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Reunion Reflections

Interim Headmaster, Peter Briggs



Peter delivered the welcome and opening remarks at the dedication of the Engelhard Performing Arts Center, June 2, 2000.

One can't get to class reunions very often when one works in the school business; in fact, I have been able to attend only two such gatherings, my twenty-fifth in college in 1979 and the other, last month, my fiftieth, at the Noble and Greenough School outside Boston. (Charlin and I have a vivid recollection of high schoolers who kept staring at us, when we thought we looked pretty good, obviously thinking, "Wow, I hope we will never be that old.") I am directing this letter primarily at alums, although no one will mind if some of the rest of you want to read along.

There were twenty-seven of us in that class of 1950 at Nobles, four of whom are dead and four of whom are suffering medical problems so severe they couldn't join us. Since it was my first visit in thirty years, I kept getting lost; the headmaster's house had been picked up and moved to another location and the interior of our old school house had been entirely renovated. We saw a new gymnasium, a new middle school, and new art and science centers, all named for families (Gleason, Lawrence, Morrison, Richardson, Shattuck) that were household names in my day, as are several facilities at Potomac (Arundel, Bennett, Chester, Dimick, Preston).

We had classmates who traveled back from Germany and Italy, and from California, Florida, Georgia, and Kansas; I pessimistically told Charlin, before we arrived, that I wasn't certain "how interesting some of these guys will be," but we commented later that I was wrong. Almost without exception, whatever their records in school, these men and their spouses are living interesting and valuable lives, a tribute to the lasting impact of a good school.

After an evening celebrating the past leaders of the school we shared our memories of various heads, and my most priceless one was this. When I was twelve, in grade seven in the Wellesley public schools, my brother Stewie was killed in the Battle of the Bulge, and Headmaster Mr. and Mrs. Putnam used some of their rationed gas to come and see my parents. They looked exhausted, and I learned later that they had paid twelve of those visits that fall to remember old boys they loved who were gone. As they left, my mother suggested that I follow them to their car, and I realized, to my astonishment, that Stewie's headmaster, a formidable figure with nine letters and a gold medal in hockey from the Lake Placid Winter Olympics, was crying. Mrs. Putnam, hanging back a few yards, held my shoulders and said that "Mr. Putnam will be very glad if you will join us in Stewie's school in the fall." At our dinner in Dedham, where Laura Putnam and I sat beside each other, whatever we actually discussed, this is the remembrance I think we shared, a blessed and inexplicable moment.

Although we heard a lot about Nobles' new programs and facilities, what occupied our conversations all weekend was news of our old friends, and what had happened to them, and, especially, our teachers, most of whom, in that bygone era, served the school for twenty or more

years. All men, they were the kinds of teachers that Alfred North Whitehead used to celebrate by saying "Organization and method mean much but contagious human characters mean more in a school." When we dedicated our modest class gift, it was for an endowment to honor those teachers, who had also coached and counseled us; much of Nobles' growing endowment has been raised by means of such memorials. We remembered Mr. and Mrs. Putnam serving tea in their home after games, including our opponents from Middlesex or Milton or wherever, and we recalled with amazement how Mr. Putnam was the football coach, our assistant headmaster was the hockey coach (when the Charles River froze over so we could skate), and the mathematics department chair, was the baseball coach. This symbolized for us the totality of Nobles' mission, which still reads much the same today, interestingly, dedicated to integrating the intellectual and spiritual and physical parts of our lives. I reflected that this is a balance that Potomac continues to strive to strike, too, in a world where such balance is increasingly difficult to maintain. If these missions make Nobles and Potomac anachronisms, in the new millennium, they are anachronisms we should be proud of.

We talked about traditions, and found, to our pleasure, that many of the ones we cherished are still in place, and that some wonderful new ones have been added over the fifty years. The same is true at Potomac, I can report with pleasure: Kindergarten Circus; May Day; minimal emphasis on academic competition among students (even in the high school); grade 2's Colonial Day; the familiar units in grade 4 (Egypt), 5 (Greece) and 6 (Medieval); Lower and Middle's Friday assemblies with even the smallest children feeling comfortable performing for their classmates; Red/Blue; the 8th grade's Chesapeake Bay trips, etc.

Interestingly, as we attended classes and listened to the students and teachers, we developed the strong sense that Nobles is paying just as serious attention to ethical and spiritual issues, to comparative religion, to issues of character, as was paid in our day, perhaps even more. Nobles' students impressed us as being just as honest, as kind, as grounded, as well mannered, and as respectful as most of us grew up trying to become. I found myself reflecting that I would love to have my grandchildren attend Nobles if they lived in Boston, and that one of the happy aspects of this interim year at Potomac has been to notice how so many grandparents living in and around Washington feel similarly about us. Asked to make a toast at our small class dinner the second night, I got a cheap laugh when I joked that Nobles reached its apex on June 8, 1950, when we graduated, and has "been going downhill ever since." When we thought about it, however, my classmates and I agreed that the Nobles of 2000 is at least as good a school as it has ever been. The fact that we can be so proud to be Nobles graduates fifty years after the fact is because the school has

kept combining so many familiar and new and valuable things since then. I sincerely expect that Potomac's current students will feel similar pride about Potomac fifty years from now, a close and intangible connectedness that transcends barriers of distance and years.

We were struck that most of the speeches celebrating Dick Baker's tenure were made by graduates, some of whom had sent their children to Nobles and some of whom hadn't, in a school that is still overwhelmingly made up of day students (although it enrolls a very few five-day boarders). When I asked a couple of old Nobles hands why this alumni influence still seems so important, he replied that "we're in Boston, Peter, after all, and Bostonians retain a great sense of history. This is one of the subtle ways that we remind people that Nobles existed before they got here, and that it will be here after they are gone. We love the place, and we think we've still got a lot to offer it. We think that Nobles is well served by a Board that has substantial representation by people who have kids currently enrolled, but also by some loyal folks like us who don't. We offer a different perspective."

On the plane back to Washington, following the reunion, I read a paper by the Yale economist, James Tobin, about the importance of endowment in independent schools and private colleges, and it makes an equivalent point: "When the purchasing power of endowment funds is preserved, equity among past, present and future generations of students is also preserved. The Trustees of an endowed institution are the guardians of the future against the claims of the present. Their task is to preserve equity among generations, and they assume the institution to be immortal..."

Finally, as I run out of space and prepare to go home after eleven of the happiest months of my life, I want to thank you for so much. One recalls Nicholas Murray Butler addressing Columbia's students in the midst of the Great Depression: "Don't ever dare to take your school as a matter of course because like democracy and freedom many people you will never know anything about have risked and stretched and even broken their hearts to get it for you."

Potomac is a treasure, even if it isn't, in all respects, the same treasure you knew—what is?—and you should be proud that you went here. I wish I had met more of you in Boston, Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Washington or wherever—and I envy Geoff Jones, your next Head, for having the privilege to be able to do that in the years ahead. I've never been surer of anything than I am that Geoff is the right person in the right place for this next exciting time in Potomac's distinguished history, and that's a good feeling that persuades me that my time here has been well-spent.

Peter Briggs

This is the first part of Peter Briggs' last letter to the Potomac community as Interim Head. Look for the conclusion in the 1999-2000 Annual Report that will come out in September.

Lower School

Spotlight on student activities

Making a Smile Grow

What helps brighten or cheer up a room? If you're thinking flowers and plants, you had the same idea as Ms. Piser's second graders. Almost every month of the school year, these children made a trip to Powhatan Nursing Home where they would visit with the residents in the activities room. This included playing a game of wheelchair volleyball or parachute ball and ending with the second graders sharing something, for example, a song, stuffed animal or a book they wrote. For their last visit, the children planned something special. With the help of some wonderful moms, the children painted terra cotta pots which added loads of color and a very personal touch. Then the second graders planted flowers in the pots and took care of them by providing sunlight and water. A week later the children presented their creations to the residents who were excited to receive the flowers. The children were thrilled to have made them so happy!

First Grade Actors

On May 19, the first graders dazzled the Potomac community with their performance of three **Leo Lionni Fables**. The children learned lines, rehearsed their parts, and made scenery for the weeks and to be ready for show time. The first grade renditions of Frederick, Nicholas, Where Have You Been, and An Extraordinary Egg all offered moral lessons for the audience. The first graders have been discussing the ideas of diversity and prejudice all year; these three fables reinforced the importance of treating people with respect and kindness. The first graders hope that the audience not only enjoyed their performance, but also thought a little bit about prejudice, diversity, and other elements that can shape a community.

Bracelets for Life

Third graders have been busy at work in their kitchens! On Tuesday, May 9, Potomac's class of 2009 brought in their baked goods to raise money for Doctors Without Borders' "Bracelets for Life" program. Adam Gerchick was interested in finding a community service project involving famine in Africa; when he learned about Doctors Without Borders, he quickly brought it to the third grade's attention. Anyone who visited the bake sale received a paper replica of bracelets used in Doctors Without Borders' clinics throughout Africa. These bracelets measure the upper arm of a small child to determine if the child is starving (severely malnourished), close to starving (moderately malnourished), at risk of malnutrition or normal. If the child is starving, the clinic provides 7-8 meals daily. The bracelets were a powerful indication of the tragic effects of such malnutrition on the human body. The third grader's delicious baked goods raised over \$450 for Doctors Without Borders.

Students perform Opera

In April, the Pied Piper came to campus and lured some of our lower schoolers away with his bewitching music. Lucky for us, the final destination was the Virginia Opera's presentation of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin". A lucky student from each 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade class was selected to assist the singers and middle school participants with their performances. These lower schoolers studied with Mrs. Smith to become rats and stagehands. The rest of us enjoyed learning about opera, the meaning of the word "pied" (colorful), and watching their classmates scamper across the stage. As the rain pelted down on the roof of the Preston gym, the audience was captivated by the singing and scenery of this marvelous story.



Monica Gregorio and Jeffrey Kimm paint flower pots for nursing home residents.



First Grade Play: Charlie Murphy, Erika Smith, Helen Labadie, Jenny Stewart, Zach Hublitz perform one of Leo Lionni's stories.



Painting Scenery for the first grade play: Niya Watkins, Eric Matthews, Julia Van Sant, and Hana Betts.

Virginia Opera's presentation of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" included many Potomac students.



Middle School

Spotlight on student activities



May Day recorder players: Melissa Fairbanks, Sammy Rocks, Brianna Evans, Whitney Ourisman, Chanel Jackson, Alexandra Amiri and Jake Levin proceed into the Chester Gym.



Ms. Whitney's class presents their finished Africa calendars. First Row: Catherine Cook, Lele Chappell, Kit Neuman, Wes Millar. Second Row: Nikki Kabalkin, Tribbie Nassikas, Wesley Fleuchaus, Emily Prezioso, Alysia Smith, Brendan Golden. Back Row: Ellie Van Sant, Beatriz Castiglia, Brittany Carroll, Malcolm Dilley, Ben Shambon, Andrew Johnson.



Launching Rockets

The fourth grade science classes recently culminated a unit on aerodynamics with a rocket launch on the Gum Tree Field. Mr. Smith's students explored how kites, airplanes and rockets work and the principles that explain how they are able to defy gravity. Each student spent several class sessions constructing their model rockets from a kit. The completed rockets were fitted with an engine and a streamer and launched to a height of 400 feet. Fourth graders also built their own kites at home and constructed a number of complex paper airplanes.



Sinan Karasapan (back) and Connor Caraluzzi adjust their rockets

Special Calendars

Ms. Whitney's fifth graders created a weekly calendar filled with facts about African nations to benefit an organization which helps send young Mauritanian girls to school. Each student conducted research on three African nations and wrote a journal entry as if they were students living in their selected country. With the assistance of other Potomac faculty, the calendars were printed and bound and offered for sale to friends and families of the fifth graders. The fundraising effort raised over \$600 and will enable several young girls to pursue their educations in Mauritania.

Master Falconer

During the Middle School Medieval Fair students were delighted and disgusted by master falconer Mike Dupuy's falcon presentation. Students learned how Mr. Dupuy finds and trains his falcons, how falcons hunt and even watched the falcon eat his afternoon snack of a baby rooster! (See photo at left)

"Street Song"

Ms. Stephansky's sixth grade music classes capped off their Middle School music instruction by performing Carl Orff's "Street Song", a work which required them to make advanced chord changes using xylophones, recorders and percussion instruments. The Middle School music program is based on the approach of teaching music created by Carl Orff. Called the Orff-Schulwerk method, this kinesthetic approach to learning music begins in the Lower School. In the fourth grade, the children focus on five and six note scales. In fifth grade, students learn seven note scales and in sixth they work on chord progressions and modal music. The "Street Song" piece featured a number of students playing the xylophone using three mallets.



Ajay Premkumar (front), Sara Nawaz, Alexandra Amiri practice a Carl Orff piece.

Intermediate School

Spotlight on student activities

A Helping Hand

Community Service played a significant role in the Intermediate School this winter and spring. Both on campus and off, students shared their gifts, both personal and artistic, with various constituencies ranging in age from toddlers to octogenarians.

Choral Buddies

Potomac's second grade came calling on the I.S. Chorus in February. The morning's activities ranged from humming vocal warm-ups on the floor to dancing the *Hokey Pokey* in an enormous circle to the finale of the event, a choral rendition of *He Lives In You* from *The Lion King II* that had all voices raised in song and second grade hands raised with maracas, sticks and other percussive paraphernalia. It was a joyful noise!

Handbells Ringing

Mrs. Cappel's Coppers and Tins took their act to an elementary school during their winter community service project. In between performance pieces, the audience members all tried their hands at handbell technique. The event was a resounding success.

Sharing Our Talents

Mrs. Costa's advisee group visited the Georgetown Retirement Home and created beautiful springtime wreaths with several senior citizens. The students also read poetry and performed an impromptu concert, to the delight of the residents.



The IS chorus and second grade collaborate to make a joyful noise



Coppers and Tins on Tour



Will Sullivan wears his National Geographic Geography medal after winning Potomac's geography bee. Will went on to compete in National Geographic's regional competition.



Christine Montgomery, Mackenzie Brown, Gracen Hellmuth, Katie Johnson and Regina Lee display their finished wreaths.

Upper School

Spotlight on student activities

Christmas in April

On Saturday, April 29 nineteen Upper School students, three faculty members, one staff member, and four parents refurbished a home through Prince George's County Christmas in April. They painted the walls and trim in three rooms, stripped and painted all the exterior windows, repaired steps, removed a fallen shed from the back yard, removed bushes and brambles, raked, and pruned trees, ultimately over-filling an entire industrial-size dumpster. It was a productive, fun day, and a privilege to make such a concrete difference in the daily life of a person who could no longer take care of her home. One gratifying anecdote: a neighbor came up and remarked that you only ever hear the bad things about young adults. "The TV reporters should be here," he said, "to see how hard everyone is working, how pleasant and courteous they are, and to see all the good they are doing." The homeowner's daughter later wrote, "I will be eternally grateful for all that was done because it was something I could not have accomplished."

"Senior" Prom

The "Senior" Prom, a dance for Alzheimer's patients was organized by Potomac student's, and held on May 18 at the Family Respite Center in McLean. (see photos lower right)



Above, Rory Byrnes freshens up a wall with a new coat of paint. Below: Natalie Namrow and Leyla Beshir clean up the leaves at the Christmas in April house.



The US Spring musical was the Robber Bridegroom. Rosie Turner and her washboard led the wonderful music that kept the actors going.



Stephanie Amann and Stirling Kelso talk to Mr. Suskind about his book.

Community Outreach

The entire Upper School spent Thursday, April 13 serving the community in various ways: the freshmen learned about hunger through a course offered by the Capitol Area Food Bank called "Hunger 101." They then helped sort and distribute food through agencies such as Food For Others in Fairfax and So Others Might Eat in D.C. The sophomores focused on the environment, joining with our partner school, WMST, to clean up along the banks of the Anacostia River. The juniors, focusing on the problems children face, visited and helped in day care, family care, and Head Start programs. The seniors learned about housing and homelessness issues, volunteering with organizations that refurbish and build apartments or houses for those who can't afford them. Students read beforehand about the particular social problem they would encounter, and later reflected on the day in classes. Mr. Gregg Petersmeyer, a founder of America's Promise and an architect of the Points of Light concept (also a Potomac parent), kicked off the day with a talk to the students about the importance of incorporating service into their lives.

Victoria Sylos-Labini and her partner cut a rug.



Senior Speaker Series

On Wednesday, May 24th Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author, Ron Suskind, spoke to the high school students at Potomac. Mr. Suskind told the students about his experiences writing his book "A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League." Mr. Suskind talked about the three years he spent with Cedric Jennings following Cedric on his journey from his life as a student in a Washington, D.C. public school to his rough transition as Brown University student. After his talk Mr. Suskind answered students' questions about the book and characters in the book. Many students had read the book as part of their classes and wanted to know what had happened to other students that were mentioned. Mr. Suskind was able to come to the school and speak because of The Potomac School Distinguished Speaker Series, an endowment that was created by the parents of the Class of 1999 in honor of their children and the US teachers who touched their lives.

Shaw Vanze dances with a senior at the "senior" prom.



Unity: Lifting Our Voices...

Pre-Collegiate Multicultural Leadership Conference

Twenty Upper School students attended the fourth annual Pre-Collegiate Multicultural Leadership Conference hosted by The College of William and Mary. Students committed to leadership and diversity heard keynote speakers, attended "Breakout Sessions" and networked with students from over thirty different schools throughout Virginia and North Carolina.

