn prices, making it more of a challenge to farm and ranch, but everyone needs a challenge. My family and my folks are in good health and it didn't get down below zero last night for the first time in two weeks so life is good here! Thanks again for your efforts and enjoy being 30 again.

**Bill Graff** writes: Happy, Happy Birthday, Molly! Loved the piece in the *Trenton Times* on the War Memorial — you look great. It's hard to believe we're two-thirds the age of such a stately old landmark. May the future spare us of lengthy and costly "renovations". (Note from Molly: Very proud to say there was a great article about the War Memorial's 75th Anniversary in the *Trenton Times* on Jan. 21, 2007.)

My big day is Feb. 18 (the Sunday of President's Day weekend, no less). Carol and I are pretty much in agreement that the day will be overshadowed by our newly-minted first grandchild. Our son Brendan Lucey '91 and his wife Danielle Logan are expecting any time after February 2. Even though they're just an hour away in Wilmington, the Web cams are in place. Needless to say,

we're praying all goes well — and we're just thrilled!

**Eric Dunn** writes (on Jan. 26, 2007): 50? Moi? I won't be 50 for 371 more days — but who's counting?

Molly's notes: To Bill Graff: we're not sure if we can associate with you any longer, as you are about to be a grandparent!!! To Eric Dunn: we're not sure if we can associate with you, either, because you are SO young, and impressionable, and who knows? — it could be illegal!

Some notes from other classes:

David O'Connor '76, at Creative Artists Agency, was the leader of the team that brokered the David Beckham deal!

Sarah Sword Lazarus' '81 husband, Ken Lazarus, was presented with a Technology Pioneer Award at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, in Jan. 2007. (Hey, I can brag about my brother-in-law, can't I?)

**Janet Quigley** writes: I turn 50 on June 15 and have decided Dublin, Ireland, is the place to be for it. Have rented a seven-room penthouse overlooking the Liffey for three days with some friends. Anyone in the area June 14-17 can look me up at the Oliver St. John Gogarty hotel!

**Davis Sherman** writes: Many milestones for us this year in addition to my 50th: Anita's 50th, our 25th anniversary, Natalie's 21st birthday (which falls on our anniversary), and Steve turns 18, and if all goes well, graduates from Friends School of Baltimore and heads off to college, leaving us with the aging cat. Davis Sherman, Venable LLP, 2 Hopkins Plaza, Suite 1800, Baltimore, MD 21201-2978, 410-244-7810, [dvsherman@venable.com](mailto:dvsherman@venable.com).

**Stephen Mantell** writes: I am thinking about turning 50 less often than my kids (14 and 17), who constantly remind me about it and they keep a running tally of how many days remain before I am out of my 40s — as if there is some sort of hourglass with the sand quickly running out. They must sense a tender spot which I don't acknowledge, not unlike the remarks they make about my receding hairline ("Dad, do you feel rain before we do? Would you say that's a useful advantage?")

As usual, I try not to pay attention to the details so I don't know how many days until the end of October but I agree with **John Joyce** that 50 is the new 30. I think he might also agree that less hair is more. I plan to think positively about this along the lines of what I have gained as opposed to lost, but I haven't had time. I really enjoy your updates on our PDS class. The farther away I get from those years the fonder I am of them and the people I shared them with. Best to all.

**Ralph Brown** writes: Great job with these wonderful and insightful e-mails. I'll be catching up to the pack on Nov. 6, 2007. Regards to all, Ralph (201-413-2855; ralphbrown@pershing.com).

**Carl Briscoe** writes: The pictures are here: <http://web.mac.com/carlbriscoe/iWeb/Briscoe%20Family/Welcomed.html>. Cheers and I will make the next reunion...

**Susi Vaughan** writes: My date is March 11 and frankly I am looking forward to turning 50!! (It also helps that my husband Jim is seven years older so I always get to say, "but I am younger than you!!!") No major celebrations planned. When I turned 40, we bought a time share in Colorado and have taken a week (without kids) in March ever since for some Rocky Mountain spring skiing, and we will continue to do that this year. Jim always teases me about getting a convertible when I turn 50, but Gillian, our oldest daughter just got accepted to Hobart & William Smith College (Jim's and my alma mater) so the money that would have gone to the convertible, had she gone to a state college, will go toward college tuition!

Otherwise everything continues at our household. I left my job teaching preschool last June to attempt to go back into the business world (with the idea that I would make gobs of money to pay for both a college tuition and the convertible!), but found working full-time not to the kids liking nor to mine. That on top of a minor health scare and a major kitchen renovation convinced me that full-time work was not in my future, so I left and became a substitute teacher for the local



The Class of '76 sends this photo from a fun gathering hosted by classmate Judy Glogau, who also is mom to current PDS students Laila '11, Lilly '14 and Maxwell Razzaghi '17.

school system. Fortunately, through substituting I was able to find a permanent position as a learning, language support teacher, so while I am working full time now I am working around the school calendar and that is pleasing to the kids!

It's great to read all about everybody else, please continue to forward all the e-mails! What about trying to get the group who live in the local area together for an evening soon!

**Gary Salup** writes: Please tell everyone that turning 50 is no big deal! Although I still look about 28, so it hasn't affected me at all. My wife Stephanie and I have survived the hurricanes and now the tornadoes of central Florida and it still hasn't aged us as much as getting ready for Shaina to go off to college in the fall. Alex is now 16 and has been acting professionally for two years now, primarily at the Orlando Repertory Theatre, and our baby, Michelle (now 11), helps us to keep our sanity. I still keep in touch with Brad, Russo, Moo and Chevy from time to time and look forward to making it back up north for a class reunion someday. The eldest class member... Gary

**Molly Moynahan** writes more: I'll turn 50 May 15 and since I've always been the youngest... it's a little strange. Parents are in major denial. My husband, Timo Goodrich, is actually due to be a grandfather this spring with his eldest son Philip who is destined for Iraq with the Marines in March. We hope things will get calmer there soon. Otherwise, I'm waiting to hear about a new novel, had a piece accepted by a publication called *Literary Mama* called "How to be a

Stepmother," and continue to teach the youth of Illinois. I'm going to Mt. Hereb, WI, Feb. 10, to help Ms. Erdman celebrate her 50th (party's not a secret but guest list is). Thanks for keeping people in touch. I was reading some of Marjorie's book the other day and remembering stuff. I hope you are well. Lots of love.

**Gwen Fryer** writes: Although I spent very little time with you guys, I remember all your faces, with warmth. I have really enjoyed reading these clips of your lives and (as usual) had totally lost track of time... I thought my 50th birthday was last year! But lo and behold, I was wrong. It took my husband to tell me so. I was born on Thanksgiving, my last name is Fryer (like fryer chicken) and my parents met in Turkey. Greetings to all.

From **Molly Sword McDonough**: Tina: call me. I miss you! Molly

## 1976

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## 1977

### 30th Reunion

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**Alice Graff Looney** writes: I am wondering why my inbox is empty. I have a nightmare that classmates send news about great events and accomplishments in their lives, like going to the moon, discovering inexpensive ways to save starving children, housing the homeless and packing the perfect bag lunch, and I forget to write about it. Then I

wake up and realize that everyone is busy trying not to be stressed out while multi-tasking on a daily basis at extreme speeds. It's been 30 years since the 77 of us graduated from PDS, high school seniors without cell phones, laptops and big screen TVs. Please save the dates and attend our 30th reunion on May 18 and 19. Look forward to seeing you then. I'll be the one with a clipboard taking notes for the next issue of the *Journal*.

