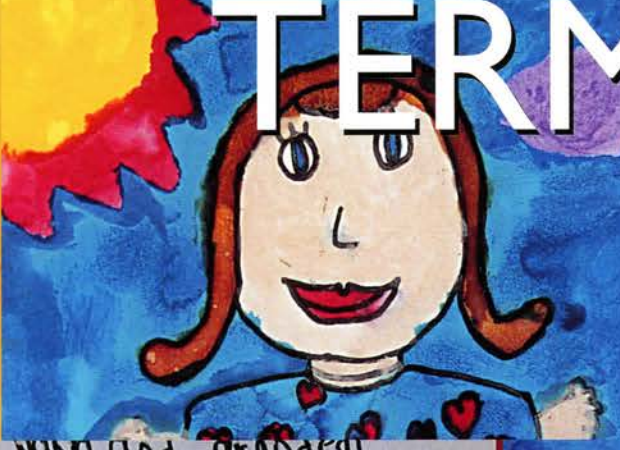


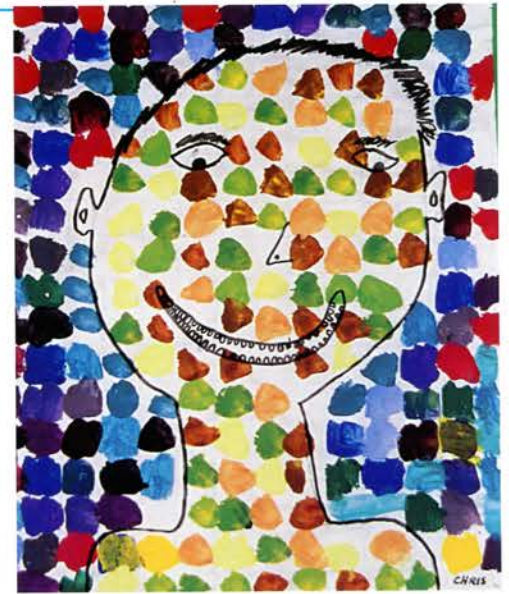
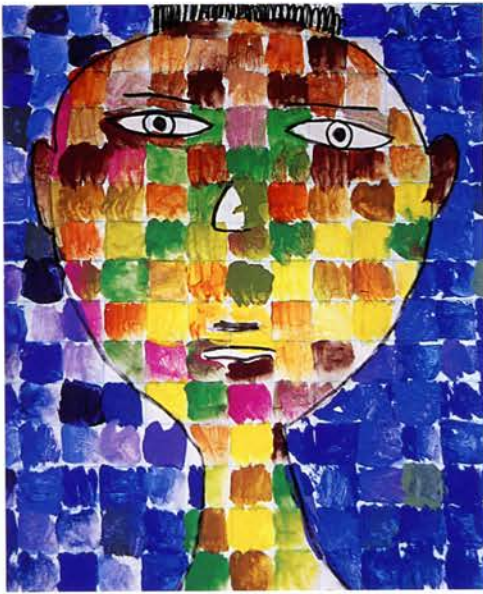
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Student Gallery

CREATIVE WORKS FROM YOUNG POTOMAC ARTISTS



Third grade thumbprint portraits (left to right): Clay Buxton '11, Sasha DiGiulian '11, and Chris Jaffe '11.



Victoria Sylos-Labini '02, acrylic on wood



Stephanie Miller '02, charcoal and chalk



Painting group project, acrylic on wood



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During the hectic time surrounding the end of the school year, many cherished events follow each other in dizzying succession – May Day, final concerts, the kindergarten circus, the medieval feast, Red/Blue Day, the sports banquet, and graduation. Suddenly another school year is over. Yet, before we slip away for summer, it is important to take a look at our accomplishments from the past year and look ahead with anticipation to another September.

Foremost among our achievements this year is our use of professional opportunities for our faculty to enrich the curriculum and to explore new models of teaching and learning. Trustee, alumni and parent response to a request for new funding made it possible for many more teachers to work together, attend conferences and undertake advanced degree work. Our teachers are energized by these opportunities, and this energy has quickly transferred to the classroom.

- Changes to scheduling have allowed older students to pursue off-campus internships.
- A group of science, language, history, and art teachers has partnered with administrators, staff, alumni and parents to bring the Winsor Family Grant to life. This team supports Peter Munroe's work on the nature trails and encourages cross-disciplinary teaching using Potomac's natural resources.
- Our student body leaders meet regularly with the Alumni Association and have worked to strengthen alumni/student offerings, including Career Day.
- Alumni, past parents, past faculty and trustees joined me at town hall meetings this year to discuss the state of the school.
- Members of the administrative team and I have joined local civic organizations to strengthen Potomac's community ties.

Potomac made major investments this year in order to broaden student and teacher access to technology. Evidence of the positive impact of these new tools and modes of learning on our students' enrichment is clear. Recently, a team of nine upper school students earned the highest honors for design in a robotics contest among 51 teams from the Mid-Atlantic region. They won third place overall in the competition. Back on campus, the team shared its enthusiasm and provided instruction to all of our Intermediate School students, some of whom had just begun working with robotics in their activities program.

These achievements of the past year grew directly out of the strategic planning process in which nearly 1,000 members of the Potomac community participated. Through formal and informal conversations about the School's mission, strengths and traditions, you shared your dreams and vision for Potomac's future. Thank you to our entire community for participating in these invaluable discussions. The Board formally accepted the completed plan at their May 2002 meeting, and we look forward to sharing the finished document with you when we return to school next fall.

A proud century-long legacy of excellence in teaching coupled with many cherished traditions make Potomac a remarkable school. In continued pursuit of this distinction, Potomac's strategic plan is both a reflection of the school's history and a dynamic plan for the future. The Strategic Plan is the living embodiment of our educational vision and the guidepost for our instructional and operational actions. Briefly, our objectives are to continue the high quality of teaching, to enlarge the overall educational focus to encompass the needs of "the whole child," and to enhance leadership and partnership opportunities for students and faculty across the community.

Shaffey Jones



Dear Fellow Alumni:

With the rush of events that signal the end of the school year, it's nice to take a break and look back on the many highlights of the spring.

Before we do, we'd like to extend our thanks to the many alumni volunteers who give their time and effort to Potomac. A round of applause to our Alumni Association Governing Council members who help plan many events for their fellow alumni and to Adria de Leonibus '83, Potomac's Director of Alumni Programs, who makes these events a reality and does so much more. And, a special thanks to Geoff Jones for attending all of our Alumni Association Governing Council meetings this year and for strengthening the dialogue with alumni about Potomac's future.

The Alumni Association held several off-campus gatherings this spring, as well as some events at school with students and the Headmaster. These include:

- **Career Day** - 11 alumni speakers and one current parent presented a wide range of career opportunities to Potomac's juniors and seniors and showed them what life after Potomac looks like.
- **Town Hall Meeting with the Headmaster** - In what is quickly becoming a semi-annual tradition, Geoff Jones met with a group of interested alumni, past parents and past faculty regarding the state of the school and Potomac's needs for the future.
- **Capital Crescent Trail Walk** - Led by the intrepid John Dugger '38, a group of alumni and friends enjoyed an invigorating walk along the Capital Crescent Trail, while learning about its history.
- **Corcoran Gallery of Art** - A group of more than 20 alumni met to tour the Corcoran's permanent collection.
- **Senior Dinner** - As is tradition, the Alumni Association held a dinner for the graduating class to welcome them to the ranks of Potomac's alumni and celebrate their achievements at the school.
- **Articles in the Term** - And last, but certainly not least, several alumni wrote and organized some of the articles that you see in this issue of the Term. We encourage anyone interested in writing an article to do so - we always want to know more about alumni.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you on campus next fall.

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Lower School



Exploring Africa

Each year, Louise McIlhenny's kindergarten class takes an extraordinary journey through the landscape and terrain of Africa. Their unit transforms the classroom into an African savannah, a small food market, and a dance ground for the 16 small Masai warriors and their teachers. The children learn simple Swahili phrases and move to the rhythm of short tribal dances. On a trip to the zoo, the 'safari-goers' look for familiar animals and wildlife. At the trade market, each kindergartner can experience a taste of tropical fruit and beverage as they swap for a snack (many have even perfected the skill of balancing overflowing baskets on their heads). Bulletin boards are adorned with kindergarten interpretations of traditional kente cloths, tribal masks, and animal portraits. On top of all the colorful cultural lessons taken away from this unit, the class also retains numerous facts about the continent of Africa, its geography and its people. Inevitably, older students will comment on a fact or opinion learned when they were in Mrs. McIlhenny's kindergarten class as they look knowingly into her decorated classroom each year.

K-9's on campus

Anne Eliason's love for dogs has permeated her classroom environment and rubbed off on her third graders! The culmination of her class study of spectacular dogs was a Lower School assembly with a team of Fairfax County police K9s. As a division, the entire Lower School congregated in the assembly room and met the officers and their canine partners. The dogs, as was explained, are used to find and locate missing people, hiding criminals, and certain narcotics. The children had the opportunity to watch basic commands such as on-leash 'heel' and stay as well as off-leash 'stay' and 'come'. (Many onlookers chuckled as they noted the distinct difference between their personal dogs and the well-behaved display of these police dogs...) The last portion of the demonstration for the entire Lower School was the location of a hidden narcotic at the front of the assembly room. The audience watched attentively as the trained canine sniffed along the back wall and then barked and scratched by Mrs. Smith's piano. The officer threw down a stuffed toy to reward and occupy the eager dog as the planted narcotic was pulled from beneath the keyboard. The third graders were allowed to stay behind for a special criminal apprehension technique. For everyone in attendance, these K9s and their trainers were impressive examples of our local police departments.



During Lower School Colonial Day students not only dress in period costumes they also create period crafts and play period games. Here a traditional game of "Blind Man's Bluff" is being attempted.





Field Day

Spring means Lower School Field Day! After a false start due to rain, the make-up date arrived with clear blue skies and perfect, cool, temperatures. This year marked the debut of the new field day format of mixed-grade teams. The physical education teachers organized the Gumtree field into stations manned by faculty and parent volunteers. Moving from station to station, each team danced to the music as they learned the details of each activity. Named for 10 different states, each group of 18 lower schoolers completed 10 stations ranging from an obstacle course to a jump-rope relay to 'gopher tag'. With a non-competitive theme, the children enjoyed their fellow Potomac friends in an afternoon of physical



challenges, funny relays, and community building games. Field day would not be complete without the traditional third grade tug-of-war and popsicle. Hats off to the ingenuity, creativity, and organization of the P.E. department- children and faculty alike enjoyed our afternoon together on the playing fields.



The Lower School Science Fair featured an array of experiments ranging from the chemistry of food to the various effects of sunlight. Doing these experiments and presentations teaches students about the scientific method and how to present their ideas clearly to others.



Lower School Field Day included many fun relays like filling bins of water using only small cups, leading a blindfolded partner around an array of obstacles, carrying a frisbee "tray" of plastic food at top speed and, of course, a "tug of peace" to top it all off.

Middle School

You know it is May Day at Potomac when you see the girls walking around campus in floral dresses and flowers in their hair.



Students get inspiration in the square as they learn from their peer's presentations and study their written work (below.)



Poets among Us

Sixth graders in Mrs. Koenig and Sardar's classes dove into a unit exploring poetry this spring. Drawing from a variety of resources, students analyzed, discussed, and composed some beautiful poems. They discovered words woven into parts of their everyday lives such as music, advertising, and movies. Finding inspiration from the fifth grade "Odes," sixth graders journeyed to corners of Potomac searching out metaphors and views of their own. Using the skills they learned all year, poetry journals quickly filled with students' perspectives and dreams.

If Only You Knew Me

If only you knew me
When we were children
Living in a small village
Where the rain fell like
Small silver daggers piercing your
cheek.

If only you knew me
When we could bite into
Watermelon and have the cold
juice
Drip down our chins,
Like a smooth river.

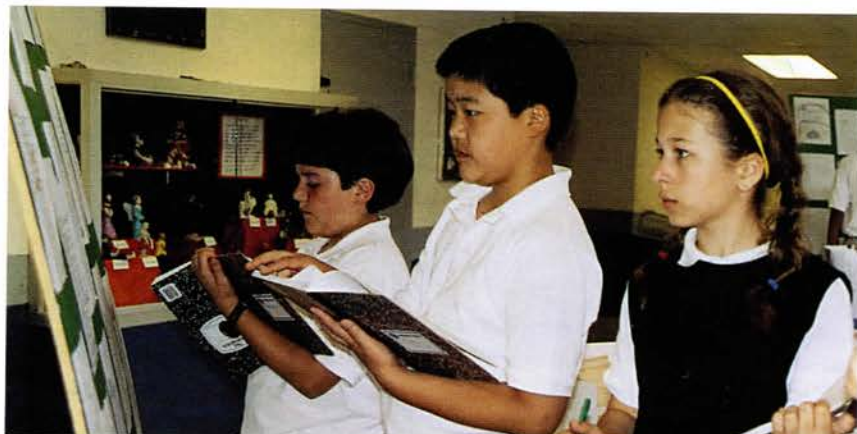
If only you knew me
Before I grew up.
- Robin Nichols



Favorite Position

Squatting down in the dirt
I pray the next pitch won't hurt
I give the sign
The pitcher takes his time
The crowd screams
They are rooting for their team
As the ball came I could see
The seams
Then I heard the umpire yell
STRIKE 3!

- Will Jackson





Ron Schoen's class play, "A Thurber Carnival," brought much laughter and political commentary to the Engelhard Performing Arts Center.

Up, Up, and Away!

In science the fourth graders studied the principles of flight in a variety of ways. They proved Bernoulli's Principle through classroom experiments, built and fired off rockets, and completed an at-home kite project. Working with their rockets, students incorporated math, science, and artistic skills all the way to blast off. They also did a fabulous job of researching, planning, and constructing their creative kites. Their festive array of work was on display in the Square for all to admire.



Back in Time

As a culmination of their study of the Middle Ages, sixth grade students put on a Medieval Bazaar chock full of costumes, regional foods and crafts. The Bazaar reflected all of the research work and historical study the children had done this year. Many thanks to the parents who helped the children turn their costume designs into reality.



Middle School students created dioramas representing their dreams using a variety of media including: cloth, magazine clippings, plastic figurines, paint, etc.



During the second week of March the Middle School strings and hand bells came out in celebration of "Music in our Schools Week."

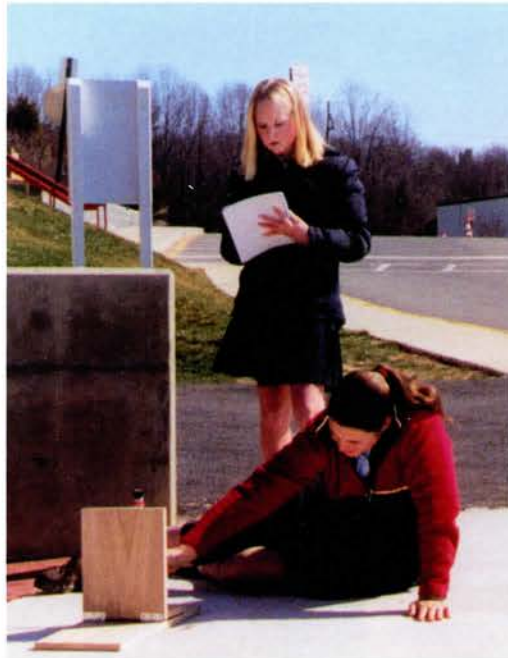
Intermediate School



In celebration of Mardi Gras Dr. Kabahita took his traveling band of French students around campus to delight onlookers with traditional French songs.



Students took advantage of the fabulous spring weather to work outside on environmental sculptures and structures in art class.



In science class IS students studied the physics of projectiles, specifically distance traveled vs. the angle of launch.





The Wizard of Oz

Intermediate School students went “off to see the wizard” in this year’s winter musical, “The Wizard of Oz.” Students painted breathtaking backdrops for the play including Munchkin land and the Emerald city; the floor of the stage was transformed into a brilliant yellow brick road. This production was also a wonderful lead-in to this year’s Fall Frolics “Return to Oz” theme.



Red/Blue Field Day

The competition was fierce during the Intermediate School’s Red/Blue field Day. Some of the many contests included: a three-legged race, obstacle course, limbo, tug-of-war, a race to get marbles out of buckets of water using only your toes, a race to fill buckets with the water from wet sponges passed down a line of people, a shoe relay where everyone had to take off their shoes and then race to find them in the midst of a huge pile and put them back on again.



Upper School

Ensemble Performance

In May the Upper School Theatre program presented *The Conference of the Birds*. This ensemble performance piece was based on a

12th Century Islamic epic poem that explores the basic principles of Sufism, a mystic sect of Islam, through the story of a journey undertaken by 1000 birds. The original performance script was developed over the course of three years, through workshops, by British director/theorist Peter Brook.

Potomac's company adapted the text as they worked to

create their own images, rituals, and performance styles. The 11 actors in our company (Fahad Bandar, Kathryn Brand, Oliver Cannell, Delara Derakhshani, Matt Hassett, Ian MacLeod, Stephanie Miller, Sam Simon, Maria Tjichov, Harlan Work, and Yale Yng-Wong) along with a three-student creative team (Max Engel, Wil Stiner, and Claudia Vasquez) tackled the challenges of presenting a play that is, at its core, an abstraction. The production was a workshop; that is, it changed from performance to performance. It was a living, breathing exploration, by no means a "finished production". Each presentation was followed by a discussion with the audience. The comments and questions from these discussions were then incorporated into the next performance. It was a wonderful learning experience for all those involved.

-Michael Bergman



A minimalist set and costumes were used to capture the spirit of "The Conference of the Birds."