The theme of the conference, "Unity: Lifting Our Voices As One" appeared in every aspect of the conference. Opening keynote speaker, Sandra Guzman, former editor-in-chief of *Latina Magazine*, spoke of the future of Latinos in the United States and their influence on American



Elizabeth Morrison, Jendi Croom and Mallory Shear-Heyman

mainstream. A choreodrama written by James Chapman entitled, "One Race, One People, One Peace" delivered an extremely powerful message - go beyond tolerance to acceptance and love. Chinese historian and actress Christina Chan performed, "Unbinding Our Lives" - three short stories about three different Chinese women and their lives in the United States, the closing keynote speaker, Marlon Smith, who has spoken at all four Multicultural Leadership Conferences, brought the entire conference together in love and unity and some to tears by encouraging everyone to embrace their neighbor - literally.

"Breakout Sessions" consisted of round table discussion on topics such as body image, self-discovery, and affirmative action. "I learned a lot about myself and what I can achieve," stated Jessica Wagstaff ('00). "People sometimes are afraid of standing up for what they truly believe in. This conference was about overcoming that fear." Mallory Shear-Heyman ('01) who attended the conference for the first time this year said, "I felt very comfortable in the Breakout Sessions,

because I knew everyone was there because they wanted to be and everyone was there to help each other."

A Jazz concert, a "Cultural Extravaganza," and a conference dance allowed students to learn about each other through social settings. "Without the activities I might not have learned half the things I did about the other students at the conference. Everyone seemed more comfortable and willing to step outside their 'comfort zones'." said Jessica, one of the main points highlighted by Marlon Smith. "When we were at the activities, it didn't matter where you were from, what grade you were in or what your race was, we were all there to have fun, it was a great feeling." said Mallory. As well as activities there was time allotted during the day for free time to explore the campus, go into Williamsburg or just absorb all that had been said during the morning conferences. "There was a lot to take in and the free time gave people chances to discuss and reflect on the ideas presented" stated Mallory.

One of the most memorable experiences was the closing banquet where Marlon Smith stirred emotions in many of the students. "His speech brought me to tears, because it felt like everything he was saying spoke straight to me, I now have this renewed sense of strength and courage to teach everything that I have learned" commented Mallory. One of Marlon's main points is that you must live life with no regrets and teach others what we took away from the conference. We, the students, are the leaders of tomorrow and therefore need to take the responsibility into our own hands. No individual blame can be placed on any single race or person, but it is everyone's individual responsibility to fix the problems that we are facing.



Jessica Wagstaff, Tyler Jensen, N'Erin Brown, and Velicia Sutton.



Burke Brownfeld and Thomas Hiney

- Jessica Wagstaff '00

Destination: Costa Rica

Foreign language spring break trip

Students and teachers of foreign languages in the Intermediate and Upper Schools added a new destination to the itinerary of trips taken during the Spring Break: Costa Rica. The Central American tropical paradise provided a picturesque setting for fifteen Upper School students to practice their *español*, view the vibrant flora and fauna, and enjoy their place in the sun during a ten-day excursion. Mr. Rafael Muciño, US Spanish teacher, led the enthusiastic group.

After exploring the capital, San José, for two days, the travelers boarded a bus and headed north to La Fortuna, site of El Arenal, an active volcano. Along the way, they marveled at the lake and hot springs surrounding the base of the volcano. Once settled in their hotel, the students had the opportunity to venture into town with its intriguing labyrinth of side streets, restaurants, and shops. They were able to put their linguistic skills to the ultimate test as they explored the town and chatted with local residents.



Mr. Rafael Muciño, US Spanish teacher and guide, stops with Potomac students for a photo in front of El Arenal.

The tour bus whisked the travelers north to Los Chiles from where they undertook an expedition on the Rio Negro, near the Nicaraguan border. Turning south once again, the group paused in Monteverde. They took a day trip to the Manuel Antonio National Park, the highlight of which was the Canopy Tour. Strapped in harnesses and suspended 300-400 feet, the students glided along wires strung between two platforms, the perfect vantagepoint to survey the mountains and lush rain forest. Continuing their journey south, the travelers paused to frolic on the beach at Jacó, an oceanside paradise where they enjoyed magnificent views of the sunset.

Back for one last night in San José, the group celebrated with a lively restaurant dinner, capped off with fancy moves on the dance floor. "Gorgeous country," "hospitable people," "brilliant sunsets," and "colorful wildlife" were but a few of the praises students sung as the memorable trip approached its finale.

Two journal entries follow which capture the essence of the Costa Rican holiday. Travelers Eric Rosenthal '03 and Rachel Dyke '03 recorded days three and five of the trip.

Day 3, Monday, March 20, Eric Rosenthal [La Fortuna, next to the Arenal volcano]

As Mr. Muciño was heard knocking on the doors of our neighbors, we each got up pretending to have been up on time. Even though most of us missed breakfast, our tour guide Herson called ahead to the restaurant and ordered the "sleep-ins" some extra fruit and toast. Like many other mornings we got on the bus knowing that we had a long ride ahead of us; however, many of us were too tired to really care how long we had to drive. We were happy as long as we were able to get that extra hour of sleep.

This particular morning we stopped only twenty minutes into our ride at a seemingly normal bridge. However, this bridge crossed over a canopy of trees housing over forty large sunbathing iguanas. We took photos for about ten minutes and then got back onto the bus heading toward our final destination of the small town of Los Chiles. This town lay on a river named "El Río Negro" where our group was to go on a private river cruise to view some of Costa Rica's most rare and interesting aquatic and mammal life. Our two and a half-hour ride along the pothole-filled highway was frequently interrupted by bird watching stops. We saw many birds along the way such as vultures, brown pelicans, wood stork, laughing falcon (guaco), gray hawk, and ingas.

These birds are very different from the tropical birds such as the toucans and herings we saw earlier in our trip, due to many differences in the environment. When we arrived in Los Chiles, we were told that it was only three miles from the Nicaraguan border and that many Nicaragüenses (Nicaraguan citizens) traveled by boat to this small Costa Rican town to shop and make phone calls. Next, we walked to a dock where we boarded our private boat that held about 22 passengers. Even though our driver didn't speak any English, he knew the river very well and often spotted animals that otherwise would have gone unnoticed. Once again we were very lucky to have a tour guide like Herson who could speak English and had a great knowledge of Costa Rican culture and wildlife. The river itself was very interesting because not only was it up to 47 feet deep in some areas but it was covered with a dense parrell forest and canopy. Many trees extending over the river's edge provided an aerial passage for swinging monkeys and nesting birds. There were many sandbars that housed reptiles and birds, allowing the driver to give us a close look at the wildlife. It seemed as if our favorite reptiles were the caimans (miniature alligators) and the "Jesus Christ lizards" who are able to walk on water. We even saw mammals like the white-faced monkey and the three-toed sloth.

After the long boat ride we returned to shore and ate lunch at a small restaurant before getting back on the bus and returning to our hotel. When we got back to La Fortuna most of us rested for a while, some of us decided to go swimming, and others decided to go into town. When those who went into town saw a soccer game in progress in the town square, many of us watched and became really excited. Before we knew it, the men of the town invited all of us to play (yes, even the girls) due to their friendly nature. We all played for a while and then returned to the hotel and all swam as a group and played around before dinner. Our dinner was served in a beautiful setting with thatched roofs and bordering palm trees with Costa Rican music echoing in the background. Even though it was very long, our day was relaxing and many of us agreed that it was possibly the best day so far of our trip.

Day 5, Wednesday, March 22, Rachel Dyke

[Monteverde, town in the mountains at about 1800 feet above sea level]

Today was amazing. We woke up very early (about 6AM) for breakfast, and left an hour later for the Monteverde cloud forest. It was about 45 minutes away. Some people rented rubber boots for only a dollar—they were really handy. We hiked through the cloud forest for about an hour and a half. We didn't see any animals, but we heard lots of rare birds and saw tons of different plants. Herson knows everything about the rain forest—birds, plants, animals, etc.

The hike was about 1500 meters which actually is quite a distance. We got back and some people got snacks. Then we piled in the bus and drove down the road to the Canopy Tour, quite possibly the most amazing thing I have done. It cost \$35 dollars and everyone did it. First we put on these extremely uncomfortable harnesses with carabiners and pulleys on them. The Canopy Tour itself was a series of fourteen platforms and twelve wires. We had to take a short hike up to the first platform. Then we got attached to this wire by our harnesses and pulleys. Then we jumped off the platform that is on a tree, and off we went on this really long cable to the next platform. Some cables are through trees, and some are extremely high above the canopy—it was so cool! At first it was scary to be on those platforms, but it was just purely awesome after awhile. I got tons of pictures. The last wire was amazing. It was really long and extended over a river. The whole tour was amazing!

After this great experience, we went to a restaurant (same one as yesterday). It was very good. We went back to the hotel and hung out. We played with the football and sat on our porch to look at the gorgeous view and sunset. In the evening we went to dinner at the restaurant in the hotel. Afterwards we went to the discotheque again. It was not as crowded as the night before but it was still a lot of fun. We had the opportunity to dance with some Costa Ricans. They were really nice. Our group came back and hung out for a while, then went to bed fairly early.

*Karen Gray, US French Teacher
Eric Rosenthal '03
Rachel Dyke '03*



Marketplace in San Jose



Clockwise from lower left: Leila Batmanghelidj, Andrew Warin, Billy Nichols, Peter Carrington, Molly Langer, Jimmy Mersereau, Philip Wolff, Chris Johnson, James Hawthorn and Eric Rosenthal.



Left to right: Molly Langer, Ki Christmas, Caroline Pareti, Rachel Dyke, and Leila Batmanghelidj prepare to go down the zipline.

3-D Thinking

Architectural Design Class

As every Potomac student and parent knows, there is more to an education here than "reading, writing and 'rithmetic." From pre-kindergarten onward, in the course of each week, children sing, dance, play instruments, act, run, exercise, play games, speak before an audience, draw, paint and sculpt. Their days are rich and stimulating. Imagination is

central to each of these activities. In the art studios, particularly, students are asked to visualize and then to create, with sometimes intractable materials, new and engaging forms of expression. The following is a description of an Upper School art class, Three-Dimensional Design, and the work students complete in this course.

All Upper School art courses are electives; while students are required to complete one and one-half credits to graduate, it is up to them to make their own selections. One course which is a little unusual is Three-Dimensional Design. Not really sculpture or architecture, this class requires a little of both from its participants. In a series of open-ended projects, students solve design problems with visual thinking. They then illustrate their solutions by building models and structures.

Examples of recent projects include: an assemblage of interconnected cardboard cubes, an accurate, scaled model, at three times life size, of a crumpled toothpaste tube; an interlocking geometric puzzle made of wood; a machine to keep a marble in motion for as long as possible; a chair made from a single, four-by-eight-foot sheet of half-inch plywood, cut and joined without any adhesives or fastening devices; a small city park; a park celebrating human rights; a playground structure; a playground structure for blind children.

Each of these projects demands that students engage in the design process from brainstorming, to sketching to model-making and then building their finished work just as a professional would. It has been said in many contexts that, "to understand is to invent." When students have finished each assignment, they have reinforced their understanding of the original problem by restating their ideas in a variety of media.

So, in addition to the pleasures of working in the studio, what are some of the applications of this kind of thinking? The truth is that the applications are limitless. Architecture and engineering on any scale, from micro-chips and heart valves to skyscrapers and space stations, woodworking, product design, even successful parallel parking, all depend upon vivid, three-dimensional thinking. The uses of this intellectual faculty contribute daily around the world to remarkable discoveries.

Back on campus, junior Lizzie Copson, in her first semester of Three-Dimensional Design, discovered several things on a late autumn visit with her class to the construction site of the new Performing Arts Center. First, she discovered that she rather liked wearing a hard hat. Then, as she gazed down among the excavations and concrete footings and listened to Clark Construction site managers Mark Chandler and Maggie Lechleitner, she discovered that the complexity of the job was intriguing. Then she discovered that there was a possibility of her interning on weekday afternoons during the school year with Ms. Lechleitner. So, for the last half-year, Lizzie has spent an afternoon each week working on and around the job site learning just how many layers of activity interweave in the completion of a building.

This year four seniors have undertaken independent work in design. Katherine Twomey designed an original beach house from sketches to scaled model. Robyn Hunt studied and then replicated in a scaled model Thomas Jefferson's Palladian belvedere, Poplar Forest. Chuck Barnes is completing a senior project in fashion design with assistance from designer Angela Hester. Finally, Emily Duncan spent the spring creating an original house based on principles of Japanese architecture, and she is completing the plans and building a model for her senior project with guidance from Potomac parent and architect Stephen Vanze.

Beyond the campus, recent graduates have worked at various levels in the design profession. While in college, Julia Bissell '97 completed several summer internships with Cannon, a Georgetown architectural firm. John Skillern '94, after completing Cornell's architectural program, is now working with renowned architect Frank Gehry. Did Potomac's art program put these young people in their present positions? No, but it did make them exercise their innate abilities while they were here. So, I wonder, is one of those tenth graders, busily gluing wooden rods together, dreaming of a playground on Mars?

- Cort Morgan,
US Art teacher

Alex Marshall '00, Stephen Gavula '01 and their teacher Cort Morgan critique a design piece.



Lizzie Copson and Chelsea Simms display the chair Lizzie designed from a single sheet of plywood that uses no adhesive or fastening devices.

Valedictions

Judy Knotts, Middle School Head

What has always impressed me about Judy was her vision. When I first visited the site for The Garden I just saw a rat infested building but Judy saw the future, The Garden, a place where children would be safe and learn and have fun and now that place exists due to her efforts.

- Cammy Passarella,
LS Head

Judy wears so many hats as the Head of our Middle School. While she seamlessly tends to the important, overarching issues each month, she also finds time to recognize the subtleties and finer details that help make every day run smoothly. All of her insights and efforts blend together to provide a positive experience for each Middle School teacher and student.

At the beginning of each year, Judy hands out a "toy" to all faculty that reminds us to make time for fun along with the dedication and long hours we work. Whether it be a bouncy ball, neat troll pencil, or a personalized message carved into a smooth rock, Judy reaches out to each one of us to help us grow professionally and personally. I will miss her very much.

- Weezie Parsons,
5th grade teacher

PORTRAIT OF THE GARDENER

Amid the mottled sunlight and chattering finches,
the Gardener turns the soil,
now rich with humus and mulch.
She plants impatiens seedlings,
purple and crimson, alizarin red,
between the hostas and lacey ferns,
transplants others into sandier soil.
Her gentle hands free azalea bushes
from the tangle of wild rose and bramble,
prune back branches with winter burn
and damage from last year's drought,
prop up frilled blossoms that hang too heavy,
encourage growth, slender shoots reaching
higher for light.

And then she turns,
cerulean skies reflected in her gaze,
and looks beyond her garden walls to another
plot of fertile ground,
unfurrowed yet, unplanted, awaiting
the Gardener's hand.
She turns to leave, pauses a moment,
and looks behind.
She sees her garden thriving,
full of bud and blossom,
strong, vibrant, humming with life,
forever marked by her nurturing touch.

- Suzanne Marshall,
MS Reading Specialist

Judy, although I am the designated speaker this evening, I am speaking on behalf of the entire Middle School faculty.

We have mixed feelings about your departure. Of course, we are delighted about your appointment as Head of St. Gabriel's School, and we understand the exciting challenge this presents to you. We are, however, saddened by your departure and by the loss of your strong and supportive leadership.

Judy, your dedication to education, to the Middle School children, and to our faculty has been evident to all.

Your Friday faculty memos have not only kept us organized and on track for the week ahead, but the inspiring quotations, educational reviews, and interesting articles related to teaching have kept us abreast of new ideas and philosophies in education.

Each school year has started with a theme for consideration. In this year's theme, you reminded us that when we speak as teachers, we need to speak to every child. What a simple idea, but how important for a teacher to carry that message into the classroom!

As our mentor, you have helped the faculty grow. You have inspired us to reflect inwardly to identify areas in which we feel strong, but you have also encouraged us to recognize our weaknesses and have gently prodded us to work on them. Beyond the professional, you have inspired us to take care of ourselves physically and emotionally. You set a great example by finding time to walk the track and to take up the quiet reflection of yoga. You have been our great nurturer and role model.

Yours has truly been an open door for faculty, children, and parents. Even during the most hectic moments, you made time for each of us. You listened to our concerns and always followed up on them.

Judy, you have that rare quality of bringing out the best in each of us. You have provided the inspiration so that we keep striving to match your level of excellence in our classrooms.

Thank you for our collection of faculty toys: the bouncing balls and stress relievers, the silly pencil caps to amuse us, and the new-age pebbles to soothe us. We loved them all.

We thank you also for the chauffeuring service on dark, cold winter evenings, when after working late in our classrooms, you volunteered to ferry us back to the distant satellite parking lot by the front gate.

One of the bonding highlights for the faculty this year was taking the infamous dog personality test. As one of the great dog-loving members of the Middle School faculty, I want you to know that we all think of you as the alpha dog, the "leader of our pack."

- Angela Bullock, 4th grade teacher

Angela Bullock, Judy Knotts and
Cammy Passarella



Sara Hebel, Ginny Ramos and
Judy Knotts

Valedictions

Sue Purcell, Intermediate School Geography

Many of you already know about Sue Purcell's long and distinguished career both within and outside of Potomac School. This piece is not about her resume. It is a testimony of what Sue has meant to me as a colleague, a role model and a friend.



