

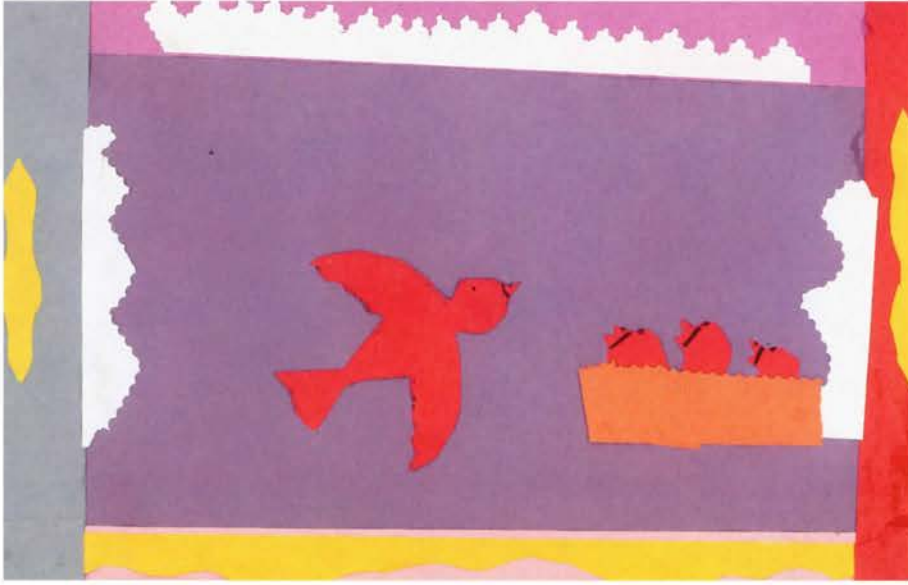
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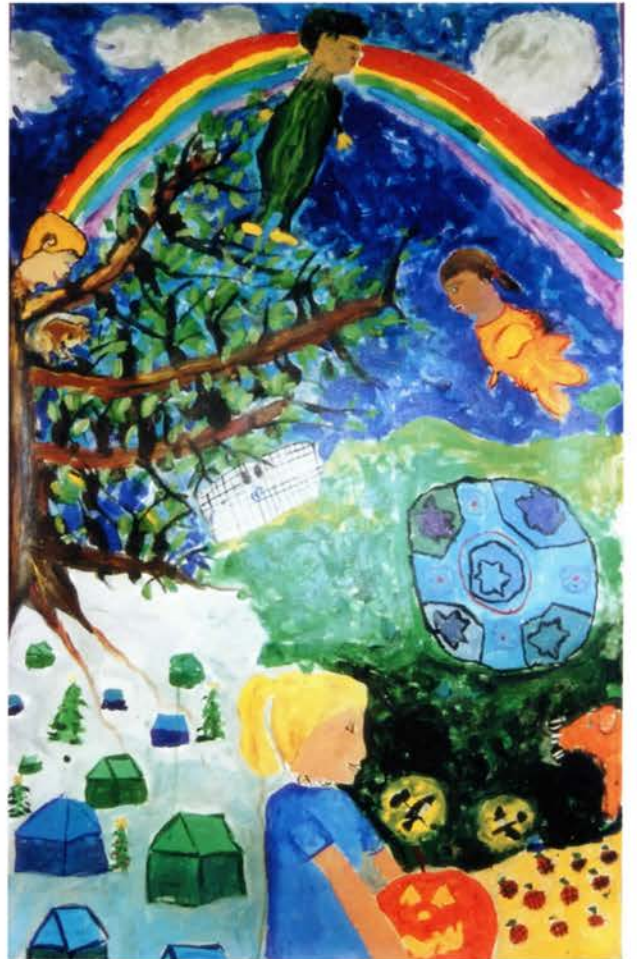
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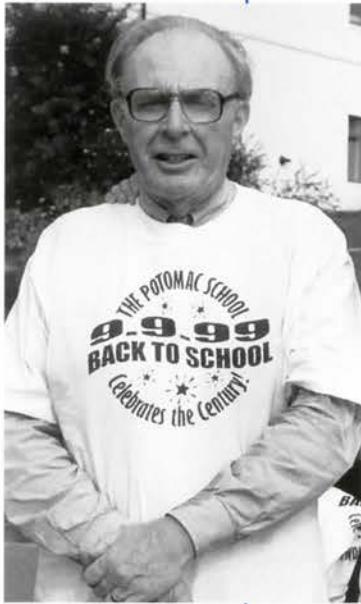
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A Season of Change

Interim Headmaster, Peter Briggs



These past few months at Potomac have been a wonderful time for Charlin and me. Like independent schools everywhere we are experiencing a season of change but I realize more and more that it is only in the physical sense, as the Potomac spirit continues to permeate all that we do. This is never more apparent than during the many wonderful assemblies the divisions hold. Potomac's next Headmaster, Geoff Jones has been attending many of the assemblies so that he can also develop a feel for the traditional heart of the school. (See more on Geoff on page 19).

Having been sending monthly letters home to parents, here are a few excerpts I think may interest alumni/ae and capture the flavor of the past few months:

I attended one of the most beautiful concerts I have ever heard several weeks back in the Washington Cathedral, featuring the combined choral groups of this area's top nine independent secondary schools. Whether or not your own children actually perform, this choral festival is a must, and the opening *Alleluia*, by Randall Thompson, performed en masse, moved some of us to tears in this magnificent space. Our Choral Director, Jerry Rich is clearly first-rate, and my only regret was that our seniors' annual trip to Chincoteague somehow conflicted with the occasion. The moving post-performance audience and cast discussion that followed Michael Bergman's eloquent "Diary of Anne Frank" struck an equally poignant tone (see page 7 for more about the play).

I enjoyed listening to Nora Mancha tell our new parents and new teachers about Potomac's rich history as we anticipate our 100th birthday in 2004, and realized that at every crucial juncture in this history, including four moves to new locations, a couple of great depressions, the change to coeducation, and the addition of the new Upper School, there were anxious nay-sayers questioning how the institution could possibly survive.

The school is also already committed to preparing a centennial history of the School in anticipation of our 100th birthday in 2004, and Nora seems ideally suited to undertake that task. As a traditionalist whose family roots go back 350 years in Maine and Massachusetts, I am often a reluctant part of change, especially if it is just change for change's sake, but I also realize after 40 years in the profession, that Edmund Burke was entirely correct when he wrote that "the seeds of change are the sole means of conservation." Any successful school near our nation's capitol that isn't thinking hard at the millenium about multiculturalism, technology, the environment, learning styles, the media, adolescent psychology and a host of other issues that my Headmaster didn't need to worry about in the 1940's is doing its students (many of whom are your children, grand children and great grand

children) a profound disservice. Just as any businessperson who was determined to design and build and market the same widgets in 1999 as his/her predecessors did in the 1940's has long since gone bankrupt.

We must be doing something right, by the way, with nine (count them!) applicants for our every vacancy, with 100 legacies and siblings wanting to enter a school next year that had room for only 108 new students in all its grades this fall, and with 50 of our 72 most recent graduates enrolled as freshman in colleges that *US News & World Report* ranks in its "highly selective" category. As your Interim Head, who can't claim any of the credit, the children are as civil and as kind as any to be found; the art, drama, music and opportunities for presentation are the equal of anything you have experienced and our athletic programs and community service are also exemplary.

What a miracle are the volunteers who organized the Fall Frolics auction and fair! This is yet another vital labor of love on the part of a magnificently supportive team of parents.

Literally hundreds of you have helped us and will be helping us in the months to come, above and beyond the call of parenting and tuitions. It is evident to me that the enthusiasm and excellence of your volunteering are mind-boggling: coaching, fund-raising, Trusteeship, field trips, room parenting, chaperoning, Fall Frolics, hosting admissions events, helping to organize graduations, the list is endless. Because of the pace of our other business, we won't always acknowledge all your contributions, but please know that we do not take them for granted, and that we wouldn't be nearly as good a school without them. You are great, and appreciated!

Since our happy year at Potomac is already half over, a realization that makes Charlin and me sad, and since I will never get to know many of you, I will close with a few favorite quotations about tradition and change, acknowledging in the process our profound sense of gratitude to you all, whatever your generation, and however closely you remain in touch with us, and wherever you live. And also acknowledging the inevitability of thoughtful change in excellent schools in these turbulent times.

"They gathered things, lighted a fire, and left it burning."
(From the main gate at Earlham College in Indiana)

"You will never know how much so many people you will never meet have risked and stretched for so long to make possible this school that is offering so much."
(Nicholas Muray Butler at a convocation)

"Things aren't what they used to be and they never were."
(Will Rogers)

"Not a change for the better in our human housekeeping has ever taken place that wise and good men and women have not opposed it."
(James Russell Lowell)

Peter Briggs

A quotation from Sara Hebler, former 6th grade teacher nearing the conclusion of her 36th year here.

"The reality is that when we leave an institution such as Potomac, as I will be doing in June, our memories freeze, but the school continues to live and breathe and grow and to have its struggles to make sense of what it does in the context of the world it lives in. I came here to a different school in 1963, and to a different country. It was by design a homogenous school. By design now we are striving for a school that more closely reflects the world that we live in and that our children will live in. We must keep examining what that means."

Lower School

spotlight on student activities

Travel Expo

As a culmination of the Social Studies Geography Unit on the United States, the third graders staged a Travel Expo. Every third grader was assigned a state to research, so they could make a travel brochure and set up a booth for students and teachers to visit. As an enticement for their second grade clients, the agents created little giveaways such as buttons and bumper stickers. Every second grader was asked to stop at one assigned state to pick up a postcard. In turn, they need to respond in writing after having "visited" that state and mail it back!



Teddy Watson lures people to Maine with his lobster hat.



Dylan Morris, Phillips Mitchell, and Stuart Price model their state hats.

Snails in Science

Jeff Alexander's first grade class has just completed a two month in depth study of snails. The scientific investigation provided an introduction to life cycles, habitats, predator/prey relationships and the needs of all living things. The goal was to understand the means through which we learn about a subject and to introduce the scientific methods of inquiry which include: asking questions, forming hypothesis, conducting experiments, observing and recording findings and drawing conclusions. The children made scientific drawings, conducted food experiments, built structures with cups and straws to learn how snails move and even learned a song about a snail in Spanish. The snails will remain in the room throughout the school year and will continue to be available for further investigation.

Seed Germination

In science, the Kindergarten classes have been exploring the nature trail in search of signs of autumn. They have collected a variety of seeds around the campus to compare back in the science lab. In the lab, the young scientists have been participating in experiments that involve growing acorns and popcorn seeds. They are waiting for their oak trees to emerge from the soil. It could be any day now!

Learning Dewey Decimal

Over the summer vacation, Lower School librarian Chris Tveit converted the Granger Library books into the Dewey Decimal System. Chris spent the opening weeks of school introducing the younger members of Potomac to this sophisticated system of classification. The numbers have been color coded and accompanied by pictures to help children throughout the Lower School understand the new arrangement. Hopefully, "Deweyville", as the new system is referred to, will teach lower school readers about nationwide library classification and give them a sense of the wide variety of books on our shelves.



Madhu Ramankutty gives the snails a closer look.



Lower School Head, Cammy Passarella (dressed as a scarecrow), accompanies a young fireman, Nicholas Kensinger



Middle School

spotlight on student activities



Sixth Grade Timeline

Sixth grade students recently began work on a global history timeline project. The timeline, which runs the length of the sixth grade hallway, is designed to explore historical events that occurred outside of England between the years 450 and 1450 AD (or CE). Students have been independently researching the historical event of their choosing and preparing brief descriptions of the event and its historical significance. Topics to date have included the birth of the prophet Mohammed in 570 AD and the settlement of permanent farms in Western North America by the Anasazi in 500 AD. Students have utilized internet resources for research, photographs, and maps.

Metric Olympics

Mr. Smith's fourth and fifth grade science classes participated in a week-long Metric Olympics sponsored by mathematics resource specialist Clara Zurn. Students tested their Metric measurement and estimation skills in a series of events. These included the paper plate discus throw, the straw javelin toss, and the cotton ball shot-put. The competition was designed to enhance the children's familiarity with the metric system which they will be utilizing in science classes throughout their school years. The team representing France won the prestigious gold medal.

Fourth Grade Community Service

St. George and the dragon made a special appearance at the Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home in Washington D.C. as Angela Bullock's fourth grade class performed its play, "The Reluctant Dragon," for the residents. As part of the Middle School community service program, all the fourth grade classes visit the home three times a year to sing and to perform plays and dances before an especially enthusiastic and receptive audience. Fourth graders are warmly welcomed by residents and staff at the home and enjoy joining the residents for lunch and conversation. The children and the seniors develop a special relationship over the course of the year through their collaboration on arts and crafts projects, gardening, and games.

UNICEF Fundraising

Miss Whitney's fifth grade class led a Middle School effort to raise money for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). During a class meeting, students decided that they would like to raise money to support a charitable organization. They elected to help UNICEF, which supports children's health and education programs around the world. Miss Whitney's students led an assembly and created posters and notices to publicize their effort to other Middle School students. Collection boxes were distributed to fourth, fifth, and sixth grade classes so that the children could collect donations as they "Trick or Treated" on Halloween. The class then had the opportunity to practice their math skills as they tallied the \$642.00 in donations.

Right: Michael Hussey, Cyrus Roepers, Alexandra Amiri, and Sheila Kumar (back) point to events on the sixth grade timeline.

Below: Ben Shambon, Brittany Carroll, Emily Prezioso, and Lele Chappell count all the UNICEF money their class raised.



Narissa Dalla, Jessica Richey, Johnny Motley, and Jazmyne Carpenter participate in the paper plate discus throw, part of the Metric Olympics.



Thespians: Anne Lenrow, Sinan Karasapan, Mike Killmon, Will Kapfer (back), India Rosse (hidden in tail), Aileen Shea (dragon) and Henry Jackson (St. George) perform in "The Reluctant Dragon."

Intermediate School

spotlight on student activities

Shakespeare

Chivalry is not dead among the eighth graders who visited The Folger Shakespeare Library during October's Washington Week. Four fortunate ladies and gentlemen had the chance to try on some vintage Renaissance finery during their visit.

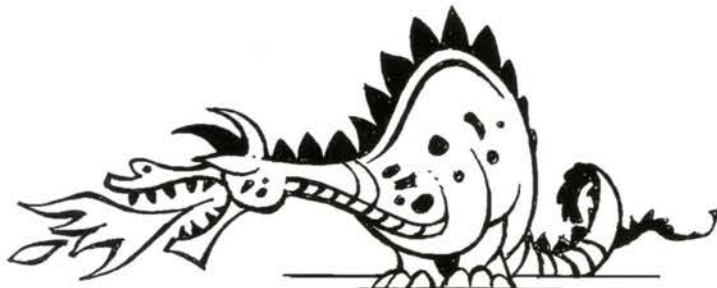
Outside in the Folger's sunny garden, a group of 8th graders explored the art of stage combat. Fortunately, all present survived the encounter with no injuries!

Caroline Furnace

Taking part in the trip to Caroline Furnace, 7th graders Ashley Burnett, Julie Stewart and Lauren Shuler attempt to put their canoes in reverse! The main objective of the Caroline Furnace trip is to turn a disparate group of 7th graders (some of whom are new to Potomac) into a comfortable, familiar whole. The personal closeness that students discover living side by side, twenty four hours a day, is perhaps the most significant byproduct of the experience.

Outdoor Science

Beautiful October weather coaxed these students outside in order to study the abundant flora available in the Environmental Science Facility. This year 7th and 8th grade students, working in pairs during their science classes, will adopt and then care for and study forty-five woody plants throughout the course of the year. 7th graders will maintain a calendar of development for their plants, recording the season and duration of flowering and fruiting, the autumn changes in color and fall of leaves, the opening of buds in the spring, asexual reproduction and use by birds, insects and other animals. 8th graders will use computer probes to carry out a study of the effects of mulching on selected physical and chemical properties of the soil. Students will also learn about weed ecology and the effects of pruning. All the data collected will be entered in a database to be added to each year. Many skills will be developed, from measuring and graphing quantitative data to analyzing the effects of various environmental factors on plant growth and observing plant and animal interactions.



Upper School

spotlight on student activities



Tyler O'Meara offers up his arm to donate blood.



Right: A nurse helps Molly Gulland recuperate after her donation.



Rosie Clark, who has worked at Potomac for 25 years, holds the roses Terrence Mason gave her during his farewell assembly.



Five of Potomac's eight National Merit Semifinalists pose: Shaw Vanze, Alex Marshall, Josh Mayer, Alison Weisgall, Louisa Thomas.

Giving the Gift of Life

Upper School students gave their time and blood in the Annual Blood Drive coordinated by Ellen Grass, school nurse. Many thanks to all teachers and students who took time out to give blood!

Fond Farewell

US students had a special assembly to say goodbye to Terrence Mason, a member of Potomac's buildings and grounds crew for 11 years. Mr. Mason is viewed by many students as a friend and example of school spirit, the class of 1997 showed their appreciation of his work by dedicating its yearbook to him. For several years Mr. Mason has been going to school while working full time at Potomac. He has started a job as a computer network technician at Synergy Networks. During the assembly Mr. Mason thanked many at Potomac for supporting him through the years. Here he is making a special dedication and presentation of flowers to his co-worker Rosie Clark.

Commendations

This year students in the US have received a remarkable number of awards. The College Board named 51 students AP scholars for their high marks on AP exams taken in a range of subjects. The National Merit Scholarship Cooperation named eight Potomac Semifinalists and 21 Commended Students. The eight Semifinalists are: Christopher Ayer, Alexandra Marshall, Joshua Mayer, Katherine Romatowski, Louisa Thomas, Katherine Twomey, Judith Vanze, and Alison Weisgall.

Homecoming & Spirit Week

The week before Homecoming the US students celebrated Spirit Week with a hallway decorating contest, pep rally and three dress up days, including a "decade" day when each class dressed in the style of a different decade, a "colors" day when each class dressed in a different color and a "team" day where sports jerseys and uniforms were worn. Below Lindsay Comparato, Jonathan Haworth and Robert Foy pose in their decade wear.



Anne Frank

Exploring *The Diary of Anne Frank*, An Education for All Ages

In past years, Director Michael Bergman's rehearsals often have had a relaxed atmosphere. Though rehearsals were productive, it was not uncommon for conversation to turn from the production to comic books, movies and events around school. Regardless of the subject, there was always laughter.

There is laughter at the rehearsals for this year's fall play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, but there are also tears. The mood is often intense. "In other rehearsals I've been in for comedies, it's really easy to go in and out of scene," said senior Alison Weisgall, who plays the part of Anne Frank. "This play's mood is so different from our everyday lives that you can't really do that. You have to be really focused."

The Pulitzer Prize-winning *Anne Frank*, written by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett in 1956, was adapted from *Anne Frank, Diary of a Young Girl*. *Diary* is the harrowing account of a young Jewish girl living in Nazi-occupied Holland. Anne and her family lived in hiding for two years before being discovered and sent to concentration camps. Anne died of typhus at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in March of 1945, just months before V-E Day.