Students gather around a kiln set up behind the Upper School to fire their ceramic work with a special Raku glaze process.

Pacifist Challenges Upper Schoolers to Challenge Their Assumptions

Colman McCarthy, a pacifist and teacher of non-violence whose essays have appeared in such publications as *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Reader's Digest*, spoke to the Upper School in an assembly in April.

In a wide ranging talk that provoked anger in a few and laughter in many, he challenged his audience to examine their assumptions about the value of using violence to solve problems between individuals as well as between nations.

He pointed out later that more than 1200 U.S. campuses allow their Pentagon into their classrooms with ROTC programs, with some 108,000 students enrolled. At the same time, only 50 colleges offer a degree in Peace studies.

"Few students are ever offered a class in "non-violence," he has written. "Because of that, I often think to myself that I would do better to be teaching a course in linear physics and speaking Swahili. The students would understand it sooner." His central message was that peace begins with the individual. "The place to start is with yourself," he said.

In recent years he has offered such classes at several area public schools as well as at the University of Maryland and the Georgetown Law Center. When he asked how many students in the audience would be interested in taking a class in non-violence, many students raised their hands.

-Bob Riley



Congratulations to 31% of the junior class (Class of 2003) who have been identified by the National Merit Corporation as "high scorers" on the PSAT they took in October 2001. From this group, in the fall, will come the National Merit Semifinalists and the National Merit Commended Students. The students are: Alison Ayer, Misa Bretschneider, Andrew Duncan, Sarah Duncan, Thomas Duvall, Jason Ellis, Sarah Fennell, Lauren Huber, Elizabeth Hussey, Maya Jaafar, Eliza Jones, Forest Kettler, Cara Kiernan, Michael Kirkman, Sam Lee, Ian MacLeod, Caleb Nannes, Scott Nelson, Candyce Phoenix, Lauran Potter, Lisa Rainey, Scott Richardson, Claire Simeone, Allana Strong, Mary Thomas, and Harlan Work.

Potomac Robotics Team Excels on First Try

Using a robot they had designed, built and programmed, a team of nine Upper School students earned third place honors in a robotics tournament May 4 at the Patriot Center at George Mason University.

In its first year of competition, Potomac was the only private school to finish in the top five in the double elimination tournament. The team was especially pleased to bump Thomas Jefferson School of Science and Technology from the competition. Only Wooten High School of Rockville, MD and South Lakes High School of Reston, VA finished ahead of Potomac in a 58-team field from school as far away as New York and Tennessee.

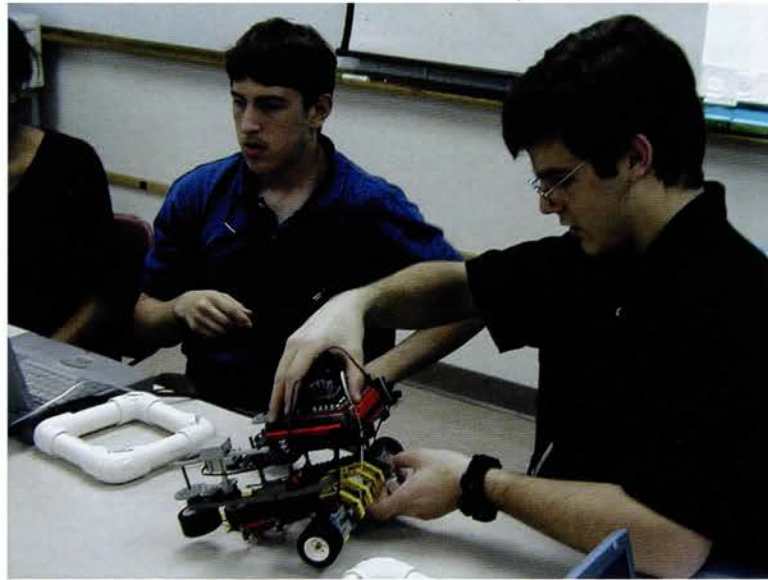
Coached by Jonathan Lindsay and Marty Settles, the team included: Chris Devor, Bob Montgomery, Brad Ash, Matt Flanagan, Tyler

Friedlander, Max Engel, Patrick Eakin, Dorothy Phoenix, and Nick Adams.

Known as Botball, the competition was sponsored by the KISS Institute for Practical Robotics in Norman, Oklahoma. Using the programming language "C," the students had to employ creative problem solving skills from physics and math to engineering, internet research, website design, and technology. The team also received a special judge's design award.

Mr. Lindsay, who teaches AP Robotics, said he hoped Potomac's involvement in the competition would be "a springboard for a pre-engineering program in the Upper School involving an interdisciplinary approach to solving real world problems.

-Bob Riley



Students program a robot for competition.



Playwright Joshua Ford spent Friday morning, April 19th, at the Upper School. Mr. Ford, who had the world premiere of his new play MIKLAT in Washington this winter, was cited by the Washington Post as a "promising new voice in theatre". He is the associate producer of Theatre J, DC's professional Jewish theatre company.



The brass section of the Jazz band belts out a tune for "Music in our Schools Week."

Actor Scot Anthony Robinson came to Potomac on February 8 to share his dramatic lecture/presentation on drug use with Potomac's Upper School students. His presentation is described on the Vision Warrior website as: "drawing on Shakespeare, character transformations, great music and most importantly, his own incredible story, Robinson draws us into a life that, in 1993, found him addicted and homeless on the streets of New York City. He dropped to 128 pounds, losing a third of his body weight from a devastating addiction to heroin, alcohol and crack cocaine. Robinson, in *Vision Warrior*, confronts universal issues as he takes the audience on a mesmerizing journey — a journey which starts with his first experimental puff of marijuana at age 11, and nearly ends with his early death. Robinson forces us to identify with him and to peer inside ourselves as he addresses issues such as fear, self-esteem, peer pressure, curiosity, experimentation, family dynamics and relationships." After his morning presentation in the John Langstaff auditorium, Mr. Robinson spent the day meeting with students in the Upper School. Here is an aerial view of students gathered around him in the student lounge, asking questions.





Potomac Campus as Outdoor Classroom

by Rob Abbot

When Peter Munroe retired from teaching last year, after nearly thirty years at Potomac, there was a massive outpouring of affection and appreciation for his commitment to the school. This year, that commitment has taken a different form as Mr. Munroe has worked (courtesy of a generous grant from the Winsor family) to enhance the learning potential of the school's outdoor environment.

"Nature has historically been an important and wonderful part of the Potomac experience," explained Headmaster Geoff Jones. "The generous support of the Winsor family allows us to use Peter's knowledge of the outdoors to renew Potomac's environmental legacy in a way that moves beyond preservation toward stewardship, building a connection to nature for everybody in our community and helping us all assume responsibility for maintaining and enhancing that connection."

Mr. Munroe began harnessing the school's seventy-plus acre campus to the service of education by seeking input from teachers and students throughout the community. With more than two dozen faculty members involved in planning projects and providing feedback, his efforts, from the beginning, have reflected teacher priorities in developing the campus as an educational resource.

Over the last several years, the Nature Trail and other natural areas on campus have been overgrown by invasive plants, most of them non-native exotics, with the resulting loss of biodiversity. Two plants in particular, multiflora rose and poison ivy, had rendered the stream and other areas inaccessible to teachers and students.

Improvements to the Nature Trail have increased accessibility to streams and ponds, removing obstacles to exploration, particularly for younger students. An outdoor classroom has been created, and several other sites for study are partially complete. At the suggestion of Middle School teachers, a medieval Japanese garden is being built. Also planned is the creation of terraced garden space on the west side of the Engelhard Performing Arts Center.

A massive effort to clear brush from the belt of trees on the slope behind the Upper School was completed over the winter. The area, now outfitted with birdfeeders, serves the need, identified by an informal student focus group last fall, for easily accessible space that is neither fully landscaped nor overgrown with exotic vines and brambles.



About Peter...

Peter Munroe was a member of the Potomac School faculty from 1969-2001. He taught a wide range of science courses to several generations of the school's students. He also led countless nature trail walks, founded Potomac's Summer Nature Science Camp, guided trips to Caroline Furnace, and shared his love of science with students, parents and fellow teachers.



Art teacher and Outdoor Education coach Cort Morgan is impressed with the progress over the last year. "Peter's long experience using the campus as a laboratory in his classes and his past work in helping create the Environmental Science Facility at the IS has really motivated people to get involved. Beyond that, he has also set an incredible example through his own hard work. Day after day, he takes on the nastiest jobs, digging out wild rose or poison ivy, clearing brush from stream sides to improve access...."

Mr. Munroe has begun mapping campus plant and animal life using global positioning system (GPS) technology and the school's geographic information system (GIS) software. Seventh grader Andrew Metcalf has assisted him in creating databases to track birds and other wildlife on campus.

Mr. Munroe attributes this year's accomplishments to "getting so much help! Ann Johnson worked with me on the benches for the outdoor classroom. Cort Morgan, Greg Mueller, and Sara Blanchard have made their Outdoor Education students available, and Perry Swope has kindly given me the help of a maintenance staff member, Jose Sanchez, one afternoon a week."

Constant maintenance of the outdoor education resources is the biggest long-term challenge facing the Winsor project. It would only take a year or two of neglect for some of the study areas to become overgrown, particularly by non-native plants like honeysuckle, English ivy, and multi-flora rose that have invaded the suburban DC area. In the fall, Mr. Munroe attended a conference at Rutgers University on the subject of invasive exotic plants. He has visited an Upper School biology class and a class at Thomas Jefferson High School to talk about the problem.

"Even if we succeed in eliminating these plants from the campus, they are still everywhere around us and must be continually removed to keep them from getting re-established."

The school will have to develop a plan to maintain the re-vamped Nature Trail and other outdoor education resources if they are to become a permanent part of the Potomac School curriculum.

For now, however, the potential of the campus as a learning laboratory seems limitless. Mary Cahill, a Middle and Intermediate School science teacher involved in developing the campus as a learning resource, explained, "Potomac has always felt that having children outside was an important component of their education. That was one reason for bringing the school to McLean in 1952. As the school's faculty and leadership have changed over the years, so has the vision of how we use nature. With the Winsor's support and Geoff's appointment of Peter to coordinate the project, we have a great opportunity to redefine our collective vision of the role of nature throughout our curriculum, in social studies and math as well as science and physical education."



Special Note:
Cort Morgan has worked on the nature trail with many of his outdoor education students. Just recently he built a blind by the upper pond where students can surreptitiously observe the wildlife around them.
(center photo)



All art, all education, can be merely a supplement to nature.
-Aristotle (B.C. 384-322)



Learning the Art of Language

by Charlotte Martin '93

Any visitor walking up and down the Lower School hallways will find evidence of reading and writing expertise from kindergarten through third grade. A large portion of this growth and development can be credited to the talented and energetic resource team for Lower School language arts. Consisting of Pat Haislip, Christine Ballen, Meghan Alexander, and Carolyn Shipp, this four-square of knowledge has helped implement, guide, and motivate children and teachers alike to learn and understand the complexities of spelling, reading, writing, and literature. Together, these women work with small groups of students, individual students, teachers and parents to simultaneously enrich, instruct and build confidence for each and every student. Mrs. Haislip begins the process with the kindergartners and small group phoneme development. Reading development has been directly linked to early sound awareness and agility; young children who can manipulate sounds, or phonemes, within words are able

to spell, read and break down new words more adeptly. Each day, Mrs. Haislip takes small groups of children from all three kindergarten classes and works to build phonological awareness. Mapping, or writing, sounds as they say them aloud; in this way kindergartners gradually acquire solid and dynamic skills. By the end of kindergarten, children are comfortable writing words and sentences and can attack larger words with greater confidence. By first grade, the goal is that Lower School children will be comfortable with the basic 26 sounds in the alphabet. With this baseline of knowledge and their newfound abilities to

invert, exchange, and substitute sounds in a series of words, the goal is that children's reading development will be markedly better. With small groups in first grade Christine Ballen continues this phonological development if necessary, but also guides children through the appropriate level of story and chapter books. The children get their first sense of literature studies and in-depth reading awareness during their times with Mrs. Ballen each week. By working with classroom teachers, Mrs. Ballen is able to gauge and adapt her small group curriculum to facilitate and support teaching units in first grade classrooms.




Does Labor Conquer All?

Upper School students debate Potomac's motto


Potomac's motto, *Labor Omnia Vincet* (Labor Conquers All), has served the school well during its first 100 years. But as we approach the school's centenary, in 1904, maybe it's time to consider a new one - something more inspiring, less grim-sounding, and maybe in English. The issue was under debate this semester in the eleventh grade classes taught by Nancy Schnog and Bob Riley. They were inspired by their reading of Emerson, Thoreau, the poetry of Walt Whitman, an article by David Brooks entitled "The Organization Kid," and their viewing of the film "Dead Poets Society." Here are some of their views.




Students wrote these pieces as part of an exercise in debate. What are your thoughts on Potomac's motto? Email us at alumni@potomacschool.org.

 Creating a painting, writing a newspaper article, learning a new song - these are all difficult tasks. And they are all included in the definition of labor, even though they are not physical, and are generally enjoyable. But, even activities that do fit under the narrower, more common definition of labor are voluntarily undertaken at Potomac everyday. In "Dead Poet's Society," Neil Parry directed his labor in two different ways - acting and academics. Both demanded dedication, but he only got joy out of one. When his father forced him to give up acting, he killed himself. It wasn't that Neil didn't want to work; he just knew that he wouldn't be working for the right reasons. Granted, there are many students who work hard, academically, because they feel compelled to - by their parents, by the school, or by the community. But there are also many students working to get the best education they can. In "Dead Poet's Society," Mr. Keating said, "The purpose of education is to learn to think for yourself." If we "labor under a mistake" as Thoreau said, we will get nothing out of it. But Thoreau believed that those who worked in "earnest and with effort" towards a goal that they were passionate about would eventually achieve it. Emerson agreed, saying, "The day is always his who works in it with serenity and great aims."


-Adam Wallwork

 For most students at Potomac "Labor Omnia Vincet" is a bothersome motto because it only emphasizes one aspect of a student: to work and to be diligent. It seems too "out-of-date", since nowadays, kids are not only serious intellectuals, they are amazing athletes, artists, writers, computer programmers, anything. "Labor Omnia Vincet" can hardly embody the diverse aspects of a student and his/her aspirations. Personally, I agree that the motto is a little stiff and stuffy for a school that strives for "diversity" on all levels. It inspires, not an inner fervor, but a dull stale roar that growls, "I want to be successful in a monetary sense." This motto seems too artificial, too bland, and almost depressing. Why not have something more stirring and emotional, like "Aspire to Greatness" or "Seize the Day?"


-Misa Bretschneider

 "Change the Mentality, Not the Motto - The first, and most common, interpretation of labor is negative. In our society "labor" has come to mean arduous, unpleasant and often physical work. Something we do because we have to - not because we want to. Therefore, the idea of labor "conquering all" is mildly repulsive, especially when used as a school motto. A small, private school such as Potomac is already full of "future workaholics of America" - as David Brooks said in "The Organization Kid." Do we really need to encourage the neurotic study habits that are already alive and well in the Potomac community? Another issue to address when talking about labor is what are we hoping to achieve from all this hard work?

-Alison Ayer

 This motto does not suit the aims of the school, but unfortunately, it does suit the school's practices. Potomac's goals are to instill within its students a love of learning and a passion for life. The school wants its students to depart from Potomac academically, socially and morally prepared for the next stages of their lives. I have no doubt that students leave Potomac academically prepared for life. College students return to Potomac only to say that the college workload is not as challenging as their work in high school. But academic ability is only one aspect of a human being. Can students at Potomac develop socially and morally during their time here? Walk through the hallways and you might hear someone complaining about the social life at Potomac. Turn down a different corridor and you might hear about cheating or stealing. Potomac may prepare its students academically by instilling a "Labor Conquers All" attitude in them, but students get so wrapped up in the work that they do not develop the other, arguably more important aspects of their being, their character. You cannot learn character in a book. David Brooks hits this idea home when he characterizes the Organization Kid. "When it comes to character and virtue," he writes, "the most mysterious area of all, suddenly the laissez-faire ethic rules. In the age of political correctness, schools take a hands-off approach in areas of character development, expecting the kids to develop their own moral standings. But how, in a place like Potomac where a student barely has time to sleep, can the administrators expect the kids to spend their time cultivating themselves? The labor we do as schoolwork needs to be balanced with the amount of labor we exert coming to understand ourselves."

-Lauren Huber

 Ralph Waldo Emerson says that one of the three main teachers in life is experience. Similarly, Mr. Keating, the teacher from "The Dead Poet's Society," reminds students that in order to achieve individual thought, they must continually see things from different perspectives. Surrounded by a group of supportive peers, Potomac students consistently experience "problems" from the same perspective. Students need to feel comfortable with their skills when placed in a foreign environment. David Brooks says, "in this world hardworking students achieve self-control; in that one (in old times) virtuous students achieved self-mastery." Henry David Thoreau argues that "There are thousands who ... say that they do not know what to do, and do nothing ... They will wait, well disposed, for others to remedy the evil." A student has not achieved self-mastery until he or she is comfortable in any environment. In order to develop this ability in its students, Potomac must provide for more extracurricular learning experiences. Potomac's inadequacies lie in its students and teachers, not in its motto. In limiting ourselves to the confines of Potomac's walls, we limit the possibilities implied in our motto, the words "Labor Conquers All" can provide for success in any aspect of life. Progress is achieved through either physical or mental exertion, and the definition of "Labor" provides for both of these. "To conquer all" may be interpreted as anything from being accepted to Princeton to achieving self-mastery. Therefore, Potomac's success will rest on whether or not students and faculty open themselves to the possibilities of the motto.