## 1978

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**Allison Ijams Sargent** writes: "Mrs. Shehadi" smiley faces to all who wrote in with news. Thanks also to those who sent updated emails, it makes my job that much easier. From the tone and tenor of the replies, it feels like many of us are very busy – with work, travel, kids. This news has some changes of address and careers, as well as some welcome contact from a couple of long lost classmates. If the particulars from our class can be generalized in any way, then the class of '78 seems to be doing just fine. In no particular order, here is what I learned...

**Catherine Ferrante Topsall** writes: Still living in Old Greenwich, CT; four daughters, ages 7, 11, 13 and 15; went back to work full-time one year ago for a hedge fund in Stamford, CT. Thinking, once again, that PDS was a pretty amazing school back then and that our class, also was quite special.

**Jeff Ritter** writes: My most interesting experiences lately were teaching a class in media and democracy in Mitrovica, Kosovo, last summer (maybe again this summer) and playing lead guitar for the Beagle Brothers – a country/punk/honky tonk band in Pittsburgh – getting me back into the bars and late night musicians' hangouts now that my kids are not so small!

**Maggie Gordon**: I'm sure there are plenty of more productive things a person could be doing than trying to make themselves feel bad by comparing their lives to their classmates' lives, but I'm perfectly happy to waste some



Maggie and Dich Gordon on a dive boat off Curacao.

of your ink. After 13 years of teaching Russian at the University of Vermont and St. Michael's College, enrollments dropped and so was I. I switched over to teaching ESL for a while, but found that I'd much rather learn about my students' native languages than teach my own. Last fall in the midst of a whole wagonload of *Despair & Angst*, my brother Dich invited me to join him in a *Windjammer* (tall ship) cruise in the Caribbean, which sure beat working and most definitely beat unemployment.

In fact I liked it so much that I went back to the island of Bonaire for a few weeks in December to take a diving course and swim with the fishies. That really didn't suck. So I decided: why not just schedule a full blown mid-life crisis as long as I have nothing better to do? So at the end of February I'm moving to Spain for a year (it helps that Dich, who lives in Madrid, has a spare apartment in Alicante) to learn Spanish, teach ESL, walk the Camino de Santiago, and do whatever else pops into my head. I plan to meet up with **Meg Bailey** (who lives in London) while I'm there, and with her parents who live somewhere in the Cotswolds. Maybe next year I'll grow up and do something responsible. Then again, maybe not. I'll keep my e-mail: visitors welcome, especially if they're willing to take me out to dinner.

I see **Lucky Pyne** on TV every so often: he hosts a local outdoor program for public television.

I'm sending one photo of me and Dich on a dive boat. I'm the cute one. I can be reached at [mgordon@gmavt.net](mailto:mgordon@gmavt.net), 802-482-4216

(for the next six weeks, anyway).

**Jeff Swisher** writes: I'm sitting here in my car after having dropped my son Henry off for his high school admissions interview, so I can relate to what you said (I was whining about the college admission process — Ed.) Henry has grown about a foot in the last year and is fitting into my clothes. Too weird. He is taking after Dana's side with the height thing. My 11-year-old, Peter, is more like me looks wise. Lucky guy... Kate is 8 and is at this moment auditioning for a part in the "Wizard of Oz." She's not sure if she wants to be a flying monkey, the Cowardly Lion or Glinda. I say she should be Dorothy because she's pretty cute in pigtails and gingham and she can kick witch-butt!

Dana is back to full-time teaching. This year she is a kindergarten teacher and I'm guessing she'll be first grade next year. She did that last year in a share position. I'm petulant and jealous of her career. I want a martini at the door and a negligee dammit! Seriously, teachers are the hardest working most underpaid people on the planet. It never ceases to amaze me how much they do on their own time.

I am working harder than I want to. I foolishly took on an administrative position on top of my clinical responsibilities. I am the medical director of a five OR surgery center that is doing some cutting-edge stuff. Surgery is trending more and more to outpatient care and cases that once were considered three to four hospital day stays are now done on an ambulatory basis. Things like shoulder replacements, spine surgery, lots of pediatric cases, etc. I still do a lot of hospital-based stuff like liver transplant and pediatric anesthesia but I spend a lot of my time doing outpatient cases and running this place. I'm fast rising to the level of my administrative incompetence though and I also have to deal with this business manager who undoubtedly spends her off hours as a dominatrix.

**Steven Cragg** writes: To help you with the *PDS Journal*, even though sometimes I feel so cheesy talking about myself, here's what I'm doing. I just finished a pilot for a FOX television show which I

not only wrote for but acted in. I have a development deal with FOX for another show as well. I finished a film short over Thanksgiving about a group of suburban guys who become vigilantes. I also have a bunch of Internet shorts, which will be coming out soon, about a man having the longest and filthiest "birds and the bees" talk with his 9-year-old son. My one-man show "I Am Not Mark Twain" won the HBO Aspen Comedy Festival. But aside from all that, my family is fantastic. My son just turned 9 and my wife creates the most beautiful quilts on the planet. Even with the early signs of the coming Apocalypse (Iraq, Mel Gibson, global warming, North Korea, Michael Richards, etc.) my family is thriving and I must admit that I am truly blessed. (To see more of Steven, go to You Tube, type in Steven Cragg/MadTV and watch some of his hilarious short films. They are vintage Steven — everything starts out relatively normal, then mayhem ensues. Also watch Jimmy Fallon's *Idiot Boyfriend* with Steven as the Dad. Completely ridiculous and riotous.)

**Carol Schoenberg** sent a pic of her of her 1-year-old, born Jan. 10, 2006, Joshua. She also reports that she recently saw **Gail Reeder**, who is living in Louisville, KY.



Carol Schoenberg's son Joshua.

**Tom Gates** writes: Our news is that Tracey and I led a group of 20 to Mississippi January 7 for a week for the third time since Katrina hit. It has become somewhat of a passion of ours, and the experience is always incredible on so many levels. Oh yes, Sheridan is in ninth grade, her first year at PDS, and she loves it. She was in the musical "Anyone Can Whistle." Ren is off to St. Lawrence University next fall and hopes to play tennis for



Tom and Tracy Gates on their third trip to help with clean up in Gulfport, Mississippi.

them. He is enjoying his senior year at Hun. I held my own until recently — he beats me regularly at tennis now.

**Greg Morea** writes: After 13 years in the Ledyard Public Schools, my son Joseph graduated high school this past June with highest honors! After an enjoyable as well as profitable senior summer, off he went on his new adventure, COLLEGE. He has completed his first semester at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and all reports so far are positive. Not so sure about the gray hairs accumulating on his parents' heads as a result, but so far so good.

Daughter Rebecca continues to amaze at school. The engineer wanna-be is still playing the flute in the high school band and is trying her hand at playwriting and directing. We're not sure where her love of Tae Kwon Do comes from, but she still loves kicking it up there too and is now in the adult advanced belt class.

Wife Barbara has gone back to work (yes, in a real office!). She's working part-time for a local attorney and is also a substitute teacher's aide at two of the town's elementary schools.

My position as a supervisor at Electric Boat became considerably more interesting this year as a result of a re-organization within the department. I now lead a larger group called CAD Systems, and it is comprised of experts in computer administration. Seeing what is really required to keep computers happy and productive is quite an eye-opener.