Sue poses at her retirement party with Virginia Howard, Director of Development, and (below) with her IS students.



Whenever I think of Sue Purcell, several words come to mind. She is first of all an intellectual. To many, this term evokes all that is dry and boring, snobbish and remote from the world. There are of course other, more positive connotations of this word. I like to think of an intellectual as a lover of ideas, someone who is fascinated by and revels in the play of the mind. Sue Purcell is the embodiment of this second meaning. As for the former version, no one who has heard Sue teach a class or speak up in a faculty meeting could accuse her of being remote or boring! Her appreciation of the watermen of Chesapeake Bay and her strong advocacy of their way of life before her students dispels any suspicion of snobbery.

What has Sue Purcell done with her intellectuality, her devotion to ideas? She has become an educator, more specifically, a teacher of geography. Like all good teachers, she is a passionate spokesperson for her discipline and highly skilled in transmitting information about it. It is impossible to hear her lecture, or even just converse about her subject without agreeing that geography is a key to understanding the earth and its human inhabitants.

To be an educator in this sense is surely enough, but Sue evokes a broader meaning of the word to me. It is someone whose purpose is to kindle in others a passion for the mental life in general and to promote the conviction that how well you understand the world really matters. Five minutes in her class, watching and listening to her interact with her students, makes it immediately clear that what she cares most about is not even the content of her subject but the ability to think, to make connections between

ideas and to apply what one has learned to new problems. To Sue, knowledge is not just a collection of interesting facts or something you need for a particular job. It is a vital resource for leading a successful life, for realizing the potential of what it means to be fully human.

At this point you might be forming a picture of Sue Purcell as a visionary who becomes easily carried away by the excitement of her ideas, leading to only a tentative hold on the "real world". Such an image would make anyone who knows her even slightly, smile. Sue is a thoroughly grounded individual as much renowned for her practicality and common sense as for her intellectuality. I can recall many occasions, during discussions, when feelings ran high and some of us became lost in generalizations. Sue would bring us sharply down to earth with a practical suggestion that cut through the tangle of verbiage we were caught in. To her students, she is as well known as a teacher of organization and other study skills as of geography.

Finally, Sue Purcell adds two other qualities essential to being an educator in its fullest sense, toughness and compassion. These are not easy companions and maintaining a judicious balance between them requires constant vigilance. Sue is a demanding taskmaster to her students, holding them to a high standard of scholarship and behavior. On the other hand, she cares about adolescents, and their parents, and understands them well. No matter how frustrating a student or advisee can be, Sue never seems to lose her commitment to that child as a struggling individual, deserving of our compassion and our efforts to try one more time to find a way to help. As for parents, I remember clearly hearing fragments of one conversation in particular, between Sue and a distressed mother of a student. Sue was direct and honest, yet sympathetic, offering encouragement and much needed perspective. How fortunate that mother was to have the seasoned judgment of a fellow parent as well as a veteran teacher at her disposal!

How many people do you know that combine a passionate intellectuality, a creative practicality and toughness, disciplined by compassion? For me, none embody these qualities in quite the way Sue Purcell does. How fortunate I am to have known her and worked beside her all these years! She has been a constant source of inspiration and support. I know I am a different and better person because of her.

-Peter Monroe, IS Science

Valedictions

Peter Briggs, Anita Kay, and Mary Snider



Anita Kay and Mary Snider help cut their retirement cake at a special reception in their honor.

Farewell & Thanks, Peter Briggs

Over the course of the school year Peter Briggs has appeared to be everywhere, slipping seamlessly into the life of Potomac. We thank Mr. Briggs for his service and wish him well in future endeavors. This is one of the many speeches given in honor of Peter at his farewell reception.

When Ginny Howard asked me if I would give a farewell toast in honor of Peter Briggs I accepted with pleasure. You see, I have nothing but glowing things to say about Peter. It has been a true joy working with him this year. Susan Potts and I have had an easy and uncomplicated working relationship with Peter. He is a great listener and truly cares about Potomac. Nothing was more evident than on the first day of school, when Susan and I hosted the new parent coffee. All of the somewhat nervous parents were mingling and talking. In walks Peter Briggs in his "9-9-99" T-shirt. Then he starts welcoming all of these new parents. I mean, picture this - this big, tall man in this funny T-shirt, fire alarm blaring and he keeps right on shaking hands, patting backs and smiling. Our fearless leader!

Actually, throughout the year, Susan and I would jokingly say: the man's everywhere! Susan would often wave to Peter as he stood outside doing carpool. Frankly, I was surprised to never find him driving the afternoon school bus. He went to every school function. Peter seemed to particularly enjoy watching sports. If we

had a big win or even if we eked it out at the last minute he would be beaming. Even if we were defeated he would always say "we were really in the game." He was always in attendance at the plays, choral events and the different band groups. He told us that the concert he heard at the National Cathedral was one of the most beautiful and moving musical events that he had ever attended. Peter also thought that the production of the Diary of Anne Frank was wonderful. He could not get over how talented those high school actors were, to me, Peter seemed to watch our children from the sidelines just like a caring grandfather might.

I could go on forever telling you about the thoughtful and genuine man I think Peter Briggs is. However, I think that you already know. Peter and Charlin have brought so much of themselves to Potomac School. We were privileged to have them here this year. Please raise a glass and help me say goodbye and thank you to two wonderful people. Peter, you have been such an asset to the Potomac community and we will never forget you. Finally, you know how Peter ALWAYS talks about the Seven Hills school - I bet, next year, some people in Norfolk might just get a little sick of hearing about The Potomac School.

Thank you Peter.

Annie Keech, 1999- 2000 Chair of PAC



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Arundel Family Library
Tuesday, May 30th
3:30 p.m.



Tracy and Jim Millar share a laugh with Peter at his farewell party.



Peter with Rick Linden (Board of Trustees) and former art teacher John Hebel.

Let's Jet!

Traveling Potomac Airways with our youngest jet set

Welcome aboard Potomac Airways. We hope you enjoy your flight. On March 8, this is what the pre-kindergartners and kindergartners heard as they boarded the "plane" and jetted to Jamaica, England, Africa and Australia. All in one morning! "Let's Jet" is a project that pulls together many threads of Potomac School's Kindergarten curriculum. It was designed by Potomac teacher, Jill Drischler, to help children gain a greater understanding of themselves and of the larger world around them.

The children had much to do to prepare for their journey abroad. They had to pack their bags, frantically find their tickets and dig for their passports. With the help of parents, teachers and administrators, the children were ready to go. The kindergarten/first grade hallway was transformed into a make-shift airliner. With very little taxiing, the children were up, up and away spending only fifteen minutes in the air! Through the generosity of American Airlines and real life flight attendant and Potomac mom, Lori Durbin, the children had pretzels to munch on and beverages to enjoy. To top things off and to add another element

of reality, the children were taken through the safety steps to ensure that it would be a smooth flight. Fortunately, the plane landed safely each time, due to the talented captains, Scott Christian and Judy Knotts. Cammy Passarella, Ellen Grass, Cathie Kaplan, Jill Drischler, Chris Tveit and Clara Zurn assisted as flight attendants. Three trips were taken so that the children had the opportunity visit three of the four countries.

Each of the kindergarten and pre-k classrooms was transformed into a specific area of the four chosen countries, and they all offered interesting sights and activities! You could hear the excitement in Montego Bay. The children were sunning themselves on the "beach", enjoying tropical drinks and testing their flexibility with the limbo. Many children departed smelling of suntan lotion.

The next stop was London which provided a regal and sophisticated vacation, many thanks to our knowledgeable tour guide, Connie MacMurray. Children could sip tea with the Queen, also known as Pat Haislip, while admiring the impressive Tower of London, Big Ben,

Parliament and crown jewels. The highlight, however, was browsing through Harrod's fine collection of toys. Who wouldn't enjoy this?

As if these trips weren't elaborate enough, they also stopped by Sydney and Nairobi. Traveling the world became second nature for this group. In Nairobi, children were exposed to a variety of African art works, Kente cloth patterns and actual artifacts. Grace Katabaruki, an intern at Potomac, dressed the children in kangas and taught them how to balance baskets on their heads to carry fruit and vegetables. There was also a sleeping mat and head rest to try out and the children imagined what it was like to sleep on something other than a bed and pillow. After traveling that great distance, this talent might have come in handy!

Soon "Allo, Mate" was ringing through the ears of the children after their trip to Sydney, Australia. They put their hiking boots on and did an outback tour of Australia to observe and study the wildlife. Of course, the kangaroo was one of the favorites. Just as the Aborigines would have done, the children made a necklace to take back to the states with them. They also made an Australian flag as a souvenir.

Although possibly jetlagged, the children left the day familiar with four different parts of the world. If you're planning a trip to any of these exciting places, be sure to consult a Potomac pre-kindergartner or kindergartner first!

-Lori Piser
2nd grade teacher



Here the Lower School hallway is transformed into the body of a jet taking the students to lands far and wide.

Pat Haislip plays the Queen during the students' visit to London.



Exploring Diversity

Diversity in the Intermediate School

The revised Potomac School Mission Statement states that "we strive for diversity in the conviction that a learning community is intellectually and morally strengthened when many different voices, viewpoints, and backgrounds are present."

In our planning and discussion for this academic year, one of the priorities established by the faculty of the Intermediate school was that to increase the awareness of our students concerning diversity issues, specifically, gender and cultural awareness

On March 6 and 7, we rearranged our schedule to explore the topic of diversity with the student body. Through a series of activities involving their advisee group, each student was introduced to the concept as mentioned in our Mission Statement and had the opportunity to examine how the word applies to their lives at Potomac. Following this, students were asked to share a specific item from their heritage and culture with the other members of their advisee group. Which proved to be an enlightening and valuable experience. Britney Cuffee, class of 2004 remembers how her classmate Arielle Samuelson, "brought in a coin that her grandmother had placed in her shoe because nobody was allowed to bring anything with them when they fled to Israel. It was very touching."

Ms. Stein was struck by the story from her advisee, Michael Fischer, class of 2004. "He told of a relative who was a seamstress for Latvian royalty. Eventually they ended up in the U.S.A. and they brought their seamstress with them as part of the family. He shared a tiny article of clothing she had made for them."

This sharing was the first step in their creating an art piece designed to highlight their collective cultural heritage. In all its three parts, this proved to be a most successful activity, educating students and allowing them the time and opportunity to simply appreciate what they have in common and how they differ.

Each winter the IS sponsors two evening forums attended by parents and their seventh and eighth grade children. It is our belief that these two years represent an opportunity to develop a lasting pattern of communication between parent and child which will stand a family in good stead as the high school years approach.

In past years, the composition of the audience has been determined by grade level, and the focus has been to begin a dialogue between parents and students on issues surrounding drugs and alcohol. However, substance abuse is but one of the many possible pitfalls our children face on the journey to young adulthood, a journey which they are just beginning as seventh and eighth graders. Therefore, the IS decided this year to expand this discussion to examine what, in general, is required from children and parents to create a healthy young adult.

Clearly, boys and girls have many similar needs and face some of the same pressures. "Young adolescents face a bewildering array of pressures," states Barbara Robbins, eighth grade advisor, "and our experience suggests that they are better able to deal with these pressures when they better understand themselves as a young man or woman. However, there are stresses and experiences unique to each gender, and it is appropriate to examine each separately." Thus, two evening forums were divided by gender, with girls and their parents meeting on Thursday, 10th February, followed on Tuesday, 29th February by a meeting for boys and their parents. The basic message was the same: boys and girls are being raised in a culture which is toxic to them in many ways, and, in order to make that successful transition from childhood to young adulthood, they need the support and involvement of the adults in their lives in appropriate ways.

The Intermediate School faculty is committed to developing its students understanding of diversity and its many faces within a school. Our initial experiences indicate an interest and an openness on the part of our student body to learn more, and we hope to expand their understanding through similar forums and activities again next year.



IS teachers Dr. Kabahita and Ms. Chung model traditional garb for the students.

-Brendan Sheerin

IS Dean of Students & English Teacher

Book Fair 2000

Building the Future with Books



Thanks to the prodigious efforts of the entire Potomac School community but especially this year's Book Fair Chairs, Lisa Diamond, Karen DuVal and Carol Fontein, Book Fair 2000 raised over \$19,000 in support of the school's three libraries. Equally important was the unquantifiable success of Book Fair- for two weeks the entire Potomac community united in a brilliant demonstration of how much we value books & reading.

Congratulations to all divisions for exceeding their Book Drive goals! Special thanks to the many students for contributing some of their book purchases to charity. At Potomac we truly "Build the Future with Books!"



Bookfair 2000 Chairs pose with students, Back row: Co-Chairs Karen DuVal and Lisa Diamond, Front row: Robby Lobban '10, Co-Chair, Carol Fontein, Laura Higginson '10 and Molly Sheerin '10



Grandparents' Day

May 12, 2000 Potomac grandparents are the best!

What I have learned is that our kids know what we mean to them, that they know why Grandparents Day is unlike any other day in the life of the school. For grandparents play a very different role in the lives of children than parents can ever play, and children seem to understand this. They understand, and they need, the gift of grandparents.

-Peter Briggs,
Interim Head

Granted that we symbolize for our grandchildren stability and wisdom and hope, even more, we offer them the sort of special love that only grandparents can give. It is an unconditional love that helps children to believe in themselves, in their uniqueness, in their worth. Even if they might describe their feelings differently, this is the meaning young children take from grandparents who dote on them, indulge them, even spoil them. There is something of immeasurable value and beauty in the fact that a bunch of seventy year old men and women such as us cherish opportunities to share time and experiences and memories with five and twelve and sixteen year olds we love.

-Peter Briggs,
Interim Head



Mr. and Mrs. Passerini with Carter Clarke



Zach Hublitz with Virginia Shugar



Ruth Ripley with Bailey Thomas



Rosalind Fennell with her grandmother.



Carol Jones, wife of future head Geoff Jones, poses with Middle School students.



Brian Kimm with grandmother Babe Fowler.

Amber Lucas with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Hardy



Right: Carol Jones and Sally Thorpe with Whitney Ourisman

Sound of Voices Ringing

Engelhard Performing Arts Center Dedicated

Middle School bell ringers tolled joyously ahead of the parade of students approaching the plaza to commence the dedication of the Performing Arts Center! Hundreds of parents, faculty, alumni, and trustees gathered in front of the new building hung with enormous blue banners, proclaiming The Engelhard Performing Arts Center and The John Langstaff Auditorium.

In spite of the unseasonable ninety seven-degree heat, the music and speeches profoundly touched the audience. "Simple Gifts" began the ceremony, first played by the bell ringers and verses sung consecutively by Lower, then Middle, Intermediate, and Upper School. Peter Briggs, Interim Headmaster, welcomed guests and thanked Sally Engelhard Pingree for her initial gift and guiding force that had brought the School to this day. He then called on Jeff Brown, Chair-elect of the Board of Trustees, who thanked everyone for the donations of money and time commitments, making this extraordinary facility possible, particularly Elizabeth Huffman, Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

John Langstaff took the microphone to lead students and guests in singing the "Tallis' Canon," from Benjamin Britten's, "Noye's Fludde." (When Jack was a full time music teacher at Potomac, this wonderful musical production was performed by the entire school for the first time in the United States.) Jack spent time with the children the day before the dedication so only the audience needed "rehearsing" and in inimitable Jack style, he had everyone singing in chorus and rounds.

Both Sally and Jack were given special scissors and stood together to cut the blue satin ribbons strung in front of the entrance of the Performing Arts Center.

Headmaster Elect Geoffrey Jones was asked to receive gifts from students for the Time Capsule. Maggie Nelsen from the Class of 2010 brought Lower School drawings and predictions of what life will be like in 100 years in a scrapbook; Sara Moses '08, brought an illustrated and handwritten collection of Middle School memories to let people in the future know what life at Potomac is really like; Nicholas Nassikas '05 had photos of his classmates and descriptions of what they expect to be doing in 2050; and Jesica Wagstaff, Class of 2000, added student photos of different stages of the construction and a Madrigals CD. Finally, Jean MacDonald, President of the Alumni Governing Council placed a new 2000 edition of the Alumni Directory into the capsule., the first Directory to include email addresses. The capsule will be placed behind the cornerstone at the edge of the building and is designated to be opened at the 50th reunion of the Class of 2000!

Closing with the band and audience standing to sing the Alma Mater, small groups of guests were allowed to tour the Performing Arts Center in the welcome relief of air conditioning. The 519 seat auditorium was proclaimed perfect for its aura of intimacy that will make even the youngest Lower School performers comfortable. The band room and music and dance rooms are high ceilinged and airy while the rehearsal space, green room and costume storage accommodate many other needs.

A DINNER AND REUNION

More than two hundred and fifty alumni, parents of alumni, current parents and grandparents gathered in the Preston gymnasium to celebrate with Jack Langstaff and Sally Pingree the long-awaited opening of the Performing Arts Center. Intermediate School bellringers played the crowd into dinner. The audience was treated to a wonderful selection of music performed by the Upper School jazz band. After dining, two teams of Morris Dancers entered from the back of the gym, quieting the audience, and jingled their way to the stage where, accompanied by an accordianist, danced a rousing performance. Jeff Brown welcomed the diners and acknowledged Sally Pingree and all the donors to this important project.