-Molly Langer

Greek Olympics



Ancient Greece Comes Alive!

The fifth grade spent their spring semester researching topics related to ancient Greek civilization. Learning the important elements of the research process, students took detailed notes and created outlines to prepare for 15-20 minute presentations. In a sense, classmates became teachers for a day. Not only did all the children present their work, they also created quizzes for the class to take the day after each presentation on their special topics. Their study of Greece spanned all the subjects and blossomed in many ways. Students wrote summary paragraphs, created "authentic" artifacts or pieces of art, designed distinct chitons, and composed lovely odes. Of course, the year's study was topped with a culminating day of celebration full of Greek dancing, poetry reading, and an Olympic competition where all Greeks were victors.



-Sara Koenig



Valedictions

Nora Mancha, 1970-2002



Nora with her husband, Philip Mancha.

What makes a school more than just an institution of learning? Undoubtedly it is the people who comprise it, and, more specifically the people who dedicate their lives to a place and make it their life's work. It is these people who have a sense of history and tradition that help guide a school through the tough times. They have the perspective and the wisdom to know what has worked and what has failed in the past. They defend traditions and the rationale behind them. They are the people that students come back to see at Reunions, never doubting that they will still be at Potomac. Nora Mancha has seen Potomac go through many changes but she has been here to nurture and maintain the true spirit of Potomac and for this and so much more she will be missed. Here are two of the speeches given in her honor at her retirement party in May.

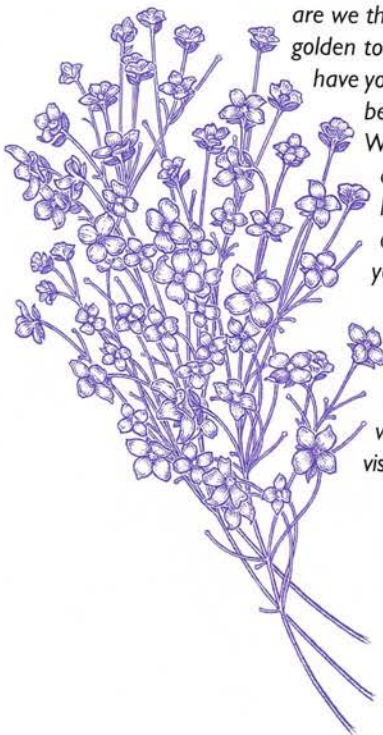
Being part of a school community we live with questions everyday, in fact we have learned the art of asking good questions. Questions such as what can we use for a medieval nun's habit - specifically a wimple? What's the secret of being a card shark? What is the meaning behind our traditions at Potomac School? It is not surprising that these questions and more have found their way to Nora's door for she knows the secret of the ages and sages - that life isn't about knowing the answers but pondering the questions. Now pondering the questions might mean over dinner at a local restaurant (where a favorite table awaited her most days) or it could mean pondering the questions sitting in her office while the rest of the world was held at bay. All of us, students past and current, parents, teachers staff, alums and administrators have found our way to Nora's door at one time or another. It may have been with joyous news or it may have been to leave a heavy burden at her feet, but all of us have left her office with a lighter footstep and a smile.

It's hard to convey to each of you the breadth and the depth of Nora's commitment and impact on our school community as a whole. Sixth grade teacher, summer programs director, admissions director, assistant Head, associate Head, US ethics teacher, wife, parent, colleague, mentor, arbitrator, school historian, grammarian, role model, friend and I am sure that I have left some things out. It is not surprising then to find a stack of unusual questions ending up on her doorstep — the trust and respect we all feel for Nora as a person, educator and administrator is fierce and undying. She is the epitome of all that we strive to be, each of us seeing something that we want to be, to hold onto, to incorporate within ourselves. All that you hear about Nora today is true and yet there is so much more to this intelligent, delightful, whimsical woman.

In fact, I feel certain that she was consulted by our government on the name for the "Leave No Child Behind Act." This has long been her mantra - that and her unwavering and deep love for Potomac School. How blessed are we that Nora McCarthy Mancha chose to give us her golden touch. Our strength, our character, our identity all have your footprint. How hard it is for us to even imagine being here without you.

William Steig, a well known children's author, created an engaging hero, Dominic, a dog with a heart of gold, nerves of steel, and the varied talents of a renaissance man - now who does that remind you of? Nora's husband, Phil, has been so patient sharing Nora with us and we can't help but hope that both of you share the feelings of Dominic as he and the lovely Evelyn (a black dog) bid his friends goodbye with "I don't know when I'll be back. But I will be back, if only for a visit."

Cammy Passarella
Head of Lower School



We gather tonight to mark Nora's leaving and to thank her, however feebly, for a span of service hard to behold. I cannot account for all the roles Nora has played, for her titles - past and present - understate the magnitude of her contribution. Any summary of her work would diminish the rich texture of her daily service — not 32 years, but more than 7,000 days, each begun like this one — focused on the mysteries of human need. Each of us — student, teacher, parent — revealing our "self" at her open door.

Each of us has had a moment of revelation with Nora — a quick question lapsing into discussion, even confession. An hour to mend our spirit by peering with her beyond the bend at fresh insight. There are few words that we should use as sparingly as "wisdom," yet I invoke it unflinchingly for Nora: so wise, so giving, so always present. 70,000 hours of service in listening, soothing, and prompting us ahead.

Few retirements have made me feel quite so peaceful, knowing, as many of us do, how Nora relishes the quietude of an open book and a cup of coffee, solitude her reward for more than 4 million minutes devoted to us and to the school she has helped to build.

The Potomac School commissioned two original works of art as special gifts to Nora. The first of these works will honor Nora by remaining at Potomac permanently hung at the School. It will forever remind the Potomac community of Nora and her countless contributions. The second gift is for Nora to take with her so that she will never forget Potomac and all the love for her that she leaves behind.

"The Welcome," an oil painting by Peter Nelson, a friend and member of the Potomac family, is the gift remaining here. It represents Nora, who in all her roles and with so much love has opened the door to so many students. For each of these lucky children and in so many ways for all of us even luckier adults, Nora allowed us to understand the "specialness" of the Potomac spirit.

The second of our special gifts is for Nora to take with her to Colorado and beyond. A custom-designed needlepoint tapestry to illustrate her many contributions to Potomac. Unfortunately, it is not complete and will have to follow her on a later train. The "Nora Mancha Tapestry" celebrates her contributions through the various positions she held, the support she lent the School's mission and the love she shared with all of us. The center field of the tapestry is a composite drawing of school scenes that reflect the major stages of her career — sixth-grade teacher, director of admissions, administrator. The surrounding border has thematic icons depicting four central themes — academics, arts, athletics and community — each central to our mission statement, along with general icons of school traditions and a few with special meaning to Nora.

Nora, on behalf of the entire Potomac community, we offer you this gesture of our love and respect on this most extraordinary occasion.

Jeff Brown,
Chair, Board of Trustees



Guests gather in the Holly Tree Square and listen to the Upper School Madrigals.



With former Board members Mike Amann and Don Ayer



With faculty members Connie Randall and Carol Costa.



The Middle School Chorus sings "Wild Mountain Thyme".



With Suzanne Romatowski, Bea Lindsten, Tinky Ostermann, Gerry Nestinger and Jessie O'Neill.



With faculty member Suzanne Marshall



With past Potomac parents and former Board member Mr. and Mrs. Giuseppe Cecchi.



Former Head Dr. Brian Wright (1992-99) and former Board member Trish Cooper.

A Celebration of Giving

The Annual Fund

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BOOK FAIR 2002

Discover the Magic - Read!



Every spring, as children and adults leave campus with bulging bags of used books, Book Fair reminds us that Potomac is truly a community of readers. This year's Book Fair raised over \$21,900; this includes the direct purchase of more than 250 new books for Potomac's three libraries and the money raised by the used book sale. It was a magical event, chaired by Potomac parents Susan Crudginton and Stacey Fisk. Although books are left at Potomac year round, they really start pouring in at the end of February and the beginning of March during the student book drive. Students in each division receive prizes such as a free dress day or ice cream party if they reach their book donation goals. This year's theme, "Discover the Magic - Read!" reflected the joy we can find for ourselves in reading as well as the worlds of imagination that we find there.



Lower School students check out the selection of books in the children's section.



Middle School students browse through the Classics and the latest and greatest and make their final choices for themselves. Potomac students also select books that will be donated to favorite charities.



Below: The most popular book series are located along the windows and are a hot commodity for avid readers.



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Return to Oz!

Fall Frolics Spring Benefit - May 4, 2002



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Spring Benefit 2002 was truly a magical evening. Many Thanks to Co-Chairs Beth O'Shea and Norma Ramsey, without their tremendous efforts this wonderful event would not have been possible. Potomac Parents Patti and Joe Egan graciously opened their home providing the perfect venue for this fun evening. The "Return to Oz" theme included special take-home cookies created in the shape of Dorothy's red slippers! Guests were wowed by the special entertainment including the Upper School singing group Quintessence, host Joe Egan on the piano, and a deejay on the dance floor. Many thanks to the Spring Benefit Sponsors and all those who supported us by coming to the party. Don't miss next year's party; mark your calendars now for May 3, 2003!



Fall Frolics Chair Maggie Parker with her husband Ransom, and Michael Murphy (right).



Caroline Kahl '72 and FNL Chair Beth Eckert.



Spring Benefit Co-chair Beth O'Shea with her husband Michael.



Heidi and John Fahey with Headmaster Geoff Jones.

Save the Date!

FALL FROLICS 2002

Return to Oz!

BACK ON CAMPUS!

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Live Auction in the Engelhard Performing Arts Center
Friday, October 18
 6:30 p.m. cocktails & buffet
 8:00 p.m. live auction dancing 'til midnight

FALL FROLICS FAIR

Fair & Silent Auction
Saturday, October 19
 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Children's Rides & Games, Food, Silent & Super Silent Auctions, New Marketplace Vendors, and more!



Entertainment provided by Upper School "Quintessence." Singers were Claire Simeone '03, Lucia Abramovich '04, Leyla Beshir '03, Alison Ayer '03, and Stephanie Miller '02



Spring Benefit Co Chair Norma Ramsey enjoying the evening with Potomac parents.



Fran and Ankie Barnes and Jerry Watson



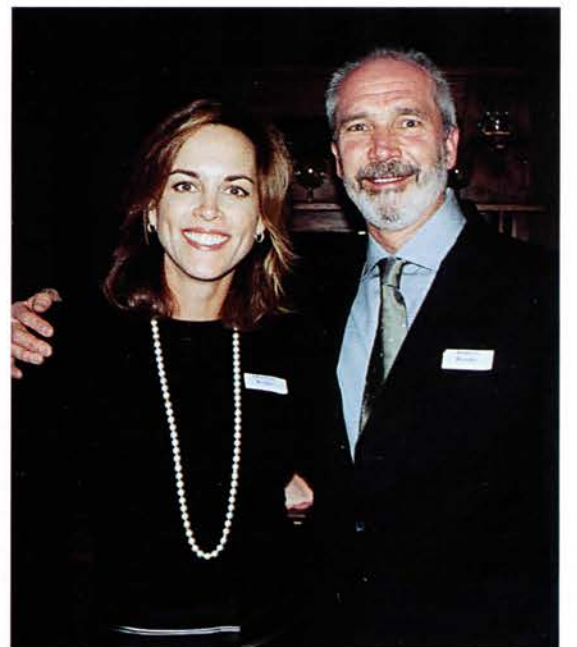
Jharry Breed, Perry Green and Alice Breed.



Liza and Andrew Labadie with Jim Kahl.



Charlotte and Peter Nelsen, Carol Jones, and Cathy and John Fox enjoy the evening.



Charlotte and Robert Kettler

Ms. Stein Receives Award for Teaching Excellence

by Rob Abbot



Sharyn Stein started teaching math at Potomac in 1992. As an Intermediate School teacher/advisor/coach and Upper School girl's soccer and softball coach, she has touched the lives of hundreds of Potomac School students. This year, one of her former students, Jessica Ohly, class '98, a senior at Williams College, nominated Ms. Stein for the college's Olmsted Award for Excellence in Secondary Teaching.

In her letter of nomination, Ms. Ohly described the lengths to

which Ms. Stein would go to build students' confidence and show them the joys that life holds.

"She sent home some twenty notes telling my parents how well I had done or how proud of me she was. She did that for all of us. I still have those notes.... She taught me not to care if I was one of only two girls in my geometry class because I knew I was smart enough to be there.

"She never let me say, 'can't' in the classroom or on the

field, and if I tried and failed, she taught me that was OK because I had tried.... She knew when I was stressed about a test or worried about something at home. Her door, blessedly, was always open, and even today, eight years later, I still call her for advice."

On June 1st, Ms. Stein joined four high school teachers from across the country to accept the Olmsted Award

as part of the commencement ceremonies at Williams. She said she was most thrilled just to be nominated by one of her former students.

"I was deeply touched. It's so rewarding to know that even though kids may not seem to be listening when we talk about important life lessons, they really do take things in."

In a letter to the award committee explaining her teaching philosophy, Ms. Stein talked about her commitment to experiential learning.

"A few years ago a student gave me a math primer from 1878. The main theme of the book was farming. Rather than providing information, the author had the students visit farms to count animals or measure the land to get accurate numbers to do a problem. My themes have changed from barrows, gilts, and sections, but the principle is the same. The challenge for a teacher is to create developmentally and cognitively appropriate activities that allow students the freedom to be active in their learning and take ownership of it."

Anyone who spends more than five minutes with Sharyn Stein will begin to appreciate the depth of her feelings for teaching.

"I wake up every morning looking forward to navigating the exciting and uncharted waters of teaching, coaching, and advising.... Receiving recognition for doing something I truly love is like getting paid to eat ice cream!" ■

Potomac Students Reach Out to Africa

by Rob Abbot

When a volcano erupted last winter in the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ms. McIlhenny's class of kindergarteners wanted to help. To learn more about the people affected by the volcano, the class

turned to Intermediate School French teacher, Dr. Kabahita, who grew up near Goma, the town most affected by the eruption of the Nyiragongo Volcano.

When Dr. Kabahita mentioned that he was planning a trip to his boyhood home over Spring Break, the class asked if he would take the \$120 they had raised and use it to help children in the area.

Making sure that help reaches those for whom it is intended is often a problem in providing international assistance, so Dr. Kabahita was delighted to help. When he arrived in Goma, he made inquiries about where the money could do the most good.

"I've been twenty years in the United States," he said, "and I don't know a lot about the non-profit organizations working in the area." A friend of his brother, a Catholic priest, suggested that Kabahita visit an orphanage in the town.

"They were very excited that I came to say, 'Hello' to them and to find out about the orphanage. There were about fifty-five kids without a mother or father, because of wars, mainly."

The philosophy of the orphanage is to develop links between the kids and families in the town. Most families do not have resources sufficient to adopt but are willing to give a child a place to sleep or to spend holidays.

Kabahita asked the people at the orphanage what they needed, expecting to buy books or school supplies. "Do you know what they said? They said they need food."

International agencies provide staples like flour and cooking oil, but the orphanage was always short of rice and other protein sources.

"So we went to the market and with \$120 we were able to purchase 150 kilos of rice (over 300 pounds) and 124 dried fish." However, the children's educational needs were not neglected. Before leaving the U.S. Dr. Kabahita collected pens and pencils to take along.

"Some were new. Some were used. I know they are very important back home, so I took them!" Some came from the floor of his classroom.

When he visited a school and gave the students a pencil or a pen, "They were so excited, they wanted to run home and put the pencil away for safe keeping, it was so valuable to them!"

When he reported back to the Potomac kindergarteners, he brought a video that showed the orphanage, the market, and some of the destruction caused by the volcano. Ms. McIlhenny reports that the children were amazed that the money they raised could do so much good for the children of Goma. ■



This fall Dr. Kabahita will present a video of his experiences in Africa, including his visits at the orphanage, to the Potomac community. He hopes to raise awareness of the current state of his country and the many needs there. Dr. Kabahita will make another trip to Africa with supplies in the winter.

Not all of the most earnest and ambitious students taught by Rafael Mucino, a Spanish teacher in the Upper School's Foreign Language Department, are teenagers with hopes for gaining admission to the college of their Choice.

Take Manuel Morataya, Walter Dominguez, Carlos Gonzalez, and Alfredo Toloza - all members of Potomac's maintenance staff. Immigrants from El Salvador, they are studying English with Rafael, along with nine others for 90 minutes each week. The goal for many of them is to become proficient enough in English to earn a GED. After that?

When Carlos said that he would like to study computers, Manuel, Walter and Alfredo all nodded their head.

Rafael has divided the students into two groups, beginner and Intermediate.

"I teach each level twice per week for blocks of 45 minutes. from Monday through Thursday." He said. Each day half the crew will go to class while the other

half continues to work. "the classes have gone very well and the interest for learning is very high."

From Mexico originally, Rafael said one of the ground crew workers asked him three years ago to teach English. But there were many obstacles, the major one being that many of the men worked two jobs; "so teaching them after work or in between jobs was out of the question." In addition, there were no funds to buy books or to pay a teacher. For two years nothing happened.

Then last fall Dan Paradis, Head of the Upper school, asked Rafael to start a program. In order to ensure that it happened, Headmaster Geoff Jones made funds available for books and allotted the workers 90 minutes each week for classes.

Rafael said, "I am doing this because I want to help them.. I have also gone through the pains of learning the English language

through immersion." He explained that "if there had not been someone there to guide me in the early stages... then I may never have gotten to where I am today... I am doing this as a service to the community and for the crew."



Since the program began last fall, Rafael said, other teachers as well as Upper School students have become involved. "the effect of such generosity on the crew has been monumental."