The Diary is the first fall drama done at Potomac since Mr. Bergman came to the school six years ago. Last year, Mr. Bergman decided that he wanted to do a play that could "dovetail into some curricular thing," but found that finding a suitable drama was no easy task. "Most of the good ones are about adults," he said. "Dysfunctional adults." According to Mr. Bergman, in *Anne Frank*, he found a play that suited the ages of the actors and related to modern atrocities. "I think this is potentially an important play if it generates the kind of discussion it can," Mr. Bergman said.

"Our education when it comes to the Holocaust," Alison said, "is pretty much wrapped up in Modern Western History. Something like [*Anne Frank*] allows you to delve deeply into something you don't necessarily know about. For the entire student body and school as a whole, it's an opportunity to learn about the Holocaust."

In an attempt to understand the characters' experiences, the cast has been doing outside research on the Holocaust. Most cast members have read *The*

Diary of Anne Frank, and Mr. Bergman has shown parts of a 1997 documentary on Anne Frank's life called "*Anne Frank Remembered*."

According to Mr. Bergman, however, the real challenge has been understanding the fear and isolation Anne Frank, her family, and the four other people hiding with them felt. "They understand perfectly well on an intellectual level," Mr. Bergman said, "but it's asking an awful lot of them to understand it on an emotional level." To do so, the cast spent time discussing the feelings of each character in every scene and did a number of visualization exercises.

When the cast was having trouble feeling a sense of overwhelming relief at the news of the Normandy invasion, Mr. Bergman tried one such exercise. "I want you to imagine that you feel kind of crummy...", he said. "You decide to go to the doctor... Doctor comes in and says, 'look, right now, all indications say you may have cancer. All you hear is 'cancer, cancer, cancer...' What do you do? Whom do you tell? And what do you tell them? Is it life as usual? Because even if it's life as usual, it's three to six months [to live]... You're home one afternoon by yourself, and the phone rings. Your doctor says, 'We blew it. We mixed up the charts in the lab, and you're fine. You're okay'... Whom do you tell first? What do you tell them? What do you do?" When the exercise was over, many of the cast members cried with relief. "The exercises we do are extremely helpful," said sophomore Kate House, who plays Margot Frank in *The Diary*.

Mr. Bergman and the cast also took this opportunity to educate others about the Holocaust and acting in a historical drama. On October 18 and 19, the cast conducted workshops with the entire sixth grade, which had been reading literature from the Holocaust. Mr. Bergman also held discussions on the play after each sold out performance. "I think there's nothing more valuable than an actor talking to an uninitiated audience," he said.

As much as the cast has focused on the historical aspects of *The Diary*, however, Alison cautioned that the play is "not just a Holocaust play. As much as you learn about the Holocaust, it's more of a coming of age story of a girl under these circumstances, living with seven people in three rooms for two years, never going outside."

"This is an individual case of the six million who were killed and what they might have become... Six million didn't die, eight did," she continued. "To think that it's just one of many, that's overwhelming."

Louisa Thomas '00,

Editor-in-Chief of the US newspaper, *The Current*
Reprinted from the November issue of *The Current*



Members of the "The Diary of Anne Frank" Cast conducted workshops with the sixth grade classes to deepen their understanding of the literature they have been reading.



Girls' Varsity Soccer

An Unforgettable Season-Girls' Soccer Team is named ISL Champion & ranked #1 in the Region



Liz Cheek '02

Carrie Johnson '01



Jenna Linden '02



All athletes dream of having an incredible season. One that they'll look back on and remember forever. My fellow teammates and I had just such a season this year on the Girls Varsity soccer team.

Not only did the team amass an undefeated record in the Independent School League (ISL) over the season, but the team also triumphed over teams from the local Catholic league as well. The team posted decisive victories over both O'Connell and Paul VI, two traditionally well ranked teams, and then went on to beat St. Mary's Annapolis, one of the best teams in Maryland. The team's only ties during the season came from Sidwell Friends and National Cathedral School, two of the top teams in the ISL. At the end of the regular season the team had earned an overall record of 13-0-2.

Fontaine Marcoux '00 scored two of the goals in the game, and Jenna Linden '02, the sophomore phenomenon, scored the other. Emily Duncan '00 had two of the assists. But had it not been for the team's amazing defense the score could have been different. Led by



Katherine Toomey '00



Ann Laughlin '00

Anne Laughlin '00, the defense had never given up more than two goals in a game all season, and the final was no exception. Elizabeth Cheek '02, Sarah Duncan '03 (the only freshman on the team), and Carrie Johnson '01 worked together, with the help of the goalies (Tia Smith '00 and Jenny Brown '01) to hold Sidwell Friends at one goal.

Girls Athletics Director, Tracy Swecker, commented: "It has been a pleasure to watch the girls' hard individual and group work both before and during the season pay off so spectacularly."

Throughout the season, the team was led by senior captains: Katherine Twomey, Anne Laughlin, Courtney Fischer, and Emily Duncan. This year has been about more than winning, more than anything we have learned to work as a team, to communicate with and support each other. With the help of an amazing coaching staff, the team accomplished every goal they set for themselves, and we can only hope that next year will be just as successful.

-Emily Duncan '00

Photographs by Potomac Parent Todd Peterson

Student Gallery

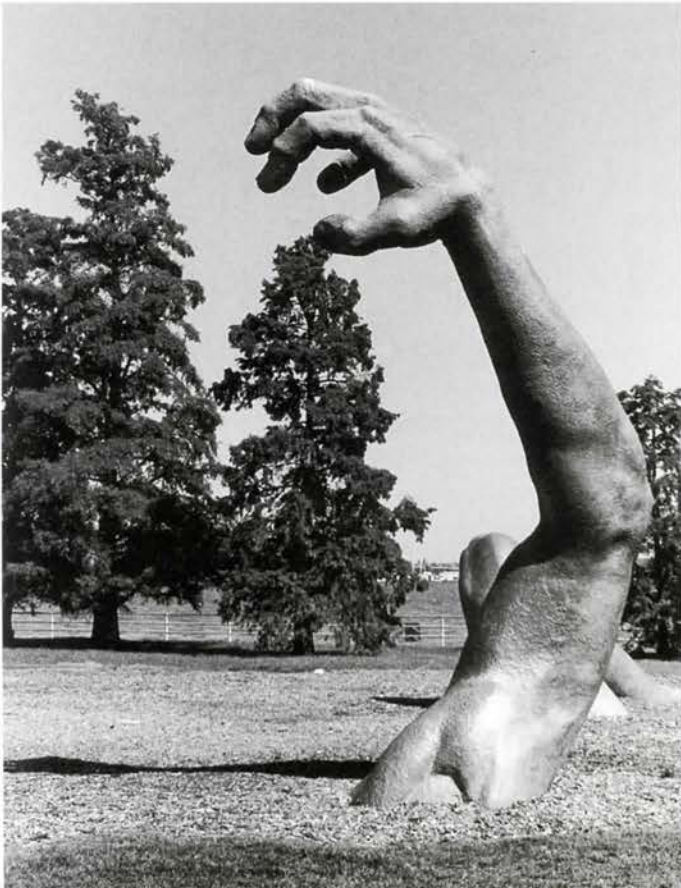


Pencil rendering by Intermediate School student Katie Eastland '04

Photography by Upper School student Paul Kohlenburger '02



Pencil rendering by Intermediate School student Laura Frye '04

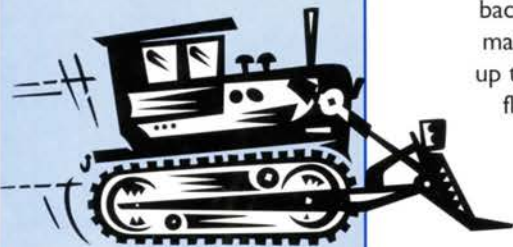


Photography by Ryan Shuler '02

Constructing Inspiration

student poetry

Our creative Middle School teachers have been using the construction on campus as a source of inspiration for their students. Here are just a few of the wonderful poems written by students that were inspired by the machines and workers outside the classroom windows.



Construction

Boom! Boom!
 The plodding of the dinosaur's
 footsteps echo across the land.
 Boom! Boom!
 The gigantic creature scratches in the ground
 with its right foreleg.
 It finds some desert plants.
 It munches on the dry grass.
 It crawls slowly across the muddy wasteland,
 plowing through the terrain at a slow pace.
 Boom! Boom!

by Patrick Duff '08

Construction

I
 See
 the long
 giraffe like
 neck of the
 crane swinging
 the cable from its
 mouth. The hot smell
 of duct and metal fill
 polluted air. The raring
 of the engine roars louder
 and louder. I hear "Beep! beep!
 beep!" as the massive bulldozer
 backs up. The sharp spikey wheels
 make crunching sound as it grinds
 up the dirt and the hot silver metal
 flashes in the neon bright sun.

Chaos.

By

Diana Barris '07

Construction Giants

Dug up earth as rich and as moist
 As chocolate,
 Rumbling, bumbling
 Graddalls,
 Brown, black gray, yellow
 Blend together like muddy earth,
 Smell of freshly dug on earth,
 Wonderful genuine smell,
 Leaves whooshing, tumbling down, down to earth,
 Construction.

by Clara Labadie '08

Yellow Monster

Dirty yellow monsters,
 roaring and rumbling
 through brown muddy
 roads,
 Rumble, rumble,
 Clang, clang.

By Emma Rocks '08

Thinking Ahead

Watching, watching a sleeping construction zone,
 dinosaurs sleeping, resting.
 No crashing and roaring,
 no shovels shoveling or dumptrucks dumping.
 It's all quiet and misty,
 and there's a helmet just sitting on a lonely bulldozer.

But soon there will be...

crashing,
 roaring,
 beeping,
 pouring,
 trees falling,
 workers calling,
 all mixed in with the sound of **construction.**

by Catherine Bellinger '08

Construction

Sleeping dinosaurs laying in the rain,
 Sit still until the sun comes out,
 Then the sun comes out,
 B H B H
 e o e o
 e n e n
 p k p k
 ! ! ! !

They don't stop until the sun goes down,
 And the next day it all starts over again.

by Reilly Davis '08

Construction

Men in hard hats swatting at gnats
 teeth tearing up the ground
 homes of insects being found
 vroom bump crash shoom
 the voices of men tiny soft against the loud

voom

of the monsters
 by Allie Rowan '07

Construction

Dirty yellow lions
 roaring, taking down
 everything in their path.

Chocolate brown mud
 swirling in circles.

The smell of mulch
 whistling through me.

The pitter patter of rain
 getting harder and
 harder and everything
STOPS!

by Robin Nichols '08

Board News

The Potomac School Board of Trustees

A Renewed and Reinvigorated Mission

In the midst of many changes and additions to The Potomac School, our mission and traditions remain firm. The Mission Statement, recently reviewed and formally approved by the Board of Trustees, makes clear that all who cherish their memories of the School over the past 96 years will find those memories strengthened in the experience of today's students.



The Potomac School MISSION STATEMENT

Approved by the Board of Trustees November 1999

The School's mission is to foster each student's intellectual development, love of learning, and strength of character within an inclusive community distinguished by a spirit of support and challenge.

We encourage students to become independent thinkers and learners. The School's richly varied curriculum draws students beyond a mastery of fundamental skills toward the rewards of inquiry, initiative and reflection. Believing that aesthetic and physical development is essential to an education, we offer students opportunities to excel in art and music classes, on stage, and on the athletic fields.

We strive for diversity in the conviction that a learning community is intellectually and morally strengthened when many different voices, viewpoints and backgrounds are present.

We expect students to act with kindness, civility, and generosity of spirit, and, in our daily activities, we find opportunities to foster their integrity of character and civic conscience. More than mere tolerance, this standard calls students to act with compassion for others and to reach beyond the school in service to the community.

As we prepare students for a rapidly changing and demanding society, we encourage them to reflect on the beauty that surrounds them and to enjoy the company of their friends and the many traditions celebrated at school.

Welcome New Board Members

This year we greet six new members to Potomac's Board of Trustees: David Civali, Richard Eakin, Mark Evans, George Lambert, Carol Melton, and Tori Winkler Thomas. As described in the Handbook the "Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing the policies that form the basis for the operation of the School. It is responsible for the fiscal affairs of the School, including its buildings and grounds. The Board provides general supervision over the administration of the school." Members of the Board may serve two consecutive three-year terms.

David Civali received his B.S. from Georgetown University and his M.A. and M.Phil. from Yale University. He is a former Potomac teacher and is now self-employed as an academic counselor. He lives in Washington, DC and enjoys writing poetry, reading and dogs and cats.

Richard Eakin '65 is Executive Vice President of the Snell Construction Corporation in Arlington. He is a graduate of Brown University. He also works with his neighborhood association. He lives in McLean with his wife Alexis and their five children: Jennifer '97, Kevin '99, Patrick '02, Christopher '07 and Jonathan '08.

Dr. Mark Evans is an orthopedic/Hand surgeon at Commonwealth Orthopedics and Rehabilitation in Leesburg. He is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University. He lives in Great Falls with his wife Tanise and their children Briana '07 and Brendan '10.

George Lambert is the CEO of the Northern Virginia Urban League. He graduated from Virginia Union University with a degree in Urban Studies. He lives in Washington, DC with his wife, Bernadette Curtis-Lambert. They have five children: Guy, Ebony, Stephanie, Jordan and Victoria '05.

Carol Melton is a Senior Vice President at Viacom, Inc. She holds B.A., M.A. and JD degrees from Wake Forest University, University of Florida and American University respectively. She lives with her husband, Joseph Hassett in McLean with their children: Matthew '04 and Meredith '06.

Tori Winkler Thomas received her MLA from Harvard University's Graduate School Design, an M.C.R.P. from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and her B.A. from Colorado College. She is the Chairman of the Board of The Mark Winkler Company which deals in commercial real estate. She lives in Alexandria with her daughter Victoria '10.



Richard Eakin '65, Carol Melton, David Civali and Dr. Mark Evans.
Not pictured: Tori Thomas and George Lambert.

Fresh Faculty Faces

Every fall Potomac welcomes a group of new faculty who bring a fresh perspective, complete with new ideas and lots of energy to the school. Here are some brief bios on our new faculty.

LOWER SCHOOL

Jeff Alexander comes to Potomac from Marin Country Day School in Corte Madera, CA where he also taught first grade. Mr. Alexander received his MA in early childhood and elementary education from Bank Street College of Education in New York. He is already a great favorite among the students and we are just waiting to put his outdoor education experience to use.

Meghan Alexander, new Language Arts Resource teacher for grades two and three and Girls Lacrosse coach, holds a BA from Georgetown University. She has worked with the DC Schools Project in Washington.

Kindergarten assistant, **Kathleen Hannon**, received her BA from Kenyon College and her M.T. from the University of Virginia. She comes from Waverly Yowell Elementary School in Madison County, VA.

Rhonda Rombach is the new Third grade teacher in the Lower School. She didn't have far to travel as she comes from The Langley School in McLean. She received her BS in elementary education from Slippery Rock University.

Formerly a Potomac intern, **Charlotte Martin** returns to the school after spending a year teaching at the Westover School in Middlebury, CT. She is a 1997 graduate of Brown University.

Although she actually started teaching Kindergarten here last January, **Jane Norton** is still new to many Term readers. She joins Potomac from Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, CT where she taught Pre-K and Kindergarten.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

New sixth grade teacher, **Ann Barron Carneal** comes to Potomac from The Gordon School in Rhode Island. She received her BA in Art History from Vassar and her MA in middle school education from the Shady Hill School. She also coaches JV Field Hockey.

Adrienne Chisholm is teaching the fourth grade this year. She holds a BA from Trinity College and comes to us from San Francisco Day School where she was Head Kindergarten teacher.

Middle School art teacher, **Hillary Steel**, is an accomplished artist; she has held many solo exhibitions and been a part of group exhibitions, collaborations, grants and publications. She received her M.A.T. from the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore.



Lower School: Charlotte Martin '93, 1st grade; Jeff Alexander 1st grade; Jane Norton, Kindergarten



Rhonda Rombach, 3rd grade; Kathleen Hannon, Kindergarten Assistant



Middle School: Hillary Steel, Art; Adrienne Chisholm, 4th grade; Ann Barron Carneal, 6th grade



INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

June Chung joins Potomac's Intermediate School as a history teacher from the Agnes Irwin school in Rosemont, PA. She received her BA in Sociology and her MS in secondary social studies from the University of Pennsylvania.

At the end of the IS hallway you will find **Anna Herzlinger**, the new art teacher. She is a recent graduate of Haverford College but has spent many summers working in the DC region.

Bringing his International experience **Murutamanga Louis Kabahita** comes to Potomac to teach French. He most recently taught at Tennessee State University. He received his BA in French at the National University of Zaire and his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University.

The new Health Coordinator **Joanne Kaouris** comes to Potomac from the Montgomery County Public Schools. She received her M.S.ed. in health sciences from James Madison University.

We welcome back **Katherine Nevius '69** as a music teacher for the Intermediate and Middle schools and as coordinator for the Private Music program. She returns from a year off from teaching during which she worked on a book about the Boxer dog breed.

UPPER SCHOOL

Jonathan Lindsay is the new computer teacher and lab Director in the Upper School. He received his M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State University where he worked as a research assistant before coming to Potomac.

Melinda McCue teaches English and comes to us from the Roland Park Country School in Baltimore. She received her MA in English from the College of Notre Dame in Maryland. Also new to the

Upper school is **Stephen Miller**, chairman of the math department, he holds an MS in geological sciences from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Rafael Mucino is teaching Spanish as well as coaching JV boys soccer. Most recently he taught at Yeshiva of Greater Washington. He received his MA at the University of Maryland in Spanish literature.

We welcome **Barbara Pringle** back to Potomac after living and teaching in Pretoria, South Africa for several years.



Intermediate School: Intermediate School: Murutamanga Kabahita, French; Joanne Kaouris, Health Coordinator; June Chung, History; Anna Herzlinger, Art



Upper School: Rafael Mucino, Spanish; Melinda McCue, English; Jonathan Lindsay, Computers; Stephen Miller, Math Department Chair

INTERNS

Potomac's intern program, Teachers New to Teaching (TNT), is thriving, each year the school welcomes six interns for this yearlong apprenticeship program in the Lower and Middle Schools. Over the course of the year the interns get to work with experienced classroom and special subject teachers for a wonderful introduction to teaching.

This year's interns are all recent college graduates:

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Oni Blackstock Harvard University, B.A. 1999

Ramon Esquivel Yale University, B.A. 1999

LOWER SCHOOL

Grace Kataburuki Harvard, B.A.S. 1999

Michelle Lozier Trinity College, Hartford, CT, B.S. 1999

Andrei Rodin Orel Pedagogical Institute, Oral, Russia

Kristin Michelle Smith '94 Baylor University, B.S. 1998



Interns: Michelle Lozier, Oni Blackstock, Ramon Esquivel, Andrei Rodin, Grace Kataburuki, Kristin Michelle Smith '94

Slip, Sliding, Away!