**Sabrina Barton** writes: My family recently returned from a year in Montpellier, France, where my husband had a university teaching exchange. What they say

about the bread, cheese, wine and chocolate? True; too true. What they say about French women not getting fat? I guess as an American they decided not to share that secret with me. My high school French kicked in fairly well — thank you Mlle. Noel. Of course I would have learned a lot more in that class if I hadn't been sitting between **Steven Cragg** and **Lise Anne Roberts**: you guys owe me tutoring lessons. Upon our return, I spent a wonderful New Year's Eve with **Suzanne Vine** and her family in their beautiful home in Maplewood. My son, Eli, got along famously with Suzanne and Peter's charming kids, Rachel and Ben, while Zanne and I talked a mile a minute and ignored spousal eye-rolling. Now I am back in Austin, Texas, where I work as a freelance editor (currently editing a memoir and a business book). Still waiting to edit the next great American novel, so blow the dust off your unfinished manuscript and email me at [sbbarton@earthlink.net](mailto:sbbarton@earthlink.net). I also work part-time as a "media escort," schlepping visiting authors around to their book signings, television and radio interviews, meals, school visits, etc. I recently drove around Josh Bernstein (*Digging for the Truth*) and Frank Warren (*Post-Secrets*), and next week will take Erin Gruwell around Austin (the movie *Freedom Writers* was based on her life). All right, yes, my husband's favorite joke is that his wife works for an escort service. Ah the virtues of a top-notch PDS education.

**Jennifer Chandler Hauge** writes: I'm living in Washington, D.C., this year, enjoying a magical time without responsibilities of dog, kids or house. After commuting to Newark, NJ for six years, where I was running a pro bono program offering legal assistance to charities, I now walk to work and have the golden opportunity to work for a national nonprofit here in Washington on policies that impact charity reform. Perhaps I'm experiencing a mid-life crisis. If so, I recommend it. I call this experience my "sabbatical year" since I am trying to educate myself in many new areas and take advantage of all the city has to offer. I love the gallery talks at art museums and the interesting architecture

throughout the city — the restaurants, and the fabulous independent bookshops that feature a different author any day of the week discussing their latest work. It's just a delight. Our children are 17 and 19 — daughter Camden attends the University of St Andrews in Scotland, and our son, Michael, attends Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts. Both are thriving. My parents are still very connected to PDS, spending time with various parents of our classmates, especially the Wallaces, with whom they have traveled to exotic locales around the globe. My parents are also in touch with **Meg Bailey's** parents, so I've heard that Meg is a teacher at the American School in London (although I don't know if that's current news.) I so enjoy getting Christmas cards from classmates, and especially enjoy the déjà vu experience of seeing photos of **Alice Lee's** daughters and **Betsy Murdoch's** daughter and thinking how much they take after their mothers!! Wish I could report on more classmate sightings. My updated e-mail address is [jchandlerhauge@gmail.com](mailto:jchandlerhauge@gmail.com). Best wishes to all.

**Suzanne Vine** writes: About five years ago, I dipped my big toe back into the world of the working stiffs by substitute teaching in the South Orange-Maplewood School system while doing some freelance grant writing work. Last year, I took my teaching degree through the "Alternate Route" program. I'm teaching fourth grade at the Seth Boyden Demonstration School, an elementary school in Maplewood. I get to spend the day with people who have my same sense of humor and who enjoy recess as much as I used to. What could be better? Actually, I find the job every bit as challenging as representing juvenile delinquents and neglected/abused children in Family Court (my job in a previous life). One good thing about being a first or second year teacher is that it gives you a good excuse for saying "NO" to absolutely every request from anyone for volunteering for ANYTHING!

**Susan Packard** writes: I live in Truro on the Cape and have two

children, Rebecca, age 7, and Ben, age 10. I am a teacher at the local elementary school.

**Mike Walters** writes: I'm still living in Tampa, Fla., and hoping we do not get hit with any hurricanes. So far we've been lucky. I have three boys, a 4-year-old and 3-year-old twins. They keep my wife and me busy and test our patience, but they are a joy and fun to watch as they grow up.

I'm still teaching at the high school level and coaching boys' basketball. I've been in contact with many college coaches throughout the country who have recruited some of my players. It is an interesting process. Coaching is a year-round job, dedicated to helping players get into college. It is time consuming, but something I love doing. All of my other free time is spent with the boys and my family.

I would love to keep in contact with my "young" classmates. OK, youngsters, it is: [mj10unc@excite.com](mailto:mj10unc@excite.com).

**Keith Baicker** writes: Proving again that I respond well to instruction, I am responding to your "Puleez" for news. Here goes: I am still at the helm of Radiation Data, the largest radon measurement and mitigation business in New Jersey. Although this line of business has slowed with the slump in the real estate market, I see great promise from our entry into (take a deep breath) volatile organic compound (VOC) vapor abatement systems. In a nutshell, we install venting systems to treat buildings with toxic vapors. These homes and/or commercial structures are usually found on, or near the site of old gas stations, dry cleaners, or factories where solvents, chemicals, gas, etc. may have been dumped. Princeton area alums may have seen a series of front page articles in one of the local newspapers about VOC problems in Hopewell. Radiation Data is actively involved in the project. Nothing that my sons could possibly want to brag about at school, but useful nonetheless.

**Celia Manning Tazelaar** writes: I'm in the stay-at-home mommy brigade with a few more years ahead of me before heading back to work. Julia's turning 13 later this January and her two

younger sisters, Sophia and Clara, are 10 and 6 respectively. I'm still living in Princeton. It's amazing how much the town has changed since the '70s — and everywhere else for that matter. So I've put my historic preservation experience to work by joining forces with a few local groups that are trying to protect our once sleepy little burg from big development and other unfortunate manifestations of filthy lucre. I saw Mrs. Murdoch, **Betsy Murdoch's** mom, at a restaurant a few weeks ago and she said Betsy's oldest daughter was also waiting to hear back on an early action application to college. Hope she got in if you're reading this, Betsy.

**Sheila Mehta** writes: In the fall, daughter Anna started sixth grade at Drake Middle School. The school has over 800 children in sixth and seventh grade, so it is a big change from the nurturing environment of her smaller elementary school. One advantage is that there are lots of academic and extracurricular opportunities. For instance, she is taking accelerated math, chorus and drama club and is in the spring musical. Other activities she is involved in are horseback-riding, Irish dancing and the church children's choir and youth group.

Second grade is going very well for brother Nicholas, too. The highlight for him was a few weeks ago when he won the M.V.P. award for compassion. Besides playing soccer in the spring and fall (those little legs are a blur!), Nicholas is in the chess club at school, and started Tae Kwon Do in the fall. He also sings in the church choir with Anna. So much for my plan not to have the kids doing too many activities!

Michael continues work on his mission to make the Auburn chemistry department a fairer and more humane place. At AUM, I am continuing to develop PowerPoint slides for my psychology lectures, which I am loving. I never want to touch chalk again! My dean asked me to consider being associate dean but I really don't want to do administration. I like the flexibility of a professor's schedule and frankly I don't think I would like the responsibility and pressure.

The highlight of our year was going on a trip to Turkey in May. By some fluke of great luck, I was invited to go on a 10-day trip. To quote a friend of ours on the trip, "So, [we] return ambassadors for Turkey – a beautiful country of warm, generous, hospitable people, ancient history, grand architecture, lamps, rugs and spices, delicious food, beautiful sites."