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Every two to three years, the Faculty and Staff Diversity Steering Committee has recommended that the school dedicate some portion of a professional development day to discussing issues of diversity. This year, the Faculty and Staff Diversity Steering Committee decided to

devote an entire day to diversity with emphasis on community building within our school. The twelve member steering committee, chaired by Brendan Sheerin, contacted fifty-three area schools, public and private, asking each school to host a team of three to five faculty/staff/parent/and student members. Armed with the goal of enhancing understanding of school-wide community, each team prepared for their morning away from campus reflecting upon specific goals for their department, classroom, division, and the greater Potomac community. On April 12, 140 faculty and staff members, parents from our parents' diversity committee, and student leaders converged on thirty-

eight schools in the metropolitan area. The campus emptied as office support staff, technologists, receptionists, administrative staff, students, librarians, and faculty spread out to schools large and small.

We also offered an on-site community building workshop to all of our buildings and grounds staff.

With the same goal for the day, i.e. to address their role in the community, in meetings facilitated by Mrs. Solano and Mrs. Mancha, both agreed that the crew spent the morning discussing "better ways to exchange information between the buildings and grounds staff and other members of our community."

By noon, the entire faculty and staff had returned to campus for lunch and division/department meetings. Each team sat together during lunch, exchanging ideas and making observations from their morning visits. The atmosphere in the Upper School lunchroom was of animated conversations about various topics ranging from the physical landscape of a school to the student-teacher ratio in a Lower School classroom. After lunch, faculty and staff members returned to their respective areas to discuss community-building goals here at Potomac.

Armed with plenty of feedback from faculty and staff, as well as parent and student representatives, the next goal for the Faculty and Staff Diversity Steering Committee is to meet with administrators to set concrete goals for further community building for the 2002-2003 school year. ■



A Different Kind of English Class

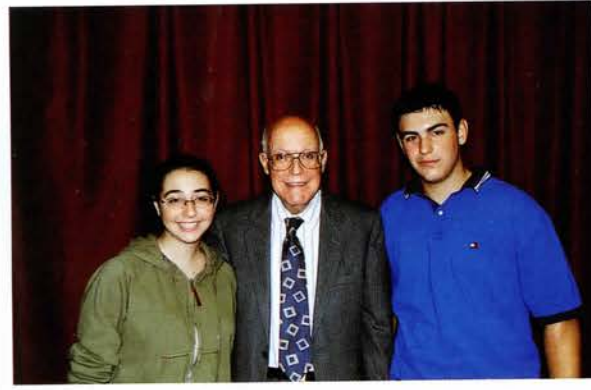
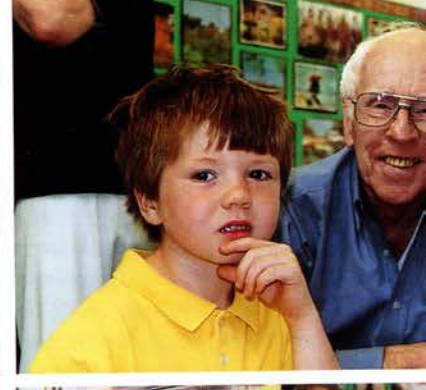
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Not Just Another Professional Development Day: Faculty & Staff Invade Area Schools

by Tiffany Bridgewater

Grandpa

May 10, 2002 - Photo



Parents' Day

Grandparents are the best!



Alumni Focus

JOHN T. BROOKS '76

John T. Brooks '76 works full-time as a medical epidemiologist in the CDC's HIV surveillance branch, where he conducts research on how to prevent people with HIV from developing AIDS and the complications that result from treatment with the drugs prescribed. He still sees patients in clinic once a week, travels extensively, and occasionally helps out with major outbreaks, such as the anthrax-related terror attacks in Washington last fall. Unlike most jobs, his success is measured "not in how much I produce, but by how much illness doesn't occur because I helped prevent it."

John followed a roundabout path into medicine, majoring in German and earth sciences in college and deferring medical school several years while testing out a variety of other career options. He entered medical school just shy of age 30. There, he quickly recognized a passion for infectious diseases, which had been sparked while a student at Potomac in 7th grade when he read *The Microbe Hunters*. Following medical school, he completed training in general internal medicine, and then went on to specialized training in infectious diseases.

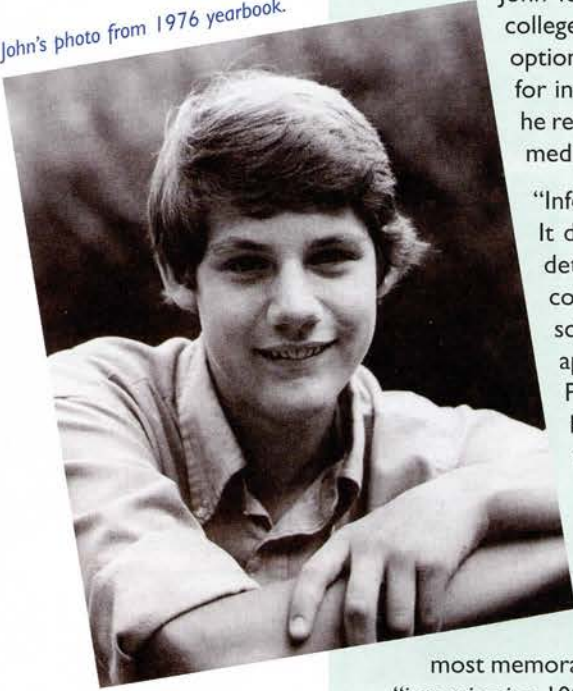
"Infectious disease control is an incredibly stimulating and rewarding area of medical practice. It demands a formidable breadth of knowledge, excellent clinical skills, and a keen eye for detail. Diseases such as HIV put you on the forefront of complex and topical social controversies," says John. While he was learning about treating infectious diseases in medical school, he recognized the extraordinary value of a career in public health. "I subsequently applied to the Epidemiology Intelligence Service of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more informally known as "disease detectives." This program is a hands-on training in public health and epidemiology and is centered around two years of investigating outbreaks, in my case, focused on foodborne and diarrheal illness."

His early years at the CDC were filled with solving mysteries that prevented potential illness in hundreds of people. The first outbreak he investigated brought him to western Massachusetts, where Kindergarteners from multiple schools had all developed Salmonella infections. The common exposure turned out to be unpasteurized milk they had been served "fresh" from an ill cow during school-sponsored tours of a local dairy farm. The

most memorable part of the investigation, however, was trying to piece together a coherent story after "interviewing 100 five and six year olds."

He also investigated another outbreak of Salmonella in Colorado, which resulted from people eating contaminated sprouts. This investigation demonstrated the failure of a recommended method for preventing such contamination and has helped stimulate new research for better methods. Other investigations included an outbreak of E. coli diarrhea among 600 teenage Texas cheerleaders, cholera outbreaks in Kenya and Micronesia, and cases of botulism resulting from intravenous drug use. We are all thankful that John is on the job for us. ■

John's photo from 1976 yearbook.



Centennial 1904-2004 Celebration



Potomac will celebrate its centennial during the 2003-2004 school year, and we're already at work thinking of exciting events to recognize our first 100 years. This spring, the Development Office held a small luncheon to solicit alumni input on the types of memories, traditions and milestones Potomac should celebrate. This group discussed many of the School's highlights, both big and small – our founders' vision for the school in 1904, the move to the McLean campus in 1951, May Day events, assemblies for all seasons, Red/Blue Day, Girl Guides, the opening of the Upper School, illuminated manuscripts and, of course, the many songs that we all know and love.

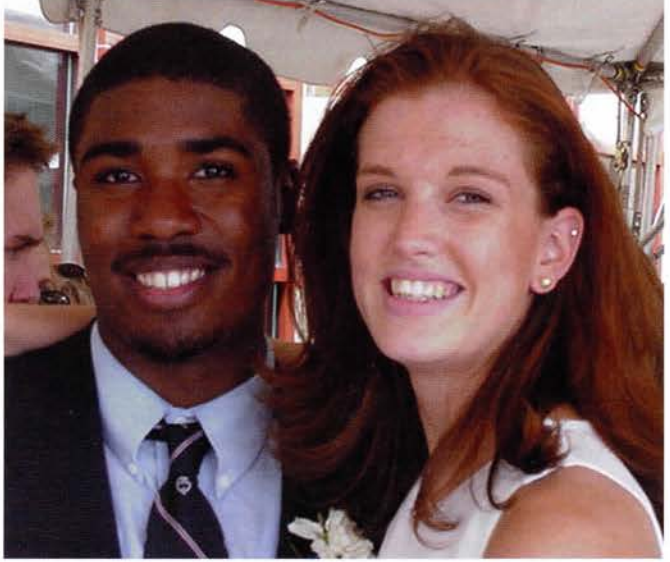
We know there are many more special memories and we need your help to uncover them! Since we alumni lived these traditions, we consider you to be the experts on the subject. Let us know what you think about the following:

- What events do you consider essential when you think of Potomac's centennial?
- Which of Potomac's academic, artistic or athletic traditions should we showcase?
- What is your favorite Potomac memory?
- Do you have any items to share with the Potomac archives?
- Should we have regional events?
- Would you like to volunteer to help organize the celebration?

Have we missed anything? Please contact Adria de Leonibus '83 in the Alumni Office (703) 749-6356 or alumni@potomacschool.org to let us know what you would like to see for your centennial experience. We will keep you updated on our progress and look forward to seeing you in 2004!

Commencement Ceremony

Congratulations Class of 2002!



Alumni News

Potomac School Class Notes

1930

From the Alumni Office:

Priscilla Manning Porter has just returned from a "fantastic maiden voyage of the new Holland-America luxury ship the *MS Amsterdam*. We went all around the world starting in L.A. and ended in New York. It took 100 days and was wonderful. My brother, sister (also Potomac graduates,) and I shared a cabin and had a wonderful time. Among the highlights was stopping at the island of St. Helena where Napoleon was incarcerated. New Zealand and Australia were also great. I highly recommend the trip."



Catherine Warner Gregg '32 with her grandchildren Josh '02 and Sarah '98 at Graduation 2002.

Juliet Dulany Roby wrote that she would love to hear from some of her classmates.

1936

From the Alumni Office:

Edith Huntington Williams is the proud grandmother of Zoë Williams who is currently in 7th grade at Potomac. She divides her time between New York City and Point O'Woods on Fire Island and the three winter months in Barbados. She is in the Barbados phone directory and available to friends and old classmates when their cruise stops there. She catches up with **Kathleen Bell** regularly. "We started our friendship in Potomac's Kindergarten over seventy years ago!"

Muriel Maddox has been busy doing book signings and television appearances for her latest novel, *Myra's Daughters*. It is about two sisters in Washington, DC and The Potomac School is mentioned in it. Muriel wrote that she has happy memories of her years at Potomac when it was still on California Street.

1938

From John:

Our class was very well represented at a St. Albans class of 1942 reunion dinner hosted at the Alibi Club in early May. In attendance were **Worth Daniels, Ted Ernst, Bill Pearson, Laughlin Phillips**, and your scribe. Favorite girls of the St. Albans class were also invited including **Barbara Gableman Bell**. The Potomac gang was clearly the most handsome and healthy at this lively event.

From the Alumni Office:

Many thanks to **John Dugger** from the Alumni Association for leading a walk on the Capital Crescent Trail on May 11. It was a beautiful morning and we were very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable leader. Hope to see more of you on the next walk. Stay tuned!

1942 REUNION

From Katharine:

Cheers to **Helen Chapin Metz, Clare Fahnestock Moorhead** and **T.P. Plimpton**, the loyal classmates who answered my red postcards and sent in news.

Helen writes that with Ron being wheelchair bound she is busy on the home front. However she is always generous with her time and is presently bringing the Eucharist to shut-ins and those hospitalized. Helen also mentors an Education

for Ministry group that meets weekly.

After two years, **Clare** writes, "I have only one box left to unpack" in her New York City apartment. She continues to "enjoy grandchildren and traveling far and wide to heritage-preservation/conservation conferences." This year marks the following big family events: Clare's 75th birthday (all of us in the club send congratulations!), her son Jay's 50th, and her daughter Peggy's 20th wedding anniversary. Clare's eldest grandchild is about to get his driver's license.

T.P. and his wife Susie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary "with a family cruise on board *MS MAASDAM* in the Western Caribbean." Family members came from Seattle and Connecticut. The Plimptons live in Ormond Beach, Florida.

The **Abbotts** had a lovely trip on board a river steamer last summer from Budapest to Amsterdam. Particularly interesting was the still ravaged city of Bratislava, slowly recovering from its occupation by the Russians.

Gordon tore a tendon in his foot in December, which virtually ended skiing for this year. Just as well, there was no snow! He's recently had a stint placed in an aortic artery but is feeling fine and has resumed his three-mile daily walks. Our four are in various moving stages; one into



John Dugger '38 and the "Capital Crescent Crew." Sofia Scanlan (Publications Director) and Lucy, Deborah Alexander, Adrienne Alexander '93, Laura Lee Larson '49, John Dugger '38, Adria de Leonibus '83 (Alumni Director) and Norma Dugger.

Boston's Back Bay from Brookline, another from Brookline to Newton Highlands and a third doing a major renovation and addition of space for their house here in Manchester.

Best wishes to all 1942 classmates. Potomac and I both love to hear from you. Hope to see you at our Reunion in October!

1944

From Judy:

Gerry Wellborn Orem and her husband Skip have been traveling quite a bit over the past year. "We had an unbelievable trip to Africa from Capetown to Kenya in October and November, which ended with the wildebeest migration in Tanzania on the Serengeti plains. In January we sailed to the Virgin Islands and in June we'll go to Norway, Scotland, and Iceland. Our knees are telling us there isn't much more time, but we still have Patagonia and Japan on the list 'to do.' The Red Cross and handicapped riding keep me busy in between."

Alison Bean Birney had a "lovely visit with **Frannie Sternhagen** in January, she was giving a talk at Madeira. She was rehearsing for a revival production of Paul Osborn's *Morning's at Seven*. (Ed note: for which she was nominated for a Tony Award!) Art and I embarked on a trip to London and Holland in late April!"

I (**Judy Gill Davis**) often see **Cathy Hooker Herter** as we are fellow students in a weekly painting class in Georgetown.

1946

From Marjorie:

News from the '46ers at last after a two year hiatus. Peter and I moved back to Brewster, NY after our daughter, Regan, decided to go the single-mom route. We really miss Atlanta, which is a terrific town. While there, we had a wonderful visit from Bill and **Carol Exnicios Tucker**. I don't think we stopped laughing for the whole two days! At any rate, I wanted to help with my two granddaughters, 7 and 9 now. It's been great, and of course, we're back with our old friends. Carol and Bill have just circumnavigated the British Isles and Ireland, visiting most if not all

the islands, large and small. They were on an 80-passenger ship. Their first child to be married, Marshall, will tie the knot this summer in Prague. They are way behind us in the grandchildren department.

I recently was in Washington (which I still consider "home") and had a lovely lunch with **Diana Baxter Halsted '47** and another with **Anne Lagare** and **Tilda de Kauffman Redway**. All were in fine fettle.

Tom and **Judy Blair Green** both celebrated the Big 70 with family get-togethers, and two of their grandsons are graduating from high school this year. Tom and Judy went to California in March and a trip to Greece is in the offing, middle east situation permitting.

Allen and **Jerrie Kohlmeier Bartlett** seem to be busier than they were before his retirement. He's now a part-time Assisting Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington D.C. She recently gave a tour of her (our!) old haunts to two of her children and two grands including California Street, which they really enjoyed. Our old school is now an apartment building, but the whole area has hardly changed at all, some sixty years later!

Nancy Hamilton Shepherd retired this year after twenty years at Trinity Chapel, an Episcopal Church in Shirley, MA. She says she is living "in the what next" which so far includes Tom's 50th reunion at Washington and Lee, and a June visit to Chartres. She stays in touch with **Jerrie** and **Alice Watson Faulkner**.

Had a nice chat with **Shelah Kane Scott** who lives in Charlottesville. She lunches frequently with **Julie Merrell Harris** in Culpepper, halfway between their homes. **Shelah** also has a son getting married and has grands to look forward to.

Hope to have even more news next year. Take heed, classmates!

1948

From the Alumni Office:

Congratulations to **Ann Wigglesworth Clemmitt** "Wiggy." Her granddaughter Jordan Kai Fowlett was born on January 6, 2002.

Besty Boyd writes, "Most of my travel has been fairly close to home to friends or relatives children's weddings. In Maine, I caught up with **Pauline Smith Willis**, then to Toronto. Next was Grosse Pointe for my middle niece, Barbara's, wedding. My oldest niece, Nancy, lives in Illinois with her husband and baby boy. The youngest, Jenny, works at an architecture firm in NYC, which is fun for me. September 11 made exotic travel less appealing, but I have been to Atlanta to see friends and to the Tennessee fitness "spa" to attempt to remain somewhat fit."



Skip and Gerry Wellborn Orem '44 on safari in Africa.

1949:

From Laura Lee:

As many of you know, I became our Class Correspondent in 1981. I am now entering a most exciting phase; collecting early photographs and also photographing each person now. It is time to publish my book.

Anne Coe Heyniger has returned to her "S" Street home, to write her memoirs, *Parting the Curtain*. It is an honest, direct, and enthusiastic account of her early stay in Romania, where she taught English. A devout Episcopalian, she has returned to work in DC with the homeless as an administrator of Gospel Rescue Ministries. Anne is fortunate to have three children, two of whom live in the DC area and one who lives in Cleveland.