New playground equipment for the Lower School provides fantastic recess entertainment



Right: Lily Alverson(back), Phillips Mitchell, Elizabeth Motley

Below: Paul Taylor on the slide



Mary McAuliffe, Clay Buxton climb the chain ladders.

One bright spot amid the piles of dirt, debris, and fallen trees littering Potomac's grounds is the dynamic and exciting new playground equipment surrounding the Lower School. Over the summer, kindergarten teacher Louise McIlhenny helped organize the construction, design, and costs of a new, and much improved, playground. The intent of the new playground was both functional and practical. The separated layout of the new structures enables younger and older children to enjoy the new playground together without getting hurt or overwhelmed by each other. The structures closer to the kindergarten wing are smaller and more appropriate for younger, less agile, bodies; at the bottom of the hill is a bigger, more challenging, series of equipment for the older students to enjoy. The mulch spread beneath the playground is not only a wonderful safety feature, but the children are able to use the playground on rainy days much more often. Mrs. McIlhenny happily announced that her class has yet to don their traditional kindergarten boots for their 9:30 recess each day.

straight and spiral slides, ladders, sandboxes, and various other climbing paraphernalia. Adults were certainly impressed by the elaborate wooden structures and the smiles they elicited, but after two months of heavy use, we decided to ask the people who use and enjoy the new playground fixtures the most for their reactions.



Right: Maggie Nelsen, Elizabeth Motley

"The zip wire is fun," reported a group of winded first graders. "I like the big slide," called three second-grade boys as they piled out from the green plastic tunnel. "I think the telephone is fun," added a chatty kindergartner. "The new Big Toy is fun to play tag on," commented one student. "The slide is very whirly and fun," noted a dizzy third grader. Her friend added that the curvy slide is fun because "it seems like it's never going to end." An airborne young man shouted that, "The air blasts in your face as you zoom past people on the zip wire." Many lower schoolers summed up the new playground by simply reporting that, 'it has more stuff to play on.' When asked what they liked about the new playground, one group of students answered by saying that they 'wanted a tire swing' which is proof that you can't always please everyone, but the overwhelming consensus among the Lower Schoolers is that the new playground is "really fun."

-Charlotte Martin '93,
First Grade Teacher



Chanel Cooper (top), Corinne Watson, Eleni Zaras, Madeleine Fabiani (front)

Both Lower and Middle School students have been using the three new 'big toys' each day for recess, and everyone is well entertained! These elaborate big toys include zip-wires, climbing nets, ropes,

Music in the Halls

The Music Experience in the Intermediate School: Way cool!

I found myself somewhat at sea when it came to choosing a subject to write about for The Term when someone suggested the obvious: Why not write about music in the IS as it is today? So I interviewed the Intermediate School music faculty, and many of their students, only to discover the entertaining and engaging musical experiences of these terrifically enthusiastic, bright and talented children.

Taking the easy way out, I first chatted with members of my own Chorus and Treble Makers (a coed, a cappella group). Of her tenure in both of those ensembles, Lucia Abromovich said "It's great! The songs are cool. And it's fun to sing with people who are your own level of ability." Roger Casey claimed "It's the part of the day I most look forward to." "And we learn how to perform solo and not be embarrassed" said Regina Lee. Brent Locey's reply was something of a rebuttal: "Actually, we just learn to be embarrassed together!" Added Lucy Stirn, "Miss Nevius brings out the truth in funny ways." (I assume she was speaking of my sense of humor.)



Lauren Clarke, Britney Cuffee, Lauren Hutcherson

A felicitous fact is that every one of the faculty received similarly happy reviews. Of her sojourn in Band, Ashleigh Carson commented that "Miss Turner is a really great teacher; She makes fun of people in funny ways. I've never had another teacher like her. She's really cool!"

And Lolly Cunningham summed up her experience in Handbells with "Mrs. Cappell knows everything there is to know about bells," after which Jamie Nemeroff contributed a crucial piece of information about his teacher's pedagogical style: "She really pampers you. Only if you talk too much, she takes away your candy." Then, he concluded that "Mrs. Cappell is cool."

A-hah! We seem to have a thread going here. Intermediate School music is experienced in a variety of ways by students, but the consensus appears to be that, in at least some way or another, the disciplines fit snugly under a single banner marked "cool." Things could certainly be worse!

Of their own experience with Intermediate School music, the faculty are as ebullient as their students. Miss Turner fairly bubbled her delight in being able to conduct the IS Band on a permanent basis this year. "This is like band paradise" she said, her eyes emitting their inimitable twinkle. "You get to start your own kids (in 5th grade) so they don't get into bad habits; you don't have to redo their golf swing! The basic training in the Lower School is so good, too, that they can really play when they get here to the IS."

Mrs. Cappell is similarly enthusiastic about her charges. "I like the way they invest themselves. When the chips are down, they produce. I can count on them. They're loyal and depend on each other - a real team."

Ms. Buller has similar thoughts when she considers her string ensemble. "There's exceptional camaraderie;

they support each other, no matter what level of ability. The enthusiasm is remarkable." Her students see another side of the experience as crucial to their delight. Said Britney Cuffee, "It's exciting. And Ms. Buller tells great jokes." Claire Robertson agrees. "She brings humor to the classroom; she really makes it enjoyable."

It seems that there's a mutual admiration society in full swing in the I.S. between the music faculty and those they teach. In my opinion, THAT'S cool.

-Katherine Nevius '69 just returned to Potomac to teach music after taking a year off, during which she was working on a book about the Boxer dog breed.



Allie Hutchison



Chorus: McKenzie Millar, Libby Carson, Lucy Stirn(back), Susannah Orem, Katie Eastland, Sumner Powell, Lauren Kasper, and Katherine Nevius '69.



Justin Upshaw and Claire Robertson



Will Sullivan

23rd Fall Frolics

October 22& 23, 1999

The Fall Frolics committee has been preparing to **Celebrate the Century** since January when Co-Chairs Nathalie Sullivan and Donna Martin started making plans for the big weekend.

Thanks to the planning of Friday Night Live Auction chairmen Beth Eckert and Norma Ramsey everyone had a wonderful time at the dinner and auction held at the Ritz-Carlton. Andrea DiGiulian, Live Auction Acquisitions Chair, put together a wonderfully tempting array of live and super silent auction items which made the bidding very exciting.

On Saturday the school campus was ablaze with activity. The pictures on the facing page capture some of the fun of the many rides and games. In the Preston gymnasium the Silent Auction, chaired by Dianne Samuelson, featured over 600 wonderful items and The Marketplace chaired by Pat Moore was full of wonderful Potomac merchandise, wrapping paper and potential presents.

Raffle tickets for the 2000 Mustang Convertible sold well throughout the weekend and a throng of youngsters gathered for the student raffle drawings. Everyone was wildly enthusiastic as each winner was announced.

At the Fall Frolics Thank You party it was announced that over \$300,000 was raised this year for student scholarships and faculty enrichment programs.

Congratulations and many thanks to the co-chairs and their unflappable committees who made this fabulous weekend a success! Fall Frolics would not happen without the support of so many wonderful people. It was truly an event to be remembered for a century!



1999 Co-chairs Donna Martin and Nathalie Sullivan pose with Interim Head Peter Briggs.



Above, Andrea DiGiulian (Live Auction Chair) and her husband John enjoy Friday Night Live festivities with Suzy Kelly (Catalog Ad Co-chair).



Left, Friday Night Live Co-chairs Beth Eckert and Norma Ramsey celebrated a fabulous fun and successful night.

Below, Kip Killmon, Friday Night Live auctioneer tempts the crowd with an adorable golden retriever puppy.

Below, Jim Kahl, Car Raffle chair, spins the raffle bin, while 1999 Co-chair Donna Martin selects the winning ticket for Peter Briggs to announce!



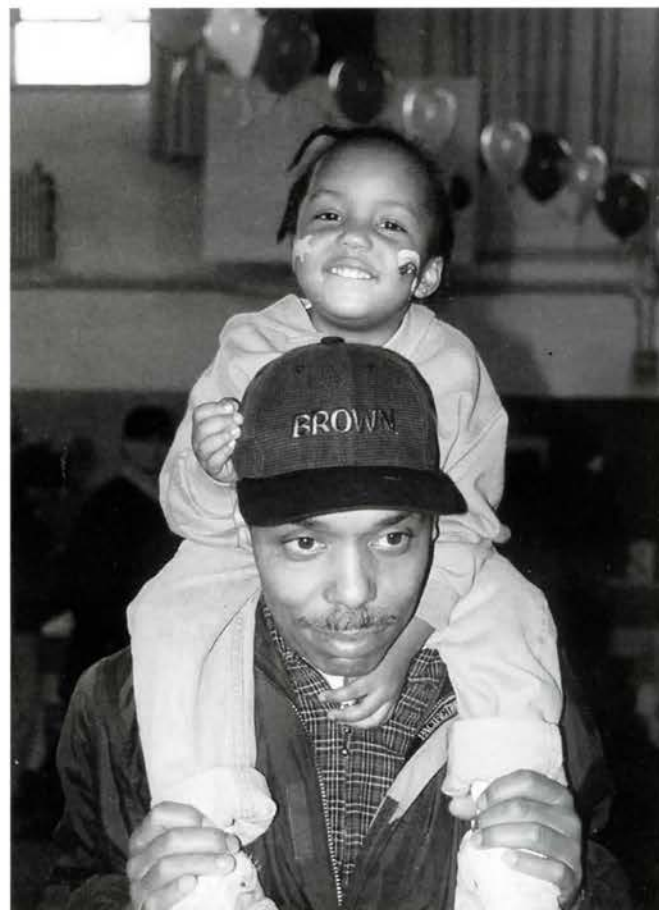
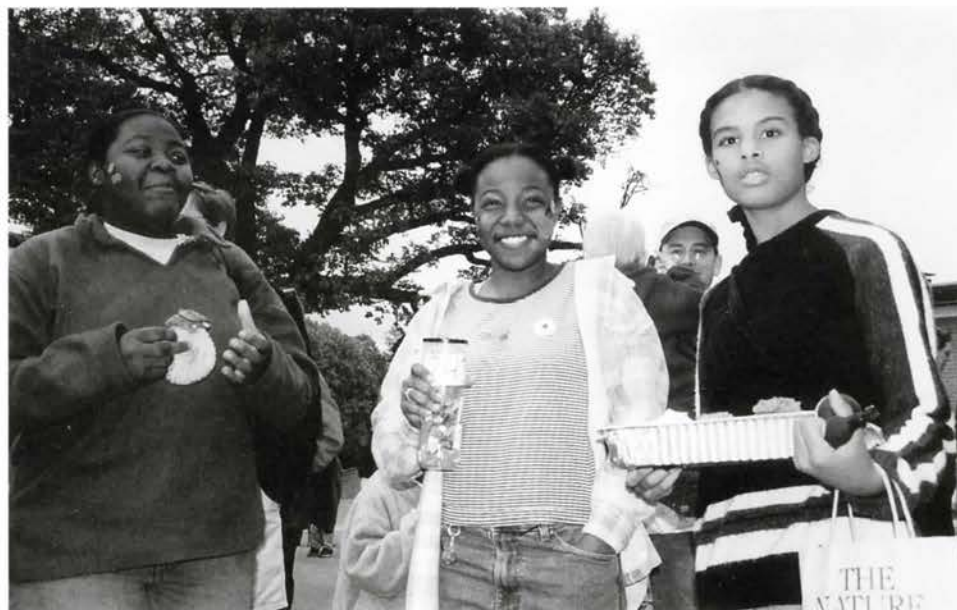
Children's Raffle chair Chris Fairbank surrounded by volunteers Lisa Gerke (left) and Adrienne Barris (right).

A shiny red mustang convertible was this year's classic car in the raffle.





Coming Soon...
Bookfair 2000
Building the Future with Books!
March 13-16, 2000
March 14th will be Alumni Night
this year at the Bookfair!
Come and buy wonderful books
and support Potomac's libraries
at the same time.



Capital Campaign Update

"Into the Next Century" Capital Campaign exceeds \$7.6 Million

The Phase II Centennial Capital Campaign is reaching a successful conclusion! The money given to the School has been placed in the School's endowment fund while construction of the long-awaited Engelhard Performing Arts Center has been financed by tax exempt bonds issued by the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. The School is borrowing \$13 million; \$6.5 in fixed rate bonds and \$6.5 in variable rate bonds with a thirty year amortization. The proceeds will be used for the Performing Arts Center, the purchase of the Lee property, construction of roads and parking lots, capitalized interest, and paying off existing debt. Including the generosity of Mrs Robert Wilson's \$1 million gift, \$7.6 million has been raised.

Construction crews pour the concrete foundation of The Engelhard Performing Arts Center, Fall 1999



Following completion of the Performing Arts Center, which was a priority of the Campus Master Plan, we want to develop the Lee property. This twelve acre parcel will include a baseball diamond, a regulation playing field for lacrosse, soccer and field hockey, as well as eight tennis courts. The Lee House will be renovated as a Field House and Alumni Reception area for coaches, alumni, and parents attending games. These facilities will greatly enhance the athletic program. The softball diamond and soccer fields will remain on the Gumtree Field. (Check out the Master Campus Plan online at www.potomacschool.org under Engelhard Performing Arts Center) Please come for a visit and see the improved Master Campus Plan.

THEATER SEATS IN THE JOHN LANGSTAFF AUDITORIUM

The \$8 million campaign, commenced just two years ago, is now offering 515 seats in the John Langstaff Auditorium. All constituents have been invited to "Take a Seat", naming seats in either the Orchestra Section at \$2000 each or the Grand Tier Section at \$1000 each. As we go to press, over 200 seats are taken. The armrest of each chair will have a small, engraved brass plate naming the donor or designee for the seat.

BRICKS FOR THE HELEN SETH-SMITH PATIO GO ON SALE

The Helen Seth-Smith Building has been removed after serving the School from 1951 to the present. The Seth House (sometimes known as the Field House or Music Building) was the first building on the McLean Campus and in recent years has been the home of the Development Office. The decision was made to remove the building, opening a vista to the campus as you approach the "tundra" (called the Field Hockey Field in earlier times) and creating a safer place for the school buses to drop off children. The architects' envision the School's buildings around a village green. The Development Office staff vacated the building and is residing temporarily in an apartment behind the Lower School Activities Room.

To honor the memory of Miss Seth-Smith, Assistant Head of School for thirty years, some of the bricks saved from the building, together with engraved bricks purchased by alumni and others, will create a new Helen Seth-Smith patio around a grove of trees in front of the Performing Arts Center. We hope everyone invited to "Buy a Brick" for \$250 will help make this possible.



Bulldozers flatten out land.

Support
Potomac Online!

To participate in the brick or the theater seat purchases online, visit our web site at www.PotomacSchool.org. Go to the Engelhard Performing Arts Center button, which will show you how to "Take a Seat" or "Click a Brick" using your credit card. The site is encrypted for security purposes. We look forward to hearing from you!

Next Head Announced

Headmaster selected for 2000

On October 20 1999, Sally Pingree, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, announced that Geoffrey Jones would be the next headmaster at Potomac: "Geoffrey Jones and Potomac was so clearly a good fit, that we had no reason to wait and take chances," said Ms. Pingree.

Mr. Jones has served as the principal of Thomas Jefferson High School since 1988 and has greatly contributed to it becoming one of the most acclaimed magnet schools in the country. Before coming to Thomas Jefferson, Mr. Jones was the principal of Oyster River High School in New Hampshire. He had previously been the principal of the University of Chicago Laboratory High School. Although most of his experience lies at the high school level, Mr. Jones is excited about the opportunity "to really look at K- 12 education and the strengths of being able to articulate themes, ideas, and programs across those grade levels.... It's really powerful to have a strong elementary faculty and program," he said.

"The difference between Mr. Jones and say last year's candidates, is that Mr. Jones is a sitting Head of a very well established school," said Ms. Pingree. "He has the experience and knowledge to succeed at a complex school like Potomac."

Mr. Jones' interest solely in Potomac also played a key part in the decision. Interim Headmaster Peter Briggs said, "The other candidates were very able, prudent and professional people, which is to say that they were looking at Potomac in the context of three or four other vacancies.... Geoff, on the other hand, really wanted to come to Potomac. He loved the school."

With nearly thirty years of experience as an educator, Mr. Jones has a reputation of turning ideas and dreams into successful realities. "What Geoff Jones has demonstrated is an ability to take the germ of an idea and over a period of three or four years, enlist colleagues to make it happen," said Mr. Briggs.

Although Thomas Jefferson is a school known particularly for its science and technology program, Mr. Jones has also produced an outstanding arts, fine arts, social studies and humanities programs there. This year's National Teacher of the Year recipient is from Thomas Jefferson and is, in fact, a history teacher, not a science teacher. "Geoff is an intellectual, an extraordinary educator.... If he has a certain vision, he expresses and articulates it," said Ms. Pingree. "He emphasizes that it's not just the answer that's important but what the question is.... He's a very deep and creative thinker," she added.



Geoff Jones with 1999 Board Chair Sally Pingree

One of the things Mr. Jones hopes to accomplish is to establish strong relationships with students. "Staying connected to students is something you really have to work hard at, and it's actually easier in some ways at the elementary levels than it is at the high school level because of the structure that starts to impose itself...but it would be very hard to keep me out of things," said Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones routinely meets with the student government at Thomas Jefferson and has been known to lead cheers during the football games. "There is a lot of communication between Mr. Jones and the students and he is the most pro-student administrator I've ever known," said Thomas Jefferson student body president Brooke Dooley. "A couple weeks ago at our Homecoming game, he jumped up, grabbed some pompoms and led a cheer.... He even knew all the movements," she said.

One of the advantages Mr. Jones sees in a school like Potomac is that it is "an environment where you know kids through a longer period of their lives, so it's much easier from my perspective to become a part of their lives..." he said. "Jefferson's too big for that."

Mr. Jones will assume the Headmaster position this summer. We welcome Geoff, his wife Carol and son Griffith to the Potomac community. "Potomac and Geoff Jones will have a great future together," predicted Mr. Briggs.

-Kate House '02

This article was condensed from the original that was printed in the November 4th issue of the Upper School newspaper, The Current.

Alumni Focus



Now Kristin Buehl '95 can enjoy hearing "music, wind, rustling leaves, sizzling bacon, and especially her family's laughter."

LEARNING TO HEAR

Although she was diagnosed with a profound hearing loss as a toddler, **Kristin Buehl '95** says, "I have always tried to enjoy my life as fully and productively as my hearing peers." From an early age, Kristin took part in oral learning programs and learned speech and lip reading, rather than learning sign language.