The Intermediate School Treble Makers sang beautifully followed by a truly professional Intermediate School string trio. The Upper School Madrigals entertained with two of their favorite songs and a short scene was presented from the Upper School "Twelfth Night" cast.

No evening would be complete without Jack Langstaff himself leading the assembled audience in many of their favorite old Potomac songs; "Wild Mountain Thyme," "Hi! Ho! The Rattlin Bog," "Let All Things Now Living," "Unite and Unite," and the "May Day Carol," to name a few. There were very few dry eyes as Jack beckoned and called for everyone to stand and move close to him while singing together, "One Man Shall Mow My Meadow." As old friends reluctantly disbursed, one alumnae was heard to say, "I am utterly opposed to cloning until I see Jack again, and then I think, well maybe!"

On this extraordinary day and evening, in an extraordinary way, the Potomac School celebrated all that makes it such a special experience for so many hundreds of children and adults alike. We are grateful to each and every individual who worked so hard and gave so many gifts to the School in order to make possible the completion of a facility so appropriate for Potomac students.

- Virginia Howard
Director of Development



Contributing to the Time Capsule
Future Head Geoff Jones accepted items for the time capsule from: (top to bottom) Sally Engelhard Pingree, Maggie Nelsen '10, Sara Moses '08, Nicholas Nassikas '05, Jesica Wagstaff '00, and Alumni President Jean MacDonald '64.



Engelhard Performing



A spectacular crowd joined the Potomac School for the 2 p.m. dedication of the Engelhard Performing Arts Center.



View from the bridge connecting the Intermediate School to the Performing Arts Center.



Interim Head Peter Briggs



John Langstaff, Sally Engelhard Pingree, and son Albert Pingree '00.



Dedication remarks from Jeff Brown, Board of Trustees.



Geoff Jones, Headmaster elect speaks about the Time Capsule to be opened in 2050.

Arts Center Dedication



IS students find a comfortable place to sit.



Above: Middle School students singing.



John Langstaff leads students through "Tallis Canon."



Left: Virginia Howard, Director of Development presents Betsy Huffmann with flowers.



The Upper School band led by teacher Rosie Turner played several tunes.



Middle School students played their recorders during the song "Simple Gifts."



Jay Tompkins, Betsy Huffman, Sally Engelhard Pingree and Jeff Brown.



Lower School Kindergarten students display their class banner.

Engelhard Performing Arts Center

Guest Tours of the Arts Center



Special Guests and the Board of Trustees were invited to inspect the Performing Arts Center following the dedication.



Board member Bill Hellmuth speaks with Architect, David Cox.



Richard '65 and Lexi Eakin with former Potomac art teacher John Hebel.



Sally '54 and John Herren.



Nora Mancha greets former Latin teacher Imogen Rose and husband Brian.

A Langstaff family reunion photo.



Past Potomac Head David Hardman with Past Trustee Muggy Hoffmann and husband, Marty.



Board of Trustees Vice Chair, Bob Smith, with Board Chair Sally Pingree and her son Albert.

Arts Center Dedication

Celebration Dinner - June 2, 2000



The lobby showcased a collection of photographs, posters, programs and other memorabilia from several decades of Potomac productions.



The Jazz Band played a musical selection for the dinner guests.



John Langstaff taught guests the three part harmony to "Thuma Mina."



The Upper School Madrigal Singers delighted all with two songs arranged by their teacher Jerry Rich.



Intermediate School Treble Makers with teacher Katherine Nevius '69.



Morris Dancers made a grand entrance through the crowd and performed on stage.



Intermediate students in the String Trio played Trio Sonata No. 3, by Pergolesi.

Alumni Focus

Jane Stuart Vander Poel '57



Jane and her dog Capers in the Valle D'Aosta.

While Jane Stuart Vander Poel '57 only attended Potomac for one year in the 4th Grade, she nevertheless formed a strong bond with the school. In fact, after graduating from college, she returned to Potomac to teach Art and Art History with John Hebler. Underscoring her appreciation for Potomac's art programs, Jane notes, "I credit Mr. Hebler for fostering my love of art at an early age, and again later, for encouraging my talents when I worked with him."

In 1954, Jane's family moved to Italy, which she soon came to consider her true home. After running a successful greeting card company in New York City, her love of Italy prompted her to retire to the mountains of the Valle D'Aosta, near the French/Swiss border, to pursue her life-long dream of becoming a sculptor. Jane admits, the move to Italy was not without its challenges. "When I arrived in those majestic mountains, my dilemma was how to get the word out that a sculptor had arrived."

Jane sought guidance from St. Antonio, her favorite saint. Perhaps in response to her prayer, Jane reveals that her inspiration for a sculpture came in the most ordinary of circumstances. "Walking my dog Capers, I came across a gnarled root from a walnut tree that had grown around a large stone – I knew instantly that I had to create a sculpture of St. Antonio!"

Word of her sculpture soon reached a benefactor of the local church, who was planning a religious jubilee for the year 2000 and who believed in Jane's abilities even though she did not have formal sculpting experience to speak of. With this support, Jane created ten pieces, sculpted in Bergamo slate in deep bas relief, each of which are 5' x 3' x 6'. The first five works, which she completed in 1998, represented the *Joyful Mysteries*, while the second five, the *Glorious Mysteries*, were completed in 1999. After being blessed for a month in the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chatillon, her pieces were transported by helicopter and placed on top of Mt. Zerbion, where they remain and create a votive religious walk culminating at the peak of the mountain.

Reflecting on the labor of love and faith that this massive undertaking represented, Jane notes, "At first, I was frightened to take such a large risk, but when the project was finally complete, I couldn't have been more excited or felt a greater sense of personal and spiritual reward."

-Joan Wise '82

LOST ALUMNI

The Alumni Office does its best to keep track of Potomac's world traveling Alumni. Unfortunately, sometimes we lose track of a few. Here is a list of Reunion 2000 Alumni who we cannot reach. Help us find them! Please contact the Alumni Office if you know of their whereabouts. Call (800)725-8664 or email Potomac_alumni@potomacschool.org. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Charles P. Burnett 1950	Deirdre Seeley 1960	Antonia Palfrey 1970	Christian Archer 1990
Cynthia M. Colman 1950	Annie Shields 1960	Anne Thomas 1970	William W. Blunt 1990
Percy S. Douglas 1950	Frederica von Stade 1960	Melinda P. Titus 1970	Mary Carroll 1990
Barbara Finch 1950	Stephen Young 1960	Rita Spellman 1975	Rebecca Chaudhry 1990
Camilla Hewitt 1950	William Bass 1965	Nathaniel Thayer 1975	Alexandra C. Le Sueur 1990
Bonnie McCracken 1950	Penelope Breese 1965	Diane Whitney 1975	Michele McCrary 1990
Molly M. Phillips 1950	Helen Busby 1965	Whitney C. Brown 1980	Erika Olson 1990
Sandra Rockefeller 1950	William Coon 1965	John Cheatham 1980	Robert Ross 1990
Sarita Southgate 1950	Pam Fowler 1965	Lauren Mayle 1980	David Sherman 1990
William Willard 1950	Judith Harkness 1965	Christianne Schaaf 1980	Alexander Smith 1990
Priscilla Woods 1950	Susan Jones 1965	Amanda Spalten 1980	Pankaj Vasudev 1990
Robin S. Fraser 1955	Tina Kippen 1965	Michael Wood 1980	Christian Belland 1995
Andrew Hero 1955	Rod McIvor 1965	Christopher Arndt 1985	Selwyn Bridgeman 1995
F. R. Johnston 1955	John Preston 1965	Mary F. Arnold 1985	Nishantha Herat 1995
Carol Sippy 1955	Margaret Preston 1965	Jonathan S. Botwinick 1985	Alice Larsen 1995
Ellery J. Akers 1960	Jessie Sargent 1965	Andrew Cage 1985	Jennifer Lindsay 1995
Scott Appleby 1960	David Tier 1965	Alexandra Edwards 1985	Chinua Mitchell 1995
Clark Furlow 1960	Katherine Warner 1965	Leigh Ernst 1985	Nan Ellen Nelson 1995
Katherine Larsen 1960	Matthew Winship 1965	Jonathan J. Falls 1985	Philip Sarin 1995
Robert Lishman 1960	Peter Wyman 1965	Brian Green 1985	Amanda Schall 1995
Christopher McClothlin '60	Dallas Yates 1965	Chiswell D. Langhorne 1985	Laura Schwartz 1995
Shannon Miller Riffaud 1960	Winifred Bierbower 1970	Victoria Le Sueur 1985	Judd Weissmann 1995
Frances Nolting 1960	John Dillon 1970	James R. Schlesinger 1985	Saman Westberg 1995
David Partridge 1960	Dexter Freeman 1970	Henri Weinberg 1985	
Mary B. Seegers 1960	Susan McGrath 1970	Maceo Willis 1985	

'22

From the Alumni Office:

Frances McKee O'Brien writes that she has moved from Annapolis to Nonquitt, MA (where her family has spent summers since 1880!) She enclosed a picture of her son, Charles Stone, her granddaughter, Frances Stone Burke, and great grandchildren, Jackie Burke and Julia Burke.

'32

From Betty:

Marian Kirk Appel writes that she is trying to rid her 40 year old house of "accumulated barnacles, it needs careening, as I do too." She adds that most of her systems function well, but slower than before. My dictionary tells me that "careening" means "cleaning, caulking, or repairing the hull of a ship when it is on a dry dock." Quite a suitable word for a Naval Officer's daughter to use!

Harrison Brand and his wife are enjoying retirement in Pittsboro, NC.

Molly Howe Lynn's answering machine is all I could reach, after many tries. This should mean that she is still working with SELS (Senior Executive Life Styles,) which works with HMOs and other health care providers to improve the quality of life for older people at risk for nursing home care, especially those with diabetes and heart disease.

Tinky Ostermann is still happy to be at Vinson Hall and has many new and wonderful friends. She has seen some "old Potomac friends at parties." Tinky summered at a camp in Massachusetts (the Clark Art Institute was wonderful!) again and visited her nephew in Asheville, NC over Thanksgiving. She also saw a "first-rate musical at Potomac in February. The children sang beautifully and the orchestra was amazing!"

Mary Wilson Neel wrote that she and Sam "have lived on the same property near Potomac for over 50 years! We spend our summers at Squam Lake where we bring family and friends from afar. I have seen

Tinky Ostermann quite a few times this past spring."

Not only does **Cay Warner Gregg** find it hard to believe that it was 68 years ago that we were in the 8th grade, but she finds it even harder to believe that she is 82 years old! "Fortunately I have 5 grandchildren to show for it, two of whom chose Potomac as their school while their father represented NH in the Senate (**Sarah '98** and **Josh '02**). I shall always remember Sarah's graduation with David Civali's address. Josh is still working hard as a sophomore!"

Polly Foraker Marshall is a grandmother and still plays golf at the Five Gulph Mills Club near Rosemont, PA. She works for Planned Parenthood. Rosement is such an easy commute by local train to Philadelphia, that I expect that they go to much theatre as well as to many Philadelphia Orchestra concerts!

Lucy Bolling Orrick continues with her painting and sculpture work, but has given up carving in stone! She works in the garden and still lives in her house ("till the end, she hopes.) She goes swimming at Washington College in nearby Chestertown.

Cece Wakem Mohlman said that everything was fine in St. Michael's, MD. She has been there for 35 years, after moving from Chicago. She especially enjoyed her visit this past year to the Warrenton Horse Show!

Clara Sasser Chandler's husband answered the phone when I called and said that she was out, but that she was fine, cheerful and energetic, and that they were happy to see the arrival of 2000!

Kristi Putnam Hay and her husband John live in Brewster, MA. They have a new grandson - 7 in all. John is still writing on natural history and conservation. His book *The Rive* about alewives was just published! Kristi hopes that we will all buy a copy.

My husband John and I (**Betty Nash Nicholson**) are both doing well. I have stopped playing golf,

which I learned to play in Florida when I was 9. We enjoy visits from our 5 children and now 12 grandchildren. Our oldest, Bob, is



Frances McKee O'Brien '22 with her son, Charles Stone, her granddaughter, Frances Stone Burke, and her great-grandchildren, Jackie Burke and Julia Burke.

a doctor in Maine; Sally, a writer, lives in NYC; Jack, a psychiatrist, is in Saratoga Springs, NY; Liza, a law librarian lives in Palo Alto, CA; and Allen is a research scientist in Detroit. I still remember what fun it was playing Philadelphia Ball on Potomac's cement-floored athletic court at its California Street location (P. Ball was baseball adapted to a location surrounded by apartments, whose windows wouldn't have lasted long under the attack of many pop-flies!)

'36

From Kathleen:

Muriel Maddox writes from California that she has "just finished correcting the book galleys for two novellas (in one volume) *Noela* and *That Man in Rio*. It will be in the bookstores in September. We'll let

A photo of Union Station taken by Class Correspondent, Betty Nash Nicholson '32 in 1931. Note the old cars and the trolley in the distance!



EVEN YEAR CLASS
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Class Correspondent needed!

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1946

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1948

Class Correspondent needed!

1950

Class Correspondent needed!

1952

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you know if and when she comes to DC this fall.

Edith Huntington Williams writes from Barbados that she is busy "watching the frangipani grow and enjoying being shoeless a good deal of the time." She is now back in NY.

Adele Pugh Lynham has moved into a beautiful home in Chevy Chase with her daughter Mary and her family. She traveled a great deal over the year – to Florida, and California. Fortunately for me she visits me in DC and Florida as we have been close friends since our first meeting when we were four. Adele has a grandson in CA who was married in June. Her two daughters live in PA. "We are a close family and share many days and holidays together."

Sarah Everett McGowan reports that she is in the air most of the time visiting her children and grandchildren. In March she went voyaging to the Amazon with her son and his family. She read a terrifying newspaper account of the entry to their "above the jungle canopy lodging via a swinging rope bridge." She claims that she would not look down!

Peggy Burke Howe took a two week holiday on beautiful, Sanibel Island. She reports that they had ideal weather. She and her husband "are grateful to call their life care place, Essex Meadows, home." They often go to Squam Lake to provide a relief from communal living.

Your scribe was in Florida when writing these notes. It is such fun to hear from all of you. I wish more of you would write!

‘38

From John:

Contacted near the beach at Barnegat Light, NJ, **Bill Pearson** reports that he and Eleanor are thriving. He walks 10-12 miles each day, part of it before breakfast. When not walking, he seems to be mostly at sea, having cruised last fall to New England and Canada and this winter in the Caribbean. In July he and Eleanor will cruise in Alaska with their children, and in Greek waters in November.

Ernie Graves and his wife Nancy have also been on the go, having

traveled to Greece twice (a daughter lives there), to Peru, and to India. One of the Greek visits was to Crete, which Ernie particularly recommends. He is substantially retired, though senior adviser to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and a consultant on arbitration involving arms sales to the previous Iranian government.

Ted Ernst, resident of Annapolis, continues to travel for business and recently visited his brother **Bill '39** in California. He gets his exercise on the tennis court.

Your scribe had the pleasure last fall of leading a Potomac School alumni walk on the Capital Crescent Trail on a warm sunny day; the walk was followed by an excellent lunch provided by the School. Norma and I spent a month this past spring traveling in New Zealand and Australia, which included a visit with our daughter **Julie '85**, who is finishing business school there. Julie is engaged to Andrew Miles, an Australian, who was in school with her.

I greatly regret the loss of another girl from our class. I have warm memories of **Louise Hamilton Matthai** from our earliest school years.

‘40 REUNION

Class Correspondent needed!

From the Alumni Office:

Peggy Shumaker Nalle and family spent some time in Maine and went to Sicily this year. "I work for *Middle East Policy*, a quarterly journal." Their children **Susan '78** and **David '74**, are leading "happy, productive lives, so our cup runneth over!"

Bettie Huidekoper Clark writes from Florida that she has begun her 7th year with the Boys and Girls Club Creative Arts program. In which, talented, at-risk teens create their own, original musical show and perform it in May. "It's a musical step up for many youth!"

‘42

From Katharine:

Happy New Century everyone!

A newsy Christmas letter from **Helen Chapin Metz** whom I saw at our 50th Vassar Reunion last June.

Helen "continues to work as a research analyst at the Library of Congress and is involved in completing the editing of a double book in the Country Studies series on the Dominican Republic and Haiti. She has also begun mentoring a new Education for Ministry group – a four-year-program sponsored by the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee." Ron conquered double pneumonia last year which affected his one remaining kidney, but so far with "careful attention to diet and medical monitoring" has been able to postpone dialysis. Helen and Ron's youngest daughter Grace was married last spring with a reception afterwards on the grounds of the National Cathedral.

T.P. Plimpton answered my request for news by e-mail, and followed up with a postcard! "Ormond Beach, Florida was unseasonably cold in January (it was the coldest January I can remember in New England) which required tenting the citrus trees." The Plimptons enjoyed a week in the Caribbean aboard the *MS Westerdam* in March.

Clare Fahnstock Moorhead has moved to New York after decades in Cambridge, MA. The move was "the biggest and most exhausting effort." The happy result was "spending the first night in my new digs on New Year's Eve." Clare did more pro bono volunteer/travel than ever in 1999 including a trip to Australia.