We feel amazingly blessed. We just wish the world was more at peace. I can't believe our nation has spent \$502 billion (*Time* magazine) on the war on terrorism – millions for war, but not one cent for humanity?

**Don Gips** writes: We are still loving our lives in Boulder. I am still working at Level 3 but seem to be spending most of my non-family free time working to get Senator Obama elected as our next president.

As for me (**Allison**), I have been in touch with **Alice Lee Groton**. She is still living in Stonington, CT, with her husband John and her two daughters. Her oldest daughter, Sarah, is likely heading to University of Denver, though that is not set in stone at this point. It has been a treat to hear her laugh over the telephone.

Begged **Will Kain** for more news but only got his Christmas card relaying his travails redoing their third floor to expand their living space. From the looks of the card, Will is getting out his aggression with his sledge hammer. His dust mask hides any tell tale signs of aging. Good strategy, Will. I may use it on myself.

**Tim Johnston** writes: my life is good and busy in DC. I am the Chief Technology Officer for regional affiliate of NPower, a national nonprofit that provides IT consulting to nonprofits. I run the consulting practice in DC. It's a challenge that I like. My wife, Claire, is an editor at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. Hannah just turned six this weekend; we had 15 kids in our house for her party during a snowstorm—the power went out halfway through, and the kids loved it... highly recommended. Her sister, Naomi, is three, and can bench press 280. That's about it!

As I said in my email, I (**Alison**) am doing a bit of substi-



The Flickinger family, including the triplets born in March 2006.

tute teaching, a bit of freelance writing and a whole lot of mothering (read: driving). Feel beyond blessed and can't wait to see what happens next... Thanks again for all the news. Please write anytime.

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**Winnie Stoltzfus Host** writes: I graduated with a master's degree in library information science from Drexel University in Philadelphia in December 2005. I am now a high school librarian at Cherry Hill High School West in Cherry Hill.

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### 25th Reunion

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**Lindsay Suter** writes: Since I last wrote, Lisa and I had our second son, Halvor. At 18 months old, he is living up to his Nordic name by acting like a real Viking!

I continue to practice and teach sustainable design in architecture. In a further attempt to practice what I preach, I've collected a coalition (including NOAA, the DEP, our Regional Water Authority and several local environmental groups) to fund the installation of a fish passage at our dam. (We live in an old mill building.) It's one of those little projects that snowball and end up taking huge amounts of time! It'll be a great little project, though. Watch for the upcoming video documentary: The Farm River Restoration Project coming to your local obscure community access channel at 2 in the morning!

**Suzie Haynes Halle** writes: Looking forward to our 25th reunion and catching up. 25 years?? Can it really be?

## 1983

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**Carrie Stewardson Thornewill** writes: My husband Luke and I are busy and happy here on Nantucket with our 2-year-old son Wes, who keeps us laughing. When we are not running around with him, we are working at our architectural design business, playing paddle tennis or squash and enjoying our small town island life. We saw Rena Whitehouse this summer – what a great person



Stephanie Bogart holding Annenberg, who finished last in the Class of 1983's Cutest Baby contest.

she is! Also have been in touch with **Geordie McLaughlin**, who sounds happy living in Quito with all his three daughters. Give us a call if you (whoever) come to visit Nantucket.

PS — Our son Wes is now almost 2½ and has discovered ice skating! We're having a blast, who says Nantucket is just fun in the summer?

**Louise Matthews Flickinger** writes: We do actually have lots of news! We welcomed our triplets last year, Mariel Louise, Smith Michael, and Geoffrey Edward Flickinger, on March 2, 2006. They are crawling all over the place and threatening to start walking any day, in three different directions! They join proud older siblings Anna (14), Grace (13), and Tommy (3). Sarah Burchfield Carey '81, who also lives in Winnetka, is Mariel's godmother, so she is sure to be heading down just the right path (with lacrosse stick in hand?!). Our other news is that our oldest, Anna, is actually a boarding freshman at Lawrenceville and loves it! She is coincidentally taking Spanish from Madame Sharpe, previously of PDS. Along with our Panther pride, we are very happy for her!!

**Matt Kohut** writes: My wife Betsy and I moved to D.C. from Cambridge, MA, in 2004. I have my own communications firm and am a partner in another, which allows me to work in lots of different areas. It's a bit of a juggling act, but there's never a dull moment.

I don't get too many opportu-

nities to play music these days, but I saw **Phil Clippinger**, Regan Hofmann '85, Pete Cortone '82, and Anna Soloway '00 after playing an outdoor concert with Chris Harford in Hopewell last summer. It was great to be back in the neighborhood.

I have been in touch recently with **Dave Albahary**. Dave, his wife Suellen, and his twin daughters moved to Rhinebeck, N.Y., last fall. Dave co-founded Ivy Ridge Asset Management in 2004, and it sounds like it was a great move for him.

**Tracy Watkins** was named Chief of the Bureau of Fiscal Oversight/SCC for the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. Tracy writes: SCC stands for School Construction Corporation. The bureau investigates the activities of the SCC and school districts relating to the financing and construction of school facilities; conducts moral integrity investigations on contractors desiring to bid on school facilities projects; and prosecutes debarment actions in the OAL. I am also adjunct faculty at TCNJ, where I teach advanced criminology — race and crime. I am Chair of the Minorities in the Profession Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association and a trustee for the Mercer County Bar Association. Lastly, my husband and I, (Rodney Thompson, Esq. – TCHS '83) purchased a vacation condo in Asbury Park.

**Sylvia Wills Millar** writes: I am currently in my second year of an MDIV program in seminary. I left Merrill Lynch last July. I wrote a book that is sort of a prayer/mediation book that is going to be published this next year. My husband and I are seriously thinking of selling our digs in Jersey and buying a place in Sarasota. If we do move, I'll have a horse and pony to place with a loving home. All the best to everyone!

**Lorna Mack Sheridan**, husband and kids (Nina, 11; Quinn, 9; and Nell, 6) love their new home in Sonoma, CA. Lorna writes: We are loving the wine country, the people, the weather, the wine business, everything! I'd love to catch up with anyone who is in Northern California or visiting the area. After stints in

Austin, New York City, Miami and Connecticut, we are hoping we can finally settle down and plant some roots here."

**Rachel Egger Pray** writes: My partner, Laura Weinstock, and I are celebrating our 16th anniversary this year. Our daughter, Talya, is in third grade. We got together in New York, over the winter break, with **Macky Alston** and his partner and their two children at their apartment in Greenwich Village. It was great to meet his family and to catch up, after all of these years. My Web site is up: [www.epiphanycap.com](http://www.epiphanycap.com) I'm still working as an Equine Specialist, and teaching and writing in Los Angeles. I'm also leading grief support groups for children and teenagers who have recently experienced the death of a parent or sibling. The groups are supervised through Our House, a nonprofit organization here in L.A.

From Rena: Thanks to those of you who submitted alumni notes to me via e-mail. Please keep me posted.

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**Charlie Jaques** writes: Still living in western Pennsylvania; kids are Ben (14), Joe (11) and Anna (7). Hooked up with **David Haynes'** band "pro-leisure" for a nine-day Colorado rock 'n' roll tour. Check us out at [www.pro-leisure.net](http://www.pro-leisure.net). We had a blast when **Jon McConaughy**, **Bill Noonan** and **Susie (Haynes)** and **Rich Halle** came to our Boulder show.



Photos taken by David Ragsdale '90 during a recent visit to PDS of the tree planted in memory of classmate Mark Winstanley. The brackets that he and a friend hung on a branch in Mark's memory are now becoming part of the tree itself.