Arriving at Potomac in the 7th grade, Kristin faced a difficult transition. Not only was she the only deaf student in her class, but it was also the first time that she had studied in a program not designed for the hearing impaired. She found it impossible to read lips and take notes simultaneously, and class discussions proved particularly difficult when students would speak from all directions. Kristin recalls, "If it had not been for my devoted teachers who were willing to meet with me after school to go over the material discussed from class, I would have never survived Potomac!" She says she also relied on her friends, particularly Erin Vagley '95 and Nell Smith '95, who shared their notes with her.

While at Potomac, Kristin took full advantage of many activities. She played the clarinet, studied French and Latin, took Advanced Placement courses, and played sports. The only obstacle Kristin says she could not overcome was the telephone, which limited her social life. "I couldn't gossip with my friends on the phone or call to ask questions while studying for tests."

After Potomac, Kristin matriculated at Princeton where she used CART (computer-aided, real-time transcription), which enabled her to understand lectures, follow class discussions, and take her own notes. During a summer internship, Kristin realized that auditory communication, including using the telephone and participating in meetings, would be an important part of the working world after graduation.

Because she had developed oral communication skills, one option for Kristin was to have surgery to receive a cochlear implant (CI), a device that simulates sound in the ear by stimulating the hearing nerve. Individuals with the CI also wear a headset that includes a directional microphone and computerized speech processor and must undergo extensive auditory training.

While the CI offered Kristin a chance to hear, she initially rejected it because she was proud of her accomplishments as a deaf person. Eventually, Kristin recalls saying to herself: "I am indebted to my deafness for the many rewarding, challenging experiences it has given me, but I deserve a 'break' after all of my hard work. I'm ready to seize a new opportunity." Kristin underwent surgery for the implant before her junior year in college. However, because Kristin's auditory nerves had never been stimulated, she had no way of associating sounds to meanings and was not prepared for the deluge of life's 'background' noise. After the initial excitement, Kristin says the cacophony of sounds was sometimes frightening. Between studying for classes, 'relearning' English, and learning to tell sounds apart, she found it difficult to relax. After two months with the implant, she decided to remove her headset and wait until after graduation to give therapy her full attention.

Having graduated from Princeton, Kristin currently works as a legal assistant in Washington for Arnold & Porter. She wears the external listening device and is in the process of developing her auditory muscles through therapy and continual practice. While she admits that there are still noises she does not enjoy, like roaring motorcycles and sirens, she does enjoy speaking and hearing sounds including music, wind, rustling leaves, sizzling bacon, and especially her family's laughter. She remains excited about the prospect of hearing new noises and adds, "I can't wait for the day when I can chat on the phone all day and be a teenager all over again!"

By Joan Wise '82

TRAIL BLAZER

John Dugger '38 likes to say his Potomac class year is right only had he been born a girl as he and his male colleagues were booted out in 1934 at the end of their fourth-grade years. "I spent longer at Potomac than any other school, with two years of kindergarten and then first, third, and fourth, my father, a naval officer, was often at sea on the West Coast." For forty years John had little to do with Potomac, but after he retired from the Navy, entered law school, undertook marriage, and started raising two daughters, Potomac loomed larger. Both daughters, Julie '85 and Patsy '91, went to Potomac, his wife Norma served on the Potomac Board in the 1980s, and John was persuaded to take over as scribe for his Potomac class, which he continues to do.

In his second career John handled international law and foreign policy for the Department of Energy, this included a good deal of traveling for Law of the Sea and Antarctic Treaty matters. After retiring he spent more time hiking and biking on area trails and roadways. This interest led John to his involvement with the Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail.

In 1986, the B&O Railroad line that ran from Georgetown to Silver Spring stopped running and the Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail was formed. The Coalition's role was to promote turning this right-of-way into a first class hiker/biker trail. The trail is a beautiful tree-lined route with historic tunnels and fine vistas over the Canal and the Potomac River. In 1993, as trail development moved out from Georgetown toward Bethesda, John found that some residents of his Sumner community were trying to block making the right-of-way into a trail, as it ran near their houses. So he joined the Coalition and lobbied with other residents in support of the Capital Crescent Trail, an effort that bore fruit, as there is now an excellent trail from Georgetown through Bethesda to Rock Creek Park, very popular even among former opponents, particularly because their property values improved.



John Dugger '38 (far right) pictured with daughter Julie '85, Julie's fiancé, Andrew Miles, and daughter Patsy '90.

Rebuilding the deteriorated railway trestle over the Park and completing the Trail onward to Silver Spring is a work still in progress. John has just finished his third year as Chair of the Coalition; he plans to bike on it forever. (You can see the Trail in full color at www.cctrail.org.) On a splendid early fall day, he led a group of Potomac alumni on the Trail for a walk from Rock Creek Park to River Road, and expects to lead another Potomac hike on a different Trail segment in the spring. "Being part of an extended Potomac family has been great fun; I enjoy as good friends the handsome young adults who went to school with my daughters, their lively parents, and the small group of my own classmates still around."

By Emily Train Rowan '65

Lost Alumni

Do you know where your reunion 2000 classmates are?

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

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

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Alumni Reunion Weekend

October 13 & 14, 2000

More details to follow



College Matriculation Class of 1999

Eric Abrams Bowdoin College
 William Ackerly Rose-Hulman
 Eleanor Adams Harvard University
 James Aldige University of Virginia
 Yorke Allen Duke University
 Emily Anderson Boston College
 Maria Belen Aquino Art Institute of Chicago
 Terry Michael Banks Virginia Tech.
 John Bastos Georgetown University
 Sahar Batmanghelidj University of Virginia
 Anne Blaney University of Virginia
 Mackenzie Blumer Yale University
 George Trenholm Boggs Colby College
 Burgess Bradshaw University of Richmond
 Emi Bretschneider Princeton University
 Shauna Burgess Princeton University
 Hilary Burt Princeton University

Daryn Cambridge Middlebury College
 Betsy Clark Johns Hopkins University
 Caroline Connelly Emory University
 Samantha Cooper-Morrison Univ. of Pennsylvania
 Thomas Danbury College of William & Mary
 Jonathan Darman Harvard University
 Kevin Eakin Gettysburg College
 Samuel Engel Yale University
 Michael Farah University of Virginia
 Andrew Farrell Kenyon College
 Barry Gamble Lynchburg College
 Mark Gillespie Bishop's University
 Jody Goehring University of Pennsylvania
 Christian Gomez Princeton University
 James Green College of William & Mary
 Elizabeth Hawkins Amherst College
 Keith Huffman Trinity College
 Charlotte Hutton Univ. of the South (Sewanee)



Graduation

Monday, June 16, 1999



Burton Johnson Towson State University
 Cyrus Joubin Columbia University
 Pamela Kasenetz University of Pennsylvania
 Todd Kincaide University of Virginia
 Patrick Kris University of Pennsylvania
 Reed Landry University of Virginia
 Alyson Lipsky Smith College
 Andrew Lockman Rollins College
 Nell Manning Duke University
 Melina McCrary James Madison University
 Jonathan Miri College of William & Mary
 Susanna Mitchell Emory University
 Sarah Murphy University of Richmond
 Patrick Nemeroff Yale University
 Keith Newell James Madison University
 Aris Pappas The Hill School (PG Year)
 Monique Pean University of Pennsylvania
 Wrede Petersmeyer Harvard University

Rebecca Rader Duke University
 Laura Reiter Emory University
 Carolyn Rucci Trinity College
 Katlin Schaars University of Wisconsin
 Ari Schantz Ohio State University
 Landon Schmitt Brown University
 Elizabeth Seidlitz Washington University
 Meredith Shuba Davidson College
 Rachel Shuler Oberlin College
 Elizabeth Simpson University of Virginia
 Nathaniel Smith Penn State University
 Christopher Soverow University of Virginia
 Daniel Stock Georgetown University
 Dana Stroul University of Virginia
 Robert Swain Tufts University
 Douglas Trabandt Duke University
 Lindsay Wheeler James Madison University
 Erin Winland Duke University



Alumni News

Potomac School Class Notes

1931

From the Alumni Office:

"When a member of the Class of '31 gets married to her boyfriend of 1935, that's news", writes **Ruth Hale Buchanan Wheeler**. She and Edward Wheeler were married on May 1, 1999 under their 350-year-old oak tree in the garden of their Washington

Mrs. Haislip's Pre-K helped celebrate Mrs. Edith Blair Staton's '09 104th birthday by writing birthday cards this past September.



Home. **Nancy Luttrell Orme** and **Edith Pearson Darlington '34** were in attendance. "It may be the height of optimism to start a new life together with someone in your eighties, but it sure is great!"

Nancy Luttrell Orme and **Edgar Joseph Orme '27** report that "they are delighted to have nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren." They see **Ruth Hale Buchanan Wheeler '35** and her husband Ed frequently. "It is interesting that our children and grandchildren are friends as well." She and Sonny spend the winter in Antigua and split the summer between their farm outside of Leesburg and Rehoboth, DE. "We travel in between, the last being a National Trust Trip reversing Lewis and Clark's travels on the Colombia and Snake Rivers. We don't know where the next will be. Best to the Potomac Family."

1933

From the Alumni Office:

Rita Nash Paine writes that in October, 1998 she attended a meeting in Quebec with the Jane Austen Society of North America. This past October, they met in Colorado! Rita resides in Warrenton, VA and helps with

efforts to preserve the county's rural, agricultural character. She also enjoyed taking classes in elementary computer and Renaissance art at James Madison University. Rita turned 80 in November and "is looking forward to entering the Millenium in January."

1937

From the Alumni Office:

Mary Sabine Schade works in pastels doing portraits. She loves Rockport, MA. "It is a wonderful place to live. We look out to the sea!" Her children are all well. "Camilla runs her own theatre in Lancaster, PA. Alan, a watchmaker, is her stage director. Carolyn is also an actress. We saw her perform in Rockford, IL. The boys are thriving as well. We are so blessed."

Josephine Henderson Humphries remembers that "it was seventy years ago that my twin sister **Floranne Henderson Passino** and I first came to Potomac. I can still remember many of the children and the teachers, the graham crackers and milk at recess, the playground, and the wonderful plays at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mrs. Rice was the Headmistress and the School used the Calvert System." She and Floranne both live in North Carolina; Floranne in Pine Knoll Shores with her husband Jacque, and Josie (now a widow) is in the country between Chapel Hill and Durham. "I am blessed to have my daughter and her family nearby. My two sons are in Charlotte with their families."

1938

From the Alumni Office:

See back cover for Alumni Spotlight on **John Dugger!**

1939

From the Alumni Office:

Maizie Baird Gilbert writes, "Tappahannock is a thriving metropolis now." Maizie swims a half a mile every day at the fitness

center and then walks a mile! "It is almost time to get to Florida for the winter! I do not shovel snow!" Maizie reports that her sister **Barbara Baird Lusby '37** resides in a Manor Care facility in Fairfax, VA.

Jeane McBride Sterrett and her husband **Sam '37** celebrated their Fiftieth wedding anniversary this August with a month long sojourn in Europe including two cruises: one on the Rhone river and one on the Baltic. They also spent a month in their house on Lake Placid.

Francis Barrie Gilsey phoned to report that she is well and still modeling sporadically. Her eldest son, Peter, is a doctor in Boston. Her middle son, David, "will forever live in [her] heart." And her youngest son, Gardner is a meteorologist in Trenton, NJ.

1941

From the Alumni Office:

Ann Distler Brown writes, "There I was in a ruined fort in Syria telling a companion that 'this reminds me of Miss Berkely's Fifth Grade'. A voice behind me echoed 'Miss Berkely's Fifth Grade?' **Henriette de Sieyes Montgomery '37** and I continued reminiscing about papier-mache Acropolises, etc. A small world." Ann also visited with **Nancy Thomas Rees** at her home in Stonington, CT. "She is as much fun as ever!"

1943

From the Alumni Office:

Tillman Stirling writes, "As I look at the list of members for the Class of 1943, I see that my name is the only one with 'Mr.' before it. I guess I was too young back then to take advantage of those wonderful odds." He and his "wonderful" wife of 48 years have three children and seven grandchildren. He still keeps busy practicing law. "Potomac School got me off to a good start."

ODD YEAR CLASS CORRESPONDENTS

1923

Caroline Thompson Simmons
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Washington, DC 20007

1935

Lucy Marbury Blundon
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McLean, VA 22102

1945

Patricia Mulligan Briska
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(triciabrisk@hotmail.com)

1947

Class Correspondent needed!

1949

Laura Lee Larson
11320 Glen Road
Potomac, MD 20854

1945

From Tricia:

Frances McKee Dunn Cox is thriving in Martinsburg, WV raising many Great Pyrenees pups. They are gorgeous dogs. As of Christmas '98 she and Louis had ten grandchildren.

Lydia Moffat Emil tells us news of another grandchild, Carina Lydia Becker, born to her daughter on May 4, 1999. Lydia sends fond greetings to everyone.

Beatrice Berle Meyerson has three grandsons, ranging from 3 months to 3 years. She and LeMoyné remodeled her house this year, adding a library, lots of closets and enlarging the master bedroom and bath. They moved to LeMoyné's house in January then sold it and came back to her house in September. They have 100 boxes with combined possessions and are slowly "digging out, or is it in? What a job."

Dore Martin Morse and her husband, Breton, went to France in October. They loved it and are interested in renting in the future. She would welcome suggestions. They hope to have a family reunion in May, 2000 on Sanibel Island, FL.

Elizabeth Beach Rea writes "**Franny Rowan, Anne Mackall Sasscer** and I met for our "annual" luncheon in November '99. We all decided that we were doing O.K! No real aches or pains! Franny was very patient with us as Anne and I shared pictures of our grandchildren. Anne and I finally got our girls after all boys for such a long time."

Franny Rowan continues to be very active with Hospice in Washington and will spend March 2000 on Marco Island, FL.

J. Wright Rumbough writes, "Had a great summer though many incidents. Our home in the Adirondacks had a forest fire burning for a month, a mile and a half from it. Finally, helicopters with water pouches, prisoners from nearby detention centers, and US and Canadian fire fighters put it out. It was on a mountain, Noonmark, just behind our

house. Flames leaped 100 feet in the air. Fortunately, we had rented it out to a very nice NY family who loved the excitement. Then Floyd hit with a "blow down" on the upper lake of our club closing trails, etc. with fallen trees." Wright was away for both natural disasters. Obviously Long Island was the place to be in September.

Georgiana Glenn Rodiger e-mailed the following "Dear Potomac, I really love your school as I loved it sixty years ago on California Street. I was a scared fifth grader from Cambridge, MA and you took me in and loved me and taught me. Helen Seth-Smith took me to Europe twice with Carol Preston and other scouts, including **Tricia Briska**. We are all well. The grandchildren still live with me and their three horses, nine cats, five big dogs, hamsters, rats and birds. Lots of fun for grandmother."

Barbara Barry Straut announces the arrival in July '99 of granddaughter Lily Oliver Goldsmith. She and Barney now have eight grandchildren. The Strauts still live in their home in Princeton, NJ where "we've been all these many years." (Methuselah speaking)

Peter Sturtevant spent a long, late summer in Maine (lucky guy) and sounds very well.

Patricia Mulligan Briska reports, "Although my husband Philip has not been well this year we have managed three important trips. One to New England and New York to see family and friends; one to San Francisco to visit with daughter, Marguerite, and family on leave from Alaska and to Terni, Italy in August to reunite with Philip's Harvard roommates. All happy occasions. Thanks to all who wrote. I appreciate it, the School appreciates it and your friends appreciate it."

1947

From the Alumni Office:

Audrey Gordon Woodgate hopes to move to Texas to be with her granddaughters, Courtney and Brooke. Her younger son Clay and his wife

Aimee live in Houston. Her daughter Alicia lives in San Francisco and works at a PR firm. Audrey spends most of her time traveling to visit her children and helping to train their Great Dane puppy. She occasionally tutors French and Spanish. "So sad to hear of **Marjorie Cabot Enriquez-Savignac's** death."

Sheila Smith Cochran spent another "wonderful" August in Maine with her children and grandchildren. While there she had a chance to spend some time with her sister, **Pauline Smith Willis '48**, Pauline's husband Bill, and Sheila's husband, Carlyle's, brother. This past fall she worked with the Montgomery County Historical Society and lead occasional bird walks in Olmstead Woods at the Cathedral. She has loved seeing classmates!

1951

From the Alumni Office:

Cynthia Butterworth Burns reports that when she and her husband, Ward, were in DC last spring, they had dinner with **Louise Cropley Eaton** and her



husband, Bill. Cynthia's mother passed away at the age of 95 in August. Cynthia, accompanied by her eldest son, David, visited her in Barbados this past March. David is working towards his MBA in aviation management, her daughter, Abby lives in AZ and works for a marketing company, and her other son, Walton just started at BU Divinity School and hopes to teach philosophy.

Clara Hoover Hendin writes that she is pursuing [her] usual Morgan Horse activities....three horses have won five

1953

Mary Murray Bradley Coleman
22 Wildwood Drive
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107.

1955

Ann Swift Cronin
The Farm House
Farm House Road
Sweet Briar, VA 24595

1957

Susan Cooley
RR3 Box 111
Barton, VT 05875

1959

Anne Dickson Ravenel
3528 Fulton Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Capital Crescent Trail:

15 Alumni and friends joined John Dugger '38 on a guided tour of the Capital Crescent Trail in early October. Front Row kneeling: Jean MacDonald '64 (President, Alumni Governing Council), Bryan Smith (Development Associate). Back Row: Dewie Oppenheimer '80, Joan Wise '82, Marshall Norris Rawson '62, John Dugger '38, Jay Dunn, Annabelle Redway Dunn '85, Perrin Vallender '90, Prentiss Vallender Lay '85 (Vice-President, Alumni Governing Council), Mark Lay, Emily Train Rowan '65, Adria de Leonibus '83 (Director, Alumni Affairs), Mary Janney, Ted Cage '82, Mary Janney's friend.

Upper School students who have close alumni connections are:

Front row: Nikki Fucigna (Isabel Hill Fucigna '64), Alison Weisgall (aunt Alison MacDonald von Klemperer '75 and uncle David MacDonald '77), Andrew Weisgall, and Chris Devor (step-father Reg Foster '65). **Back row:** Kate Jones (Elizabeth Blair Jones '69 and great-grandfather William D. Blair '16), Sam Lee (E. Brooke Lee '31), Donald Taylor (Nancy Lindsten Taylor '67 and aunts Betty Lindsten Mulrey '65 and Karen Lindsten Devlin '71), Patrick Eakin (Richard P. Eakin '65), Steven Taylor, and Eric Taylor.



Pictured above, left to right:

Daphne Chester (cousins John Chester '73, Isabelle Chester Paul '77, Charlie Chester '81, and great aunt Clara Mills Chester '45), Kate Buchanan (aunt Mary G. Buchanan '46), Allana Strong (Henry Strong '72 and aunts Sigrid Strong Reynolds '67, Barbara Strong Doty '68, and Dana Strong van Loon '70), Kathryn Brand (brother, Peter M. Brand '96), and Avery Scoville (Anthony Scoville '55). Not pictured: Phillip Devor, Josh Gregg (grandmother Catherine Warner Gregg '32), Andrew Osborn (Paula Skallerup Osborn '67), Kakki Rawson (Marshall Norris Rawson '62), Nell Rient (Gretchen Theobald '60), and G.G. Swift (grandmother Mary Davidson Swift '41).

championships in shows and competitive trail competition.