For the **Abbotts**, most of 1999 was happily spent helping our daughter Katrina take care of her twins, Kate and Reyer, born January, 1999. While redoing their Cambridge, MA house, Katrina, husband Ben and the babies lived with us, from August 15 through January 15, 2000. Katrina is 41 and we admire the way she and Ben cope with two, but motherhood is for the strong and fearless! We are still skiing, playing tennis and walking. In February we spent a delightful five days at Disney World, just ourselves, and highly recommend it. Gordon is cochairman of his Harvard 50th Reunion in charge of pre-reunion events which has taken him around the country. He's enjoyed getting to know and rekindle friendships with classmates.

in Scotland. Ann's mother's ancestors came to Georgetown, MD, from Scotland in the late 1700's.

Your secretary continues to have a busy life in NH, teaching high school special education and involved in community doings. I'm overcommitted, like most people I know, but can't seem to find anything I want to stop. My particular joys are the two grandchildren, Logan, who lives in Arlington, MA and Sarah who lives in Contoocook, NH. The idea of



A mini-reunion for Sharon Farr '53, Nancy Johnston McNear '51, Katy Farr (Sharon's wife), Pamela Johnston (Andrew's wife), and Andrew Johnston '54.

retirement only seems attractive in the context of spending more time with them and their parents.

I hope everyone will go to their planners and put REUNION in big letters for 2002. After all, 50 is a big event and worth the trip. I don't know who will be doing the planning and organizing, but it seems to me a good moment to celebrate the myriad accomplishments of us all. Does some clever classmate want to consider a plan?

'53

From the Alumni Office:

Evelyn Scofield Rowland writes, "I have just been elected president-

elect of the Maine Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc."

'54

From Tina:

Betsy Clifford Reynolds wrote: "I am volunteering at the Dedham Women's Exchange. Winter here in New England has been cold with a few snow storms and bitter cold for about 2 weeks. Our grandchildren Clifford, 8, and Henry, 6, are growing so fast. We see them about every two weeks, as they live in Wayland. My husband, Charley, is working 2 to 3 days a week at a Medical Insurance Co., which he enjoys."

Anne Emmet McLucas wrote: "All's well. We have three granddaughters under the age of 2 and a half! Travelling a lot and working with the Corcoran Board of Overseers and The Children's Hospital, too!"

Emily McLean wrote: "Not much news from me. No new grandchildren on the way. 10 is enough! I'm in Florida for the winter, playing tennis, bridge, and taking up golf - what a frustrating game!"

Andrew Johnston wrote: "Enclosed is a picture taken in Washington a few years ago. You know everyone except Pamela, my wife. We are all aging gracefully, don't you think? This had to have been taken before August 1998 because I cut the beard off after that. Anyhow, I am up to all kinds of mischief out here in California. It is all good stuff! Come see for yourself!"

Amy Ellis Tucker wrote: "It's almost a year since Ken died—a year of paperwork and sadness. Spending some time in Florida to swim and bike. Stopped to see **Mary Coffman Luzzatto** on my way to the auto train, which I like (both Mary and the train!) I'm almost a vegetarian. Went to London last summer and immediately broke my leg and came home. Will try it again this year and watch my step!"

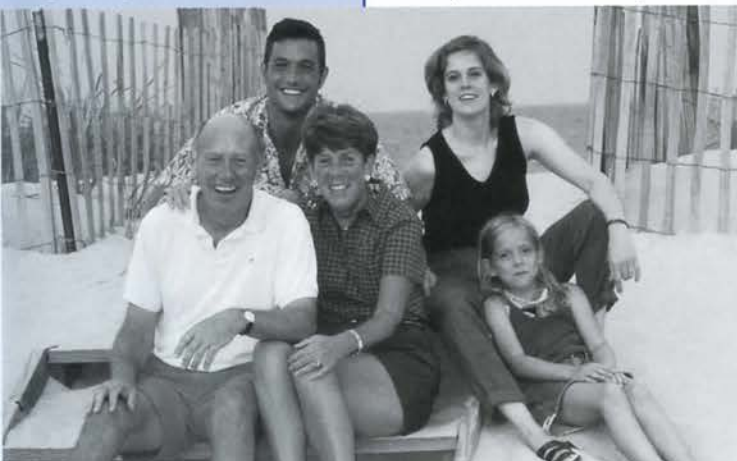
Edie Murphy Holbrook wrote: Just completed a month-long tour of USA with 20 chamber players, a stint that took us into eight cities

with 37 concerts in concert halls, art galleries, private homes, embassies and schools. This was the first time I have taken a tour from start to finish on my own, an experience worth its weight in gold. Tour started at Kravis Center in West Palm Beach and ended up at Kennedy Center with week-long residency that included ten school performances and public concerts presented by the education department, and a wonderful farewell dinner hosted by Charles and Marion Guggenheim. **Grace Guggenheim '74** took on the photography of the event. I tip my hat to these youngsters. They are pure magic. Through sheer force of personality and brilliance of execution, they literally transform the concert experience. And at a time when Russia, thanks largely to the press, has become synonymous with Chechnya and corruption, they offer another story, one centered on Russia's greatest assets: its culture and young people. ARYO is the sunshine side of US-Russian relations. For first time in four years, I have no tour this summer, so we can enjoy our newest grandchild, Willis, born to **Sara '77** and **Jonathan Guggenheim '75** in July '99, and be around for younger daughter Anna's new baby, due in June."

Polly Graham Coreth wrote: "News from the Coreth front is unspectacular: Joe and I are still happily settled in Chevy Chase, Joe is a V.P. at Riggs bank, and I have recently returned to *The Weekly Standard* magazine as business manager. It's fun to be inside a political newsweekly during a presidential election year. Our daughter **Betsy '79** and her husband, Chris, live outside Princeton, NJ with their 2 daughters Esme, 4, and Trixie, 2, and although we don't get to see them as frequently as we would like, we are happy they don't live any further away."

Sandy McNeill Burditt wrote: "A little news. I will have two college graduates by December. Neil and I and the children took a wonderful trip to New Zealand last August. I am becoming computer literate, after resisting for a while. It was the email that got me into it."

Charlie and Tina Knox Radigan '54 (front row) enjoy a day at the beach with their family: son, Josh, daughter, Kate Radigan and granddaughter, Laura.



Sandy Robinson Righter wrote: "I've finally gone online, and what a difference it makes! We were in Washington in the Fall for Jeremy Emmet's wedding to my old friend, Cindy Burling Doubleday. Saw **Anne Emmet McLucas** of course, and in fact she is the Potomac classmate I am in touch with the most, though I have talked by phone to **Edie Murphy Holbrook** from time to time. Life is good in Boston; Jim is still practicing architecture, though I have retired as a clinical social worker and am giving time to Hospice and to the New England Conservatory, where I am a Trustee. Have also taken up the cello and continue to do some singing (good Potomac training!) We have four thriving grandchildren in New Haven and New York."

Life is still being good to the **Radigans** these days. We have good health and great times! We are still enjoying our house on the Corrotoman River in Lancaster, VA and spend many long weekends down there. We still spend a week in Bermuda two to three times a year at the Mid Ocean Club. In early March we took our daughter, Kate and granddaughter, Laura, 8, to Steamboat Springs, CO to ski. Laura was skiing faster than Granny most of the time! Our son, Josh, is engaged to a great girl and they will be married on December 2, 2000, so there is all sorts of excitement and plans in the air! I am on a golf team and our matches start soon. We have fun playing other golf courses around this area. Keep the news coming!"

'56

Class Correspondent needed!

From the Alumni Office:

Linda Merrill Ciccone writes, "All is well with us. Antonio is busy with his giant *Padre Pio* exhibition of drawings opening in *Pietrasanta* and then at *The Carmine* in Florence this spring. I'm doing pastel pencil portraits and helping to care for five grandbabies, growing beautifully! I enclosed a photo of the youngest, Oliver, 2. Much love to all."

'60 REUNION

From Jamie:

Helena Holmes Speake was excited to report that she and her husband have moved to the "empty nest" home of their dreams. Her little house overlooks a beautiful river valley in the small hill town of Fallbrook 50 miles north of San Diego, with nothing much there but avocado growers and artists. The Speakes continue their business, *Rock Solid Ideas*, where they carve sayings into beach stone, and Helena continues to work 3 days a week as a home health social worker."

Eve Auchincloss Lilley continues to work as Director of Tutoring Services for the Lab School of Washington and still takes ballet classes, although she says that she is getting stiffer. She now has 5 step-grandchildren and number 6 is coming in June. A big family gathering was planned for April in North Carolina. She plans to come to the Potomac reunion in October.

Connie Casey and husband, Harold Varmus, just started work in New York. Harold is at Memorial Sloan-Kettering; Connie is a senior writer at *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*. Both enjoy seeing a lot of their sons. Jacob plays the trumpet, mostly jazz gigs and classical performances with a brass quintet, and he works at Lincoln Center. Christopher recently graduated from Wesleyan and is works at Lincoln Center while looking for work in publishing or art management. Connie takes the subway to Brooklyn a couple of times a week for horticulture classes and is volunteering at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Kamila Stapko Allen teaches Reading Recovery and regular developmental reading to 2nd and 3rd graders. She is taking care of her father, who's still in McLean. She looks forward to camping when she retires, and presently enjoys gardening and her three cats and two dogs.

Daphne vom Baur is still painting away and finds she is more focused in her fifties. Her younger daughter graduates from the University of Chicago in June; her elders in a "traveling phase" and her 91-year old father is living with her. She

says that she is turning into a gardening nut.

Jamie Herter Cherington is thriving in Vermont, working with farmer groups who are trying to find niche markets for their products. She still helps with the management of her mother-in-law's full-time caretaker staff and often wonders how we are going to fare in a world where many of us women will live to well over 100. Old folks communes! Husband, Davis, continues to run a land conservation consulting business, and Jess, Zach, Nina and Charlie (now 28-37 respectively) are jumping the hurdles of cell biology, medical technology, website design, and venture capitalization quite successfully. Jaime tries to spend more time in her garage shop creating decorative art from recycled tin. She is often seen at the dump, bottom side up, searching through bins for just the right can.

'62

From Carol:

I am very sad to report that **Eleanor Acheson's** mother, Patricia Acheson, died on March 7, 2000 in Washington. While we were at Potomac, she was teaching at the National Cathedral School. Her field was American History, and I remember that whenever I went to the Acheson's house, she was very busy writing a book.

I also regret very much that April **Turney Berry's** father died in October after a long illness, and that her mother died suddenly about a month ago. I remember her parents from the time that I went to the beach with them all—April and I both have good memories of that trip. On a cheerier note, April says the skiing in Evergreen is great this year.

Wendy Wisner Hazard lives in Belgrade, Maine, and teaches history at the University of Southern Maine. She edits an online progressive journal, *The Dissident* (dissident@peacenet.org), and she recently published a book on U.S. intelligence in the early Cold War, *Cold War Crucible*. Her children are grown. Isaac makes music and is getting married in May and Phoebe scales mountains and works for Outward Bound.



Oliver Biagini, 2, grandson of Linda Merrill Ciccone '56

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1970

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1970

Lindsay Potts
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In October, **Liz Murray Platts** had a great visit with **Susan Dreier** in Cambridge. Susan's book about her mother's art made a great Christmas present for Liz's mother. Liz's son Chris, a St. Albans junior, went to Morocco in March as a student volunteer with Operation Smile. He collected "surplus" toys (hardly that, says Liz!) from the Maret Lower School (where Liz teaches) to take to children awaiting surgery.

In the millennia year, I now have email addresses from only five of you, and I can't believe it. MY MOTHER uses email. Anyhow, **Deena Breed, Peak Mason Hogen,** and **Elizabeth Burke Dale** sent me their news by the internet.

Deena is still having a great time running a bicycle store in Orlando. She travels a lot but never has enough time for everything.

Elizabeth saw **Jacqui Carnicero Duchange** in the parking lot of the Chevy Chase Club.

Peak has just moved from Boston to Westport, and will miss seeing **Leslie Arends Eckel,** **Nina Nitze Moriarty,** **Susan Dreier,** **Judy Kneipp,** and **Joan FitzGerald Denny '64.** Peak has been writing free-lance articles for the *Boston Magazine* and others. Her four children are out of college and the eldest daughter got married last summer. Peak is going to bike the Boston-NY AIDS ride in September and row in the Head of the Charles in October. She says that she will need Advil - I doubt it.

Late breaking news from **Deb Johansen** who says, "I'm still pursuing the somewhat precarious career of free-lance writer and editor, but after five years I've been able to garner some steady clients for articles on healthcare, environmental issues, child advocacy, and the arts. Just had an essay published in *A Woman's Passion for Travel* (Travelers Tales Books), which was gratifying at least for the byline if not the fee." I agree! Deb has seen Deena Breed and Sue Dreier recently, and she talked to **Sue Whiteley** (who's still in S.F.) last week.

Wendy asked if I still ride horses. I do, and I still live in Clifton, Virginia

and I teach art history at George Mason University. I spent some of this winter as a visiting scholar at the Getty Research Institute in Los Angeles, studying a collection of 90+ sculptures from a Roman villa at Herculaneum, destroyed in 79 A.D. by the eruption of Vesuvius. Elizabeth said she'd like to hear what some of you others are doing. So would I! And please send your email addresses!

From the Alumni Office:

Eve Auchincloss Lilley '60 writes a bit of news about her beloved sister, **Sandra Auchincloss Wadsworth's** family and says, "'Little' Eliot graduated from Harvard in June; Eve is a sophomore at Princeton, and Natalie is a junior at Andover. All are doing very well and their Dad will remarry in June. I am most happy about this—and she brings three of her own kids to the Wadsworth clan."

'68

From Tom:

Congratulations to **Rick Ridder**, who sends news that last year the political consulting firm that he and his wife run won the International Consultant of the Year Award. "This award is given by the American Association of Political Consultants, [whose awards] are considered the 'Oscar' of our industry."

Congratulations also to **Renn Richman** on her imminent grandmotherhood. Her daughter Sarah, 28, is expecting in August. Since her daughter lives a mere ten-minute drive away, Renn is looking forward to lots of 'baby time'.

In March, **Edie Fryer Carboneau** loaded daughter Eleanor in the car and drove from their home in Gainesville to St. Augustine, Florida where she met her mother and sister **Dede '63** to celebrate her mother's birthday. Steadily improving weather, good food and lots of sightseeing (including the Fountain of Youth) made for an altogether enjoyable family get-together. Edie has recently started a new job as a Clinical Research Assistant in the University of Florida/Shands Cancer Center.

From **Perry Howze's** fertile mind springs a screenplay for a movie entitled *CRAZYLEGS*, "a dance

comedy about two friends who run a down-and-out dance school in New York and can't pay off their loan. They decide to enter a dance contest with a waitress, who can't dance." Perry is excited that she will be director, a position she last took in ninth grade when she and **Gay Cameron** wrote and directed *Perseus and Medea* for Mrs. Taylor's ninth grade English class. In early May, Perry is headed to New York from her home in Southern California for a 'practice shoot'.

Meanwhile, back in L.A. **Nick Stein** reports he is now Vice President of Television at Greystone Communications, "a terrific nonfiction company that is, among other things, the largest supplier of TV to the History Channel." He's currently working on a project involving Peter Gabriel and National Geographic TV. An enthusiastic baseball fan, Nick reports he visited Phoenix this spring for the eighth time to catch a few Cactus League games.

Jeremy Gordon, also in the television industry, writes, "I'm feeling it is time for a change. Not sure what yet, but I am feeling awfully antsy and ready for a bigger challenge."

Chip Hitchcock was busy most of last year co-chairing the 25th World Fantasy Convention: "3+ days, 900+ people including most of the professionals (writers, artists, editors, publishers) in the field, and a great deal too much floor space." Afterwards, to relax, he retreated to "an obscure corner of the upper Midwest where an expatriate Englishman throws a Guy Fawkes Day party." Currently he is busy with work, contemplating attendance at his 25th college reunion, and in May he sang with a classical chorus visiting Boston from Japan.

Peter Oliver, a resident of Warren, Vermont for the past six years, reports, "I have been writing for a variety of magazines (*Skiing, Outside, Aspen*) on skiing and the adventurous outdoors. I'm currently working on a book for *Outside* magazine on skiing around the world, my fifth book."

Last March your secretary, **Tom Parker** drove with his wife Hilary and son Warren to Cape Cod,

Massachusetts, where they enjoyed decorating their new house, walking the beaches, sharing quiet family dinners, and taking drives. I am delighted that we are no more than a three-minute walk from **Lewis** and **Lee Kimball**. Because Warren attends the same school where we both work, the family is currently savoring the happy circumstances of perfectly matched vacations.

'70 REUNION

From Jane:

I've enjoyed receiving news from classmates, whether by postcard, e-mail, or phone, so thanks everyone. I had especially memorable chats with **Sarah Bucknell Treco** and **Nina King Prentice**, both in London. The city seems to agree with them—they were both so cheerful! Nina and I reminisced about a birthday party at her house at which we sent balloons aloft with attached postcards. Does anyone remember? Note the Britishisms in her comments.