1952 REUNION

From Louise:

Cheers to classmates near and far. Speaking of far, the nicest surprise in ages was a phone call from **Jane**

Class Correspondents Even Years

1932

Betty Nash Nicholson
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Medford, NJ 08055

1938

John Dugger
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(jdugger@aol.com)

1942

Katharine Stanley-Brown Abbott
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(glasshead@nii.net)

1944

Judy Gill Davis
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Washington, DC 20007

1946

Marjorie Key Andrews
212 Allview Avenue
Brewster, NY 10509

1952

Louise Graham
218 N. Main Street
Wolfeboro, NH 03894

Class Correspondents Even Years

1954

Tina Knox Radigan
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Arlington, VA 22207

1962

Carol C. Mattusch
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Clifton, VA 20124
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1964

Gail G. Weinmann
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1968

Tom Parker
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Woodberry Forest, VA 22989
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1970

Jane McAllister
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(janemcall@home.com)

1970

Lindsay Potts
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(Lindsay.potts@mail.house.gov)

Anderson Moon, fifty years later. Jane has been in California since 1958, where she had three children by the age of 22 and was rather busy raising them. Then came college with a degree in Information and Computer Science at UC-Irvine. She went on to receive an MA in Administration, Business and Higher Education, and taught at UC-Irvine and Cal. State Fullerton part-time. For the past 20 years Jane has worked for Hughes, which is now Raytheon. She has worked as a manager on some enormous programs that have been years and millions of dollars in development. She now works on engineering process improvement as a lead assessor and consults all over the country. On an interesting note, Jane took a battery of aptitude tests in high school and ranked best in Aeronautical Engineering (who knew what that was?), which is what she is doing now. She expects to be in MA this summer and we may be able to get together if schedules work. What a treat!

Jane Casey Hughes will definitely be at our October 5 reunion and hopes to see many old friends there.

Sue Hawes was planning to come to the reunion when she expected it to be in June, as they will be on the east coast then. Unfortunately, Sue and Jim need to be back in Santa Barbara in October so she will need to figure out another way to see old friends and classmates. (Thanks for the kind words, Sue.)

Debby Owens Turner emailed that Pat has had a hip replacement after spending four months in the FYRO Macedonia. Debby loved visiting there. Her sister Gail's younger son was married in October on a beautiful day. She is still involved in too many activities and is never caught up. Is anyone? She will be in the U.S. in October and will try to juggle dates to make the reunion. The many school photos she has saved are in storage since she

and Pat moved into their lovely, but very small one-bedroom flat. To answer your question Debby, the Alumni office probably would like any memorabilia, from uniform parts to hockey sticks and always photos.

Your secretary is still teaching special education to high school students and volunteering for several local agencies. Younger daughter, Sarah, was married last July to a wonderful man, Drew, in a traditional service followed by a rollicking reception in my backyard. She is the youngest of the present generation of cousins and all relatives made a huge effort to be present. Drew's family also turned out in force, as did many of their friends from NYC, where they live. All had much fun and that was the last wedding for which I have any responsibility. I hope many of us will be able to gather in October. 50 years seems quite impossible and yet momentous. See you there!

1956

From the Alumni Office:

Mopsy Seymour Lovejoy's big news is the birth of her fourth grandchild. Mopsy's daughter, **Betsy Lovejoy Hammond-Chambers '83**, had Georgina in March. "She is lovely! I am still on my boat in Ft. Myers and come up the Chesapeake in the summer."

1960

From the Alumni Office:

Connie Casey wrote that **Louisa Parker Young** "helped me plant some of the 1.7 million daffodil bulbs donated to NYC by Dutch bulb growers and the city of Rotterdam. **Lynden Miller '53** was also instrumental in getting the bulbs across the sea and into the ground. As the t-shirt indicates, I'm now an official staff gardener for the New York Parks and Recreation Department. This picture was taken in October. We were planting at Sutton Place and 54th Street, with the East River in the background. The bulbs were a gigantic sympathy gift to NYC and a good symbol as daffodils multiply and keep coming back."



Louisa Parker Young '60 and Connie Casey '60 planting daffodil bulbs in NYC October 2001.

1962 REUNION

From Carol:

I'm sorry if the red cards I sent you tore apart before you received them. At least half of them reappeared here, blank and evidently undelivered. I know that they'll be better next year, but I have gotten a few reports from you anyhow, mostly by e-mail. Please send your e-mail addresses to me mattusch@gmu.edu so that we can update the list.

Deena Breed is still in Orlando with Orange Cycle – check it out at www.orangecycleorlando.com. She suggests that our class start a web page with pictures of children, animals, houses, trips, and us. Who wants to take charge? Deena?

Elizabeth Burke Dale has a son in Alexandria, VA, who is a graphic designer; a daughter who has been working as a High School Youth minister and who is about to be married and then move to San Diego; and another daughter who is a mass communications junior at Miami University in Ohio.

Deborah Johansen has moved back to the East Coast after 30 years in CA. She lives in Watertown, MA, 10 minutes from Harvard Square, and has already connected with **Susan Dreier** and **Nina Nitze Moriarty**. Deb has written a recent article for the *Radcliffe Quarterly* about Chinese women writers from the Imperial era through the 20th Century. This year she attended the Boston area *Christmas Revels*, in which, she remembers, many of us were stars when John Langstaff started the public *Revels* at Lisner Auditorium in Washington, DC. Deb has a new job as the Communications manager for Bullfinch, Richardson, and Abbott, the oldest and most prestigious architectural firm in Boston.

Liz Murray Platts reports that both her sons are out of the house, one living in an apartment in DC, and the other living in Asia for four months before going on to college. Liz teaches Kindergarten part-time at Maret. She has seen **Carol Eakin Burdette** recently, and **Peak Mason Hogen**, who came to bike her way through the cherry blossom festival. Liz recently

discovered that her Smith College roommate is friends with **Kate Douglas Torrey** (UNC Press), and she has heard **Rachel Kitzinger** give a lecture in a Vassar symposium.

Rhea Topping would love to see her Potomac classmates. We could attend her fly-fishing school in Upperville, VA, complete with pond and schoolhouse...but it's sold out in the spring. Rhea also teaches fly-fishing for Yellowstone National Park from July to October. Check her out at www.rheatopping.com.

I (**Carol**) have just finished a four year term as chair of the Publications committee for the American School of Classical studies, and I have written a book about the sculpture collection from the ancient Roman Villa of the Papyri at Herculaneum, to be published by the J. Paul Getty Museum.



Paula Skallerup Osborn '67 poses with her son Andrew '02 after the graduation ceremony in June.

1970

From Lindsay:

Kip Dalley writes, "New England is great. I tried Alaska for 8 years but then had kids and wanted them to be near family and Cape Cod. I Currently have 2 kids, 2 horses, 2 dogs and 2 cats." Plus 2 jobs, one each for Kip and his wife, Kim.

Kristin Rose Jaffe's oldest is at Georgetown, majoring in Italian. "Number 2 is at Penn, probably to major in Spanish and Italian. Number 3 is at home, making up for all the years she wasn't an only child." Krikky is still teaching and her husband, James, still runs his rare book business. Krikky's mother, Mrs. Rose, has finished her 400-page memoir on her childhood and early schooling.

Phil Frisbee writes "I am a daddy to son August with a wonderful woman I know from boarding school and college."

Katherine Wayne Gibson, known to us as Wayne, but known as Katherine in Costa Rica has kept her wry humor and is celebrating 11 years clean and sober. She is the founder of ZAPPA, an organization which helps protect, spay, and neuter animals. Katherine has also been fostering two girls who are now in their late teens and early twenties. Sounds like she's part of a lovely and loving community.

From Jane:

Peggy Moorehead Williams writes, "Our family is doing well and moving in new directions. Our daughter, Katherine, will join her brother at Milton Academy this fall. I have returned to school to get a master's degree in Education. We continue to love living in Cape Elizabeth, just outside of Portland. Life will certainly be much quieter starting in September. Where has the time gone?"

Sarah Bucknell Treco's 'babies' are 16, 14, and 12. "John is in his third year (D Block) at Eaton and beginning to wrestle with the thought of where to attend university – England or the US? Carlin is sports captain at Francis Holland School in London and is on the field hockey, tennis, and water polo teams. Alex, 12, has one year left at Westminster Under School, and then we need to decide if life is really here, or whether we should move 'home' to the US. My sister **Kate Bucknell Maguire '72** has lived in London for 16 years! My antique furniture business, Bucknell Antiques & Decorative Arts, continues to flourish and proves to be great fun."

Lindsay Potts writes "the whole family took advantage of my husband's sabbatical last year so spent 4 months crisscrossing Canada in an RV, Big Al, as in an albatross requiring two new sets of brakes (thank God for the exchange rate) but provided unparalleled family bonding and 2 1/2 months in the SE quarter of Australia. We stayed with warm-hearted strangers or in wonderful municipal campgrounds. Dave and I interviewed 'organizers and

activists' to assist individual organizations and funders in addressing recruitment and retention. Our daughter, 16, interviewed children of organizers and activists and put together a 15 minute film called *Children of Change*, which she will expand this summer



and our son, 14, took still photos of interviewees and nature, some of which have been published. We home-schooled them both and they advanced to their next grades. We were often flying by the seat of our pants but people were kind, interested, excited and passed us along for interviews and lodging. An incredible experience for all."

As for me, **Jane**, we are happily settling into Arlington, Virginia, in a neighborhood graced with huge oak trees that provide a beautiful canopy. Steve's commute downtown has shortened considerably, and we're not far from Potomac, where Max will enter Kindergarten in the fall. Come visit.

1972 REUNION

From Caroline:

Debbie Olin Norris continues her busy life with four active children. She is in contact with **Lise Metzger** who is doing well working in the advertising photography industry and raising a daughter, Greta, who will start Kindergarten at Potomac next fall.

Flint Webb has celebrated his fifth year at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in Reston, Virginia. Flint writes enthusiastically about his participation as a mentor for an annual engineering competition where his team of seventh graders

Jean MacDonald '64, niece of Winifred Edelson (former 5th grade teacher) and Olive Hackett Shaughnessy, daughter of Winifred Edelson, sit on a bench given in Mrs. Edelson's memory. The tree, which stands behind the bench, was planted in memory of Barbara MacDonald, former 6th grade teacher, sister of Mrs. Edelson, and mother to Jean. Olive had spent the afternoon charming the Lower Schoolers with her captivating storytelling and then worked in a writer's workshop with the third graders.

won the local Washington, DC area competition. Flint's two children, Alice, 7th grade and William, 3rd grade, are involved in girl scouts and boy scouts with which his wife is an active volunteer. Both of his children attend the gifted and talented center programs in local schools.



Liza Kuhl Labadie '72 and her family in Paris: Andrew, Clara '08, and Helen '11.

Robert Shorb, who left our class after 3rd grade, went on to St. Albans and Brown University before receiving an MBA from Wharton. He now works for Marriott in the Washington, DC area but travels frequently. Bob is married to Liz Lavette, an associate broker with Washington Fine Properties, and has three children. Bob mentions that his sister, **Kim '71** moved back to the area two years ago from Boston with her two children **Molly '08** and **Chris Jaffee '11**, both of whom attend Potomac.

Caroline Norden is consulting from home, assisting land trusts with conservation projects and strategic planning. Caroline is the mother of an active three year old, Sarah, who will be starting school next fall. From looking at schools, Caroline writes of her appreciation for what Potomac had to offer. She hopes to make the reunion in October and bring her uniform shoes that have been saved all these years.

Donald Shipp is a familiar face around Potomac working for the transportation office and coaching Intermediate School tennis and basketball. He also plans to teach tennis at the Potomac summer camp program. Off campus, Don is an avid golf and frisbee golf player.

Bill Woodson writes, "This month marks the one year anniversary of our move back to the Cincinnati

area from suburban Chicago. The kids are 22 and 12 now, and doing well, as is my wife, Frances. My father's poor health has me traveling back to the D.C. area more often in the past three years, and I took advantage of a trip last summer to visit the grounds of Potomac, maybe 2 weeks before the start of classes. It was fun trying to find Mr. Johnson's, Mr. Kloman's, and Ms. Camp's old classrooms! There have been a lot of changes in the 30 years since I last stepped foot on the campus. It was interesting to note that the class pictures on the wall in the Front Hall documented that our class was only the 5th to include boys, and only the 3rd to include African Americans. Times have changed. My current position with Johnson and Johnson involves regular travel to Latin America and the Caribbean. I could really use **Billy Newland's** Spanish language skills!"

1974

From Jennifer:

Once again it's time for *The Potomac Term* news...in alphabetical order, here are the winning entries...I mean notes from our class. (I've been watching too many awards shows.) Rather sparse this year, guys, and I'm hoping that no news is good news for all and sundry.

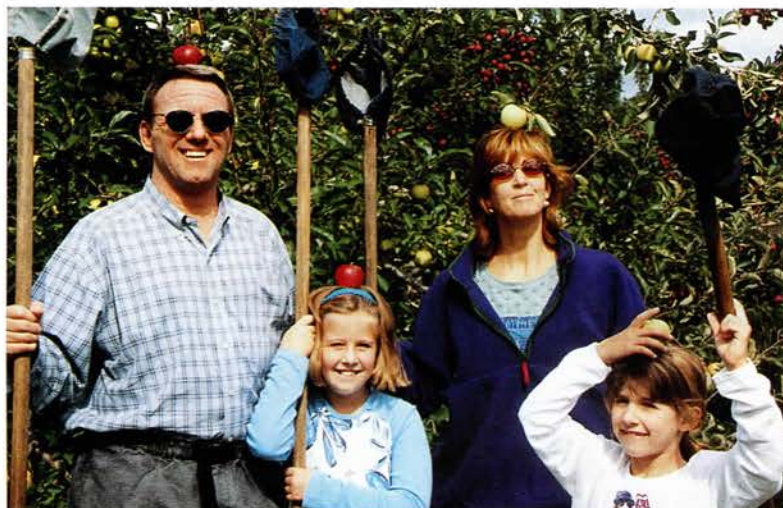
Libby Cameron writes, "Life is busy with lots of work. I really love what I do. My business goes along and I am starting a new one with the granddaughter of my mentor, Sister Parish. We have a line of fabrics based on Sister Parish, things that she loved and that epitomize her. We will be in a fabric

showroom, Hinson, this summer and hope it does well. My kids are growing up fast, 14, 12 and 7. They are great. My middle daughter rides seriously and just came back from a month in Florida." Libby also reports that her love for animals has persisted to this day with a menagerie of twelve animals. (My husband announced recently we may own no more animals than there are people, whereupon I quickly added another dog, for a total of four animals.)

From **Michael Karpoff**: "Trying to make ends meet just like the rest of the world. My wife left the work force and wanted to be a full time mommy. So be it. Daddy has to bring home that 'bacon.' We had our second child, a girl, on April 6, 2001. Her name is Katya and she is giving her older brother a 'run for the money.' Chip off the 'ole block."

Barbara Parrot Katz writes, "My son Nicholas is off to Denison this fall to play lacrosse. Olivia is starting high school. The world of landscape design is alive and well in DC – wonderful customers and wonderful projects. Howard's architecture is also going well. We'll celebrate our 20th anniversary in April – one heck of an accomplishment! I ran into **Harold Singletary** at Starbucks. He looks great! I also saw **Jo Kalmus Miller** briefly in L.A. She is as lovely as ever. I see **Sarah Holmes Briggs** when time allows.

From **Siri Hari Kaur Khalsa (Lucy Angleton)**: "News-wise: Gardening, writing and some skiing this year. Still studying and working with Yogi Bhanjan. I am writing a book on the ten Sikh Gurus, their



Tim Higginson '74 with his wife, Sally and daughters, Nessa and Charlotte.



PAST FACULTY NEWS

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lives and teachings. This will show the modern boy and girl how they can use these techniques to get through life and build their Prana instead of their Prozac."

Lisa Shipp Logue writes, "Motherhood remains the most incredibly rewarding experience of my life! I am very lucky to be able to continue to remain at home and be a full-time Mom. We are very fortunate that Bob still has a job with USAA (he's now in his 15th year with them,) after the company began large layoffs beginning last summer. Caitlyn is growing in leaps and bounds and turned three years old on June 14. We are trying our best to keep up with her, and she is presently taking gym and swimming classes. She is quite active, and Bob and I love being children again ourselves! My best to the rest of my classmates. I hope any of you call me if you are ever in the San Antonio area!"

Jennifer Moses will be living in Glasgow, Scotland next year due to her husband's sabbatical from LSU. "We thought we'd try a different weather system. We see quite a bit of **Steve Higginson '73** (Tim's brother) and his family (Steve and my husband Stuart went to law school together—Steve lives in New Orleans.) **Lisi Oliver '66**, who is an English professor at LSU (as well as **Nina Chapin's** step sister, and a fellow graduate of Potomac) is my kids' fairy godmother. She is much more fun than we are, and willing to take them to all kinds of sporting events. My twins are eight; Sam is twelve. They still like us."

David Nalle writes, "I suppose I ought to report that I'm running for Representative to the Texas State Legislature in District 46. Our district has had a lot of problems caused by urban sprawl from Austin and Austin's efforts to dump their problems (literally) on neighboring communities to the east, so I'm going to try to oust the do-nothing incumbent in our district and see what can be done in state government to protect our neighborhoods. If any Potomac alums live in the in the eastern half of Travis County here in Texas (unlikely, I know,) I hope they'll vote for me in November. My campaign

website is at www.davenalle.org."

From **Jonathan Willens**: "Greetings from Brooklyn. I can report that my new solo law firm grew steadily during 2001 and business has been booming in 2002. Potomac alumni with business in New York should take a look at www.briefworks.com. I enjoy the ability to work at home and keep an eye on two boys, growing far more rapidly than my practice, who are now 7 and 11 years old. We spend springtime at the baseball fields in Prospect Park, where we often run into **Benjamin** and **Stephen Warnke** and their kids."