Shirley Young Adams writes that as the year 2000 approaches, she and her husband Walt "count [their] many blessings." Included among them are their four children who have given them eleven grandchildren. "I am ever thankful for my wonderful education into which The Potomac School poured so much with lots of patience."

1953

From Mary Murray

Susan Boyd had a busy summer with visits to Kennebunkport, ME and Enosburg Falls, VT, a trip to Germany, taking an art object to

renamed) Radcliffe Institute for Advance Study. She will go later in the year to Berkeley, CA to work on an exhibition.

Jean Alexander O'Donnell lives in southern New Hampshire and teaches writing at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, MA. She thinks often about her great days at Potomac.

Evelyn Scofield Rowland writes that oldest son, William, a Foreign Service officer in Bogota, Columbia will be married there on February 5, 2000 to Stella Garriolo Garrido, MD. Evelyn was elected president-elect of the Maine Federation of Business and Professional Women in June. She will become state president in June, 2000. Her husband, Ronald, wrapped up his year's temporary environmental position in Winter Harbor and they are busy trying to get *Appletree House Bed and Breakfast and Guest House* (Swan Island, ME) ready to open in the spring. Maine is the place to be!

(Mary Murray Bradley Coleman) continue to love living in Maine, even with the long winter. Please come visit me (10 minutes from Portland) and then go stay at **Evelyn Scofield Rowland's** bed and breakfast! As I write this am awaiting a phone call from daughter Emily who is about to give birth to her first child. I get to help out for a few days. Lucky me! Best regards to all as we usher in the year 2000!

1954

From Tina:

(A Late entry for the summer issue.)

Edie Murphy Holbrook writes "Mother Russia is a big problem at the moment and I have my hands full. I was due to be there for a press conference with the American Ambassador at the Embassy, but that has been postponed. This will all subside but it's not good now and it is profoundly affecting ARYO (American Russian Youth Orchestra) as parents are expressing concern about safety. The financial situation in Russia is also a disaster, so I have to raise funds on this side. We intend to proceed: Tanglewood,

Westhampton, New Haven, New York, Miami, Nashville, Moscow, St. Petersburg, with the Janacek Academy Orchestra in Bruno. We have a 13-year-old violin prodigy I am bringing in from Siberia (last one we had has just made concertmaster of Israel Philharmonic) and a 17-year-old composer for our fanfare. Hall of Famer, Tom Seaver is going to emcee for our opening in New York. The Kennedy Center has invited us to be in residence for a week in February 2000, as part of our Y2K Chamber Players Tour!"

1956

From the Alumni Office:

Linda Merrill Ciccone reports that her husband has written his sixth book entitled *Antonio Ciccone's Padre Pio!* Congratulations!

1957

From Susan:

Thank you for the nice response to this year's request for news. You can't imagine what fun it is to see those bright yellow postcards in amongst the bills and tedious catalogs, crammed into the postbox.

The class sends its heartfelt sympathies to Erik, Jody, and Blake Esselstyn on learning of **June "Micki" Esselstyn's** untimely death on October 27, 1999. Her husband Erik wrote the following: "Over our thirty-plus years together I have learned that Micki cherished her memories of Potomac more than any other school experience... Since January [1999], Micki has been valiantly dealing with an aggressive, inoperable brain tumor. Our family will mark 1999 as a year of poignant love and unthinkable loss."

See www.Esselstyn.com, Blakes' web beacon for family and friends.

Marjorie Hornblower Bauer claims to have no other news other than doing battle with the apple tree out back. This autumn she stacked her freezer full of applesauce and put up untold quantities of chutney.

Alexandra Polyzoides Buek reports that she "just retired after

32 years as an attorney for Uncle Sam (aka the American taxpayer). It was a great career, but I'm ready to do other things. Rick has just retired, too, from a career of serving as tax legislative council to, among others, Allied Signal Corporation. We have left Georgetown and DC behind and moved permanently to our A-frame on Dividing Creek, just north of Annapolis.... We plan to settle in and then do some serious sailing on the Chesapeake...and then some traveling, perhaps eventually back to Australia and New Zealand where we spent a wonderful three weeks in February 1998."

I wish I were able to photocopy the postcard received from **Anne Palms Chalmers** to illustrate her remarkable talent in filling 20 square inches with a lot of information. Bravo, and thanks, Anne. I quote: "Last year was incredibly busy but really satisfying, in spite of too little sleep and rushing to fit three deadlines into the space of one. The chorus I joined, *Music Sacra*, needed posters, ads, flyers and programs for all of its concerts, which since it is a cooperative chorus, I did. The music was wonderful, but I had to learn it, which takes time pounding it out on my little battery powered Cassio keyboard. I volunteered to do typesetting and design for a wonderful Women's retreat at Holly's temple, the subject of which was Jewish mysticism... Meanwhile at work, I got to read lots of good books and try to make them look beautiful. We went to a spa in June to yet again jump start being in shape. It seems to have worked, though, since both of us are going to the gym almost every lunch hour and taking long walks in Vermont. My son, Chris, came back for a bit this summer to see me as well as all his art and architecture friends...."

Patricia Gessell reports having had a good vacation in Maine battling the deer and drought. She continues to work part time at the adult literacy center in New York, "getting folks off welfare. The hardest problem for them is to keep a job once landed." She

sees **Liz Dominick Cenedella** in NYC. Liz had a great one-person show of her quilts and pillows.

Courtney Hagner extends her best wishes to all and says she enjoys travel, tennis and good health. She is remodeling her kitchen over the holidays..."probably a nutty idea, but I cannot wait!" She continues her realtor position at Randall Hagner & Co., now celebrating its 95th Anniversary.

Barbara Crawford Huppe writes that she and Alex spent an extended summer vacation in Maine and then went to Italy (Tuscany) for three weeks. "We are both totally relaxed and excited about life." Alex left Harvard in mid-May and is freelancing for an international public relations firm, as well as for Harvard on a couple of projects. "We have two grandchildren, ages one and three, my daughter's. And my son and his wife have one due in February. Life is GOOD!"

Lissa Cabot Lyman is pleased to announce that she and Charles Lyman were married in Wareham at his parents' house on July 10, 1999. "For the next three years we will live in Tampa, where he is a film professor at the University of South Florida."

Beryl Slocum Powell writes, "I enjoyed very much visiting **Alice Fales Stewart** in Wellfleet for Labor Day weekend. I also enjoyed the wedding of **Judith Parker's '59** beautiful daughter, Anne Maie, to Lee Rigers in Philadelphia in July." Beryl's son, Adam, 29, received an endowed chair to teach materials science at MIT in September. His wife, Colleen, is a research assistant at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. And her other son, Sherman, was promoted in the Infantry and passed the test to be a Tank Company Commander.

Alice Fales Stewart claims "1999 was a banner year with two summer vacations! The first was to the Czech Republic where my actor son's (Will) movie, *The Dogwalker*, (in which he plays the title role) was accepted at an International film festival." Alice

also got to Berlin. "my first time back since '62, a year after the wall went up. It was fascinating....!" Her second vacation was up to Cape Cod where she spent a good time with **Beryl Slocum Powell**.

Otherwise, Alice is still "tourguiding, working less than I did as a teacher, and enjoying being able to attend theater, bike and walk, and do a ton of volunteer civic work." [Ed. Note: Alice is an active member on Potomac's Alumni Governing Council]

Sandy Walker writes, "I don't have startling news to convey to my third grade friends. My kids, Rosemary, 10, and Noah, 15, are a source of deep pleasure, as is my wife, Ellen, and my work, art; which is not to say that I don't also embody all the usual conflicts and disappointments that I think go with being human. I do!"

1958

From the Alumni Office:

Barbara Kent Lawrence has started a book tour promoting her book *Bitter Ice: A Memoir of Love, Food, and Obsession*. Her book, a gripping memoir, illustrates "a man's obsession with food and a woman's struggle to help him." (See photo.)

1959

From Anne:

This summer, we spent a glorious week on Fripp Island, South Carolina with our daughters, Renee and Margaret, Margaret's husband, Rob, and our grandson, Alexander Ravenel Elliott, born March 2, 1999 (the same day his aunt and godmother, Renee, was born in 1976). We've enjoyed seeing **Cornelia Biddle Saltzman** and **Glenavie Norton** throughout the year.

This from **Cornelia Biddle Saltzman** - the first to send her news via e-mail! BLESS YOU, CB! - "... not too different from last year's.... The addition to our house was finished by last January. Our builders were great and nice people to "live" with for 3-4 months. By June everything else was finished - brick porch, walk,



Barbara Kent Lawrence '58, author of *Bitter Ice*.

1961

Class Correspondent needed!

1963

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1965

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1967

Tom Macy
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Silver Spring, MD 20901
(Thomas1127@aol.com)

1967

Boucie Addison Adams
7210 Summit Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

1969

Class Correspondent needed!

circular drive, little patio. Now we work on landscape and our various rural pursuits. Both children, **Charles '84** and Clia, are still residing in San Francisco within walking distance of one another, at least until Clia and family move to the house they have just bought in the city. We have had several visits back and forth including the ten days or so in September when Charles and I were entrusted on our own with the grandbabies, Zoe, 34 months, and Cole, 15 months. It was a joyous time but now we know why one is generally younger when one has little ones."

Now here's a long way around to getting this news of **Virginia Hornblower Lawrence**.

Glenavie Norton spent a night here in Washington with us in October. (More on Glenavie below!) She told us that Jenny was "thanked" in the notes of a book entitled *The Endurance* by Caroline Alexander who says of Jenny, "My good friend Jenny Lawrence, editor at Natural History, acted as advisor and sounding board at early stages of both the book and the exhibition." According to the front flap, the book was published

"in conjunction with the Natural History's landmark exhibition on Shackleton's journey..." (The book is: *The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition* by Caroline Alexander, Frank Hurley, Photographer)

Carol Langstaff reports that she now has her own dance company, *Flock!* They chose to perform *Elemental* outdoors "at the beautiful amphitheater in Sharon, Vermont" where she lives. "More to come next summer at the end of July and the beginning of August. My winters are spent living in the west of Ireland with my husband, Jim Rooney, where the music is great!"

Laura Lee Kent and Tobe "are now empty-nesters, having packed off the twins - the last of our four. Haven't quite gotten used to it yet."

Glenavie Norton's older daughter Katherine began Skidmore this fall and is enjoying it tremendously. Daughter Melinda is in the 8th grade. Glenavie is an administrator in a public health organization in Philadelphia. In October, Glenavie was in Washington for a reunion at her alma mater, Georgetown University School of Languages and Linguistics, and spent a night with us.

Chrissie O'Dunne Griffin says "I'm not sure how I missed our 40th reunion - it sort of slipped by (maybe I was away!) Anyway, everything seems to be in a state of flux around here at the moment. George has just retired. Schuyler is moving back from the West Coast and we are moving residence to PA (Blue Ridge Summit) but will keep the DC house. My mother fell in August and broke her other hip. I am feeling distracted at the moment!"

Judith Parker writes, "the big news in my life is that my daughter, Anne, got married this summer. She and her husband live around the corner from me so I feel very lucky. My 'baby', Rachel, is now a freshman at our community college which has an excellent art program. When your youngest is in college it makes you feel old!"

Vee Wathen Sheehan and Fred are enjoying our pattern of spending six months in Tenants Harbor, two and a half months near Portland and the rest of the time as gypsies. Last winter we were in France and Tunisia - this year on the Florida panhandle with short trips to New Orleans to see friends."

Thanks for your news! Keep in touch!

1961

From the Alumni Office:

Julia Williams Robinson is preparing for her sabbatical leave from the University of Minnesota where she is a Professor of Architecture. She will spend the 2000-2001 year in the Netherlands working on her Ph.D. She writes that her "children are all out of the nest and doing well."

Emma Bragdon writes, "I moved to Woodstock, VT in June 1998. Still teaching seminars in human potential and I am also writing a book on teens. **Bo Cushing Gibbs** and I are in a yoga class together."

After having two art shows this summer and selling ten paintings, **Cinda Train Longstreth** hasn't slowed down. This fall she returned from a special two-week trip hiking through Utah, and then off to Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico where she saw many American Indian ruins. While there, she stayed with the Hopi Indians for four days and attended a Harvest Dance. She is still enjoying her job as a registered polarity practitioner and feels extremely fulfilled.

Binti Hoskins Ackley writes, "We are enjoying the progress on our house on the water in Stonington, CT (AckleyJW3@aol.com). Fabulous view and much cozier in storms with new walls, windows and insulation! Got in two trips to the Adirondacks and Canada car camping last summer. Jeffrey is now 14, in the eighth grade and starting to look at boarding schools. Yikes! He spent a week snorkeling coral reefs off Andros Island with a group of teens from the Mystic Aquarium."



Intermediate School students with close alumni connections are:

Front row: Regina Lee (E. Brooke Lee '31), Sarah Epstein (David Epstein '68 and uncles James E. Epstein '69, Richard A. Epstein '73, Miles O. Epstein '75, and aunt Sarah C. Epstein '78), and Merrill Chester (cousins John Chester '73, Isabelle Chester Paul '77, Charlie Chester '81, and great aunt Clara Mills Chester '45). **Back row:** Nicholas Nassikas (Georgia Chafee Nassikas '74 and John Nassikas '74), Amanda Gutierrez (Polly Pittman Gutierrez '74 and grandmother Barbara White Pittman '47), Tyson Barrett (cousins Christy Halvorson Ross '85 and Brook Halvorson '91), Charlotte Lawson (uncle Carroll Carter '74), Robbie Taylor (Nancy Lindsten Taylor '67 and aunts Betty Lindsten Mulrey '65 and Karen Lindsten Devlin '71), Susannah Orem (grandmother Sharon Barbour Rhett '46), Maria McElwain (Bill McElwain '70), and Emily Rowan (Emily Train Rowan '65 and grandfather Russell E. Train). Not pictured: Billy DuVal (Dan DuVal '68 and uncle Clive DuVal '64).

1963

From the Alumni Office:

Diane Fryer Hacking spent some time this fall in Baltimore at a reunion of the Caldwell-Moisebranch of her family. "It was a wonderful mix of visiting, meeting new people, and sightseeing. Both our sons are at McGill University in Montreal this year. Jack is a senior and making plans for after graduation (perhaps Law School, perhaps employment, etc.). J.B. is a freshman and very much enjoying a new environment after nine years at Appleby College in Oakville. I have cut way back on my volunteer commitments this year and am finding time for more bridge, tennis and badminton. [My husband], Jeremy (formerly C&L), is now a partner in the newly merged and very large accounting firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers (quite a mouthful!) His current interest is on the management consultant side, especially systems."

Leni Chapman Preston "had a great time (despite the weather) on Block Island with **Maria Franco Granquist** and her husband after dropping off our daughter Caroline for her sophomore year at Brown. I am continuing my museum consulting and enjoying the freedom. Please visit my web site at www.lenipreston.com (designed by my historian husband)!"

Anne Williams Paley's financial consulting business is doing well, her husband Will continues his custom home building, and their two Morgan horses teach them something new everyday. She is also starting the interview process for high school for her daughter, Amanda who is now 13 years old. She wishes everyone well.

1965

From Caroline:

Lindesay Holdsworth Aquino writes that daughter **Belen '99** is at the school of the Chicago Art Institute studying photography. Lindesay is looking forward to spending the millenium on Martha's Vineyard with the family.

Emily Train Rowan reports that she enjoys taking botanical drawing classes, gardening and ministering to the homeless. Both her daughters are presently at Potomac. Emily sees **Cary Ridder** as they are on the Alumni Governing Council together.

Richard Eakin's son, **Christopher '07** is in Emily's daughter, Allie's class this year.

David McAllister sounds very happy. On August 21 he married **Esther Bankuti** whom he has known for almost two decades! He was pleased that 20 Americans attended the ceremony in his wife's hometown of Sopron, Hungary in an old Baroque church. Congrats, Dave!!!

Sallie Ayers Barker is still in Salisbury on the Eastern Shore. She and husband Steve are facing the exciting challenge of adding a high school to their school. They are up to a junior class now. One more year and they will be full! Sallie's daughter Nina is a senior at Williams. Sallie says that she and Steve now feel like real grownups!

Your class rep is still teaching Spanish in New Mexico and finally learning how to use a pottery wheel. We bought a house in Corrales outside of Albuquerque and are blissfully happy although we miss our girls. Alex is now a junior at Westover playing on the varsity soccer, basketball and tennis teams. Ashley, a college senior, is majoring in painting and spending her final year in Rome with the RISD European Honors Program.

1967

From Tom:

Caroline Casey writes that her first book, *Making the Gods Work for You*, is doing well and that she is working on her second book, *The True Rascal Mystery Book*, which is due out in the fall of 2000. She has a weekly radio show (airing on local stations from DC to Northern California) which "gives voice to that which has no mainstream voice." An exception to this was Caroline's guest, Jack Langstaff, who was on the show some months ago. She will attend the Parliament of

Religions in Capetown, South Africa. She is currently living with her fish, cats, a wolf and a coyote.

Alexis Anderson writes that after a 40-year hiatus, she is again taking up the recorder as she once did at Potomac. In lieu of Jack Langstaff, she is relying on computer software to read and study the music. Her son, Sasha Strickland, is now a 2nd year student at Rochester Institute of Technology. She says that they are both "hopelessly wired" on the computer. She has her own website, which showcases the collection of graphics and multimedia of the type on which she has been working lately.

Jeffrey Allen has moved just up the block in Montpelier, VT. His son Gabriel is now five and Jeff coaches his soccer team. He is "having a blast."

1969

Steve Wolf's duties as a neurologist with the U.S. Public Health Service "remain fulfilling, despite the fairly wretched conditions at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where I am stationed."

1971

From Ann:

Susan Orme Price writes that she is feeling ancient as her two oldest have begun college. Stephen is at Davidson and Jonathan is at Washington & Lee. Alex is also off to Woodberry Forest, leaving only Mark, second grade, at home. Susan is keeping busy volunteering at school. I had a delightful evening with Susan's parent's last summer at their beach house in Delaware.

Robert Thayer called me and faxed me about his life over the last few years. He had been living in Asia for 15 years, but is now living in Washington for the first time since our Potomac graduation. Robert's wife passed away two years ago and he is raising their three children. He says they are all enjoying life in the US with family and friends in close proximity. He remains connected with life in the Far East as a disaster operations specialist for Asia programs at the U.S.



President of The Potomac School Alumni Governing Council, Jean MacDonald '64 shows her school spirit with the Potomac Panther at Fall Frolics.

1971

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Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance. He looks forward to getting back in touch with classmates in the Washington area.