My news is that I have decided to leave the Smithsonian after nearly twenty-one years. Mid-June will be my final week at the Hirshhorn Museum, where I have been in charge of publications for six years. I've decided to reinvent myself on a freer schedule and eventually get into free-lance editing of art publications. Wish me luck! Since some of you know my work email address, which I will no longer have, please switch to my home email, sjmax@mindspring.com. Thanks! Here's news direct from the postcards/email:

Sarah Bucknell Treco is in her fourth year in London. "I'm running a small antiques business called Bucknell Antiques & Decorative Arts. I take a stand at several of the London area antiques shows. I'm having a great time with it. Jamie's still at Salomon Smith Barney/Citigroup/Schroeder's, et al. Our son John, 14, is in his first year at Eton, as a King's Scholar in College [he is the top student in his class. JM]-the original part of the school established by Henry VI circa 1440. He's doing an outstanding job, and we're very proud. And yes, he does go to class in white tie and tails. Carlin, 12, is in her first year at Frances Holland in London, has

joined the netball and field hockey teams (takes me back to Miss Negro), and is flourishing. Alex, at almost 10, is attending Westminster Under School, loves "football" (soccer) and cricket, plays guitar and piano. We love London and we are making the most of our chances to travel, because who knows what the future brings. I do keep in touch with **Nina King Prentice** and her wonderful family—she's got all sorts of news, as her four children, husband and self are amazingly accomplished—but I'll let her tell her own stories."

Nina King Prentice writes "in tremendous haste as I should be planning for four teaching sessions tomorrow and I have had to take detentions all afternoon. Who would have thought that teaching could be so much fun! Anyway, there isn't much news except that we are back in London for a few years after a wonderful stint in Hungary. Who knows where the Foreign Office will send us next, but I have become a dab hand at packing after years of moving. Four children aged 19 to 11 are getting more and more difficult to keep track of, but I keep trying."

Bobby Rock writes that "working with [Francis Ford] Coppola is good; he was here all last week (down from his winery/home in Napa) and we have a good time, figuring out what films we are going to produce, usually over a nice meal.... I just hope we can make this little art-house company work. There's a lot of competition out there. In some ways, the films don't have to succeed as we have a deal with MGM for ten pictures, under \$9 million budgets, over the next two years, and thus we get our producer fees no matter what. Still, it would be nice to make films of which we are proud. That is our goal. Kerry is fine, busy with her new venture as liaison company for producers based overseas (she has three clients) who can't or don't want to travel to L.A. for whatever reason. She is also trying to get another movie produced, but that's so hard these days that it would be nice to have a backup plan. Charley loves kindergarten and is trying to get the attention of a first grade girl. He asks me for advice and I say 'Forget about her. Don't

you know that at that age they have cooties?' He just laughs and then Kerry gives him little bracelets to pass on to her. I don't think she's impressed. Georgia is in day care (at 20 months old) and is incredibly cute. Still rather petite, but she likes to eat more than Charley does. She loves the new Moby CD *Play*, as does the whole world, and dances all around to it and other music we put on for her. She claps and dips. It's adorable. Kerry went to Cannes for a change, and I stayed at home with the kids. Soon I might have to oversee some production in Mexico or somewhere. But I am happier when I am around my family; they keep everything in perspective."

Dana Strong van Loon says that "it's been a school year of many colds, flus, strep throat, conjunctivitis, etc. We seem to go from one to the next, but other than these small setbacks, life is good. Margot, 9, and Nina, 6, enjoy gymnastics, piano, and ice skating in addition to school. Mikael travelled to Italy in May to set up a new import business of wines. I spent last summer training our corgi, Henry, who is turning out to be all dog. I still cha-cha with the old gals in a jazz class when I can."

Peggy Moorhead Williams writes that "life in Portland, ME continues to agree with us. Ogden is still teaching but is considering a career change. I've been taking a semester course designed for women who have been out of the work force for a long time and those desiring a career change, which helps us, through various means, determine a direction for ourselves. My son will probably go to boarding school next year. My daughter is in seventh grade at the local public school. Hope to catch up with everyone in October."

Congratulations to **Duncan Krieger** who remarried in January - "a blessing and a challenge."

David Powers has been running his "therapeutic massage business here in Greensboro, North Carolina, since 1995. I enjoy the work as well as being my own boss. Self-employment is okay for me."

George Upton works at a chocolate factory in St. Alban's, VT. "We ship out about 4,800 tons a month—chips, flakes, nonpareils,

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May JinXu Faris, daughter of Lisa Koehler '72 and Ted Faris, dolled up for her US Passport photo! May became a US citizen on May 1st, officially renamed "May May Day" by Lisa and Ted.

both for retail and other companies like Haagen Dazs, Ben and Jerry's, Nabisco, Pepperidge Farm, etc. Very busy. I'm a mechanic and work on a lot of automatic equipment. I've been too busy to ski, but I've been snowshoeing and winter camping. I live in a 153 year old house, which used to be a creamery and also a tavern, located on one of the islands on Lake Champlain, North Hero. Probably won't make it in October, but who knows?"

Maggie White Momber moved with her family to the Paris suburbs in the beginning of September 1999.

Hope to see you all in October for our Reunion! Watch your mail for more information.

'72

From Ros:

Lewis Butler wrote in from the West Coast that his family is still in San Francisco. He is working to start a new private high school in the Presidio, the old army base that is now part of the national park system. Hopefully his proposal will be accepted and his two children, Elena, 12, and Tobias, 9, will be the beneficiaries of their dad's efforts.

Laurinda Lowenstein Douglas and her husband, Ed, split their time between New York City and Seal Harbor, ME. They are enjoying their "sleep deprived lives" with their 17 month old son Alex.

My guess is that **Thorne Rankin** is also experiencing a bit of sleep deprivation with daughters Ginger, 4, and Sally, ten months. Thorne is still working as a landscape designer in the Washington, DC area.

Lisa Koehler is another classmate busy with a young daughter. May is 21 months old and is "healthy, happy, active and very inquisitive." They spend time playing with friends and visiting Lisa's mother in her retirement home. Lisa's husband, Ted Faris, keeps busy as Director of Office Information Management for Legal Services Corporation. He has also renovated the basement of their house in his free time.

In contrast, **Debbie Olin Norris'** oldest daughter, Jessie, starts college this year. Her second daughter, Jacque, starts high school and her son starts kindergarten. Debbie writes, "My husband Jon and I celebrate 20 years since our first date, and we're both making plans to go into business for ourselves." Debbie is a personal trainer specializing in exercise prescriptions for people with chronic disabilities. Classmates in the DC area, now that we are in our forties, may want to get Debbie's business number.

Henry Strong gives news of his family and of our classmates' children now at Potomac. His child Kip is joined by **Jeff Harper's** daughter, Allie, in Potomac's kindergarten class. Now Henry, Jeff, **Liza Kuhl Labadie** and **Caroline Baldwin Kahl** see each other at Lower School assemblies. Henry also has a son, John Henry, in the second grade. His daughter Allana, is now in the 9th grade and is enjoying all Potomac has to offer including a recent Sadie Hawkins dance. Henry closes saying he and Kathy are "doing fine contemplating life in our 40's."

"Life in our forties" has certainly brought some change to my life. Last year my husband, Dan, and I moved to a house a bit further from Boston, trading ease of commute to Dan's job for more space. In an effort to complete some projects around the house, Dan has taken a six month leave of absence from his job, starting this February. Myself and our three children, aged 12, 10, and 8, are enjoying his presence at home. I keep busy being a mom, volunteering at school and riding in my free time. Many thanks to all of you who have written in with news over the years. Your notes are always a pleasure

to receive, and I look forward to future correspondences.

From the Alumni Office:

Laird Burnham Larrimore writes: "I'm still a yacht broker in Oxford, MD but I am keeping my weekends free for our little girl Kate. She is a ton of fun and loves doing all of the things Steve and I love to do. Best wishes to everyone else in our class."

'74

From Garrett:

Jane Day married Kevin Rich on October 9th in Aspen, Colorado. On October 28th they moved to Tokyo where Jane is a headhunter for Oak Associates Co. "I am celebrating my 5th month in Tokyo this week and in some regards it seems like years. The initial month or two were difficult adjustments. Now that I am enrolled in one of the elite geisha training programs, which is full-time and all intensive, my mind doesn't wander to open spaces, grass and flowers, salad bars, real bacon, and nonsmoking public spaces. Kevin is anxious that I complete my studies so that I can be introduced properly to Japanese society. With the ikebana (flower arranging) and tea ceremony skills still to go, it will be a long course." (jrich@oakassociates.co.jp)

Jo Kalmus Miller sent a brief, up beat note from L.A., "I am working for the Commission on the Status of Women for the city of Santa Monica. I love the work. Film is still in progress. Very inspired."

Carroll Carter offers chicken scratch he calls "trainwriting" on his daily commute to NYC. "Our fourth, Blaise Carroll, arrived the day after Thanksgiving and his siblings encouraged me to put him in the salad bowl and push him down the slopes this winter but Lia encouraged them to wait a year! Have recently seen **John, Georgia** and **Charles Mathias**, talked with Jane (post merger!) and also traded Christmas news with **Skeeter, Kerry, John Chester** and other Gum Tree/Maul Ball cohorts! Life in Fairfield County as a full-time commuter, chauffeur, soccer coach, husband of a singer, church volunteer and political advocate (Go Rudy, sorry Kerry!) has been occasionally relaxing! The best part

A Louisiana reunion for Jennifer Moses '74, Lisa Chapin '72 and Lisi Oliver '66



was playing 'boot hockey' this winter with ten kids under age nine in Westport. Reminded me of skating on Kellogg pond and trying to keep the puck away from John's dog."

Lisa Shipp Logue has moved to Texas. USAA offered Lisa's husband Bob a position as a trainer in their home office in San Antonio. When Bob accepted the position they were given less than a month to move. They found a beautiful home on two acres in Helotes, outside of S.A., "in the hill country." Lisa and Bob's daughter Caitlyn is almost a year old and Lisa obviously loves being a mom. "Watching Caitlyn grow up is incredible. She is such a happy baby. I can't imagine my life without her."

The Class of '74 is loaded with those involved in creative pursuits, especially writers. **Sally Higginson** checked in from north of Chicago on behalf of her and Tim. "We, however, are quite predictable. Nessa, now 8, is in the 2nd grade. Charlotte 6½, is in the 1st grade. They go to a great school, a lot like Potomac, called Lake Forest Country Day. Tim is at Latham and Watkins and I am a mom. Both Tim and I are writing children's books."

Jennifer Moses is getting a taste of the grass-stained maul ball pants of motherhood. "My oldest kid keeps getting hit in the face with various baseballs and is consequently beginning to realize that he may not make the majors after all. My twins are still wonderfully cute, except when they are psychotically evil." Jennifer's book, *Food and Whine* (Simon & Schuster) comes out in paperback with a "way hip new cover" any day now. Jennifer did a reading at *Politics and Prose* in DC last May and was very appreciative of a strong Potomac showing including Mrs. O'Neill who first critiqued Jennifer's efforts in third grade. "**Polly Pittman** was there, too, which was incredibly nice of her—particularly considering that I hadn't seen her in about ten years."

Kerry Kennedy Cuomo has also been writing. She sent word from old stomping grounds: "I'm in McLean, watching my three little angels, and finishing my book which

Crown Books/Random House will publish in October. It's called *Truth to Power—Human Rights Defenders Who Are Changing Our World*. I finished the first draft yesterday! All is well."

The ski patrol connection from Heavenly to Aspen (**Isabel Day '77**) placed **Nina Bohlen** in Aspen with her boyfriend, Steve, and Mr. and Mrs. B (sounds serious to me!) The two are into mountain biking which has been good therapy for Nina's knee.

Alan Cross logged in from the south east. "I feel pretty estranged from the world of Potomac—being down here in Atlanta. But you are really far from the bus circle in S.L.T." Alan and his wife Susan are busy raising their three boys. Susan is still operating her catering business *No Spare Thyme*, while Alan sells well control and pollution insurance to oil and gas explorers/developers. "Between choir, T-ball, other kids activities and work, we're on the go from dawn to dusk and are blessed with great kids." (Sounds a lot like Carroll's agenda.) Acrosscharter@mindspring.com.

I keep in relatively regular contact with **John** and **Georgia Nassikas** and their fabulous four youngsters, one of which is my godson. Unfortunately, two of our most recent rendezvous were the funerals of their respective fathers. It is profoundly moving to come full circle and share those experiences together.

I must correct a regrettable error from last year's notes, when I accused **Wendy Israel** of being the mother of two boys. It turns out that, thanks to a more accurate assessment, one of those "sons" had been upgraded to a daughter.

Jennifer Just will have to relate the story of her family trip to the Echo Amphitheatre in Sante Fe last February. I've been there myself, but I probably just yelled "Haloo Halow" or something. "Still at home momming, and writing fiction with the hope that something will stick to the literary-wall eventually. I agree with Garrett that the reunion was stupendous, as usual. Wish it could be more often. Some of us started an impromptu email round-robin for awhile, which was really fun. G.R. posited to me the idea of

a Class of '74 website. Hmmmm...anyone know how to cobble one of those together?"

I think I just about have Jen hoodwinked into returning as class correspondent. Maybe she'll let me stay on awhile as auxiliary gossip monger; it would help to beef up my resume. For now, news can be gathered by either one of us or relayed at any time, and guess what, I actually have an email address: garrett_randolph@yahoo.com and Jen:jrj9484@home.com. About to close another ski season. My snow plow is pretty good. Miss you all!



'76

From Julia:

John Brooks writes, "I'm in the midst of looking for a new job after two years as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer at CDC in the Foodborne and Diarrheal Diseases branch. After investigating three large domestic outbreaks (one involved over 600 high school cheerleaders in Texas,) working on an on-going field project in rural western Kenya, lecturing in Paris (not Texas,) fielding the nation's phone inquiries about botulism, and travelling to all sorts of conferences I'm hard pressed to find something that could possibly match this experience AND I get to wear this cool Public Health Service uniform. Atlanta is, well, 'a growing city with lots of opportunities' where I have learned that driving a car sucks and that shopping is viewed by some as a legitimate cultural pursuit. Highlights of the year were climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and swimming with penguins in South Africa."

Congratulations to Stephanie zu Pappenheim '75, who married Andreas Grunwald on July 7, 1999 in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

'78

From Julie:

Hi all! Thanks for all of the great news. I know everyone else will have as much fun catching up as I



The Shipp's celebrated the wedding of Molly Shipp '76 to Barrett Payne last September. Pictured are: Mr. Shipp, Donald Shipp '72, Lisa Shipp Logue '74, Barrett Payne, Molly Shipp Payne '76, Skipper Shipp '70, and Mrs. Shipp (Director of Transportation '67-'77)

did. People often think that we don't want their news if they left Potomac before ninth grade...wrong...we are all the more interested. So I was pleased to hear from three of our long ago classmates.

Alex Clyde moved in seventh grade. She was married to Tom Meskan in December, 1997 and they are living in Minneapolis. Alex is responsible for worldwide reimbursement for Medtronic, a medical technology company.

Paul Fearey, whose stay at Potomac was too short, at least in the minds of us fourth grade girls, was also recently married, and is living in the DC area.

Reaching back even farther in your memories, **Rob Lee**, who left after second grade, is the Boys Athletic Director at Potomac. He just finished up his Master's Degree in Education.

My curiosity had me looking at the geographic layout of our class. 28 classmates are living in the DC area.

Libby Jewett wants to "get a Potomac '78 social network going in DC, anyone interested?" Libby is living in Bethesda with her husband Stephen and two children Owen, 8, and Eliza, 6. She writes, "I am still pursuing my Ph.D in marine ecology, much to even my own surprise. I love the subject and I am teaching undergraduates which

is rewarding and frustrating. Were we all so disorganized and bored looking when we were undergraduates? Probably. I am currently preparing for my first presentation at a national academic conference which has me terrified. My family and I went to London in March for our first international trip and saw **Tim Gould** when we were there."

Lola Singletary loves her job at DC Link and Learn (computer & info tech training ctr.). Due to her news in the last term she caught up with our former 7th grade history teacher, Madeline Kirk, who works for a career training center for low income and at-risk individuals in DC. She also writes, "I always have fun seeing **Sally Anne Epstein**, her husband Joe Pat Junkin and their daughter Olivia when they come to DC. I talk to **Byron Hope** regularly, but haven't seen his face since he walked down the aisle almost two years ago... I guess he's busy. Thanks to e-mail, **Julie (Warder)** and I don't have to wake each other up by the phone anymore when we have life crises, unless of course the other person doesn't respond soon enough to the email."

Byron writes that he and his family (Felicia, Sandy, L.B., and Gabe) are doing well. He is feeling old as Brooks made him a grandfather last year with the birth of Kira. He is looking forward to the twenty-fifth reunion and says, "I would really love it if we could not only get the people who graduated, but the ones that left before then." Can anyone help fill in that list?

Lola will have another Junkin to visit her, as **Sally Anne Epstein** and Joe Pat write from Montana that they are eagerly awaiting their second child, due on May 29. They are breaking ground on their house. "Life is pretty good, we're keeping busy." Sal is one of ten classmates who live out west.

In the Midwest where we have three classmates, **Jim Fairman** writes from Chicago that his daughter Katie is now 9 months old and is lots of fun. "We visited **Rob & Jennifer McDowell** and son Griffin in December. We plan a trip to St. Lucia with Katie over spring break. We're dreading the plane ride!"

Tony Evans is also in Chicago. "Stephanie and I have 3 children, Courtney 10, Emily 8, and Charlie 6. We just took our first family ski trip to Boyne Highlands in Michigan. Not too different from Seven Springs. I was so happy hitting the slopes with the entire family. The big Potomac news is that I introduced my family to John Langstaff and the Revels when it opened up in Chicago." Tony is a partner at Mack and Parker, where he has been for eight years. He mostly works with private groups and associations forming insurance companies. "I hear every so often from **Tim Gould**, Bill and Suzanne Doswell and **Chris Kennedy**."