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**Andrew Blechman** published *Pigeons*, a nonfiction look at these ubiquitous birds, published by Grove/Atlantic in New York. (See page 43)

**Peter Biro** has recently been named Chief Operating Officer for J. L. Halsey Corporation. He has served as the company's Vice President of Corporate Development and Planning since Aug. 17, 2006 and will continue to serve in that capacity. From July 2001 until joining the Company, Mr. Biro was founder and managing partner of The Cowper Group, a Boston-based corporate development consulting firm focused on buy-side mergers and acquisitions for small to mid-market technology companies.

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**Karen Fredericks** writes: I had a beautiful baby girl, Rebecca, on Sept. 8 and am taking a year off from teaching to take care of her.



Becca, daughter of Karen Fredericks '89, puts her PDS bib to good use.

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**Lylah Alphonse** reports: Orion Glenn Alphonse Saunders was born at 12:28 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 1, 2006. He weighed in at 6 pounds, 13.5 ounces, and was 20.5 inches long. Everyone is doing well: Mama Lylah is recovering well from her C-section; Orion is learning how to nurse and putting on ounces as fast as he can; newly minted Big Sister Alanna is adjusting remarkably well to the squalling bundle we've brought into the house; Big sisters Savannah and Athena and Big Brother Gavin are old hands at this new sibling business and are excited about the new little guy, even though we did not name him Pedro (or Sponge-Bob); and Daddy Mike is sleep-deprived but very happy.

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## 15th Reunion

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**Kate Marquis** writes: Now that my mom and sisters are back in the Princeton area, I am in town more often than I had been for several years. Northern Virginia isn't all that far away, but it's nice to have PDS back in a closer orbit, so to speak!

**Clark L. Reed** married Whitney Christine Frith on Dec. 31 at Trinity Episcopal Church in

Solebury, PA. He is president of The Paddle Co. and Reed Land Management in Hopewell and a volunteer firefighter at Princeton Hook and Ladder on Harrison Street.



From left, Connor McCormick, Missy Woodruff McCormick, Blythe Quinlan, Cyrus Cordel.

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**Douglas Berkman** writes: I was married to Rachele Rappaport on Sept. 3, 2006 in New York City. Rachele will take my last name. Other PDS 1994 alumni in attendance included **Andrew Katz** and his wife, Lauren, who are expecting their third child in early November, **T.J. Thornton**, **Sarah Silverman**, and **Jeffrey Wasserman**. I am currently in my third of five years of training in urologic surgery at New York Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia University.

**Jessica Seid** married Dane Dickler in New York City on Oct. 21. Classmates **Maggie Seidel**, **Kyra Skvir**, **Anupa** and **Ian Wijaya** '95, **Rachel Zublatt**, **Alex Batcha**, **T.J. Thornton**, **Whitney White** and **Justin Hillenbrand** were all in attendance.

**Veronica White** writes: On July 1, I was married to Stephen Acunto in Dividale, Italy (near Trieste). We are currently living in New York where I am working as a Fellow at the Metropolitan Museum of Art while finishing my dissertation in art history at Columbia.

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**Missy Woodruff McCormick** writes: Hi everyone! It's hard to believe a whole year has gone by already. I am still living in Pennington and I teach fifth, sixth and seventh grade English at Chapin. I absolutely love it! My son Connor just turned a year in January, and he is a blast! I get to hang out with **Andrea Morrison Eckert** at our weekly playgroup. Her son Eli is now 2, and she is expecting another boy in the beginning of March. So by the time everyone is reading this, Andrea will be a full-blown mother of two!!!

**Blythe Quinlan** gave birth to a beautiful boy, Cyrus, in October. We hung out with our moms and our sons over New Year's. Blythe is still working as a set designer and she lives in Brooklyn with Cyrus and her husband Dan. I remember hearing that some of our other classmates were expecting their first children; I hope that everyone is healthy and happy. Unfortunately I don't have any other news. Please feel free to e-mail me, as I would love to hear how everyone is doing.

## 1996

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**Sarah Weeks** writes: I am back on the East Coast after finishing a masters of education at Stanford. I am excited to have joined an organization called New Leaders for New Schools to complete my training as a secondary school principal. I have also partnered with New York City Outward Bound to design a new sixth through twelfth grade public school. If our proposed school is approved by the NYC Department of Education, it will open in September 2007. It's an amazing opportunity to change the lives of so many children and families and worth all the hard work!

**Kathy Knapp Schaeffer** writes: I just graduated from law school, passed the bar, and am working as an environmental associate at a law firm in Denver, CO. My husband and I head up to the mountains every weekend and we're looking forward to the start of the ski season!

**Dara DeVito** married Russell Gutin in September at the Nassau Inn in Princeton in a ceremony officiated by interfaith ministers Bob and Franne Demetrician with PDS classmate **Tracy Ershow** as a bridesmaid.

## 1997

## 10th Reunion

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**Mandy Rabinowitz** writes: In only a few short months we will back on The Great Road for our 10th Reunion. I know for myself it is pretty hard to believe it's been that long (and of course that we are that old!). Hopefully all of you will be there! So some news to tide us over until we are all back together...

On Oct. 30 **Kevin Mackay** and his wife Cheryl welcomed a beautiful baby in the world. Sophia Madison Mackay was 8 lbs, 14 oz at birth, and I can

personally attest she is the most beautiful little girl. Congratulations Kevin and Cheryl!!!

**Tom Anderman** and **John Whittaker** are roommates in Chicago while they are both getting their MBAs at Kellogg. John should be back in New York this summer, and passed along some news. **Ameesh Shah** was in the *Wall Street Journal* recently for becoming a partner at his hedge fund, Tenenbaum Capital. John also passed along the great news that **Seton Marshall** will be getting married this June in Birmingham to Katie Bee Rogers whom he met at Princeton. Congratulations Seton!

Recently **Janie Egan Bertelson** and I had a wonderful evening out with **Lianne Kaylor**. Apparently they ran into one another on the subway – gotta love NYC! Lianne is just finishing up med school and will be getting married in April in the Keys.

In my trolling for information about everyone, **Louise Sturges** yet again came through in a big way – Louise, any interest in my job??? Louise writes: I am still at the International Center of Photography, studying art history and painting and printing up a storm. I've had interest from a couple of galleries who deal with emerging artists. I'm preparing work for a book, making photo 'zines, planning a conceptual art book/road trip project about William Eggleston and entering art contests. In most recent news I'm quite thrilled to report that I'll be getting a painting studio in Williamsburg in the next month, which will certainly help alleviate the overstuffed feeling of the mixed-media artist's Manhattan apartment.

As per others... **David Soloway** and the Saves the Day crew have been on a break from touring for the fall. Chris Conley '98 did some solo shows around the East and West coasts with good attendance. His little girl Luella will be 2 in June. In other music news, David and **Reed Black** are headed upstate this February to work on a music project of their own.

**Mariana Sparre** and I went to Columbia, S.C., for Chandra Bhatnagar's '92 wedding over

President's Day weekend. Mariana is still working on an online artist Web site and living in Lambertville. Mariana's brother Louis Sparre '99 is living just off the PATH train in New Jersey and is working at MTV.

**Gayatri Bhatnagar** passed her difficult medical exam in August and is now working as a licensed acupuncturist in Berkley, CA. Gayatri spent some time in southern India in the fall. Just before she left, she paid a visit to Manhattan and we had a mini-reunion at the Cloister Cafe with David, Louis, Mariana and **Pearl Lee** who is still busy working in fashion PR.