I have been busy with work all year and have just started a new project called *Meet the Parents*, a comedy with Robert DeNiro and Ben Stiller. I also worked on the wonderful film called *Joe Gould's Secret*, and an untitled film about ballet dancers that starred many current members of the American Ballet Theater and the New York City Ballet. I have a new appreciation for an art form I knew very little about. My husband Roland has been in Savannah for several months so I have been spending a bit of time in that beautiful city. My most important news is the arrival of my nephew Nicholas Cantacuzene, born on July 4, 1999 to my sister **Lizzie Edgeworth Cantacuzene '75** and her husband Michael!



Cate Davidge Chapin, daughter of Dorsey Davidge Chapin '73, at The Wianno Club in Wianno, MA.

Next year I want to hear from more of you!

From the Alumni Office:

Steve Freligh writes that he has recently founded the Nature's Best Foundation, "a new organization created to inspire a greater understanding and appreciation of the natural world through photographic documentation and interactive conservation education programs." His corporate partners include Nikon, FujiFilm, Federal Express, The Disney Institute, Discovery Communications, and more. *Nature's Best* magazine, the award winning publication Steve and his

wife Deborah have published since 1995 will be a membership benefit of the new Foundation. Steve and Deb's oldest son Charlie, 14, follows in his dad's footsteps as a back and wide-receiver for the McLean Mustangs. "They actually have an offensive AND defensive squad, something our 12-player team never enjoyed. But of course, **Nick Lowery '71** made up the difference and lead us to an undefeated season in ninth grade!"

1973

From Liza:

John Chester has two boys (Tommy, 10 and David, 7) and 3 llamas (names and ages unknown). His poster publishing company, *Wild Apple Graphics*, has grown to more than 30 people! (AppleBoss@aol.com) He reports **Richard Epstein**, has "single-handedly created a performing arts center in Brattleboro, Vermont", and recommends buying **Julie Edgeworth's** CD, *The Spoilers*. **Alexandra zu Pappenheim** says with the death of her father last spring, "suddenly some things in life look different." She is changing jobs, though still living in Zurich.

Hal Ryman and wife Kathy (of 10 years) live in Sterling on the border of the VA horse country with two very loving Shetland sheepdogs, Nemo and Niri, as well as two aging cats. He designs and implements large information systems mostly for government customers. (marillion@erols.com)

Dorsey Davidge Chapin's big news is daughter Cate Davidge Chapin, born October 14, 1998. Dorsey is still commuting to Boston daily from their home in Dobbs Ferry, looking for something closer, and would love to hear from anyone living nearby (Dorsey_Davidge@acml.com).

Charles Spalding (cls@trisan.com) and family visited the Chesters in Vermont, and says "things here in Costa Rica are going great and we would welcome any visits." Next reunion, anybody?

Tom Resor

(TResor6458@aol.com) is teaching English at Noble and Greenough School and enjoying it a lot. It is probably a lot like Potomac, only smaller (grades 7-12). His five children and three Labrador retrievers are keeping him busy. He hopes to return for our 30th reunion.

Bill Calfee is selling his Water Specialty business with accompanying "great Vermont lifestyle with decent cashflow" (any takers?). His kids Lily, 11, and Peter, 8 are making single-parenthood exciting, and "thanks to Bill Doswell I am still happy backpacking, climbing, or on my mountain bike" (bCalfee@compuserve.com).

Keith and Kate Ausbrook (AusyWash@aol.com) had their fourth child this summer, Mary Kate. She joins **Rebekah '12**, Max, and Charlie. Rebekah started Kindergarten this year at Potomac. Keith says, "It sure seems strange being a Potomac parent!"

Nancy White Lippe, husband Paul and four children Amy, 13, Hannah, 11, Emily, 9, and Max, 7 (LippeTeam@aol.com) are in the Bay area. She's pursuing a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Change through the Fielding Institute, and still plays a lot of sports. In fact she was recently inducted into the Stanford Athletic Hall of Fame for her efforts on the Farm and on the Olympic team as a field hockey player! If anyone's in town, you're invited to call and/or stop by. The Lippes have opted to put their money into vacations instead of house over-done, so while there's not a lot of space there's good hospitality! Nancy also says **Channing Page** visited on her way back from Asia to Duke (where she is in business school), and is still passionate about things French and musical.

Chad Loebs has been involved in various business activities over the years; mostly travel and marine-related. He's been based in Newport, RI since the early 80's, though he's a fishing guide (*bonefish* etc.) in Key West several months a year. He very rarely gets

back to Washington, but sends his best to the class.

(chad_l@email.msn.com)

Alex "Sandy" Harvey walks to her own firm Anderson, Adler, Cohen and Harvey (primarily professional liability and employment law). "It's fun to own and run my own business!" She and husband John, daughter Riley, 3, and son Sam, 1, live in Boston.

Nini Redway went to Nepal with friends and hiked to the Everest Base Camp, giving her "a greater appreciation for the comforts of home". She just got a new job with the California Attorney General working on consumer and environmental issues, and spends fair amount of time in the garden and renovation their craftsman-style home. Last year she visited her sister **Kate '72** who has two charming boys.

Alex Adelman

(alex@art4you.com) owns Masterworks Fine Art Gallery in the Bay area and features some of the finest works of art. (His web site promises to have a biography on soon-check it out - www.masterworksfineart.com. Steve and I visited him and heard great stories about some of his many wonderful international trips. I plan to get him to our next reunion!

Chrissie Albert Carnes is busy homeschooling her children while working part time as a vet. Their plan is to travel; though it is easier said than done with lots of pets.

Tina Adler and husband Doug Fishman celebrated the birthday of Ella, who was born on the GW parkway, on November 15, 1999. Michaela (named in memory of Tina's older brother, **Michael '70**) turned 3 in December. Tina is a health and science freelance reporter, so feel free to send any work her way.

Tony and Anna **Hass'** son, Henry Athony, was born on January 15, 1998 - the same day as **Hal Reynold's** son, Will. The Hasses are also happy to report that they all survived the last earthquake in L.A.

As for me, **Liza Gookin Hodskins**, I'm enjoying life with husband Steve and dog Molly, a

curly-coated retriever, in our "new" house in Arlington, VA. I'm in the conservation and science department of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA), and just returned from a diving, zoo-hopping trip to Hawaii. I earned my Certificate in Event Management last year at George Washington U, and am moonlighting as a waiter with Design Cuisine, the top caterer in DC. (am pleased I was able to finagle us both a job at the White House on New Year's Eve!) I would like to send out the full text of returned alumni news, so if you haven't sent me your e-mail address, please do so. Thanks to those of you who have written! (LHodskins@yahoo.com)

1975

From Peggy:

Stephanie zu Pappenheim Grunwald married Andreas Grunwald last May. They came to the States on a 3 week honeymoon where they visited L.A., Palm Springs, Phoenix, Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Lake Powell, Zion & Bryce Canyons, Las Vegas and Washington D.C. She reports that... "We thoroughly enjoyed our trip even if it was quite strenuous to see all these sights in so short a time period, but it was truly magnificent." Stephanie is now the specialist for all English matters in her department. We send our condolences as she lost her father last February.

Jay Howard is starting his second year in Vegas "and becoming more and more settled. The weather is great, the mountains and the shore are near by, and there is every form of entertainment in town that you can imagine, as well as, soccer, football and other activities for the kids. Bought and moved into our new home last July. Wendy is teaching Lamaze and taking care of Halsey, 2, at home. The three oldest children have started at the Meadows School this year where I am the Director of Development. Maddie is in Kindergarten, Bailey is in first grade, and Evan is in fourth grade. The family was joined by a new golden retriever puppy this fall

named Lucky."

Lisa Brown wrote that she has become counsel to the Vice

President. "It is long hours, but the best job I have ever had by far". She and her husband Kevin have bought a cabin in New Hampshire - not to vote there but to "wind down in the beautiful mountains."

Laura Blakeslee writes that she is enjoying her time at home, in Madison WI, with Curtis who will be two in February.

Lizzie Edgeworth

Cantacuzene called to fill me in on her news. She and her husband Michael became the proud parents of Nicholas on July 4, 1999. She is also enjoying her time at home with him and saw some other class of 75'ers over the year. **Susan Holmes** last fall, **Jeff Rockwell** at Christmas time and **Alice McKillop Semler** when she was back east from San Francisco.

From Alison:

Our 25th reunion is coming up in October 2000 and I hope to see many (old) classmates! I have been at home with my daughters Elizabeth and Caroline for the last two years which gives me lots of time to watch my brother, **David Macdonald '77**, on *The Guiding Light*.

Liza Phillips is splitting her time between Narrowsburg N.Y. and NYC. Liza is painting and has had a number of shows in NY.

Katya Chavchavadze Redpath is back in Brooklyn, NY with husband John and daughters Sophie and Nina.

Lisa Peaslee continues to work at BBD&O in NY and is planning a December wedding.



Middle School students with close alumni connections are:

Front row: Emily Keech (Gilbert W. Keech '68 and aunt, Virginia W. Keech '70), Allie Rowan (Emily Train Rowan '65 and grandfather Russell Train '33), Clara Labadie (Liza Kuhl Labadie '72), India Rosse (Gray D. Rosse '74), Tribbie Nassikas (Georgia Chafee Nassikas '74 and John Nassikas '74), Zoe Williams (grandmother Edith Huntington Williams '36). **Second row:** Jonathan Eakin (Richard P. Eakin '65), Catharine Bellinger (Dawn Renzy Bellinger '77 and aunts Rachel Renzy Meima '82 and Ann Renzy '86), Molly Jaffe (Kim Shorb '71), Chanel Jackson (Broadway Jackson '76), Laura Gutierrez (Polly Pittman Gutierrez '74 and grandmother Barbara White Pittman '47), Sarah Moses (David Moses '76, and aunts Barbara Moses '71, Jennifer Moses '74, and Amalie Moses Reichblum '78). **Third row:** Christopher Eakin, Christopher Ewing (J.C. Ewing '78), Halley Dodge (aunt Lalla Dodge Brutoco '64), and B.G. Green (grandmother Julie Arnold '49). **Fourth row:** Martha Diamond (uncles John O'Neill '69 and Stephen O'Neill '5, and aunt Barbara O'Neill Douglas '71), Kate Jones (Elizabeth Blair Jones '69 and great-grandfather William D. Blair '16), De De Potts (uncle David H. Potts '65 and aunt Lindsay V. Potts '70), John Devor (step-father Reg Foster '65), and Aja Ewing. Not pictured: Alexandra Keech and Ben Weisgall (aunt Alison von Klempner '75 and uncle David MacDonald '77).

Lower School students with close alumni connections are:

Front row seated: Anna Higginson (Irene Howard Higginson '79, Phillip Higginson '79, aunt Victoria Howard '77 and uncles Timothy B. Higginson '74, Jay Howard '75, and Stephen Higginson '76), Caroline Resor (James P. Resor '75), Zach Meza (Anny Lowery Meza '71 and Scott Meza '71), Kyra Paul (Isabel Chester Paul '77, uncles John Chester '73, Charlie Chester '81, and grandmother Clara Mills Chester '45), Kip Strong (Henry Strong '72 and aunts Sigrid Strong Reynolds '67,

Alice McKillop Semler is in San Francisco with (more daughters) Isabel and Katherine.

It is rumored that **Michael Richardson** has purchased **Edward Jewett's** house in New Jersey.

1977

From Wendy:

Hey class. I (**Wendy**) smiled when I got e-mail from friends I thought I'd never hear from again. And I thought you never even

Dawn Renzy Bellinger's news, also condensed, is not as fun as original. Husband John is a National Security lawyer, criminal division, Justice Dept. Her two girls, **Catharine '08** and **Ann '10**, go to Potomac and Catharine just graduated to middle school and uniforms (memories). Dawn does database design from home, volunteers, competes in triathlons, rides horses and is hooked on soccer. In her spare time, she feeds the kids and taxis them around town.

Rich Macy and Pat live in Chevy Chase and have two children Sarah, 7, and Christopher, 2. He's general manager for an ADP (payroll) office in Silver Spring. "Life is treating us well."

Bruce (thanks a million for your e-mail) **Bennett** lives in NYC. "I have a gig writing a feature screenplay for a local independent with lofty ambitions, my second self-penned, self-directed short movie (to be shot in mid-November) taking shape. And the odd film related writing assignment for a local magazine called *Time Out New York*, "I've seen **4 Hewes** (on purpose) and **Ptolemy Thompkins** (by accident).

It's been well over 20 years since we've seen **Asa Hedfors Moretti**. She e-mails from home in Solna, near central Stockholm, where she lives with her husband and two girls, Alexandra, 9, and Marielle, 7. She moved back to Sweden 17 years ago and often visits the south of Sweden in summer, where she was born.

Bob Gabriel recently moved to a bigger house in Georgetown to accommodate his growing family: Margaret, 5, Will, 3, and Honor, born April 15, 1999. He's an investment adviser with Smith Barney in D.C.

From David:

Hello members of the class of 1977 and I hope everyone is well. While I was in Washington this summer, I was able to have lunch with **Andrew Edwards** and **Cass Field Powell**. Cass brought her daughter, Katherine Grace. It was great to see them and catch up on all the news. Cass has left the banking world and is now

happily working for Saturn of Gaithersburg. I am a Saturn owner and very pleased with my car (sorry about the plug).

Andrew Edwards is working in Emergency rescue in Maryland.

Victoria Howard lives in McLean with her daughter, Jessica, 4. Vicki is a physical education teacher at St. Francis Episcopal Day School in Potomac, MD.

Jonathan and Cassy **West**, Reilly, 5, and Maddy, 2, are living in Sudbury, MA where Jono is Director of Medicare Programs for a New England HMO. Rumor has it that Jono is working on his tennis game for a rematch with **Lange**.

From the West Coast, **Mikki Lesowitz-Soliday** and her husband celebrated one year of marriage.

Nan Skallerup has been busy in the wine country of Northern California. She works in the financial field, is a part time student, trains horses, is involved with theater, and sings in a chorus.

As for me, everything is slowly returning to normal after the shock of my mother's death. I am looking forward to another New England ski season; hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate with a lot of snow. Otherwise I will have to pull out my golf clubs and practice for the Potomac Alumni Golf tournament. Best Wishes, Class of 1977.

1978

From Julie:

Jim Fairman writes "I have been working for a computer company called Amdahl for 13 years. I've been racing sailboats for 10 years and living in Chicago for 8 years. Now...for some real news! I have a daughter. Katherine Margaret Fairman was born on May 27, 1999 at 8 lbs., 2 oz. Monica and I are thrilled to begin sharing the experiences of parenthood with so many of our peers!"

Rob McDowell is also experiencing the joys of fatherhood. Griffin Malcolm McDowell was born on July 25, 1999 at 8 lbs., 3 oz. "Class of 2017

looked at those little yellow cards ... Then, my heart sank in October with the news that Senator Chafee died. In his roles as Senator of Rhode Island and **Quentin's** dad, he was hard to surpass.

Sara Holbrook Guggenheim and **Jonathan '76** live in L.A. They have a new baby, Wills Holbrook Guggenheim, born Aug. 18, 1999. "Big brother Benjamin, 2, is thrilled, as are we."

James Dix lives in New York and covers broadcasting in his new job as equity research analyst at Deutsche Banc Alex Brown. He's also engaged to "a sweet young thing named Rachel."

David Macdonald sent his life update which, condensed, is not quite as zippy. "Graduated Juilliard in '91 followed by years of live theatre in U.S. and Canada. Joined the Soaps in '98! Had a starring role in *Another World* until the 35-year-old show was nixed by NBC. Now I am playing a regal role as Edmund the Evil on *Guiding Light*." David is married, no children (yet) and plans to return to NYC theatre.

Barbara Strong Doty '68 and **Dana Strong van Loon '70**, **Cameron Kahl** (Caroline Kahl '72), **Allie Harper** (Jeffrey R. Harper '72), and **Rebekah Ausbrook** (Keith J. Ausbrook '73). **Second row:** Ali Moses (David Moses '76 and aunts Barbara Moses '71, Jennifer Moses '74, and Amalie Moses Reichblum '78), **Hana Betts** (grandmother Alice Patterson Slade '45), **Laura Higginson**, **Matthew Harper**, **Samantha Betts**, **Jessie Diamond** (aunt Barbara O'Neill Douglas and uncles John O'Neill '69, and Stephen O'Neill '75), **John Diamond**, **Chris Jaffe** (Kim Shorb '71), **BJ Jackson** (Broadway Jackson '76), **Lacy Rosse** (Gray D. Rosse '74), **Catherine Kahl** (Caroline Kahl '72), and **Jenna Meza**. **Third row:** Lucy Green (grandmother Julie Arnold '49), **Ann Bellinger** (Dawn Renzy Bellinger '77 and aunts Rachel Renzy Meima '82 and Ann Renzy '86), and **Ann MacMurray** (Worth MacMurray '68, aunt Adelaide MacMurray Aitken '60, and grandmother Rose Chatfield-Taylor MacMurray '35). **Fourth row:** John Henry Strong, **Katie DuVal** (Clive DuVal '64 and uncle Dan DuVal '68), and **Helen Labadie** (Liza Kuhl Labadie '72). **Fifth row:** William Chester, **Ethan Redway** (Jonathan Redway '75, grandmother Tilda De Kauffman Redway '43, and great-grandmother Charlotte MacDougall '13), and **James Mc Elwain**. Not shown in picture: **Eliza Redway**.

from Potomac, perhaps? Living in the *Twilight Zone* of sleep deprivation can be an enriching experience!"

1979

From Speke:

Andrew Brophy writes that on October 19 he and Gioia had their first child, a baby girl named Theodora Francesca. "She is a joy—can't say I sleep as much but I have a 35 year balance to work off of...."

Julie Bohlen Perry says that she "still loves the stay-at-home-Mom routine with Sophie, 9 months, and Eliza, 2 3/4...., although I am starting to get concerned after having had a dream last night about the Teletubbies coming to visit for New Years."

As for news about other classmates and the baby boom: **Sarah Dalley Shannon** came to visit this fall. She has a new daughter, Addy; born July 19th, who is adorable!

Isabel Day has a new daughter, Sonya, who was born in September on Labor Day (no pun intended).

Besty Coreth Bowden and **Comfort Randolph Belbas** are due the same week in March (okay, a good friendship from the old Potomac days is one thing, but scheduling pregnancies together is a bit much!).

Jennifer Rehm had a little boy, Benjamin Scott Rehm Zide on September 20, 1999.

Bill Arnold, after reminiscing about his coup of passing off the 8th grade lacrosse goalie job to me, writes, "It's great living in a town with a "beach" [Vero Beach] in its name, and I definitely take full advantage of it. The Indian River comes in very handy whenever the ocean is being uncooperative!"

Bruce Gray and his wife Lisa have just moved back to Seattle after a short stint in DC. Bruce has left Health and Human Services to take a job with a consulting firm that specializes in helping health clinics.

Stephen Springer is doing well in his job as a headhunter of legal talent and frequently spends his

Sunday afternoons with **Chris Tierney** at Redskin Stadium.

Tiger Robinson and his wife Luzy are expecting their first child any day now.