Tim Gould, one of our four classmates living overseas, is proud to be an uncle. His sister, **Charlotte Gould Kerr '77** gave birth to India Rose Cassils Kerr on Tuesday, February 15, 2000. Meanwhile, Tim's twin boys are "growing up quickly and every day are more fun than the last. They are very energetic, love looking at books and speak incredible gibberish."

Andy Kerr is practicing law with a Korean law firm in Seoul, representing US, European and Japanese clients on a variety of intellectual property and licensing matters. He writes, "Each day is an adventure unto itself. When not working, I try to travel as much as possible and my wife and I have really enjoyed exploring Asia and making friends from all over the world. I still love playing most sports and try to be outside as much as possible although it's becoming increasingly harder to leave the computer behind."

Among our 17 classmates scattered along the east coast are our two Vermont residents. **David Greenewalt** writes, "Wendy and I are enjoying the snow and solitude in southern Vermont. I saw **Alan Calfee** at his annual pig roast this past summer. He (and his elder brother **Bill '73**) throws a great feast! His mom was there and almost recognized me, but was expecting a boy with (long) blonde hair."

How does **Alan Calfee** feel about his geographic choice? "I love Vermont! I have a dog named Zeus

(he's 10.) I still love skiing (I remember my first time at Liberty in PA.) After four years I left my position as the SmartWood Coordinator for National Wildlife Federation. I am working as a consultant now for NWF and SmartWood. I have been working on a project in the great boreal forests of European Russia. I have been over there three times. May be going back again this spring. My Russian needs lots of work. If you are interested see the web page www.smartwood.org/new/russian.html It has been a learning experience and lots of fun. Also working on my pilots license so I can fly to DC."

As for me, (**Julie Twiname Warder**), I am still working as the Director of our small afterschool program for low income kids. However, most of my time is spent with our son Ben, 3, who thrives on sports. He inherited his Dad's athleticism and thankfully my genes didn't negate it. So I am grateful for the variety of sports that I was exposed to at Potomac. I know how to shoot the basketball thanks to Ms. Hinkle and Ms. Rogan, stop the soccer ball thanks to Mr. Cicala and Sammy, and still drop the softball thanks to... me!

'79

From the Alumni Office:

Speke Wilson writes that on December 18, 1999 Miles Winslow Wilson was born. He weighed 8lbs, 9oz and was 21 inches long.

'80 REUNION

From Dewie:

Mark your calendars NOW... our 20th reunion is October 13-14, 2000. After 20 years, I am sure we have quite a bit to catch up on and I look forward to seeing ALL of you there. Please call, write, fax or email (c/o Potomac-sorry, I have yet to join the 20th century, much less the 21st). I would love to hear all of your ideas, thoughts, etc. regarding the reunion. Also, if anyone would like to host the dinner on Saturday night, let me know... we are in the process of deciding where to have it. My address is Dewie Oppenheimer, 1325 18th Street, NW #505, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 822-5251(h), (202) 408-

811x3(w), (202) 408-8882(fax), potomac_alumni@potomacschool.org

Romey Pittman writes that she is excited about the reunion. She is still working at the Fairhaven School, which she co-founded five years ago. Another alum, **Madeline Todd '65**, has her children in the school also. Romey lives on her solar-powered family farm with her husband and two children, Wrenn, 7 and Anna, 6.

Cecilia Van Hollen sends greetings from California. She is moving with her husband and two children, Jasper, 5 and Lila, 7 months, to Indiana in the summer to teach anthropology at the University of Notre Dame. She hopes to join us in October.

Rachel Stern Muratore writes from Port Washington, NY where she lives with her husband and two children, Elizabeth, 2 and Rebecca, 4 months. Rachel is a stay-at-home mom (that must be harder than office working!)

Michael Metcalf is teaching sculpture at Western New Mexico University in Silver City, NM. He reports that **James Peabody** also lives in Silver and they get together occasionally to hike the Gila.

Ello Tucker is still in Florida where she works at St. Anthony's Hospital. She helps patients without insurance obtain financial assistance. She lives with her dog and cat in a house she bought a few years ago. She keeps in touch with **Marcia Brown, '79** and **Jennifer Davis, '81**. She misses her old classmates, especially **Christy Schaaf-Boone, Alison Avery** and **Laurie Kennedy Mayle**. Maybe you can renew old ties at the reunion!

I am still working for Lipton Corporate Child Care Centers, Inc. I am the Operations Manager and have had a hand in growing the company from one center in 1991 to 6 in 2000. We are in the middle of expanding along the East Coast, so look for us as a company benefit in your company SOON. I live in the Dupont Circle area of Washington, right down the street from the first Potomac Campus. I am very excited about the reunion and look forward to seeing all of you there.

From the Alumni Office:

Wally Acton writes: "I'm in Durham, NC at the moment working on the pre-Broadway tryout of a new adaptation of the William Wharton novel *Birdy*. It is a beautifully written script and the cast seems pretty strong so I am excited about it. Keep your fingers crossed for us."

'82

From Lara:

"I am continuing to live the dream life—living in a little cottage in the woods by the sea with my soulmate and three doggies. I write a weekly column called *Soul Food* at www.spiritsite.com. My dream of all dreams is to write more and more books and become well known as a writer with a powerful message. My book, *Why Die? A Survival Guide for the Suicidal* is available through www.innerself.com. My audiobook, *She Whispers Across Me Soul with Wings of Gold*, is available by emailing me at llbeara@aol.com. What's up with all of you? I hope that more of you keep in touch with Potomac so this news column begins to grow!

Tris Carlisle, who graduated from Columbia Business School in 1995 and subsequently worked for America Online, does consulting work for an Internet Startup Company he helped co-found called HealthQuick.com. He also consults independently of HealthQuick. He recently chatted on a three-way call with **Lewie Hamady** and **Matthew Bixler**. Lewie is married and lives in Sausalito, California. Matthew will be married late this summer in Colorado. Tris, who lives in Georgetown, is also in touch periodically with **Jimmy Corrigan** and **David Tierney**.

From Joan:

Nerissa Nields writes "please tell the Potomac folks that I am so grateful for the many old classmates I get to see around the country when we perform. We have a new album out called *If You Lived Here You'd Be Home Now* on Zoe/Rounder Records and we are playing all over North America from now till January 2001. Big shows include: one at Arlo Guthrie's theatre, which used to be none other than Alice's

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Restaurant; the Hudson Clearwater Festival, where we are sharing the stage with our hero Pete Seeger; The Kennedy Center; and the Bowery Ballroom in NYC on July



Members of the class of 1984 convened at the District Chophouse and Brewery for their 15th Reunion last December. Pictured are: Rebecca Baldwin, Monica Larrieu, Sarah Howard, Charlotte Greenewalt, Cathy Curran Butcher, La La Grandison, Rory Kennedy. Back row: Scott Craven, Charlie Kehler, James Quigley, Michael Danzansky, Lisa Herren, Dodi Wexler, Ali Shapiro.

12." Nerissa reports that she saw **Thankful Vanderstar '81**, **Charlotte '84** and **Henry Greenewalt '81**, and **Sara Howard '84** when she and her sister **Katrina '84** played in Washington recently. Nerissa also adds that she loves life in Northampton, especially in the summer when it is the "loveliest place on earth."

Phoebe Lang reports that she has rediscovered one of her passions from childhood – horseback riding. Phoebe recently bought a horse and is looking forward to getting back into horse showing.

Percy Faily recently graduated from Stanford Business School and is putting together a health care-related Internet site.

'84

From Mary:

Of the thirty odd postcards that I sent out in February, I only received four responses. It is hard to do class notes without any information, so if you want a column for our class, you have to send Sarah and me news. 1984's column is printed once a year in the summer *Term*, so you have a full year to do interesting things and tell us about them via mail, phone, email or carrier pigeon. Having said that, here is what I know!

Trevor Corson is an editor and writer living in Boston. He is the managing editor of *Transition*, an international magazine of race and ethnicity based at Harvard University, and writes about East

Asia for publications including *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The American Prospect*, *Asian Week*, and *Dollars and Sense*.

Carey Wills Dixon lives in Puerto Rico with her husband and their four-year-old son, Robby. They have spent much of their free time visiting the numerous sites of the island as well as improving their scuba diving skills.

After a September wedding on Martha's Vineyard, **Emily Eden Trotman** moved from Cleveland, Ohio to New York City for seven months before leaving for Central America. Her husband, Phil, was transferred with Colgate-Palmolive and Emily's plan is to continue teaching once settled in Mexico. She is looking forward to the move and opens her doors to any classmates who find themselves in Mexico City.

In late February, Emily and I went to the premier of *101 Ways*, a movie in which **Wendy Hoopes** was the lead. Coincidentally, we sat next to **Nick Goldfarb '83** who was there to see a friend who was also in the film. Wendy complained throughout that she disliked her character, but the three of us found her very entertaining. At the time of publication, there was no word on the future of the film; hopefully it will make it past that night and you will all see Wendy on the big screen!

Although **Dodi Wexler** still has an apartment in NYC, she hasn't spent much time there. She spent most of the fall at an artist colony in Illinois, and the majority of this past winter in London working on her art. She had a few rendezvous with **Lisa Herren**, who relocated to London after graduating from Kellogg last year. Lisa is living with two business school classmates and is working for SC Johnson as a Brand Manager for European Marketing.

Ali Shapiro is yet another one to add to the Potomac alumni living in New York. I saw her on a very hot evening last August and she was as psyched to be in NYC as anyone can be on a sweltering summer night. She is working for *Golf Digest*, and for *Golf Magazine for Women*.

I saw **Pilar Frank** before she left New York for Washington DC. Her husband was offered a job he could not refuse, and they moved in late January after a New Year's trip to visit Lisa in London.

Congratulations to **Rory Kennedy** who married Mark Bailey last August. In November, Emily Eden Trotman and I went to a book signing party for Rory's latest accomplishment *American Hollow*, an oral and visual journal of the Bowling Family of Kentucky.

Joan Wolfington Berkery is back in the States and works for Carey International. She and her husband, Drew, recently bought an apartment in New York City and are expecting a new addition to their family in July.

At the end of January, **James Quigley** came to New York to celebrate his birthday. Wendy, Emily, **Scott Craven**, **Rebecca Baldwin**, and I took him out and helped him toast his 31st year. He still lives in Washington working for Legg Mason, and continues to do yard work for his parents on the weekends.

Rebecca Baldwin is living near Columbia University pursuing her career as an actress. When I saw her in January, she had a list of potential work for the upcoming months and was trying to choose the jobs best suited for her.

Antonio Cecchi and his wife are taking a break from the world of event planning. Antonio said that they put together about forty weddings/parties last fall and they are ready for a little R&R. They are looking for a buyer of their Leesburg home, Rose Hill Manor. If you are interested you can check it out at www.rosehillmanor.com and then send Antonio an offer. Regardless of the sale, they are looking forward to some travel in the months to come.

I (**Mary**) am still in New York City trying to decide what to do next. I left my job at Euro Brokers last March and went on a month long NOLS kayaking course in Baja. I spent the summer and fall travelling and working on a start up Internet Company that will hopefully be launched this summer out of London. Although I am not moving to London with the company, I plan

to stay involved and hopefully make millions somewhere down the road! In the meantime, I am working with a non-profit agency in New York named The Family Center, and planning my September wedding to John Fitzgibbon in Amagansett, NY.

From Sarah:

Eric Strauch lives with his wife, Kim, in a small town 10 miles west of Vail, Colorado. Eric works in spine surgery at Vail Medical Center as a Physician Assistant. When not at work, he and his wife spend much of their time skiing, snowshoeing, or shoveling. Baby Strauch arrives in July!

Suneel Kaji has been busy handling some of his group's buyout investments both on the East and West Coasts as well as in Europe. He has spent time adding a venture capital fund to his LBO/Private Equity fund and hence has been on the road with his partners talking to institutional investors. Outside of work he managed to get away for some skiing in Aspen and is planning a safari in South Africa and Botswana in June before enjoying the rest of the summer in Manhattan and the Hamptons.

David Seltzer is married, living in Vienna, VA and working as a tax attorney for KMPG. This summer he will receive a L.L.M. in Taxation from the Georgetown University Law Center. He and his wife are also expecting their first baby in July!

I, **Sarah Webber**, am still happily living in Portland, Maine. I am still involved in the real estate business, purchasing, rehabbing and selling properties in downtown Portland, although it is getting hard to find deals in this crazy real estate market. My sister and I are currently working on an Internet start up idea and I am still working full time as the Assistant Administrator of an Architectural/Engineering firm in Portland.

'86

From Kelly:

Liberty Swift Fitzpatrick lives in CT with her husband Roger, 3-month-old son Mason, 3 stepsons (6,9,10), 3 dogs, 7 cats, a horse, a donkey, 3 goats and 7 chickens. They are in the process of adding 3 rooms to their present 3-room

house. She also manages a breast cancer program for Planned Parenthood of CT.

Holly Green is getting married in August in Big Sky, Montana to the "delicious and funny" Pete Gordon. Pete just finished his first year at Columbia Business School and will be working at Morgan Stanley this summer. Holly left ABC news after 6 years to join the Internet revolution. She is now developing and producing programming at centerseat.com, an interactive entertainment site. Her new email is hgreen@centerseat.com.

Stasia MacLane was married June 12th, 1999 to Trey Hiller. They live in McLean with Austin, their cocker. She recently left her job at Deloitte Consulting to join a start up called Dream Labs, the first incubator in Northern Virginia. Check it out at www.dream-labs.com. Stasi's e-mail is stasia24@hotmail.com.

Caroline Sanderson was an intern last summer at UPS, working in the Customer Relationship Management Group. During her January break she visited Bangkok, Thailand and enjoyed the splendor of the Royal Palace and the many Buddhist Temples. She recently graduated from the Goizueta School of Business at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Shortly thereafter she will be getting married to Andrew Morris in Lexington, KY. After the wedding, Caroline and Andrew will live in Atlanta.

Lisa Comparato Klepper is five months pregnant at the time of this writing. She and her husband and precious puppy Maxwell live in Boca Raton. Stasi and I recently visited Lisa and had a fabulous Spring Break. We had a baby shower at the Breakers and Lisa's sister **Lori Comparato '93** joined us. Lisa's email: klepper17@aol.com.

Barclay Smith married Nick DeWitt at her farm in Bluefield, WV on July 1, 2000. Both Stasi and I were attendants in her wedding. Barclay's e-mail address is barclay25@aol.com.

My husband and I are still living in New York City. I recently saw **Jessica Kogan** who also lives in NYC. After working for three different public relations agencies,

I am now exploring other opportunities in the communications arena. I recently resigned from my job as VP of a healthcare communications firm and am freelancing (including helping Stasi launch her new company) until I find a more appealing opportunity. My email: hensley_kelly@hotmail.com.

From the Alumni Office:

Cabell Maddux writes that he was married to Christine Cullinane on October 2, 1999. He lives in DC and loves his new head coaching position at St. John's College HS. He works at Madlax Sports in McLean and says that all is well. "Please stop by and say hello anytime."



From Danielle:

Best wishes and congratulations to **Alison Shirk** who is planning her September wedding in VA. Fellow 1990 classmate, **Connie Feydy**, will be one of her bridesmaids. Alison works as a pop stylist in NYC!



From Carter:

Rick Frank now works for the DC based International Finance Corporation after receiving his MBA in 1999 from Georgetown. He reported that **Jens Scott** was forced to land his plane, due to a lack of fuel, on Virginia's Route 123 right before morning rush hour in July 1999. Jens fortunately walked away from the incident unharmed. Rick also noted that **Alistair Edwards** is enjoying life in Charlottesville, VA, where he works for a legal research firm as a lawyer, and that **Ted Starkey** was married last July to Pam Barkman.

A crowd of Potomac Alumni met in Edgartown for the wedding of Emily Eden '84 and Philip Trotman. Pictured are Mary Day '84, James Quigley '84, Dodi Wexler '84, Emily Eden Trotman '84, Philip Trotman, John Stump '84, Wendy Hoopes '84, Charlie Saltzman, Alison Kirk Long '83.



PAST FACULTY NEWS

In an effort to remain connected to the Potomac Family, a new feature will be added in the Term – Past Faculty News.

Please send your news to Potomac_Alumni@potomacschool.org or call the Alumni Office at 1(800) 725-8664.

Ronne Rogin has started a new job at the Treasury Department and works on acquisition policy. "I'm having a great time. I like my boss and if I did not have to drive all the way downtown, I would be in hog heaven...." (tap4golf@aol.com)

Mary Sickle Roberts sends greetings from MA. She was involved with a production of the *Mysteries* and was so excited "to perform in a tradition I learned at Potomac. George Emlen (music director) is so gifted and I have been fortunate to sing with Tony Burrand. About 20 years ago, **Nancy Lindsten Taylor '67**, **Bea Lindsten**, and I attended a Tony Burrand concert of holiday music!"

Claire Hamady recently bought a home in Atlanta and is teaching the LSAT prep course for the Princeton Review.

Eliza King has compiled a collection of original poems and hopes to gain entrance into the Bread Loaf Writers Conference. Her good friend, Michelle Poblete, is set to enter Northwestern's school of journalism in June.