Over Christmas in Princeton I got the chance to catch up with a couple of PDSers at Alex Mathews' '99 house. He has just recently moved to Boulder, CO, to work for a company that promotes alternative energy use-wind fields and such. Candace Vahlsing '99 was in visiting from Berkley, where she has just started a graduate studies program. She was wearing a lovely engagement ring from her new fiancé, who proposed last spring while they were visiting Amanda Suomi '99 in Hawaii. Amanda was working as a teacher there but has since left to do some extensive traveling. She had spent much of the fall in London and Princeton but was to head out again after New Year's. Amanda said she'd seen Mark Chatham '96, who is working in New York and Mark Gray '96, who is recording albums at the Palms Hotel in Vegas for people like Axl Rose and Britney Spears and some hip hop kids. Pete Suomi '96 has been living and working in China and Australia for the past few years, but is moving to Los Angeles shortly to attend UCLA for a graduate degree in business. **Charles Plohn** is still working at the Yankees but will be cutting back at work as he is taking some courses at the New School. In other Plohn news, Chandler '96 is due any day with her baby boy.

Once again, thank you Louise for all of your great info on not only people in our class, but for some all around great news about fellow PDS alumni.

**Whitney J. Sinkler Robinson**

announced her engagement to Maurice U. Tome IV of Pennington, with an October wedding planned. Whitney won the American Bar Association Mid-Atlantic Regional Mediation Competition in October 2006. She is in her final year of Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, D.C.

Since last time, I have started an amazing new job. I am still at Tommy Hilfiger, though I have moved on from design to merchandising. I am basically in a great position where I still get to be involved in the creative aspect of fashion while really being involved with the business side, definitely a leap in the right direction for my career.

My very best to everyone – and I hope to see everyone back at PDS in May.

## 1998

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**Leif Forer** was featured in *Plenty* magazine in a story written by classmate **Bryan Newman**: "The small, rural town of Pittsboro, North Carolina sits nestled in the rolling hills of the state's Piedmont region. Life in Pittsboro moves at what one might call a 'relaxed' pace. But even on its slowest day, something quite revolutionary is taking place just a five-minute drive from downtown. There, at the end of a long gravel road, lies the new processing plant and offices of Piedmont Biofuels, a 12-person biodiesel collective, nationally recognized for its ultra-green, people-over-profit approach to making fuel.

'No wars required,' says Leif Forer, cofounder of the collective, describing one major benefit of biodiesel. Forer may be right; biodiesel consists of only three ingredients, and none of them need come from the Middle East. To make the fuel, one only needs an oil or fat source, a small amount of the alcohol methanol.

and an even smaller amount of a catalyst, such as potash. The real issue is where to obtain enough of that oil..." The rest of the story can be found at [http://plentymag.com/features/2007/01/running\\_on\\_waste.php](http://plentymag.com/features/2007/01/running_on_waste.php)

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**Natasha Jacques Nolan** writes: I haven't heard much news from my fellow classmates; hopefully now that I'm moving back to New Jersey from London, I should be in contact with you guys more. After a great three years in London my husband and I have decided to move back to New Jersey to put down some roots. As my husband already has a job offer with KPMG in Philadelphia, I am hoping I will be able to find another position as a manager for a professional photography studio company back in the U.S. I hope everyone else is loving and living life. Hope to hear from you in the coming year.

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### 5th Reunion

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**Jeremy Johnson** completed three years at Princeton and has taken a year off to start a business called Zandigo, a web-based matching service to help prospective college students and admissions offices make the best match.

## 2003

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While many '03ers graduate and head into the "real world", **Priya Radhakrishnan** says that she will be dodging this bullet because she is currently finishing up her second professional year in Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers University. In two years she will graduate with a doctorate in pharmacy and she too will be forced to grow up! Priya writes: Good luck to everyone in your new endeavors and I'll see you at our fifth!

**Will Dewey** spent his summer on a research grant from Union College titled, "The effect of international tourism on the economy and culture of Kyrgyzstan." Will then spent the next two weeks traveling around Kyrgyzstan engaged in research, collecting many stories including the popular one about the night he spent sleeping in a gas station. Kyrgyzstan was followed by four



Will Dewey '03 shared this picture of himself with Rick Shatz '01 and Buddha.

weeks crossing China and Tibet visiting famous archaeological sites. In Chengdu he met up with Rick Shatz '01 and had a grand old time visiting the tallest seated Buddha at Leshan.

**Russell Nemiroff** is back in D.C., continuing his junior year at George Washington University studying international affairs and psychology. He was in Madrid this fall working on an internship at an international marketing firm while taking classes at the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid. His Spanish has improved tremendously. Russell especially loved living with a family in Madrid and exploring the country and Europe – it made him think back to Sra. Bencivengo's Spanish classes as a freshman.

**Ken Miller** is graduating in May with highest honors from Rutgers and will be going to Citigroup as an Investment Banking Analyst in July. Since he will be living in New York after he graduates, he has been trying to enjoy senior year as much as possible and spend a lot of time with his family. Ken hopes all is well with everyone in the '03 class and is looking forward to seeing some of them at the alumni lacrosse game in May.

**Stefan Hirniak** is finishing up his last semester at UVA. At the end of February the University of Virginia men's swim team will compete to win their ninth ACC title; Stefan will then compete in

the national championships in Minneapolis three weeks later. After that, Stefan will be traveling to Victoria, Canada, to try out for a spot on the Canadian Pan American games team which will travel to Rio, Brazil, in July. Finally, Stefan will graduate in May after which he plans to concentrate on training for the '08 Olympics in Beijing.

**Rob Jellinek** is graduating from Harvard with a degree in Slavic studies in winter '07-'08 and is planning to apply to scholarships and

graduate programs in international relations in St. Petersburg and Moscow, to begin in fall '08. Hopefully, he will have some time after graduation for a cross-country bike trip in spring '08 and some travel before heading off to Russia. Rob is doing great in Cambridge, but is looking forward to taking some time outside the U.S. and living/studying in a bigger city for a few years. He writes: Best wishes to all from PDS '03!

School has been great for **Jon Headley** this year. This past summer John got an internship where he worked for a residential/commercial real estate firm that paid for him to get his real estate license in Myrtle Beach, SC. At school, he is still in Sigma Chi fraternity and also the treasurer of the business fraternity, Pi Sigma Epsilon. Jon is currently applying for jobs, but says he is not sure where he will end up.

**Bianca Gersten** has been in Washington, D.C., for the last two summers – first, working for Senator Joe Lieberman in the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee office, and last summer working in the Middle East department of a global security information agency on threat assessment for corporate clients. Bianca will be graduating from Yale this May with a B.A. in ethics, politics and economics and is currently writing a thesis on

prospects for economic diversification in Afghanistan. She plans on working in the District again for a year before heading to law school, so anyone who thinks they'll be in the area should let her know!

**Kristin Apple** just got back from studying abroad in India and is still adjusting. She is finishing her junior year at Davidson College as a studio art major. Kristin produces works that have been shown at Small World and art spaces around Davidson. She feels energetic and curious about pushing reality in any way she can and plans to continue creating for that reason.

**John Schorling** is still running for Beloit College while simultaneously preparing for life in the real world. John hopes the future will find him somewhere on the eastern seaboard and a little bit closer to home.