As for me, **Jen**, all is much as it was last year, still writing, still not published, still gardening. The kids have discovered sports this year, so I've gotten into the habit of stashing an unread magazine and water bottle in the car to tide me over for the interminable – I mean interesting! – sports matches I attend weekly. I got to see a bunch of pals, **Ann Brown**, **Marla Freeman**, **Polly Pittman Gutierrez**, **Harold Singletary** and **Hilary Stewart**, when I was down in DC just after Christmas and all seemed well. It was a wonderful reunion and I hope we get to do it again soon!

1976

From **Julia**:

It seems like a long time since our October reunion, but those of us who made it had a great evening, and a nostalgic one, as it lasted till 2 a.m., not a common occurrence in the world of jobs and kids. (**Molly**, we missed you!)

I was hoping that **Sue Rockwell** might come, since it would mean she was not still living in Ramallah, in the middle of the worst Middle East conflict in years, but she was, and is, quite stoically. Her car hasn't been run over yet, but her human rights office was ransacked by the Israeli army and it took weeks to put it back together. So Sue has been understandably too busy to write!

In other news, **Stephen Hill**, who was in great spirits at our reunion, reports: "I'm still loving life as a 19 year old. Well, that's my target audience as VP, music programming for BET. I know more about hip-

hop than any 40 year old should. It's all worth it when I get to take **Broadway Jackson** and his kids to an N'SYNC show. Hey, my brother **Gary '79** is getting married!"

From **Katherine Childs**: "I'm still in Seattle with Alan, 7, Eli, 4, and my partner Paul. I'll be exhibiting my documentary photographs of Danish and Swedish playgrounds at a conference in Berkeley next week. The bright flowers in my garden are offsetting the gray of the skies."



A crowd of Potomac Alumni attended the marriage of Ann (Leyla) Day '76 to Scott Taylor in Granby, CO last February. From left to right, Curtis Bohlen '76 with his son Turner, Jane Day Rich '74 with baby Isabel, Isabel Day Benson '79 with Osborne, Ann Day Taylor '76, Mary Day Fitzgibbon '84 with Eliza, and Carolyn Norden '73 with Sarah.

Peggy Willens writes, "having lived in beautiful Minnesota since 1989, I lost a job I loved at Northwest Airlines in the wake of September 11. To turn the loss into an opportunity, I'll be leaving for the Peace Corps in early summer '02! I'll be in a program called Advanced Business Development, working in Romania, Bulgaria or Kazakhstan (I should find out any day now.) I'm excited, of course, and nervous, and all those things. Looking forward to learning a lot, and (I hope) making a contribution as well. My brother **Jonathan '74** is thriving as a self-employed attorney and spectacular father in Brooklyn. My sister **Sarah '78** is an equally accomplished teacher and fantastic mother in Maryland.

From the Alumni Office:

Felicitations go out to **Ann (Leyla) Day** who married Scott Taylor in Granby, CO last February. See photo. Potomac alumni in attendance were **Curtis Bohlen '76** with son Turner, **Jane Day Rich '74** with baby Isabel, **Isabel Day Benson '79** with Osborne, **Ann Day Taylor**, **Mary Day Fitzgibbon '84** with Eliza and **Carolyn Norden '73** with Sarah.

1978

From Julie:

It seems like our classmates' paths are crossing more often and reconnections are being made. I always enjoy the quick catch-ups with you for the *Term*, and wish I could write back to each of you. This year I have been able to reconnect with **Alex Clyde**



Julie Twiname Warder's '78 trio, Jack, Ben, and Sophia.

Meskan. Alex delivered twins on May 17, 2002, John MacIver Meskan and Madeleine Taylor Meskan. We have shared our stories and fears of twin pregnancies and our extra large maternity clothes. She found out she was pregnant soon after my twins, Sophia Grace and Jack James, were born on September 13, 2001. The first three months, okay six months, were very difficult. Now at eight months we are having a great time. Their big brother Ben, 5, enjoys making them laugh and having them follow every move he makes. We are heading up to NYC for a multifaith blessing of the twins. It is our way of nurturing our children's spirituality, and respect for the different beliefs of others. Participating in the ceremony will be my parents (Protestant), a rabbi, a Muslim Imam, and a Catholic priest. This will have greater meaning after the events of September 11 and the ongoing tensions in the Middle East.

Tim Gould is contemplating a move back to the states with his wife and their twin boys. They have been in London for 10 years. "We expect to spend a few months in Charlottesville acclimating. I am in

the process of selling the company with which I work and will be looking for the next thing."

Wendell Miles is at a crossroads in his career as well. "I am wrapping up my plastic surgery training up here in Boston and preparing to return to DC at the end of June. No job prospects at present, but I'm proceeding with plans to start a solo practice. Over the last year I became engaged, then disengaged. Better to have that sorted out now rather than later. I am looking forward to catching up with anybody still in DC on my return. Botox for everyone!"

Lola Singletary has made a few reconnections. She writes, "All is well with me. I am striving towards completion of my MA in English composition and rhetoric while working full time. Send energy my way. This year I have seen several classmates including **Sally Anne Epstein** and **Adrienne Slaughter**, while they were in DC, and most recently, I attended **Alice Mackenzie's** photography exhibit on its opening night at the Troyer Gallery. Thanks for inviting me, Alice."

Sally Anne Epstein was heading to DC at the writing of the news and hoping to see **Lola** and drop in on **Alice's** photography exhibit as well. She is "just trying to thaw out from the foot of snow they received on May 7! But hey, that's spring in Montana. The kids are great. They love Montessori school and are growing so quickly."

Alan Calfee extends an invitation to his annual pig roast on August 10. You can find your personal invitation on the website at www.calfeepigroast.com. **David Greenwalt** was in attendance last year. Alan says, "Life goes on in Vermont! Still working in forestry around the Northeast and flying, skiing, and fishing when I can."

Jim Fairman sums up his life as follows. "I have 2 girls now. Katie is close to 3 and Jenny is almost 1. We moved to the suburbs....no minivan, no horses, chickens or farm equipment. I am selling at a reformulated division of the same parent company, Fujitsu. Need a BIG server? How about a couple of TBs of disk? I am racing Lightnings in the summer months on Lake

Michigan. I also skied with **Rob McDowell** and other chums at Whistler this winter. Spending more than I am making!"

Our thoughts are with **Robin Seidman Volock**. She writes, "My family and I are doing well. We are recovering from a scare with our oldest daughter. She had her thyroid removed due to cancer in January. Our days have mostly been spent caring for her. She is doing well and will make a full recovery. I am feeling very old these days as next school year I will have one graduation, a freshman and one entering middle school. Where does the time go? I have been busy trying to build my business, *Balancing Act*; I do bookkeeping."

Hildreth Willson is now the proud mother of a 5-month-old little girl named Meredith. "She is an absolute joy! I say that in spite of the fantastic sleep deprivation of the early months, the impact of which cannot be imagined, only experienced. Meri already worships the ground my 7-year-old stepson walks on, rejoicing in the idiotic faces he loves to make for her. Her hobbies are laughing, smiling, burping and fussing near meal times. We are thrilled."

From **JC Ewing**: "As you know, I was almost elected president of the world. But the lousy world court had a 5-4 decision against that. I blame Leo DeCaprio, so I remain in McLean. Oh well. I have 4 kids – no mas! Three are at Potomac and are all happy well-adjusted kids (they must take after their mother.) I see **Will (Silly Boy) Catto** often



Photograph from Alice Mackenzie's '78 show at the Troyer Gallery.

in morning carpool. He has two at Potomac. **Alan Calfee** and I went on a trout fishing expedition in NE Pennsylvania last month with some other friends. One of them knows **Ramin Oskoui**. I keep running into the "Six degrees of Oskoui." I am a construction manager in the Tysons area. My wife Ruanne and I are currently rehabbing a 19th Century farmhouse north of Charlottesville, now that we have finished our kitchen renovation at our home in McLean. Stop on by for a cup of coffee. I would like to remind everyone of two things: One, Mrs. Mancha is retiring this year after 32 years at Potomac. Drop her a line and wish her well. Two, I am also Alumni Annual Giving Co-Chair this year and next, so I urge you to give. We have some very faithful and generous donors in our class, to those, thank you! I think we can do better in participation next year. Please consider it, and wait for my annual phone call. Or, if you are sick of me calling, pledge early!"

It was great to hear from all of you. Many of the email addresses that we have for our class are no longer correct. Please keep me updated jtwdean@aol.com so that we may use email to collect class news as well as update you on upcoming events!

1980

From Dewie:

Class of 1980 seems to have hit the Internet age! After trying for YEARS to get you all to respond by postcard, I see that email is the way to go. It was great to hear from and catch up with so many of you, who live both near and far. We certainly have a far-flung class (not at all surprising!) A huge thank you to **Kassie McIlvaine**, who has been a great source of encouragement. Please feel free to email me at dewieo@hotmail.com. Let's keep up with the communication. And, my apologies to anyone I missed in this newsletter. I realized too late that saving all of your emails was the way to go! Email again and I promise to keep the info and forward to our classmates and the *Term*.

Ellen Kennedy writes: "Our big news is that my husband, Kent Marcoux, and I had a beautiful boy last November. Elijah Kennedy Marcoux was born November 15, 2001. We are still living in Mt. Pleasant, DC. I am working as a Social Research Analyst for the Calvert Group, screening companies for socially responsible investment. Kent is still working on poverty alleviation programs and is a part-time priest at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in the District. We both play music, and our latest project is to record a CD of lullabies for Eli."

Rylan Harris wrote: "Last October 6th, 2001 I married Beverly Wells of St. Thomas, USVI. I am looking forward to many years as a happily married man. And my wife even let me keep my little convertible (smile.) I have been a consultant in the world of wireless technology for the last ten years and for the last three, I have been designing telephone systems. FYI for classmates that still have faith in the market: Inter-Tel is (INTL) on the NASDAQ, the organization is 32yrs old and has zero long-term debt. My dad and I founded a Beautillion for boys, which is similar to a Cotillion for women. We are in our 8th year. The young men are introduced to business and industry, taken on behind the scenes tours, challenged and trained on etiquette, public speaking, finance & banking and finally, taught ballroom dancing. The program also raises scholarships." Rylan lives in the Adams Morgan neighborhood of DC, and ran into **Arthur Marshall** recently. Arthur is doing well and according to Rylan still has a great sense of humor.

From **Andrew Tierney**: "I have been working as a media consultant with broadcasters all over the world, most recently the BBC in London and German TV, RTL in Cologne. As a freelance media guy I am able to set my own schedule and now have taken time off to shoot a documentary in Tanzania and Kenya on the search for herbal remedies to help prolong the life of AIDS patients. I am doing all the camera work and editing and co-Producing it with my soon to be wife, Laurel. Work and the events of September 11 have kept me in

Europe and Africa since last August but I hope to be back home in DC soon. I would love to hear from any classmates Drewtier@aol.com"

Rick Hills had this to say: "I am a law professor at the University of Michigan law school, where I teach constitutional law, local government law, jurisdiction, education law, land-use regulation and such. I am married to Maria Montoya and have two girls, Emma, 10, and Sarah, 8. Maria is a history professor at the University of Michigan. We all live in Ann Arbor.

Romey Pittman checked in to say: "I continue to work at the alternative school I co-founded, Fairhaven School, in Upper Marlboro, MD. We are building an additional building and adding more students and staff. My girls, now 8 and 9, are thriving and my little corner of the farm is busy as ever, with new solar panels, goats, chickens, a puppy, and a new man too. I am playing piano in a little contra dance band, dancing a lot, and generally living a wonderful, incredibly busy life."

George Petty lives in Geneva, where he has been since 1994. He works for an NGO, which specializes in micro finance. He is married with 2 children ages 6 and 4. He has been in touch with **Chris Fraizer** who is a teacher in Montgomery County, MD and married with two children. George would love to see anyone who is in Geneva, or nearby.

Ming Siu is married with a 16-year-old stepson, and wants all of us to know that he will probably be the first one to send a child through college! He has worked in aerospace and on submarines, but now works on land.

Cecilia Van Hollen claims not to have accomplished any of her many dreams from Potomac (one of which was to have a roly-poly hill.) She is working at Notre Dame, waiting for her book to come out, and is married with children. She is also doing research in India on AIDS. She has heard from **Tory Vest**, who is a mid-wife living in DC.

Chase Bradley is a stockbroker working and living in Connecticut with his wife and three children. After reading all the online emails, Chase says he can't wait for the

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next reunion. He will go to DC any time to have "face-to-face connections."

William (Wiggy) Luers lives in New York, where he has been for a few years since returning from teaching English in Prague. He is married and has a young daughter. He teaches film, makes videos, writes scripts and does web design. He has seen **Alex Scott** occasionally, has seen **Michael Metcalf** who is sculpting, keeps in touch with **Max Kennedy** who is a happy father, teaches yoga and is, perhaps, "too real for politics."

Kathy Rankin is a professor in Toronto, after years of living in Nepal. She has been in touch with **Martha Hoopes** who is an ecologist/biologist at UC Berkeley.

David Olin owns his own painting and mural conservation business here in Washington. He is currently doing projects for National Archives, the National Cathedral, the Capitol, and the Smithsonian, among others. He is happily single, living in an old house in Great Falls, and raising a dog. He sails when he has the time, which is rarely.

Kassie McIlvaine is the Deputy Director for CARE International and is based in Niger. She has a home in Kenya with her dog and, since **David Olin's** dog is also 14, and they are both single, she is (REALLY!) wondering if he is any better at kissing than he was at 14. David, Kassie seems determined to get an answer; perhaps you should take a trip to Kenya!

Nevah Thompson Stevenson is married to a wonderful man and has three sons. She has recently left her career in national radio sales and is staying home to take care of her family. She lives in Salt Lake City, and loved going to the Olympics this year.

Brad (Skippy) Norman lives in Florida with his wife and two children (and has gone back to using Brad instead of Skippy!) He worked for Delta, but with 9-11, has gone into video. He recently ran into **James Peabody**, who lives in Boston.

I (**Dewie**) am still in DC, currently trying to find my niche. After 11 years with the same company, I am looking for something new –

probably in human resources or office management. I have a condo in Dupont Circle, where I am visited frequently by my brother, **Chad Oppenheimer '83**, and his wife who also live in DC. I am very involved with the Avon 3-day Walk for Breast Cancer. I walked 60 miles to raise funds for research last year and this year I spent 3 days volunteering to ensure that the walkers had the best event possible.

And finally, last, but definitely not least, **Skeeter Lee**, our final 8th grade history teacher, emailed to say he is still in the DC area, teaching and working in administration at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. He is married to a former Potomac co-worker and has two daughters. He has been reading the emails we have sent to one another, and wants all of us to know he always saw our potential, and is thrilled to learn how we are all doing.

1982 REUNION

From Reid:

Hi class of '82. I am now our Class Correspondent and I look forward to hearing from all of you. The best way to contact me is through e-mail Nassau5@aol.com. Our class has its 20th reunion coming up this October. Let's have a quality turnout. I spoke with a few of you recently and here is the update:

I keep in touch with **Lewie Hamady**, who lives in Sausalito, CA. Lewie and his wife Vera, are quite happy in California with their two dogs, which are whippets. He spends most of his free time hiking and fly-fishing.

Nancy Hoopes also lives in California, in San Francisco. She is working to finish her doctorate, which is taking longer to do since she had a baby girl last year. Her daughter Abigail is 8 months and almost walking!

David McKean is married and lives close to Potomac in McLean. He and his wife Jane have a 2-year-old son named David. Before moving to McLean, David and Jane lived in Munich for a year working for the Discovery Channel. Now he works in Georgetown for a European company called Story House Productions. He told me, "We bought the house in July of 2001, and with my brothers help I gutted

and remodeled the kitchen. Now we are working on the other rooms and the yard."

Jimmy Corrigan lives in D.C. and works at Prudential Securities. Jimmy and his wife Samantha are the proud parents of Haines Stockton Corrigan. She was born January 25 2001.

David Tierney lives in Maryland and practices holistic medicine and acupuncture in Baltimore, Columbia, and Wheaton as well as finishing up both acupuncture school and healing school in California where he has been studying energy work for the past 2 years - going out every 3 months for week long intensives. "I am happy and healthy and loving my work. I was married in Hawaii on January 2 to Sabura Savage, now Sabura Tierney."

Andrew Scott and his wife Lisa live in Chicago with their 4 cats and 2 dogs. Andrew is an attorney at Altheimer & Gray and loves the Midwest. He is an avid cyclist, and bikes to work every day, "except when the temperature drops below 10 degrees." He is also training for the 500 mile Minneapolis to Chicago AIDS ride this summer.

Janie Haynes Steuart lives in Potomac, MD: "I am married to Brad Steuart and have two sons, Rhys, 6, and Brendan, 3. I am a busy Mom and I work out of my home for the Worth Collection, LTD as the Divisional Development Manager. The Worth Collection is a high-end women's fashion company that is based in New York. I keep in touch with a lot of the Potomac '82 alums that live in DC."

Andrea Hoopes DeGirolamo writes, "My husband David, who is a golf pro, and I live in Maryland. I work for SeaWeb, a non-profit organization working to raise awareness of the living ocean. Our son, Nicholas, was born in August 2001 and has changed our lives drastically, though we wouldn't trade him for anything! I can't believe it's been 20 years!"

Sallie Smith is finishing her final year of Neurology Residency at UCSF in San Francisco this year. "I can't believe that the endless saga of school and training is almost over!"