Nick Carter is still an attorney at a mid-size trial firm in Boston. He writes, "My work includes a variety of business litigation, as well as some product liability, personal injury, medical malpractice and criminal defense cases, i.e., pretty much everything. Maria has been busy making documentary films for public television in Boston (WGBH) and renovating our house (which we're mostly finished with). Max is now 6 and Isabel 5. They're both in public school in Cambridge that has been great so far. We'll take it year by year." Nick also mentions that "**Will Warshauer** got married earlier this year and I caught up with **Bill Hutman** at the wedding. Bill was living in the Washington area for a couple of years, but has just returned to Israel. Life has scattered us all in interesting directions."

Sarah Dalley Shannon writes, "I am doing the full time Mom thing these days, at home with our two children (Sam, 3 and Addy, 4 months). We're living through a big construction project that is exciting but also a bit tedious with a 4-month-old trying to nap through hammering and loud equipment." As far as I'm concerned, in mid-November, Julia finally finished six weeks of bed rest (OB's orders) at her parent's house. I was lucky enough to get to do the single dad thing. Far from being a big fat negative laced with speeding tickets, it was much

more like "single parent lite." One of our neighbors organized all of Julia's friends to cook for us every other day, so I ate a lot better. I left work earlier. I met everyone in the neighborhood that had been, up to that point, known only to Julia. Now when I walk around I know people. The kids "love" ("cling to" is probably more accurate) me more than they used to. I got more organized and efficient at work. I read the kids more stories. While we're no longer eligible for meals on wheels now that Julia is home, we're enjoying the brief respite before the baby shows in mid-December.

I recently saw **Charlie Baldwin** at his club, 1223, on Connecticut Avenue. He writes, "I'm back in the DC area after a decade in the wilds of Hawaii. I run a group of restaurants and nightclubs in DC, the Caribbean and South Beach Miami. My newest venture will be a club opening up in South Beach, called *Bayu*, hopefully in time for the millenium."

Gary Hill, who was just featured in the November issue of *Black Enterprise* magazine, has been very remiss about the tall tropical drink he owes me for setting him up on Maui. I have begun to charge him interest so I think we are up to 1.3 drinks now."

Thank you everyone who responded!

1980

From the Alumni Office:

Kassie McIlvaine emailed from the US on her way to Kosovo for the winter where she will be doing environmental work with CARE International. "This email

Alumni Camp Counselors 1999:

Front row: Patrick Malone '97, Kip Lewis '98, Michael Emory '01, Emily Gideon '00, Maura Myers '00, Elizabeth Simpson '99, Victoria Chapman '98, Robyn Hunt '00, Susannah Haworth '02, Matt Meenan '00, Ernest Mitchell '02. Back row: Michael Shaheen '96, Patrick Nemeroff '99, Kristin Smith '94, Katie Sabella '95, Elizabeth Hawkins '99, Molly Shipp Payne '76, Peter Young '96, Emily Brunk '92, Kevin Eakin '99, Doug Trabant '99, Billy Cook '00, Chris Soverow '99, Chris Short '00, Jonathan Haworth '00.



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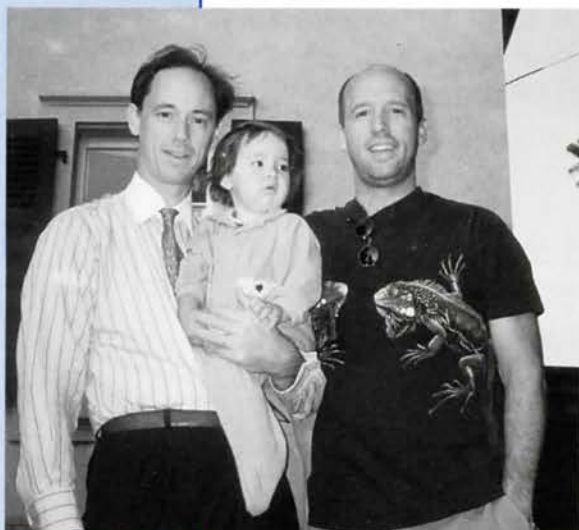
Skip and **Kim Norman** spent several days in Geneva, Switzerland with **George Petty**, his wife Diane and children Sebastian and Emily. George lives in Versoix, which is just outside of Geneva. He is employed with the Ecumenical Church Loan Fund, a micro-finance organization. George works in the international secretariat as Program Secretary. Skip is now Captain on the ATR-72 for Delta Connection. He commutes between Atlanta and Vero Beach.

1981

From Julia:

Last year we moved from DC to Shepherdstown, WV, a wonderful town where my two boys, 9 and 6, can walk to the local elementary school and my husband's job is less than one mile away. I gave up my commute (and job) in DC and opted for a quieter life. I now buy historic homes in and around the area and renovate them.

John Arundel was recently promoted to Vice President of Salomon Smith Barney in Washington D.C.



George Petty '80 and daughter Emily enjoy a visit from Skip Norman '80 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Jennifer Davis writes that "After 3 years on the west coast (Portland, OR) and 10 years in Vermont, I am back close to "home" in Charlottesville, VA. I see lots of **Hope Jewett McKalip** and **Charlotte Matthews**. I spent a year studying landscape design and am now working at a greenhouse

learning about plants. Am enjoying living in the country very much."

Charlie Chester writes: "Even after all these years, I still can't find anybody who takes me seriously - including my new son Samuel John Chester. I suppose that speaks well for his good sense of judgement, which in all hopes he will lose in later life. I'm still working on a dissertation, which I am committed to finishing by the end of the millennium (though I won't specify which one!)"

1983

From Claire:

Tom Newbold has co-founded an Internet company called AlbumCity.com, Inc. They will be launching a music-oriented e-commerce site in the Czech Republic in a couple of weeks, so look for them at www.albumcity.cz or www.albumcity.com. Their team of about 10 people is working around the clock to get ready for launch. Needless to say, they look forward to sending CDs to Potomac grads all over the world. They will also be promoting the work of unsigned bands, so if you know anyone in a band who wants to sell CDs in Europe, let them know. (Tom's e-mail address is tomn@ti.cz.)

Ali Peet is continuing to enjoy the music and warm weather of Austin. Her work at PBS&J, an environmental consulting/engineering firm has allowed her to travel throughout the state. She has had some time to play too... She just returned from a week's vacation to the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico where she snorkeled, scuba dived, visited Mayan ruins - and just lay on the beach!

Chris Wolfington has some exciting news - he was married to Bessie Gatch in Cincinnati, Ohio this past October. Congratulations, Chris! And, like Tom, he too has made a place for himself in the online world. He is currently working in Philadelphia for an Internet company that was started by a college friend and they're getting ready for a big

holiday season. He asks that you all check out www.webcertificate.com. (I took a look at it and it looks great - an online shopper's dream!)

I'm still working as a librarian for an association in Old Town, Alexandria (and am trying to look on the bright side of my commute from Maryland - more time to read!). We were pleasantly surprised to find out that two Potomac classmates also bought houses last summer less than a mile from us in Kensington - **Alison Kirk Long**, her husband **Chris**, and 7-mo. baby, as well as **Ken Berlack** and his wife, **Kathryn**. We've seen them individually, but are looking forward to a mini-reunion, once we can overcome 3 sets of busy schedules. We had a super trip to Ireland in July - a chance to reacquaint with relatives in Dublin I hadn't seen in 10 years and whom Tom had never met. He even managed to track down some long-lost cousins of his own in the West - we surprised them by showing up on their doorstep one afternoon (typical Americans). It is so beautiful out there... we've decided to sell our house and move to Western Ireland (we wish!).

From Jennifer:

Renee Lettow Lerner writes that she and her husband, **Craig**, live just above DuPont Circle on California Street. She is still enjoying teaching Criminal Procedure, Legal History and Conflicts of Law at GW Law School. She was an expert witness in a murder trial in Paris this June.

Lilliam Alfaro is in her second year at vet school, where she plans to specialize in small animal and wildlife medicine. She is enjoying the outdoors of Blacksburg, VA, but misses the north, especially New York City. So far, she has adopted one dog and three cats.

Peter Hamady writes that he has been in New York City for seven years now, and is happy working at the product development firm he started two years ago. The current product he is working on is in the fitness

area, "so maybe we'll have one more info-commercial on TV next year if everything works as planned."

Alison Kirk Long and her husband, Chris, had a baby boy named Griffin in May! Alison writes that she played golf, tennis and swam up until the day he was born and that "the extra poundage helped me hit the golf ball farther." Alison is back at work at the Marine Mammal Commission. She was in **Emily Eden's '84** wedding on Martha's Vineyard this summer, where she saw **Dodi Wexler, Wendy Hoopes, John Stump** and **Charles Saltzman**, all class of '84.

Douglas Kennedy and his wife, Molly also had a baby recently. They had a healthy little girl named Riley Elizabeth and just finished moving into a new apartment in New York City.

I am in Maine for the time being. I came here to work on an issue campaign, which we just won November 2, and also to get out of Washington for a while. I had been there too long! Now, I think I am ready to go back — we will see. The highlight of my year was visiting **Aisha Hussein** in Jordan for two weeks in June. Aisha and her husband, Zeid, who is hilarious, have a seven-year-old son, Aoun, who is just like his father, and a three-year-old daughter, Muna, who I couldn't bear to leave. Aisha and her family have a beautiful home, such a close family, and despite the enormous loss of her father in February, there is a sense of optimism in the air in Jordan that cannot be missed. We spent time in Aqaba, Amman, the Dead Sea, and Petra, an old city carved into sandstone. I also saw Aisha in late October in Washington and wanted her to take me back with her! Aisha heads the Directorate of Women's Affairs for the Jordanian Army. Her brother promoted her to full Colonel the day before I arrived.

From the Alumni Office:

Congratulations go out to **Victoria Frankhuaser Esposito** who gave birth to Michael Alan Esposito on August 12, 1999!

Felicitations to **Sallie Judd** who married Justin Abelow on November 6, 1999 in Washington.

Eric McGuire stopped by Potomac this fall for a tour of the campus. He is in his tenth year as a DC fireman, assigned to the firehouse across from the MCI Center. "Anyone attending an event there, should come across and look me up...I might even let you park in our parking lot."

1984

From the Alumni Office:

Matt McGuire is married and lives in Brooklyn after receiving his Ph.D. in sociology from Harvard.

Rory Kennedy's documentary, *American Hollow*, aired on November 29, 1999 on HBO.

1985

From Allegra:

Enrico Cecchi and his wife Andrea have a baby girl, Gabrielle, who was born on March 24, 1998. The three live in McLean, just a stone's throw from Potomac, and Enrico reports, "we love it!" After practicing law at Hazel & Thomas for two years, Enrico is now Asst. Vice President and Counsel for IDI Group Companies, which primarily develops residential condominium communities.

Elen Ivorian Rogers and her husband have had an amazing time the last few years traveling to all sorts of exotic places. Two years ago Elen and her husband took a break from their respective law firms and spent four months in South America (Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Bolivia), four months in Southern and Eastern Africa (South Africa, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Kenya and Tanzania/Zanzibar), two months in India, one month trekking in Nepal and, to wrap it all up, a few weeks on the beach in Thailand. Not surprisingly, Elen writes, "it was a fantastic year!" Now she and her husband are settled back in Boston and would love to hear from any classmates passing through town. Elen is also looking forward to our 15th reunion in October 2000



Julie Kerwin Redpath '85 and her husband Todd.

(although she correctly points out what a scary thought that is).

Mark Wolfington reports that he and his wife, Lindsey, live in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, outside Philadelphia, where they have a new home and are expecting their first child in March of 2000. Mark works for a company that provides private aircraft charters to businesses and individuals so feel free to call him if you need a lift (a big one)! Mark keeps in touch with **Enrico Cecchi**, as well as **Rob Creamer**, who is married and living in Boulder, Colorado, and **Andrew Fentress**, who is working for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in New York City.

Oliver Wilcox and Sheila Fleckenstein got married on September 18, 1999 at a historic home in Alexandria. Oliver is working toward his Ph.D in political science and also teaches at the University of Virginia.

My husband Josh and I are still very happy living in Chicago and practicing law. I do labor and employment law; Josh does patent litigation. We would love to hear from any classmates who are in town - our guestroom is open!

From Christy:

Hello Classmates! I hope you are doing well. Thanks to all of you who contacted me with your current news. I am doing well. This fall I began my own business: a music booking and management agency called Bus of Monkeys Music that works primarily with folk musicians. I have loved getting the agency off the ground. My husband, Garth, and I are still

fixing up and enjoying our house in the Palisades.

Liza Graham is in her first year of graduate school in Boston getting a master's degree in social work. Liza has also been working on her new house in Somerville, MA.

Julie Kerwin was married on August 16, 1999 to Todd Lawrence Redpath. She just



Lifers:

Shaw Vanze, Naa-Young Yun, Rachiem Jones, Nikki Fucigna, Chris Ayer, Jonathan Haworth, Armand Scala, Albert Pingree, John Mullenholz, Alison Weisgall, Carolyn Weiss, Aly Sudow, Kate Romatowski, John Rosenbaum, Cleaver Sower, Keya Anjaria, Billy Cook, Louisa Thomas, Tim Shaver, Marcy Maxwell, Kakki Rawson, Jay Subhash, and Donald Taylor

completed her Master's degree in elementary education at Marymount University. Julie and Todd (along with black lab, Mayzic) are busy fixing up their house which is a few blocks from the Chesapeake Bay.

Matthew Jackson was recently married to "a lovely young lady named Alyce." He is an LDS Priest and is head of its Elders Quorum. He also has his own business selling oils and producing artworks. He still works as a counselor. He sends "blessings to all."

LL (Leffert Lefferts) has been working as an assistant engineer to the Plant Studios for the past two years. He works with engineers and producers when they come to record at the studio and is responsible for the technical side of the recording sessions. He recently worked on the records for *Primus*, *Third Eye Blind*, *Kenny Wayne Shepherd*, and *Metallica*. After a few very busy months, he is going to take some time off to spend with his wife and children.

From the Alumni Office: Congratulations to **Julie Dugger** who will be married to Andrew Miles next summer.

Felicitations to **Laurence Smith**, who was married to Carter Ong on May 22, 1999.

1990

From the Alumni Office:

Lora Munroe Marrs writes that she is an assistant manager at General Nutrition Center in Ocala, FL. In her free time she also volunteers for Church Without Walls and Hospice.

Darrell Snyder is in graduate school and coaching football in Frostburg, MD at Frostburg State

here are moving along smoothly. I am still enjoying designing Web sites (this is the perfect place to be doing it!) The La Nina phenomenon made way for some absolutely gorgeous fall weather; it helped me miss the DC area just a little bit less. I have tacked ice climbing onto my outdoor curriculum and am just waiting for the snowboarding season to start.

Judy Chung has been living in Seoul, Korea for over 4 years. She left her last job in January of this year and since then has been keeping busy travelling to the US and Japan. Most recently, she has been spending lots of time with her sister Rita who just gave birth to a beautiful boy. She will be moving out to California, somewhere in Silicon Valley, sometime next spring or early summer. She hopes to see some old faces in the area. Judy would love to hear how everyone is doing (mzchung@hotmail.com). She wanted to know if it really rains a lot in Seattle. My answer to her and everyone else is: Come on by for a visit and see. You have a free place to stay!

I also heard from **Nelo Hakola**. He is happily living in Tennessee with his wife, **Amy**.

I also heard from **Sonia Banerji**, who graduated from Harvard Law School in 1998 and is now an attorney in San Francisco at Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe. Sonia is working in the Employment Law practice.

From the Alumni Office:

Amy Longyear writes, "I am a co-founder of the Boston-based e-business strategy consulting firm Mercury bps. I also started rock climbing this past summer and love it!"

Tim Wisecarver is in his second year at IBM in Atlanta.

Amie Hougen has moved from Los Angeles to London. While still in California, she had the opportunity to visit **Kate Rylander Morley** and "her beautiful baby!"

Morgan Till says that he is "coming up on one year working for *The Newshour with Jim Lehrer*. Just returned from the campaign trail and preparing for a busy fall punctuated with a trip to Hawaii

University. He is engaged and will be married in May of 2001.

Erin Boyle Alvino says that she and her husband have just bought a new house in New Jersey where she works as an Account/Project Manager with Trinitech. Her responsibilities include managing all of their accounts on the floor of the NYSE. She loves her job and hopes everyone is well.

Annie Martin Simonds has moved to Russell Reynolds' DC office to help the firm "increase healthcare coverage and to build critical mass in the area." She and her husband just bought a house in McLean.

Perrin Vallender writes that she is still in DC and started working for a multimedia firm within Georgetown University (KeyBridge.net). She does web site production, design and programming, and now CD-ROM production.

1991

From Thea:

Well, it has been great to hear from all of you who took the time to write this newbie Pacific Northwesterner. If anyone would like to get in touch with me, please feel free to email me at either (wccgroove@uswest.net) or (thea.lehming@saic.com). Things

with **Peter Heller** for New Years..."

Jessica Kogan is working at a "dot com start up" as Director of Marketing. Check out <http://www.orientation.com>, a global network of portals with local community content. By the first quarter of 2000 she hopes to have more than 30 countries.

Tyrrell Carr now lives in Hoboken, NJ and was married July 17, 1999 to Louis Januzzi. Congratulations!

Anna Wilson is starring in the theatrical production *The Donkey Show* in New York. It has gotten excellent reviews in the *New York Times* and it was featured in *Time* magazine.

Jennie McClelland lives and teaches in San Francisco. She sees "lots of Potomac folks..." **Patsy Dugger**, **Jed Wolfington** and **Josh Stinchcomb**."

1992

From the Alumni Office:

Tara Coonin writes "Life is great! I've moved again to West Palm Beach where I'm producing the news at WPBF-TV."

Julia Kline was married to Aaron Deves in October of 1999 and has moved to Louisville, KY where she works for Wyeth-Ayerst Labs.

Kathy Modecki informs us that she was a river-guide in Southeast Alaska this past summer and plans to return again in June. She plans to "thaw out" this winter, but is still trying to decide where!

Sophie Trevor was married to Louis M. Girard on September 11, 1999 in Newport, Rhode Island.

1993

From Thea:

So there's good news and bad news. The good news is that I received more responses (via email) from you guys than ever before and had tons of news to write about. The bad news is that I had the messages stored neatly in my email - which crashed - and I lost them all. That said, I do remember what you told me, just bear with me on the details.

Sanam Oveyssi is getting her

masters in art history at Christie's in London, and will finish next year. She hopes to start working for them in September 2000.

Dave Carpio is working toward his Ph.D. in Columbia's Biology Department. In his free time, he's working as a GED tutor at a local drug rehab center. Dave sees **Katie Carberry '94** regularly too, who is also at Columbia. Dave had a great time at **Tom Nixon's** wedding last spring, and saw **Nayan Bhula**, **Omar Hassan**, **Emad Abou-Rahme**, **Nicky Lehming**, and **Leah Quadrino** at the wedding, as well as a bunch of folks from '92.