**Chris White** is at MIT, double majoring in mathematics and in finance, with a concentration in philosophy, and is set to graduate spring 2008 (due to taking a year off between PDS and MIT).

After visiting a friend in Hong Kong last summer, **Michael Highland** decided he would go back for an extended stay just to take a break from college and try something new. A few weeks after arriving he has a bank account, a job, and a half decent apartment on Hong Kong Island despite not speaking a word of Cantonese (for which he profusely thanks the English). For the next six months Michael will be working in video game design, exploring more of China, and trying to avoid eating any tongues, feet, or heads. Michael is keeping a journal of all his adventures at <http://losintransration.blogspot.com>.

Following a successful summer internship at an NYC-based political marketing firm with Giovanna Gray Torchio '98, senior year is running smoothly for **Nick Perold**, though keeping him busy as the Vice-President of Connecticut College's Student Government Association. While the question of post-graduation plans still looms large for Nick, he is fairly certain that he will relocate to California and welcomes any advice from PDS alumni with experience in living in the San Diego or Santa

Barbara areas. He can be reached by e-mail at [nlper@conncoll.edu](mailto:nlper@conncoll.edu).

**Katie Weber**, Skidmore field hockey standout, was named to National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-America Second Team. The senior forward led the team in scoring with nine goals and two assists for 20 points, including three game-winning goals. Also this season, she was selected as a Liberty League First Team All-Star and Liberty League All-Academic honoree. She finished her career seventh on Skidmore's all-time career scoring list with 45 goals and 22 assists for 112 points. She represented Skidmore in the North/South Division III All-Star game Nov. 11 at William Smith College. Skidmore finished the season with a 12-5 record, losing to St. Lawrence University in the Liberty League semifinals.

## 2004

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**Benjamin Ostro** worked in an oncology lab at McGill University, where he researched novel chemotherapy drugs, during his January term at Middlebury College.

**Beth Breslin** played principal viola in an orchestra concert in Carnegie Hall in late January, as well as in the U.S. premiere of an opera based on the movie "Lost Highway" by David Lynch in February.

**Lily Mitchell** spent a quarter of her junior year in Australia, where she "traveled up and down the eastern coast from Sydney to the Daintree Rainforest, and had a great time snorkeling, hiking, and occasionally doing homework." She will study abroad in Paris from April to June, and would love to meet up with anyone else in Europe during that time.

**Andrew Sachs** has been busy traveling the world. He spent last summer in Uganda and Rwanda, and is currently studying abroad in Costa Rica.

**John McCarthy**, along with taking classes at NYU, is working as the director of photography on various NYU short films, in

addition to creating freelance still photography. Last summer, he worked as a camera intern on the set of "Spiderman 3" in New York City.

**Nanette O'Brien** is studying English at St. Anne's College, part of Oxford University. During the fall, she won the St. Anne's music competition, and was awarded a music bursary to pay for violin lessons.

**Erin McCormick's** family is relocating in the fall to Middlebury, VT, where she is a College Scholar, joint majoring in history of art and Italian.

**Melissa Rosenberg** was named Princetonian Idol at a Princeton University sing-off in the "American Idol"-style in December, for which she sang an original composition. Melissa was also selected to participate in L'Oreal's Brandstorm Marketing Weekend, during which she learned about the beauty industry from a marketing standpoint.

**Lon Johnson** is studying abroad at the University of Cape Town in South Africa for the spring term, where he will be writing a junior paper on early symbolic representation.

**Mallory Sosinski** writes: I got engaged Dec. 9, 2006, to David Koivu, a five-year veteran of the Miami Dade Police Department. Currently, we plan to marry in May 2008 in Miami. I am graduating with honors in May (2007, a year early) from the University of Miami with a bachelor's degree in psychology and minors in political science, Spanish and religious studies. Afterward, I plan to attend graduate school to pursue a master's in education here in Miami, and, of course, plan my wedding!

**Kaitlin Hagan**, a biological chemistry major, is in Darjeeling, India, through the Bates College Junior Semester Abroad program.

Check out **Jay Bavishi's** first book (See *Book Notes*, page 43) "Did you do a senior project in high school, as seems to be so common today? Well, allow us to brag a bit about a former Ivy League summer intern, Jay Bavishi, now a sophomore at Boston College, who turned his project into his first book — *Ivies In Athens: The Deep Bond Between*

*Two Great Sporting Traditions*, published just this week.

Starting as a summer project in the Ivy League Office back in 2004, the following spring Bavishi turned it into the focal point of his senior project at Princeton Day School.

The relationship between Ivy League schools and the Olympic Games pre-dates the modern Olympic movement; indeed it was Princeton University Professor William Milligan Sloane who helped secure America's participation in the first modern Olympics (1896 Athens). The American team that year consisted entirely of Ivy League athletes, who brought home 11 first-place finishes.

Bavishi guides the reader through the years between the 1896 Athens Olympics and the 2004 Athens Olympics. During that time, more than 800 undergraduates from Ivy League schools competed against the world's best on the premier stage for sport. *Ivies In Athens* highlights the Ivy League's performance in each individual Olympics — including a list of competitors and their results (approximately one-in-six have captured gold).

*Ivies In Athens* gives light to the Ivy League's role in the fabric of the Olympic Games — thrilling victories, disappointing defeats, and enduring stories, topped off by a rare all-time index of Ivy League Olympians.

The book is available through Markus Wiener Publishers and will soon be available on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) (for all those certificates that were be gifted at 10 pm on Christmas Eve!)

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**Colin Johnson** is a sophomore at Princeton and was selected as one of very few students who participated in creative writing freshman year.

**Kristina Costa** became the first-ever repeat winner in the Blue Point Grill Oyster Bowl VIII, taking home a 42-inch plasma TV after besting the competition by downing 82 oysters in two minutes. The annual competition benefits the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation New Jersey Race for the Cure.

## 2006

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We haven't yet managed to become distinguished or accomplish any heroic feats. But in our first eight months as alumni, the Class of 2006 had some interesting experiences.

**Aaron Sashihara** became a Marine. He writes: I went to boot camp in Parris Island, SC. Got yelled at a lot, had to do a lot of pushups, etc. Aaron is in infantry. "We shoot stuff," he explains. He is moving to Jacksonville, NC to get more training at the School of Infantry, Infantry Training Battalion.

**Daniel Rathauer** is moving to Ithaca, NY, as a transfer student at Cornell this spring semester. Daniel writes: I absolutely loved Michigan. Still, I've decided to accept a "guaranteed transfer" to Cornell. Go Blue and Big Red!

**Gwen Shockey** isn't moving anywhere in her small room. She writes: I have three roommates. Our room is tiny but everyone in our hall basically lives in our room. With her three roommates around, she "can't keep anything clean at all." Still, she had a good first semester. Besides working in the on campus café coffee grounds, she joined the leftist club at Connecticut College and joined **Kristen Tomlinson** and **Andy Babick** at the Darfur rally in New York City in the fall.

**Arvind Thambidurai** apparently has trouble staying in his room with his roommate, who likes to eat Cheez-Its, play online games, and not talk. Arvind focused his energies on the outdoors, climbing buildings around campus. In a crowning achievement, he made it to the

top of the Rutgers Athletic Center this November. He also joined the Rutgers Outdoor Club, helped start the Rutgers Fencing Club, and joined a Garam Masala Indian dance group.