Hal Long lives in Los Angeles and just received a Master of Directing degree from USC. He is proud of having written and directed a 15-minute film that debuted in April at the Directors Guild Theater in LA.

Edward Rossotti is starting his own DC based business called Conexus Networks, a home broadband solutions provider. He married Lynn in July 1999 and recently purchased a home in Cleveland Park. Edward received his MBA from Georgetown in May.

Richard Houston likes living in Dallas where he enjoys working for Public Strategies Inc., a communications consulting/lobbying firm. He frequently visits Austin and while there has seen **Damon Moley '92**. Richard reports that Damon, although doing well, is trying his best "to supply the Texas governor with some brains," an effort that Richard deems to be "a lost cause." Ouch! Richard and Damon ran into **Sophie Trevor Girard '92** and enjoyed spending some time with her and her new husband. Richard also noted that **David Strazan** recently returned from an extended

subsequent employment at the Inn at Little Washington.

Jay Demas is studying neuroscience at Washington University in St. Louis and will soon be making his way to Stockholm.

Jean-Luc Park just purchased a home in Pittsburgh and works for Lycos Ventures, a venture capital firm. He has been in touch with John Sorrentino, who will complete his studies at Virginia Tech in the spring.

Whitney Kloman Leslie lives in Wayland, MA and is the director of online marketing for Staples.com. Although excited by the fact that she and her husband have purchased a house, Whitney is awaiting with great anticipation the birth of their first child. The baby is due in July, and Whitney reports that "s/he is kicking like crazy." Whitney also mentioned that **Jessica Gibson** is at Michigan Law School, **Sandy Grandison** is an attorney in Boston, and **Amelia Knight** is doing marketing for a law firm in London.

Tyrrell Carr Januzzi and her husband (a law student) live in Hoboken, NJ. She works as a registered nurse for the Children's Aid society.

Jihan Hassan was married last September to Jose de Iribarren. They bought a home in Toronto, Canada. She works as a special needs resource worker and her husband is a chef. Jihan has been in touch with **David Sherman**, who lives in Tampa.

Lora Munroe Marrs lives in Ocala, FL with her husband and 16 year-old stepdaughter. An assistant manager at GNC, she also volunteers for Church Without Walls where she administers to girls at a local juvenile detention center.

Perrin Vallender is working as a web-developer in DC and lives in Cleveland Park. She reports that **Marie-McIntyre Collon-Gardner** opened her own retail store called *Hysteria* in Old Town, Alexandria.

Annie Martin Simonds is working for the executive search firm Russell Reynolds in their DC office where she serves clients in the healthcare industry. She and her husband, Will, bought a beautiful

home in Great Falls, VA, and adopted their first dog, Snooze.

After four years living in Puerto Rico, **Carlos Cecchi** moved back to the DC area with his wife, Lisa. They now live in Alexandria, VA, and Carlos works for the IDI Group Companies where he is involved in real estate development.

I (Carter) spent two, fun-filled weeks in Argentina, visiting Bariloche and Buenos Aires. I received my MBA from Georgetown in May and will move to New York City and begin work at Lehman Brothers, an investment bank, as an associate in their Private Client Services Group. Hope to see you all in October for our 10th Reunion. More information to follow!

'92

From Ama:

Lisa Jankowsky was married to **Darius Brawn '91** on June 3, 2000 at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, MD. Many Potomac friends were in attendance. Lisa and Darius plan to remain in NYC for a little while longer, though they would like to return to DC at some point. Lisa is the director of Middle and Upper School Admissions at The Browning School and Darius is an associate at The Endicott Group.

Sophia Trevor Girard enjoys living in Houston and says that married life "is great fun!" She teaches first grade at The Fay School in Austin. Sophie has run into **Damon Moley**, who lives in Austin and works for the George W. Bush for President campaign.

Tamara Bechara lives in Brooklyn and is successfully pursuing a career in acting. She is studying at HB studio! She has performed in *Saints and Sinners* as Saint Catherine at the Crosby Studio. In addition, Tamara continues to work at the French Institute and will lead a two-week program in France this summer.

As for me (**Ama**) I will enter my last year of law school next year. I plan to work in DC over the summer for an international law firm. I am looking forward to it. I got engaged over spring break in Turks & Caicos. I am excited and look forward to planning my wedding (after the bar!)



Carter Smith '90, Annie Martin Simonds '90, Perrin Vallender '90 and Rick Frank '90 at the home of Annie Martin Simonds

trek through the Far East and that **Rick Stokes** is "quite the chef" following his graduation from the Culinary Institute of America and

From the Alumni Office:

Nicole Kleman graduated from the University of Richmond School of Law this May. She will take the Bar exam this summer and begin a clerkship in August.

'94

From the Alumni Office:

Congratulations to **John Hauptman** who married Haley Weldon on Jekyll Island, GA on July 8, 2000!

Eric Lodal will soon debut with the New York City Opera. He performed in VA this past May as part of a showcase of former student winners from the Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association.

'95 REUNION

From the Alumni Office:

Congratulations to **Dwaune Jones** who was signed as a free agent by the Cleveland Browns and reported to mini-camp in late April!

'96

From Chris:

Look for the Class of 1996 news in the Winter 2000 issue!

'97

From the Alumni Office:

Derick Stowe was named a pre-season All American lacrosse player, according to *Face-Off* magazine.

'98

From Sarah:

Coley Andrews enjoyed his return to the "academic world" this year. He returned from Africa to attend Dartmouth.

Nana Bentsi-Enchill spent spring break in Honduras doing community service along with five other students and three faculty members. They worked in a nursing home, played with kids at an orphanage, helped paint the orphanage and a hospital. She works for Lafayette College's Community Outreach Center as a coordinating assistant and she runs a tutoring program and recreation night twice a week in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club of Easton. She plans to study in Athens, Greece next fall and is a Governmental Law and

International Affairs double major.

Carlos Blake spent his spring break in Ft. Lauderdale with Habitat for Humanity and he will spend the summer on a biological/ecological field course in Yellowstone National Park. He is writing a proposal with friends to get enough funding to work on some independent research looking at mathematical game theory. He also reports that **Patrick Norton** has published a book entitled *Past Perfect Future Tense* that can be bought on Amazon.com or BN.com.

Victoria Chapman is majoring in Human and Organizational Development and minoring in Child Development at Vanderbilt. She is working on music row and studying Public Relations in the Entertainment Industry. She is active in her sorority, *Pi Beta Phi*, and enjoys exploring Nashville in her spare time.

Kathleen Crampton is at Wake Forest. She enjoys school but is working hard. She and **Anne Bosiack** are both in *Chi Omega* and Kate is the Risk Manager/Social Chair this year. She plans formals, parties, and other events for the sorority. She plans on being in DC this summer working for The Motley Fool.

Melissa Deland loved her sophomore year at Princeton. The hockey season went well, with a major upset against UNH whom they had not beaten for four years, and whom they have only beaten three times in seventeen years. This spring she played lacrosse. She plans on being an anthropology major. For the next two years she will be living and eating with the Tiger Inn eating club.

From Charlottesville **Sareena Dalla** reports that she is enjoying UVA where she has pledged KD and started a new female a cappella group entitled *Hoo's in Treble*.

Anne Gasho is majoring in Human and Organizational Development, and minoring in Child Development. She is very active in her sorority, *Chi Omega*, and enjoys living in Nashville. She lives just down the hall from **Victoria Chapman**, and runs into **Peter Young '97** occasionally. She will be in D.C. for the summer.

Katie Holt reports that she is enjoying school. She participated in the Boston marathon in April, and is working on the fiction board of her school's literary magazine. She plans to spend more time in D.C. over the next couple of years, and looks forward to seeing everyone again.

Sol Kuckleman spent January on a national tour with his a cappella group, *The Colgate 13*. The tour included singing the National Anthem for a Wizards Game, singing at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and singing at a St. Louis Blues game. He is a member of *Phi Delta Theta* through which he has worked with SGA. He is also Jazz Director for WRCU. He has decided to be an English major with a minor in Economics.



Members of the class of 1994 gathered for their 5th reunion this past Thanksgiving.

Kip Lewis writes that he had a great year at Haverford where he is a Customs person (Haverford's unique version of an RA.) When he is not spending time with his 10 freshmen, he is with his a cappella group, *The Ford S-Chords*, who just produced their new CD. On their fall tour he met up with **Pat Malone's** group, *Sher Kahn* at Princeton. He is also in a Musical Revue group and is co-head of Men Against Sexual Assault and Rape. He says the job "too often leaves me feeling powerless." As for the class thing, he plans on being a Math major with a minor in Computer Science.

Trent MacNamara spent his sophomore year of High School in France and then graduated from Greenhill School in 1999. He is now

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2000

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a very happy freshman at Brown where he has reconnected with his former Potomac buddy **Landon Schmitt '99**.

Jessica Ohly is, surprise, keeping busy at Williams. She is still active in the big sibling program and continues to play with her six-year-old sister at least once a week. Additionally she coaches a third and fourth grade soccer team and taught a course on Journalism at the local elementary school. She spent January in Conway, NH, and she is now a certified wilderness and street EMT. She is on the Outing Club board where she is in charge of backpacking, and she works at the climbing wall once a week. She declared English as her major. She keeps in close touch with **Anne Gasho, Sarah Swain, and Catherine Smith '99**, and will spend the summer traveling through Europe with them.

Valerie Plesch spent the semester in Perpignan, France, where she was able to remain on the block plan that she loves.

Caroline Preston is a History major at Brown and hopes to study in Paris this fall.

Carolyn Starr lives in her sorority house with 53 others, and she is in charge of philanthropy for the sorority. Additionally she is a peer counselor, and continues to lead a high school Bible Study. She is an English major, and plans to minor in Art History.

Sarah Swain has fully recovered from both her knee surgery of last spring, and her trip to Colorado with Jessica Ohly over the summer. She enjoys Tufts where she is an English major and active in the newspaper.

Elena Sylos-Labini will double major in Finance and Human Resource Management. She will be in Parma, Italy for a portion of junior year, and encourages everyone to come visit.

Nikolai Tolstoy was on medical leave from PENN this year, but he spent his time working at the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia. He was a lab assistant working on cancer genetics.

Clay Whitehead reports that he had a wonderful sophomore year and that his academics continue to go well. Last year he received a letter from the Dean. He was the head of the Princeton Big Brother/ Big Sister program last semester. Next year he hopes to study at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy and International Affairs in which **Teddy Nemeroff** is currently enrolled.



From the Alumni Office:

Belen Aquino was asked to show one of her first semester pieces for the First Year Program Show, which opened in April. A real honor!



Look for your news here in the Winter 2000 edition of the *Term*.

Potomac Alumni Event



Alice Fales Stewart '57 led a group of alumni and past parents on a tour of historic, downtown DC in April. Pictured are: Carlos Cecchi '90, Barbara Pringle, Adria de Leonibus '83. Back row: Carlos' wife, Lisa, Liz Blair Jones '69, Jean MacDonald '64, Karyn Cox '61, Dewie Oppenheimer '80, Alice Fales Stewart '57, and Tinky Ostermann '32.



Potomac Term Corrections

A few errors in the last *Term* were brought to our attention. Thank you for your calls and we apologize.

- Tom Martin '93 was incorrectly identified as Tom Johnson in the photograph of the Alumni Governing Council.
- Dorsey Davidge Chapin '73 was said to be commuting from Dobbs Ferry to Boston. She is actually commuting from Dobbs Ferry to NYC. A big difference!
- Yorke Allen '99 was said to have helped out at the US Open; however, he played at the US Open.

In Memoriam



Ginny Landry

This year the Potomac community lost many wonderful people. Ginny Landry was one of these special people. We will always remember her sense of humor, her organization and good cheer. She was a tireless volunteer for Potomac in Fall Frolics, Book Fair and many more activities. She will be sorely missed and we can only be thankful that we were lucky enough to have known her. She is survived by her husband Brock and sons Clark '95 and Reed '99.

Patricia C. Acheson (Mrs. David C. Acheson '35) March 7, 2000, Washington, DC. Mother of Eleanor C. Acheson '62 and David C. Acheson Jr. '65.

Mary Howard Balloch '33 (Mrs. Anthony E. dec.) January 23, 2000, Falmouth, ME.

Elizabeth O. Fernandez-Gimenez '48 (Mrs. Pedro) May 5, 2000, New London, CT. Daughter of Katherine Carlisle Oorusoff '23 (past music faculty,) and sister of Olga Oorusoff Skow '51.

Gertrude Shelton Good, May 13, 2000, Potomac MD. Past faculty

Louise Hamilton Matthai '38, December 31, 1999, Fairfax, VA.

Mrs. Eileen Fahnestock Miller '49, February 17, 2000, Roslindale, MA.

J. Gilbert Nettleton Jr. '30, November 9, 1999, Los Angeles, CA.

Ethel Huffman Smythe '33, December 28, 1999, Charleston, WV. Sister-in-law of Mildred Coe Huffman '46.

Louise (Jimmie) Herron Ripple '31 (Mrs. Richard W. Sr.) February 2, 2000, Honolulu, HI.

Harry M. Shooshan Jr., February 20, 2000, Chevy Chase, MD. Father of Deborah Shooshan Powell '63 and John G. Shooshan '66.

Elena Constantinople Van Meter '51 (Mrs. Robert Harrison dec.) February 25, 2000, Sister of Dr. Anne P Constantinople '53.

George Y. Wheeler II '31, February 24, 2000, Hobe Sound, FL.



5th Annual Potomac School Golf Tournament

Blue skies with temperatures soaring over 90 degrees were the backdrop for the forty players who attended the 5th Annual Potomac School Golf Tournament on May 8, 2000 at the Raspberry Falls Golf and Hunt Club in Leesburg, VA. First-place honors went to Matthew Carlin (Assistant Controller and Boys Varsity Basketball coach), Patrick Herwig, Jason Osbourne, and Mark Joseph. Many thanks to the Tournament co-chairs Pat Moore and Cindy Moran and to the Tournament sponsors Pat and Walter Moore, as well as The Moran Company. See you next spring!

Alumni Camp Counselors



Potomac Alumni and current Potomac students working for Summer Programs: Standing: Chris Short '00, Ben Rose '00, Andrew Farrell '99, Erin Winland '99, Emily Gideon '00, Molly Shipp Payne '76, Leyla Beshir '03, Annabelle Redway Dunn '85. Front row: Donald Taylor '00, Donald Shipp '72, Ashley Bender '03, Courtney Fischer '00, Elizabeth Hawkins '99, Jenny Brown '01, Lauren Grass '01, Kristin Smith '94.

Reunion Memories

Photos from the past

The Class of 1950 poses for their graduation photo at the California Street campus.



Members of the class of 1950 celebrate their 40th Reunion in 1990.



Class of 1955's 35th Reunion dinner at the home of Eliza Kellogg Klose in 1990.



The class of '65 celebrates their 30th Reunion in 1995.



Members of the class of 1960 celebrate their 35th reunion in 1995.



A great crowd from 1970 gathers for their 25th reunion in 1995!

Reunion Memories

Photos from the past



Classmates from the class of 1975 came back to Potomac for Reunion '95.



A 10th reunion for the class of 1980 at the home of Edie Demas' parents.



The class of 1985 celebrated its 10th reunion at the home of Annabelle Redway in 1990.



The first graduating class from Potomac's US gathered at Christmas to celebrate their 5th reunion in 1995.

Create new memories in October at Reunion 2000!

Come back to Potomac this October 13 & 14 to recapture your youth, relive old times, and relax with friends. For the first time, Potomac will hold all reunion activities during the third weekend of October, which is also Homecoming. You and your family can meet new Head of School, Geoff Jones, attend reunion luncheons and dinners, watch school sporting events, and reconnect with old classmates.

Watch your mail and The Potomac School website (www.potomacschool.org) for a complete schedule of events.

Please call the Alumni Office (800) 725-8664 or email Potomac_Alumni@potomacschool.org if you would like to help.

Reunion Classes

1930

1935

1940

1945

1950

1955

1960

1965

1970

1975

1980

1985

1990

1995

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, Oct., 13, 2000

- Dinner on campus in the Engelhard Performing Arts Center
- Homecoming Bonfire

Saturday, Oct., 14, 2000

Homecoming events, all day

12:00 p.m.

Reunion luncheon on the Tundra with brief remarks from Head of School, Geoff Jones

7:00 p.m.

Class dinners (evening), locations to be determined

Alumni/Senior Dinner



The Class of 2000

Over 80 seniors, alumni, and faculty were in attendance for the First Annual Alumni/Senior dinner held on May 24, 2000. As guests feasted on Tex/Mex delicacies, Peter Lerman acted as host to test the Class of 2000 on their knowledge of Potomac Trivia.



Move over Regis...here's Peter Lerman.



Joan Wise '82, incoming President of the Alumni Association, talks with senior, Alison Weisgall and history teacher, Gail Nields.



The four finalists of the Potomac Trivia Game: Louisa Thomas, Tyler Jensen, Jes Wagstaff, and Alison Weisgall.



Jay Subhash gives a "thumbs up" to the Alumni/Senior dinner.

Remember when...

Potomac School students continue traditions

Medieval Festival Middle School students wore period costumes, paraded around the school, learned about Falconry and other Medieval traditions, and ended the day with a Medieval feast.



Kindergarten Circus A beautiful sunny day set the stage for monkeys, tigers, cheerleaders, muscle men, tightrope walkers, clowns, a magician with a white rabbit, and many more circus performers as they were introduced by the ringmaster.





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