Ann Luskey Weir has been living in Florence, Italy with her husband Matthew and their two children, Jordan, 6, and Randy, 4. "We came over here in mid September, and will be returning to our home in McLean in July. We have had a wonderful year away traveling through Italy and in Europe. It has been a fantastic experience for all of us. Jordan and Randy have been going to home school. I was a huge skeptic until this year. They love it and so do we. Jordan will start Potomac next fall. It will be great to get back into that community....my only complaint is how early they have to start...home school doesn't start until 10am! I am still working in the Interior Design field, and have started a company called InDesign. I primarily do residential design work, but have done some commercial work as well. What I really like doing is designing children's furniture. The company website is www.InDesign-online.com. I can be contacted through the site and would love to hear from old friends."

Here's what is happening in my (**Reid's**) life. Marni and I have been married 7 years and we have two children, Nina, 4, and Alec, 2. We live in Lake Bluff, Illinois just north of Chicago, where I commute to work at Bank One. We visit DC often to see family and a few classmates. The kids are active, and I spend as much time with them as possible. I get in a little fishing and hunting when the opportunity arises. Hope to see you all at the Reunion October 4 and 5, 2002. More information to follow this summer.

1984

From Mary:

I'm sorry to say I don't have too much news, I'm sure there is plenty out there but I can't seem to squeeze it out of you all. It's definitely time for someone more resourceful than I to take over as class secretary for our class. Any takers?

Charles Saltzman is still living in San Francisco but was home this past fall hosting a Thanksgiving Day turkey shoot at his parent's farm in Gettysburg, PA. **John Stump**, **Richard Kotite**, and **James Quigley** attended this annual event.

The four plus **Jamie Stump '91** reunited in Key West this past spring for some tuna and tarpon fishing "in honor" of Jamie's upcoming wedding. Jamie married Sarah Hall April 20, 2002 in Vicksburg, Mississippi and had the support of **John, James, Richard** and other alumni from the class of 1984. Apparently on the flight back to D.C., Richard had a nice conversation with Tennessee's quarterback, Steve McNair, during which he tried to convince him to play for the Redskins. Steve politely declined but did agree to autograph Richard's flight stub. Aside from recruiting, Richard has spent much of his free time watching and attending many Nascar and Grand Prix events.

James is still working at Legg Mason and is taking classes at Georgetown and competing in triathlons. He recently participated in the Make-a-Wish Triathlon and finished in the top 15%. He also will be one of the three co-chairs for Potomac's Alumni Annual Giving committee next year. James saw **Rebecca Baldwin** in D.C. when she was home to attend the Helen Hayes Awards at the Kennedy Center. One of Rebecca's recent plays was nominated for an award.

Emily Eden Trotman and her husband Phil are living in Mexico City and are expecting their first child this summer. They will most likely be relocating in December, but their destination has yet to be determined.

On the baby front, **Joanie Wolfington Berkery** and her husband Drew are expecting their second child this fall. Allie, their daughter, will be two this June.

Ali Shapiro moved back to D.C. from NYC and is living in Bethesda working for Discovery as Director of Marketing for the Animal Planet channel. She sees **Wendy Hoopes** and **Dodi Wexler** on occasion who are working on their acting and artwork respectively.

I was in D.C. in February and saw **Sarah Howard** who looked great and seemed happy with her career in real estate. She said she sees **Charlotte Greenewalt** and other classmates who are living in the area. I also ran into **Julie Dugger '85** at Crate and Barrel

who told me that **Lisa Herren** is engaged and getting married to Charles Foster in October. Lisa lives in NYC and works for Pfizer in their International Philanthropy department managing HIV/AIDS initiatives.

Last but not least, John and I (**Mary**) had a baby girl, Eliza Day Fitzgibbon, October 3, 2001. She is awesome and a true ball of fire who definitely keeps us on our toes! We are looking forward to spending time this summer with my nephew and three nieces who were all born within the last twelve months. Finally, my parents have some grandchildren to show off!

From Sarah:

Carey Wills Dixon and her husband, Rich, celebrated the birth of their second child, Abigail, in December. Carey enjoys being a stay at home mom. They bought their first home and are adjusting to small town living in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Megan Bartsch will marry Rene Willems in NYC this September.

I (**Sarah**) am getting ready to start another renovation project on a building in Portland. That means I will be moving again. I recently enjoyed lobster with **Wendy Hoopes** when she was in Maine this spring visiting her aunt.

1986

From the Alumni Office:

Sankar Banerji lives in NYC with his wife, Rebecca, and daughter, Julian.

1990

From Danielle:

Congratulations to **Becky Kelsey** and her husband Russell Roby who were married last April. They are currently living in Ashburn while building their home, which they will be moving into later this month. Becky is an associate at Dorsey & Whitney in DC practicing in the area of trademark and copyright law. This summer Becky and Russell will vacation in Alaska.

True Patchell is living with her parents with her 3 1/2 year old daughter. She works in the marketing department of HNTB, which is an architectural, engineering and design Firm. True

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is still riding horses and her daughter is also learning to ride.

Whitney Kloman Leslie is very busy chasing after her two children; Charlie will be 2 in July and Samantha was born in March. Congratulations! Whitney hopes to come to DC sometime this summer.



Many alums helped Jamie Stump '91 celebrate his marriage to Sarah Hall in Vicksburg, MS on April 10, 2002. Front row: Rich Kotite '84, John Stump '84, and Charles Saltzman '84. Middle row: Jamie Stump '91, Teal Krech '91, Ricky Stokes '90, and Tim Wisecarver '91. Back row: Morgan Till '91, Isabelle Benson '91, Jihan Hassan Iribarren '90; James Quigley '84.

John Sorrentino works in Bethesda at Empower IT as a data quality analyst and is busy trying to find a house in today's market!

Congratulations and best wishes to **Alison Shirk Scherr** who has been married for a year and a half. Alison's husband is from Baltimore. They live in New York and Alison works as a prop designer. Congratulations also go out to Alison's mom, Nancy Carson, whose book can be found on amazon.com.

From Carter:

Nikkia Johns Desprett has been living in Austin, Texas for three years with her husband, John, and their black lab, Bailey. During this time, she has been working for Dell Computer as a programs marketing manager. Despite her busy schedule, she and John managed to take a weeklong vacation in Jamaica. Nikkia was in the DC area over Christmas and spent some time with **True Patchell**.

Also enjoying warmer climates is **Carlos Cecchi**, who lives in Puerto Rico. Carlos and his wife, Lisa, have a baby girl, Fior Daniella, who is "terrific, beautiful, healthy, smiling, and of course, sometimes crying." When not working on development projects on the eastern coast of the island, Carlos finds that Fior "takes up just about all of his free time."

Annie Martin Simonds is expecting her second child and enjoys her life in Great Falls. Her son Wiley "continues to grow up too quickly and is practically running now." Aside from her intention to spend a couple of weeks in Montana this summer, with her family, Annie is looking forward to attending her husband Will's pro singles tennis tournament in Newport, RI.

Rick Frank is also looking forward to being a father, as he and his wife, Barbara, are expecting in July. Rick writes, "the nursery is all ready and we even have a list of babysitters in our neighborhood." Rick is taking advantage of this interim period by playing a lot of tennis, even going so far as to enter the Vienna Tennis League Championship. Separately, Rick reports that **Alistair Edwards** is considering a move back to the DC area.

Continuing along the baby theme, **Erin Boyle Alvino** is expecting her first child this September. She and her husband live in the greater New York City area and are both "glad to be safe and sound."

Vicky Houghton reports that she married Victor Block, a Virginia Tech alumnus, in January 2002. She teaches at The Woods Academy in Bethesda, MD and has two dogs. Vicky is in contact with **Carrie Wilwerth**, who just recently became engaged and "lives in Kentucky on her own horse farm."

Jessica Dawson is also doing very well, and reports, "Career-wise, things are amazing." You can catch her weekly column in the *Washington Post* called "Galleries,"

which runs every Thursday in the Style section. Jessica explains, "she runs around town reviewing commercial, non-profit, and embassy art galleries and has started research for a non-fiction art book."

Ashley Gerstenfeld is also in the DC area. She works in real estate development. She recently changed her focus from commercial office development to developing multi-family properties in the Dupont/Logan Circle area. Ashley managed to escape the cold weather this winter and traveled to Bali, where she was "amazed by the beautiful scenery and culture."

Edward Rossotti is a technology investment banker with Friedman Billings Ramsey & Co. located in Rosslyn, VA.

Jihan Hassan Iribarren lives in Toronto with her husband. When not working on her book, Jihan is a part-time manager at Barberian's Steakhouse, where her husband is a chef. She reports that **Jay Demas** is in graduate school in the Midwest, **Claire Hamady** is in law school in CA, **David Strazan** lives in CO, and **Rebecca Chaudry** is a nurse at Sibley Hospital in DC.

Tyrell Carr Januzzi recently moved from New Jersey to NYC, where she is a nurse for the Children's Aid Society in the medical foster care program. Her husband, Lew, is an attorney with Goodwin Procter.



Ally Bloom '92 and Julia Kline Deves '92.

As for me (**Carter Smith**), I have been living in NYC for the past 2 years. When not working at Lehman Brothers, an investment bank, I try to enjoy all that the city has to offer. For the past couple of years, my parents have been living in Rome, and I have managed to take some

time off to visit them several times.

From the Alumni Office:

David Granger participated in the San Juan Solstice 50 mile Ultramarathon in memory of his brother, **Michael '75**, who died of acute pneumonia at age eight. In 1969, David's parents established the Michael E. Granger Scholarship Fund at Potomac, a permanent fund that provides scholarship aid for an African-American child to attend Potomac.

1992 REUNION

From Ama:

Elliot Holt has been in Europe for the last five years: 2 years in Moscow, 2 years in London and 1 year in Amsterdam. She spent three years writing TV commercials for Grey Advertising (in both Moscow and London) but left the advertising business last winter to focus on writing. She now volunteers at a non-profit literary organization in Amsterdam and plans to apply to grad schools in the fall. Elliot's sister, **Elizabeth Holt '94**, lives in Stockholm and has started her own company there called Wordfix (www.wordfix.com). Her other sister, **Katherine Holt '98**, graduates from Harvard in June and is off to Bulgaria next year on a Fullbright scholarship.

Ally Bloom was married November 2001, and **Julia Kline Deves** was a bridesmaid in her wedding party. The wedding was held at the National Museum of Women in the Arts. **John Cecchi**, **Trip Lilly** and **Brit Kline '95** helped Ally and her new husband, Dan, celebrate the night. Ally graduated from George Washington Medical School and will begin emergency medicine residency (a 4 year program) at George Washington in June. She hopes not to see any fellow classmates in the E.R. in the near future! Ally and Dan just returned from Maui where they spent 2 weeks enjoying their "belated" honeymoon.

Shauna McBay is living in downtown DC and enjoys her job. She made time to travel to Salt Lake City for the Winter Olympics in January.

Tamara Bechara lives in Brooklyn Heights, NY and is

successfully pursuing her acting career. She traveled to Latin America (Brazil, Argentina and Chile) over the holidays.

Rachel Yudain was married in New York City in the summer of 2001. She and her husband currently live in London.

As for me, I graduated from UVA Law School in May 2001 and took the bar in July. I was married to Aaron Adams in September at the Tower Club in Virginia, and **Tamara Bechara** (a bridesmaid) and **Shauna McBay** attended the wedding. I work for the law firm of Baker Botts and am practicing international trade and project finance. I hope to see many of you at the reunion in October!

1993

From the Alumni Office:

Adam Tully made his Carnegie Hall debut on Sunday, May 5, 2002. The recital featured music from Argentina (traditional Flamenco), and a classical repertoire of Bach, Brahms, Morel, Koster, and Villa-Lobos. He is performing every Monday evening at Club SX137 as part of their Tango night (www.sx137.com).

1994

From the Alumni Office:

This year's prestigious Helen Hayes award for "outstanding supporting actress in a resident play" was presented to **Mia Whang** on May 6, 2002. Mia won the award for her performance as the "Reader" in the Studio Theatre's production of *Far East*.

1995

From the Alumni Office:

Ada-Marie Walsh graduated from law school and is engaged to be married on December 28, 2002.

1997

From the Alumni Office:

Kirsten Lodal's organization, National Student Partnerships (NSP), hosted an open house on April 17, 2002 to celebrate their new national office in downtown, Washington, DC. "NSP is committed to ensuring that all Americans have access to the services, opportunities, and

attention that they need in their pursuit of employment, self-sufficiency, and personal success."



1998

From Jessica:

Well it's a big year for the class of 1998 as many of us graduated this spring and are moving on to new and exciting things.

Coley Andrews, who has one more year to go at Dartmouth, will be in DC this summer working at the White House.

Clare Harwood also has one more year remaining at Kenyon College.

Nick Timbie has one semester left in school and plans on going straight on to graduate school. He is spending his summer in Atlanta doing an internship.

Young alumni who live in the Boston area gathered to have dinner with Upper School Head, Dan Paradis in mid February.



Sol Kuckleman reports that recording and singing with *The Colgate Thirteen* went well this year, and that in the fall he will be going to Law School in NYC where he hopes to live with **Cliff Cone**.

Clay Whitehead will be in New York doing consulting along with **Sarah Gregg** who hopes to find work in finance. **Sarah** graduated a term early and spent the spring traveling.

Kate Coyne '98 performing in the Langstaff Auditorium this past spring with her a cappella group, *The Pennyloafers*.

Elena Sylos-Labini loved her last spring up at Boston College.

Sarah Swain has enjoyed Boston life so much that she hopes to stay there, at least for the summer.

Jon Wilson will be going straight to Graduate School next year. He will be at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern, but he hopes to be home in DC this summer.

Kristin Carlucci will be home for the summer as well, and she plans to live with **Joanna Steckler** who is moving back to the area. Next fall Kristin heads off to Morocco to work on international aid and social development through the embassy there.

Kate Crampton will be living in DC next year as well.

Melissa Deland graduated from Princeton with a degree in anthropology and she is working on finishing up her teacher certification program. She is spending the summer driving across country with friends from Princeton.

Kip Lewis will be teaching as well as he was accepted into Teach For America. He actually was placed in DC!

Brian Carney is going to Tulane Law School in the fall while **Eddy Smith** has elected to pursue law at Harvard Law School. Eddy has had quite a busy year as he was initiated into an academic society, the Royce Fellows, and he used that fellowship money to study the relationships between non-profit mentoring organizations and the DC Public Schools. That research fed into his Political Science Honors Thesis! He was also co-captain of the track team and was selected as one of two senior orators for Brown's Graduation.

As for me (**Jessica**) I graduated from Williams with a BA in English and am moving back to DC where I will be doing a teaching internship at Beauvoir. This summer I will be leading a backpacking/mountaineering trip for teen-agers in Washington State. Here at Williams I have been vice president of my outing club, volunteered daily at the elementary school, and taken some classes besides. **Anne Gasho** came up to visit Williams earlier in the spring and Sarah Swain came over last fall. I see **Louisa Swain '01** almost daily, and **Anna Gonzales '01** is doing well and seems to be enjoying lacrosse. I nominated Ms. Stein for a teaching award that Williams gives out, and she won! She was given the award at graduation. The most exciting news of all? **Carolyn Starr** is getting married! Congratulations!

1999

From the Alumni Office:

Andrew Farrell was named a Summer Science Scholar for 2002 at Kenyon College. The science program at Kenyon supports student-faculty research during the summer vacation, for which scholars are chosen in competition among student-faculty proposals. Andrew will be conducting a study of "Positional Cloning of PSE1."

2000

From Alison:

Billy Cook (who now goes by Will) declared an environmental science major at Dickinson College. He also joined the fraternity *Delta Sigma Phi* along with **Jon Haworth**, and plans to spend the fall semester in New Zealand.

Sima Jaafar was accepted to UVA's McIntire School of Commerce (along with **Steve Dutton** and **Jay Subhash**) and will spend 6 weeks of her summer in Innsbruck, Austria. Although she moved off-campus, she still runs into many Potomac alums, most frequently **Kelly McMahon**.

Ilia Domon is in English and broadcast journalism at Syracuse University. She was invited to apply to be a Rhodes Scholar, and spent summer 2001 in Paris. She plays drums in a jazz improvisational class and plays in DC clubs from time to

time. Ilia's interning at ABC this summer and hopes to play intramural soccer and to get involved with Syracuse's student news station, C7 News.

Kathleen Kiernan will be studying at University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia and declared a double major in biology and psychology at Williams. She sees **Anna Gonzalez '01** and **Shannon Gopaul '01** and keeps up with **Courtney Fischer**, **Katherine Twomey**, **Aly Sudow**, **Robyn Hunt**, and **Maura Myers**.

Emily Duncan plans to go abroad for her junior spring semester to Kyoto, Japan. She's currently at Penn where she's majoring in international relations with a minor in Japanese and sees **Anne Laughlin** all the time.

Chris Ayer writes "I'm doing well at Stanford. . . been working for 3 months on a new CD with my a cappella group, *The Mendicants*, which is coming out May 24 (or has come out by the time you read this. I declared Philosophy as my major and have been keeping up with the guitar, songwriting, playing local gigs, weekends at the beach with my fraternity, *Kappa Sigma*, and hiking and rock climbing in the mountains on the peninsula, for exercise, and more importantly, to stay sane. I'll be staying in San Francisco with friends and my girlfriend this summer, interning at a recording studio because it rocks, and waiting tables because rent is expensive. Hope the world is treating everyone all right. See you at the 5 year...."

I (**Alison Weisgall**) spent the last year singing in Columbia's Collegium Musicum and performed in both *Comedy of Errors* and *King Lear*. I declared a double concentration in classics and English and will be spending my summer in New York, teaching middle school humanities and acting through a program called Summerbridge.

2002

Look for your news here!



Alums Alison Weisgall '00 and Will Cook '00 return to campus for graduation.

A great turnout for the class of 2001 at their mini reunion last December at the home of Stephanie Amann.