Arvind isn't the only person who has discovered a passion for Indian dancing. **Tanvi Goel** joined a dance group at Penn called Penn Masti. She writes: We do all sorts of Indian dances like bhangra, bhara natyam, bollywood style, etc.

Also at Penn, **Amanda Levy** might not be doing much dancing as she pursues a major in chemical biomolecular engineering. Still, one never knows...

Besides dancing, members of the class of '06 are exhibiting their musical talent. **Charlie Turndorf** went on tour with the Kenyon singing group, The Chasers, while **Adam Savitzky** joined the Jewish *a capella* group Shir Appeal at Tufts. **Craig Knowlton**, meanwhile, put up a well-received musical tribute to his recently deceased hamster on YouTube.

**Sarah Mischner** and **Leslie Shapiro** are bringing the same volleyball skills that they used to power the PDS team to their college volleyball courts. Sarah helped the varsity team at Smith College place second in the Seven Sisters tournament this fall, while Leslie's intramural volleyball team tied for third at Trinity University. Sarah also enjoyed Mountain Day at Smith, which is apparently a day off from school for the purpose of picking apples and baking apple dishes. Leslie, meanwhile, went traveling before school started. This summer after graduation, she visited her family in the Philippines and explored Manila, climbed the Taal Volcano, and visited Bohol, another island in the Philippines. Leslie is very satisfied with her roommate and loves San Antonio and Texas.

On the other side of the Atlantic, **Laurie Cartwright** finished her first semester at Edinburgh, taking introduction to politics and international relations, Arabic and art history. She was able to understand me when I said, "Ismee Mendy. Ana min

Princeton," which is about the extent of my Arabic.

**Esther Kim** was also on the British Isles interning in London, first for Member of Parliament Edward Davey and then for the film distribution company Shorts International. Interning in Parliament, she said, she "got to do a lot of cool stuff like see Tony Blair during the prime minister question time, and went to lots of debates about current legislations." She also spoke to the European Union Committee on Extraordinary Rendition in Guantanamo Bay regarding some of her MP's constituents who were wrongfully imprisoned. Working for Shorts International, she "sent films to festivals like Cannes, Tribeca, and Sundance, as well as to competitions and awards like the Oscars." She also got to choose the films that went up on iTunes.

Former Director of College Guidance Dean Jacoby tried to sneak into our class notes by sending me an email about his newborn daughter. "I hope you will remember me to your class," he wrote. "My baby, Ainara, is now 8 months old and has two lower teeth. This makes it painful for her to close her mouth and the result is that she has a bit of a wild, mischievous look about her. People say she looks like her dad."

I have been in Israel since September through a program run by United Synagogue. Up until now, I have been studying Jewish texts in a yeshiva in Jerusalem, and next week I will move to Be'er Sheva to begin work on the Magen David Adom (Red Jewish Star) ambulances. Last week I passed the ambulance course and got a snazzy jacket. I also enjoyed wheeling patients around as a volunteer in Bikur Holim hospital this fall, and learning how to say "ismee Mendy, ana min Princeton" from Rauf, an Arab cook who calls me "Monday." I return to the U.S. in May.

Thank you to everybody who sent me an update. To send me more updates, write to [mendyman@gmail.com](mailto:mendyman@gmail.com).



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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.

**Mary Babick,**  
grandmother of Kathryn Babick '02  
and Andrew Babick '06

**William C. Baggitt,**  
father of William Baggitt '76

**Andy Bauer,**  
brother of Sia Godfrey Bauer '68

**Sharon Bilanin,**  
mother of Jason and Jared Bilanin '92 and  
mother-in-law of Jesse Eaton '93

**Fred M. Blaicher,**  
father of Fred M. Blaicher Jr. '54

**Marjorie Blatterfein,**  
grandmother of Mark '00,  
Katherine '02 and Amy Blatterfein '06

**Alice Osborn Breese,**  
mother of Hilary Brown '70

**Margery R. Claghorn,**  
longtime receptionist for PDS and mother of  
PDS teacher Susan Ferguson and John W. Claghorn  
III '68, and David T. Claghorn '71; grandmother  
of MacAdie Ferguson '07; aunt of Pamela  
Woodworth '70, Newell "Buzz" Woodworth '73,  
Sarah Woodworth-Gibson '79 and Samuel  
Woodworth '82; and great aunt of Caroline  
Woodworth '05 and Heidi Woodworth '07

**Lawrence C. Dalley Jr.,**  
grandfather of Samuel Shannon '14  
and Agnes (Addy) Shannon '17

**Ina Gilbert,**  
mother of Lower School teacher  
Roslyn Vanderbilt

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brother of Caroline Godfrey Werth '60,  
Georgiana Godfrey Leonard '65 and  
Sophia Godfrey Bauer '68

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father-in-law of Trustee Gianna Goldman and  
grandfather of Daniel '15 and Annika Goldman '18

**Carmello R. Guagliardo,**  
father of Upper School Spanish teacher and  
Class of '09 Dean Denise Bencivengo

**Margaret L. Hamill,**  
mother of Samuel M. Hamill, Jr. '53, Oliver  
Hamill '58 and William H.B. Hamill '62 and  
grandmother of Samuel Hamill '94,  
Natalie Hamill '01 and William Hamill '02

**Brandon Hart '46**

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husband of Sally Campbell Haas '63

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father of J. Robert Hillier '52 and grandfather  
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and Sophie Freedman '16

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Halbower '67 and Elizabeth Johnson Price '72

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brother of David R. Outerbridge '52  
and Patience Outerbridge Banister '63

**Celia Maria Torrado Ortiz,**  
mother-in-law of Middle School teacher Maryann  
Ortiz and grandmother of Marcos Ortiz '18

**G. Thomas (Tom) Reynolds '60,**  
father of Ian '03 and son of former Lower School  
librarian Virginia Reynolds, brother of  
Richard L. Reynolds '61, Robert Reynolds '69,  
and David J. Reynolds '77

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stepmother of Mary Roebling Foster '67  
and William Roebling '65 and  
step-grandmother of Thomas Foster '00

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Miss Fine's School faculty 1936-48

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mother of Mark P. Sienkiewicz '85  
and Peter C. Sienkiewicz '88

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**Nancy Smith,**  
mother of Adrian Smith '97  
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and Carrie Sturges Burns '46, and  
aunt of G. Dewitt Boice PCD '49

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father of Jeremy Sugerman '80,  
Michael Sugerman '82, Adam Sugerman '83  
and Rebecca Sugerman '86

**James G. Tarabell,**  
grandfather of Andrew Southern '98  
and Patrick Southern '02.

**Jane Cook Taylor '42,**  
mother of John B. Taylor '68, Grace Taylor Harris  
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Stephen S. Cook '59, Paula Cook Sculley '62;  
great-aunt of John F. Cook '85, Robin Cook  
McConaughy '87, Michael B. Cook '89,  
Hilary T. Cook '04, Matthew W. Cook '05 and  
Emily Cook '08; and great-great-aunt of  
Josephine A. Cook '18 and Zoe E. Cook '19

**Baxter Venable,**  
husband of former Upper School science teacher  
Pat Venable and father of Mark Venable '86  
and Amy Venable Cuiffreda '88

**Faith Hackl Ward,**  
sister of George C.S. Hackl '48

**Elmer Wright,**  
father of Dolores Wright, assistant to the  
PDS Director of Advancement

**Garret Williams Wyman,**  
brother of Lower School science teacher  
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father of Donald R. Young Jr. '70  
and Michael S. Young '75

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