In February I spent a Saturday at the Maret School for the Second Annual DC Metro Student Diversity Leadership Conference with over 260 students and teachers from the Washington area independent schools. In the audience I observed some of my son's classmates from Potomac. Since I have been interested for a long time in a variety of activities that address diversity issues at the school, I came away inspired to write this column for *The Term*. The conference was organized under the auspices of EastEd, an independent school consulting service founded by Randolph Carter the former head of the Office of Diversity for NAIS. The attendance has grown threefold since last year.

What brought students out in such numbers on a winter Saturday? The purpose of the conference was "to promote knowledge, understanding and acceptance within our communities. Through our voices and collective work we will empower each other to become instruments of change." A student from Sidwell Friends designed the flier that carried this message along with his drawing of a stunning hand silhouette composed of maps from around the world. That so many students were willing to give up a day to attend the series of workshops, films, and speeches attests to the importance that they give this topic. About thirty students had also attended a training workshop for facilitators the previous weekend under the guidance of Elizabeth Denevi of EastEd. As a result all of the discussion groups were led by students, who had the opportunity to practice their leadership skills throughout the day.

An opening film explored the stories of students from every walk of American culture and considered how the families of each had arrived on our continent. We were then divided into discussion groups with the adults adjourning to a room for our own session. Our group was a healthy mix of teachers, administrators and parents. There were almost as many ways of addressing diversity issues in our schools as there were schools present. Some schools have full-time Diversity Coordinators, who work with all members of an institution's constituency to meet the needs of students and families. Others have committed faculty members or administrators willing to take on the additional roles within their school communities as advisors to student organizations or leaders of diversity groups. Whatever form the diversity program takes, all agreed that the adults in a community from the head, to the faculty, to the administrators and the parents, establish the school climate. Issues that seem pressing in most schools include: making schools safe for all of our children; affordability; providing support for students and families new to independent schools through special academic programs and affinity group meetings; educating faculty to "be right in their hearts;"

constantly reviewing the inclusivity of the curriculum; offering alternatives on weekends to high-cost activities such as ski weekends; developing funds to support book purchases and extracurricular interests of students; engaging school communities in ongoing conversations about multicultural issues.

After lunch there was an opportunity for each school delegation to meet as a group and discuss reactions to the conference sessions and formulate recommendations specific to an institution. Since students had been divided among many different discussion groups, there were lots of ideas to consider. Not surprisingly one of the primary concerns of both students and adults was how to return to one's own community and engage others in continuing dialogue. Too often diversity advocates find themselves "preaching to the choir." The question of how to keep widening the circle of discussion guided most recommendations in our session.

At the end of the day, we all gathered back at the gym for a Town Hall Meeting in which students approached an open mike to share insights and concerns with the full group. An Arab student spoke about some of his peer encounters in the days following the events of September 11. A gay youth spoke about how validating it had been to attend a conference with people who openly accepted his sexual orientation. A young African American woman spoke about how hard her grandmother had worked to support her family and how out of respect for her, she realized that she could no longer use the "N" word casually among her friends. Several students spoke out for and against the case for teaching *Huckleberry*

Finn in our schools. Each student who spoke offered powerful testimony as to why gatherings like this are so important. Not surprisingly many expressed an interest in attending future conferences and in trying to offer their own schools events that provide similar opportunities for learning.

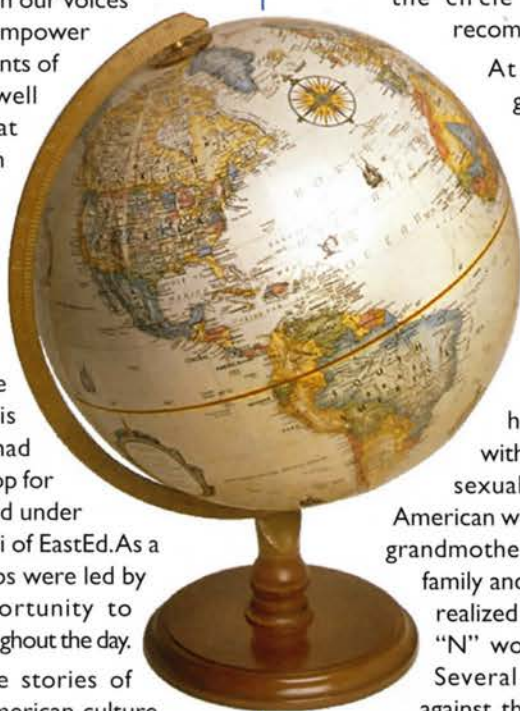
The day closed with a keynote speech featuring an African American law professor, who spoke to us about her experience with a housing discrimination suit after we viewed a film about her case. Throughout her trial her key witness and ally was one of her young white male law students. Her story emphasized the importance of allies for all of us. She finished by walking through the audience as she recited Maya Angelou's poem, "I Rise." As an English teacher, I was especially moved to see students from my school join spontaneously in the chorus, one of those special moments that imprints itself forever upon the memory. All of us returned energized to our schools and ready to share what we had learned. ■

"What brought students out in such numbers on a winter Saturday?"

by Paula Skallerup Osborn '67

Potomac School Alumni Governing Council Member 2001-2002

English Teacher and Co-Chair of the Diversity Committee, Madeira School



POLONIUS'S CORNER

*This above all: to thine ownself be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.*
— Hamlet, Act I Scene III

In Shakespeare's Hamlet, Polonius delivers some avuncular advice to his son Laertes upon the eve of his son's departure to France. It is in Polonius's spirit that the alumni have cobbled together some hard-earned wisdom for the graduating seniors in the hope that our mistakes will not have to be made twice. So without further ado...

- Be where you're supposed to be, have what you're supposed to have.
- At a certain point, almost everyone has an experience that clearly illustrates why they don't have what it takes to become a fighter pilot.
- As you get older, you become more boring. The first step is buying a home — you can now tell your friends about shopping for drapes. The next step is getting married — you can begin to understand why the most successful TV shows and movies are about the search for love; love found is, frankly, not an interesting conversation topic. The third step, and it's a doozy, is having children — for all their wonder, their amazing feats are not the stuff of the Parisian salons during the Enlightenment. The fourth step is a minivan — No elaboration needed. The fifth step, is a second minivan — when the non-primary caregiver forgoes the sport car for the people mover, you have arrived.
- I didn't realize it until later, but for me the seal of Potomac holds the truth. Labor Omnia Vincet. Work conquers all. You see the truth of it at work every day. The spoils don't go to the smartest or the prettiest, but to the best-organized and hardest working. If you're handsome and smart, that's a bonus, but long-term success flows from consistency and preparation more than flash-in-the-pan brilliance.
- My wife broke her leg. While in her cast she learned to drive the car with her left foot. Now she drives with both feet. That's bad. You need to drive the car using only one foot.
- Taking 3 months paternity leave does not help you make partner at your law firm.
- Start preparing for what you're going to do in retirement when you're in your 30s.
- If you can't be perfect in your job, hire people who will make up for your deficiencies.
- Eat better and exercise and you'll sleep more soundly.
- Good sales people make a lot more money than their bosses.
- Reunions are fun because you get to meet people who live and work outside your regular circle of friends, but have enough in common with you to spawn an easy and relaxed conversation. Unlike regular parties, where caution and posturing absorbs ¾ of the evening, at reunions everyone knows the score and your background so you get little posturing and a lot of details on the spice of life.
- Want to win the political argument? The cocktail party argument? The environmental argument? Endeavor to understand the fundamentals of economics.
- Don't bother asking your teenage boys, "how they feel." That's not a question they're ready for until they reach their 20s.
- All you need is one job and one girlfriend (boyfriend).
- Almost everything is too much trouble.
- For me the epiphany came about a year after I dropped out of school to work setting up tents for big parties. At a certain point I realized that it was a lot more fun to be the person having the tent set up for than to be the person setting up the tent. So I finished school.
- Sooner or later you realize that it's your parent's fault. And if you don't yet know that, you haven't gone through enough therapy.
- As you get much older and maybe step out of the workforce and spend less time with other people, your opinions and ideas don't get feedback from the current state of world. Without the reality check you start thinking that reality conforms to your ideas instead of understanding that you need to make your ideas conform to reality. You will slowly drift "out there" and eventually you will drive your children crazy.
- As we get older we become nicer and more tolerant of our peers.
- People. All there is, is people. Everything else is just rocks, and trees, and sand, and dirt.

A big thank you to the alumni who contributed to these bon mots for the graduating seniors.

— Speke Wilson '79

Reunion

THE POTOMAC SCHOOL

2002

SAVE THE DATE!

October 4-5

Reunion/Homecoming Weekend

Calendar of Events

September 5	Opening Day
October 4	Homecoming Bonfire and Reunion cocktail reception
October 5	Reunion and Homecoming Weekend Special Events on campus and reunion dinners
October 18	Fall Frolics Friday Night Live
October 19	Fall Frolics Fair and Silent Auction
November 26	Thanksgiving Music Assembly
November 29	Alumni Basketball Game
December 6	Alumni Reception and Christmas Revels Performance (Lisner Auditorium)
December 20	Winter Recess
January 2003	New Orleans reception

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 2002 Alumni who we cannot reach. Help us find them! Please contact the Alumni Office if you know of their whereabouts by calling (800) 725-8664 or emailing alumni@potomacschool.org. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

1912

Suzanne Gallaudet
Lelia Gordon
Florence Leach
Anna Montgomery
Cornelius Willis

1927

Virginia Dean
Virginia Mudd

1932

Margaret Robb Freeman
Sylvia Hackett
Joan King Hopkins
Shirley Priest

1937

Eileen Erwin Croghan
Margaret Hill Hurd
Charles Maddox
Patsy Maitland

1942

Carl Crowley
Jack Lansill
Ann Murray
William White

1947

Julian Alington
Ann Morrow Cooper
Eleanor Morgan Granger
Rue Hill
Nancy Mann Sanson
John Stoner
Philippa Wistrand

1952

Lewis Cabot
Anthony Mayo

1957

Tania Armour
Mary Jane Bancroft
Carolyn Henderson
Barbara Crawford Huppe
Patricia Fagg Perce

1962

Barbara Huidekoper
Judith Kneipp Jergensen
Donald MacDonald
Sybil Millar
Francis Parker
Alexandra Roper
Dinah Smith
John Wathen
Chalmers Wood

1967

Pamela Becker
Katherine Coon
Peter Fritchman
Lila Garnett
John Harmon
Mark Haviland
Linda LaClair
David McGrath
Clinton Messner
Timothy Wyman

1972

Frank Adelman
George Crosby

Frederick Finkenstaedt
Avery Hatcher
Harry Koppler
Roger Kohn
Blair Legg
Joseph McDowell
David Parker
Elizabeth Sterling Perske
Thalia Pozen

1977

Bill Birmingham
Eve Berne
Campbell Emory
Laurence Hewes
Anita Johnson
Sonya Knight
Helen Lamont
Elizabeth Zimmerman
Metcalf
Susan Schaaf
Sara Faulkner Stickley
Ptolemy Tompkins
Robert Uhlaner
Meredith Wright

1982

Andrew Bennett
Veronica Bentos
Matthew Bixler
Molly Burnham
Richard Falls
Sophia von Hoffmann
Lewis Hamady
Kate Keith

Maggi Lazarus
Sarah McClure
Lionel Olmstead
John Parker
Cisca Rahardja
Andrea Rankin
Timothy Richardson
Lee Stokes
Cate Currier Suzuki
Sarah Thorp

1992

Zed Adams
Stephen Afande
Alia Blackford
Duane Blackford
Betsy Burseson
Ronald Chacon
Jhoon Cho
James Collins
Pascal Cooper
Christina Cortese
Amanda Crawford
Scott deLange
Alexandre Doyen
Alexander Erkiletian
Hilary Farr
Lisa Franklin
Sophia Trevor Girard
Leslie Hamady
Brooks Harding
Fatin Hasnein
Alexander Hebler
Melissa Hicks

Amanda King
Clarence Long
Emily Murphy
Abigail Nields
Lawson Oates
Christopher Overton
Liesel Pienaar
Courtney Pillsbury
Amanda Quin
Nache Shekarri
Matthew Taylor
Rachel Timbie
Theodora van Roijen
Neeraj Vasudev

1997

Jason Abrol
Cari Almo
Chrissy Danbury
Richard Ellis
Kevin Gamble
Robert James
Robert Jenkins
Lane Jost
Lauren King
Lauren Pareti
Keshia Pulliam
Brannan Schell
Jeffrey Stein
Ami Tuft
Henry Weinberg
Hilary Wheeler-Smith

Best Wishes...



Daisy Sealy with her fiancé, Willmonth, and her son, Rachiem '00.

For fourteen years and six headmasters there was one constant in the front office, the calm and cheerful presence of Daisy Sealy. Always patient and self-possessed it never seemed like Daisy was in a rush, nothing could fluster her, no matter how many last minute requests were put on her doorstep. Many of us have spent time in the chair next to her desk and come away with a better perspective on life. Although she will be sorely missed, we wish Daisy good luck in her new life with her future husband in New Jersey.



It is always great to see past faculty come back and visit. Here Sarah Corson is swarmed in the hallway by some of her former students.



Is it in the water here at Potomac? "Mom-to-be" Courtney Battaglia meets here with Jill Zehner and Ginny Ramos and their babies.

Faculty Art Show Reception

In the midst of the school year it is easy to forget what talented artists we have working here at Potomac, luckily we have the spring faculty art show in the Engelhard Performing Arts Center to remind us. This year the art show also included an afternoon reception where many people came to admire the featured artwork of Darcy Swope, Hillary Steel, Anna Herzlinger, Beth Dunkelberger and Ida Cook.



Career Day 2002



Members of the classes of 2002 and 2003 were offered a glimpse of the professional world on April 18, 2002. The students were able to attend three presentations where they learned more about each profession, which encompassed the following fields: entrepreneurship, public relations, marketing, communications, education, finance, performing arts, Peace Corps, law, and film making.

The Alumni Office as well as the students would like to thank the following Career Day participants:

Michael W. Danzansky '84, Gary C. Hill '79, David McKean '82, John N. Nassikas '74, Tiger Robinson '79, Mittie Brooks Rooney '78, Anthony Simeone (parent), Karen Stephenson '83, Mia Whang '94, Speke Wilson '79, and Joan Wise '82.



David McKean '82 talks with Crawford Appleby '02 about documentary filmmaking.



Actress Mia Whang '94 shares her insight about the theatre with junior, Margaret McClintic.

In Memoriam

William C. Appleby, February 18, 2002, Chevy Chase, MD
Father of Crawford Appleby '02

Elsie Fraser Archer, July 15, 2001, Royal Oak, MI
Former Physical Education teacher 1948-1960.

J. Carter Brown, June 17, 2002, Boston, MA
Father of John C. Brown '95 and Elissa L. Brown '01.

Peter F. Cannell, May 18, 2002, Bethesda, MD
Father of Thomas Cannell '01, Oliver Cannell '04, and Louisa Cannell '09.

Diane Charney (Mrs. David L.), January 2002
Mother of Ari W. Charney '94.

G. Bowdoin Craighill Jr., April 7, 2002, Washington, DC
Father of Julia E. Craighill '72.

Margaret Morgan Dickson (Mrs. Waverly W.), March 14, 2002, Alexandria, VA. Mother of Peggy Dickson Marsh '55, Beverly Dickson Spitzer '57, and Peggy Dickson Marsh '59.

Clive L. DuVal II, February 25, 2002, McLean, VA
Father of Susan DuVal Phipps '60, Clive L. DuVal III '64, David DuVal '65, and Daniel H. DuVal '68. Grandfather of William H. DuVal '04 and Katherine A. DuVal '09.

Thelma Hathaway, 2001, Annapolis, MD
Former Kindergarten teacher 1954-1971.

Christene M. Summerford (Mrs. Ben), February 16, 2002, Lancaster, OH. Former French teacher 1973-1989. Mother of Rebecca Summerford Gilliam '79 and James D. Summerford '81.

Cyrus R. Vance, January 12, 2002, New York, NY
Father of Elsie N. Vance '63, Amy S. Vance '64, Camilla Vance '66, Cyrus R. Vance Jr. '69

Elizabeth Beall Wistar '25 (Mrs. Thomas), June 2002, New London, NH, Mother of Elizabeth Wistar Little '53.

Alumni/Senior Dinner



Over 90 seniors, alumni, and faculty gathered in the Engelhard Performing Arts Center to welcome the Class of 2002 into the Alumni Association at the 3rd annual Alumni/Senior dinner on May 29, 2002. Guests were treated to a slide show featuring the Class of 2002 and then enjoyed a Mexican feast.



Brendan O'Connell, Kate Buchanan, Tracy Phillips, Laura Warren, and Nick Adams.



Patrick Eakin and Wynne Breed busily fill out time capsules to be opened at their 5th Reunion.



Philip O'Bannon, Patrick Scanlon, and Taylor Kettler appreciate good conversation with their classmates.



Tim Gibson, Ernie Mitchell, and Tyler Friedlander enjoy the Mexican dinner.



Taylor Cumbie, Morgan Snell, Alyson Wise, and Stephanie Miller pose for a photo.

Remember...

THE EXCITEMENT OF THE CIRCUS!

The circus came back to town on Friday, May 15th as a herd of elephants, a family of monkeys, a passel of donkeys, a troupe of tightrope walkers, a pack of highly trained dogs, a team of cheerleaders and a trio of strong men entered the Preston Gymnasium and entertained a crowd of Lower School students, parents and teachers with their circus acts. The Kindergarten Circus is always one of the delights of spring at Potomac.



Cheerleaders cheer...



Strong men strain...



Puppies pay attention...



Monkeys steal makeup...



Beautiful tightrope walkers pose...



Elephants extend their trunks and spray the crowd...



Bugs!

Intermediate art students rendered these larger-than-life insects using oil pastels.

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