Speaking of weddings, congratulations go out to **Sara Lett**, who is getting married on December 18, 1999. She works in the Human Resources Department of an information technology company and is working on her master's degree at George Mason University. She looks forward to hearing about everyone from Potomac.

Michelle Lipkowitz is at Georgetown law school, where she started this fall, after having worked as an Assistant Buyer at May Company. She was maid of honor in her sister **Jennifer Lipkowitz's** wedding to her long time beau, Kico Eaton. Jennifer finished her MPh last spring and started medical school at UNC this fall.

Chris Ivey reports that things are good in Northern Virginia. He's still working at AMS and travelling a lot. He just got his pilot's license and flies a little Cessna whenever he has the chance.

Congratulations to **Barnaby Harkins**, who is currently the Legislative Director for Congressman Tom Davis and will be attending Yale law school next fall. He reports that **Chris Seline** and **Drew Card** have started their own Internet business and have already secured themselves tons of venture capital funding. **John Kilberg '94** is also a partner in the business.

While **Erin Cleary** is off in New Zealand, working in Investment Banking for Merrill Lynch and getting a great tan while she's at it,

I have recently left McKinsey and now work for Time Inc.

Interactive, creating the Internet strategies for InStyle.com and Time.com. Hope to see everyone around the holidays!

From the Alumni Office:

Elliott Schneider is currently touring Europe after leaving General Motors but before returning to the U.S. to get his MBA.

Pilar Faló is working hard in her third year as a law student at Catholic University.

Damien Petty writes, "I'm working as a consultant at POC. In other news, I went and saw a solar eclipse on my birthday."

Laurie Beck is having a blast working for the American Skiing Company in Jackson, NH. She is currently involved with the ski patrol and volunteers on the Fire and Rescue Squads.

Katherine Winder is a producer at WGN radio in Chicago, part time nursery school teacher as well as a public announcer at the Chicago Wolves ice hockey games.

Alexa Schriempf is studying and teaching at the University of Oregon in a Philosophy Ph.D. track. She is also the managing editor of *Hypatia*, a feminist philosophy academic journal.

Edward Sharon was married on July 15, 1999 to Jodi Stiegel. Congratulations!

Felicitations go out to **Amanda Lowe** who was married to Timothy Nanof on August 23, 1999 in Washington, DC.

1994

From the Alumni Office:

Samuel Young has begun a new job as a track and field intern at Allegheny College in NW Pennsylvania.

Sally Steponkus is working in Georgetown as an interior designer.

Christopher Winland is an Associate Consultant with IBM's ERP/SAP Practice and hopes to get on a project in the DC area. **Jonathan Segal** says that he is "employed by CBS Sports as a

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Meredith Bower is currently working as a paralegal after having graduated from Princeton in 1998. She will apply to law schools for the fall of 2000.

Alan Rogers writes that he is starting law school at the University of San Francisco.

Caroline Treadway graduated from Rhodes College with a major in World Religion, and a minor in Italian language and music.

Paul Schmeltzer writes and says, "I just started my first year at Georgetown Medical School. Despite the heavy workload, I am enjoying it."



Members of the Class of '97 reunite at Graduation 1999. Pictured are: Jamie Kris, Jennifer Eakin, and Randy Ferrell.

1995

From the Alumni Office:

Hilary Nordholm writes that she is starting work in the animation industry in North Hollywood, CA.

Antonia Blackwood informs us that she will graduate from McGill this semester and spent last summer in Nepal working at the American Embassy.

Alexandra Fielding has moved to NYC to work at Young and Rubican as an account coordinator. This summer she saw quite a bit of **Britt Kline**, **Eddie McNamara** and **Brian Pence**.

Emma Tsui graduated *magna cum laude* with honors in psychology from Yale and is now in San Francisco. She works in health policy research for the Lewin Group, a health policy and

management consulting company. She is thawing out from New Haven and loves the Bay area.

Elizabeth Reid graduated from Vanderbilt in May and has moved to Charlotte, NC to work for Bank of America as a health and welfare specialist.

Michael Alper has started a Master's program in criminal justice at Michigan State.

Alexandra Brownfield is working as an Americorps VISTA worker in Oklahoma, coordinating a volunteer program for middle school students.

Kathryn Smith has recently moved to Atlanta to work as the Assistant Director of Student Relations at Georgia Tech.

Linden van Roijen attends Landmark College in Wilson, WY.

George Wisecarver writes from Boston that he is working for Brown Brothers Harriman Investment Bank.

Ada-Marie Walsh has just begun her first year at the College of William and Mary in the law school.

Keith Weinstein graduated from West Point in May, spent the summer backpacking in Europe, and then took a road trip across the U.S. with **Paul Newport**. Currently he is an Army Officer in the artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma with plans to begin a one-year tour of duty in Korea in January.

Jessica Wright has graduated from William and Mary and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Art History in London. In the fall of 2000, she plans to enroll in a Master's program at Bank Street College in NYC for Museum Education.

Kimberly Weber was a Panhellenic Delegate and *Rho Chi* member for her sorority at Elon College last year. She will graduate December 1999 with a major in history and two minors in psychology and political science. This past summer she was an intern in the Press Office of the House Education and Workforce Committee.

Sara Snider interned for an advertising agency this past summer and showed photography at the Signal 66 gallery.

1996

From the Alumni Office:

During this past summer **Peter Brownfield** worked as an intern on *The Hill*, the Capitol Hill weekly newspaper. He wrote a variety of articles, including interviews with members of Congress. At UVA he writes a column each week for the *Cavalier Daily*.

Drew Crockett spent the 1998-99 school year abroad in London and interned for a Member of Parliament. This past summer he interned for the Chairman of the Republican National Committee. He will return to Dickinson for his senior year.

Elisa Dannemiller writes, "I spent the summer interning at the US Embassy in Madrid, Spain. For the coming year at UVA, I am living on the lawn, president of club tennis, and I will graduate from the Commerce School. At the same time I will also be studying for the MCAT to apply to medical schools."

Stephanie Lee says that she is excited for her senior year at Dartmouth after a summer internship at the US Treasury.

Shelby Smith served as investigative intern for Public Defender Service of Washington, DC this past summer. She is planning to take the LSAT and apply to law school.

Meredith White interned at Nordstrom over the summer and has returned to JMU for her senior year as a marketing major with an advertising minor.

Chris Crampton was elected president of *Tiger Inn*, the club to which he, **Jamie Sullivan** and **Christina Bennison** belong.

Genevieve Grandison took the 1999 spring semester off from Harvard and worked for Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez and coached the Langley High School Varsity lacrosse team. She returned to Harvard this fall and still lives with **Anne Johnson**.

1997

From Lexi:

Michael Kleeblatt has joined *Lambda Chi Alpha* at Lehigh. He is still playing lacrosse for the 1999 Patriot League Champions and has declared Marketing as his major. Mike sees **Julia Bissell**, who also goes to Lehigh, frequently, and spent some time with **Ridgie** and **Cleaver '00 Sower** on Nantucket this summer.

Dericka Scott spent the summer as an Engineering Technician for the Army Corps of Engineers at Ft. Belvoir where she worked on the development of night vision equipment for the soldiers. This past August she started her last year at Washington College as a physics major and next year she'll begin the second part of a 3-2 program by transferring to UMD, College Park where she'll be pursuing an Electrical Engineering degree. Dericka is also the president of the Washington College Pep Squad (cheerleading squad); the president of Cleopatra's Daughters, an on-campus support group for minority women; and is a very active member of the Washington College Gospel Choir, the Black Student Alliance and the Women's Bible Study.

Conor Hiney spent most of his summer at Lackland AFB in Texas going through ROTC field training. He is at UVA and is majoring in electrical engineering.

Emily Winland worked again this summer as an intern for the curator at the Supreme Court and had a great time there. She saw **Leah Lipsky '96** twice while she was working there. Everything at Duke is wonderful for Emily except the hurricanes! She sees **Chase Stock, Kelly Greenwood, Danny Adrien '96** and **Kristen Carlucci '98** every so often. And she says "of course I have been having a wonderful time with **Erin '99**, my little sister who is a freshman here at Duke!"

Patrick Malone and **Teddy Nemeroff** are doing well at Princeton. "We were both on the waiting list for housing over the summer; I got put in a little single

on campus, and Teddy got put in the Vegetarian Co-op. So we'll see how that works out for him. My singing group just released our second CD, finally, and my band, *Scotch for Breakfast*, just played a gig for \$750 even though we're no good at all. Academically, Teddy is in the Woodrow Wilson School of public policy and international affairs, which is really hard to get into, and I'm still studying the Nazis and Twentieth Century Europe. Hope everybody else is well!" [Ed. Note: Patrick's singing group, *Shere Kahn*, came to Potomac in December for an informal concert.]



Kathleen Lubin is not playing field hockey at Hamilton this year but she is "still having fun." She practices golf with the men's team and even played in the NESCAC's tournament at Williams, coming in second place. She is also playing ice hockey competitively. Kathleen still talks to **Lindsay Wolfington** all the time, who is currently "raging in Buenos Aires." From Liz:

Hi Everybody! First, I wanted to thank you all for being awesome and sending in so much great news so that we can redeem ourselves this *Term*! I'm constantly amazed and impressed by all that you are doing. I had a great time seeing many of you this summer in DC. Now, like many of my classmates, I've been bitten by the study abroad bug and am spending the semester in Italy. I'm living in a villa just outside of Florence with other students from Duke, Michigan, and the University of Wisconsin and have

been studying art, history, and Italian, a nice break from biology labs! From going on runs through olive groves and vineyards to traveling from Prague to Paris, it has been an unbelievable semester. I know a lot of you will study abroad next semester as well, but don't forget to send us your news, or at least let us know where you'll be! And before I forget, I'd like to congratulate Potomac's 1999 girls' varsity soccer team for becoming ISL champs! So here we go with the news from our classmates:

Molly Ricker had an amazing summer in the Dominican Republic living in the mountains and teaching kids to read and write. She says that she is having a great year and keeping busy with her double major in Economics and Latin-American Studies. She's still a lacrosse fiend while managing to find time to sing in the Yale gospel choir and dance in a hip-hop contemporary dance group!

Sarah-Nell Walsh writes that she is enjoying spending time with **Mandy Bielenburg** who just transferred to UVA. They saw **Chrissy Danbury** who came down to visit from JMU one weekend and had a great time. She also sees **Chris Rowan, Ellen Walker** and **Gayle Hunt**. Speaking of whom, **Gayle** is a founding member in the recolonization of *Alpha Phi* sorority and has been working hard to establish the group on campus.

Patrick Malone '97 with his singing group *Shere Khan* from Princeton.

Anna Robertson had an incredible summer working in the First Lady's Office and traveling to Chile and Argentina for two weeks. This linguistic master is majoring in both French and Spanish and is spending her fall semester in Paris and then a spring semester in Madrid.



Nahal Batmanghelidj '98 as a freshman member of Middlebury College's Varsity field hockey team, which won the NCAA Division III National Championships.

Ulka Anjaria enjoys her studies of Social Anthropology and Literature at Harvard. She spent the summer living in New York City where she worked at a nonprofit provider of supportive housing for the working poor and homeless in Times Square.

In between her radio show and time spent with the 46 freshman girls that she's in charge of as a Resident Advisor, **Julia Bissell** continues her study of art at Lehigh. She spent two weeks in Italy this summer in conjunction with Lehigh and worked at an architecture firm in

DC.

Channing Powell was selected to join the prestigious improvisational troupe *Combo Za* at Williams. She spent the summer at the Kennedy Center where she worked for a bit with **Chase Stock**.

Emily Twiss spent the summer at a ranch in Steamboat Springs, Colorado and bought a handsome white cowboy hat that she wears with pride. Back at Bucknell she's still tearing up the rugby field as captain and was leading scorer for the fall season. She has also been busy as pledge educator for *Tri-delt* sorority.

From the Alumni Office:

Elizabeth Arnold is majoring in English and minoring in Spanish and Government at Georgetown. She hopes to study abroad in London in the spring.

Bryony Blackwood is spending junior year abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina at the University of Belgrando.

Stephanie Bloch writes, "Cornell has been wonderful so far. I spent the summer in Europe studying human sexuality (really!) in a sexual policy course in London, Amsterdam, and Stockholm. Would love to hear from Potomac friends."

Melanie Bower is spending the 1999-2000 school year in Munich, Germany. She still plans to become a foreign correspondent for television.

After working in the family business for two years, **Bruce Bridges** is a freshman student-athlete at the University of Arizona where he is a member of their PAC 10 Conference track team.

Simone Heron loves the University of Texas-Austin and enjoys spending time with friends made while studying abroad last summer (1998) in Tokyo. She is looking forward to her second semester as President of the Japanese Culture Club while triple majoring in business honors, marketing, and Japanese.

David John spent an eventful summer as a First Sergeant in charge of new cadets at USAF, learning base operations and then flying F-16's in Utah for three weeks, and then topping it off with a trip back home and a vacation in Canada.

Recently accepted into UNC-Chapel Hill's undergraduate school of business, **Elizabeth Murry** is excited about life as a Tar Heel. She worked this summer with **Emily Winland** as an intern at the Supreme Court and has returned to Chapel Hill this fall as a representative on the Greek Judicial Board.

Garrett Nelson writes, "I was busy taking summer classes and working part-time in Charlottesville this summer. I am happy to see some more Potomac grads like **Chris Soverow** and **Todd Kincide** come to UVA. I am having the time of my life!"

Hollyday Perkins has "happily transferred to Gettysburg" and is studying Health and Exercise Science and Spanish. She is a sister in the *Gamma Phi Beta*

Sorority and is looking forward to seeing **Kevin Eakin '99** around campus.

Derrick Stowe had a 10-week internship with Senator Lugar's office this past summer. He is a Political Science major at Kenyon College and last season was named First Team All Conference lacrosse player and MVP of the Kenyon lacrosse team.

Alexandra Jost writes that all is well at Columbia. She recently returned from a 9-day trip with **Lane** on the Inca Trail in Peru.

Jonathan Mitchell recently moved to the heart of Boston and will be taking classes in music production at the Berklee School of Music.

After spending the summer in Spain and France, **Ellen Walker** is enjoying being a member of *Alpha Chi Omega* at UVA.

Lane Jost is spending the semester abroad in Quito, Ecuador and plans to return to the U.S. in early December.

1998

From the Alumni Office:

Erica Taylor has completed her first year successfully with honors and was inducted into UVA's chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars this past fall.

Yeats Bello is majoring in Biology at Duke and interned this past summer in the labs at Human Genome Sciences. In some spare time he also had the opportunity to visit Scotland for two weeks.

Elizabeth DeMuth sends greetings from Georgetown where she is majoring in theology and rooms with **Susan Reynolds**.

Vikash Ravi Goel informs us that he interned for AOL this past summer.

Sarah Gregg had a busy summer and sends everyone her best. She coached lacrosse to high school students at Dartmouth and then worked as an intern for Senator Trent Lott. She then finished up the summer back in New Hampshire relaxing.

Kristen Rush was inducted into *Phi Eta Sigma* National Honor Society this fall at UVA.

Elena Sylos-Labini is enjoying Boston College and is thinking of doing a year abroad in Italy. She has also been involved in photography and recently took a course at the Corcoran.

Stephanie Lerman is having a great time at Penn, pledged *Sigma Delta Tau*, and sees **Kate Coyne** often.

Evan Walker writes, "I spent the summer studying in Spain at the University of Valencia and then traveled in France for a bit. I ended up the summer hiking in the Highlands in Nova Scotia. If anyone wants to have the time of their life, go to Spain!"

Kate Crampton spent the summer in Boston working at Anthropolgie. She loves Wake Forest and was on the same hall as **Ann Bosiak**.

Spencer Byrnes informs us that, "despite having to endure 'Hell Week' at SAE where older brother **Carter '95** led the tormenting, I emerged mostly in tact...at least enough to start sophomore year. Best wishes to you all."

1999

From Daryn:

Mikey Banks attends Virginia Tech. He is in the general engineering program and is in the process of becoming a brother in *Delta Sigma Phi*.

Sasha Cooper-Morisson is attending the University of Pennsylvania. She has sent in videotape to MTV to become a possible contestant for *The Real World*.

James Aldige is having a "great time" at the University of Virginia, "despite the struggling Wahoo football team." He's enjoying his classes and volunteers as a Big Brother to a child in Charlottesville every week. He has gone to many seminars on campus and has been playing a lot of ultimate Frisbee.

Andrew Lockman attends Rollins College in Orlando Florida. He is the quarterback of an intramural flag football team

called the *No Names*. He is also taking *tae kwon doe*.

Elizabeth Hawkins is a member of Amherst College's field hockey team, which made it to the NCAA division III finals.

Elizabeth Simpson is the captain and leader of her dorm soccer team at UVA.

Meredith Shuba attends Davidson College in North Carolina. She and her roommate are famous for having the "brightest room on campus."

Sam Engel has met Ed Norton and Claire Danes around campus at Yale.

Pam Kasanetz loves Penn. She takes ballroom dancing and Middle Eastern dancing and volunteers at a soup kitchen. She engages in Hillel Activities and is a member of the women's rugby team.

Yorke Allen is a member of the tennis team at Duke. While helping at the US Open, he met Ana Kournikova.

Christian Gomez is a member of the varsity sprint football team at Princeton. He plays cornerback and made the game saving interception against Cornell University. He plans on wrestling in the winter.

Will Ackerly attends Rose-Hulman University, the #1 engineering school in the country. He has joined the air force ROTC. He is also a member of the school senate.

Ari Schantz attends Ohio State University. He is pledging *Phi Sigma Phi*, the National Honor Frat. He is member of the OSU ski club and the OSU breakdown club. He is also a member of the OSU Fisher College of Business Undergraduate Business Forum.

Nate Smith is majoring in art at Penn State. He plays club basketball and dunked the ball against the top ranked club team at the university by jumping off of someone's shoulders. He has also digitally remastered the song *Duck and Cover* in an MP3 format.

Eric Abrams plays Rugby and will play Ultimate Frisbee for Bowdoin next season. He thinks more Potomac students should go to Bowdoin.

Barry Gamble is on the Dean's list at Lynchburg.

Jonathan Miri attends William and Mary University in Virginia. He is pledging *Pi Kappa Alpha*.

John Micheal Bastos attends Georgetown and plays rugby.

Emily Anderson is a member of the senate at BC. She plays intramural basketball and volleyball. She was appointed to the photo/fine arts editor position of a literary newspaper called *Naked Singularity*. She is a political science major and will probably go pre-law.

Anne Blaney attends UVA. She has been cast in a student directed play called *Dunn*. She also attends meetings for two literary magazines on campus.

Mark Gillespie is in a hip-hop band at Bishop's University.



Panthers turned Blue Devils, Liz Race '97, Erin Winland '99, Yorke Allen '99, Keith Huffman '99, Yeats Bello '98, and Danny Adrien '96 celebrate a Duke basketball victory over UNC.

Caroline Connelly is playing club lacrosse for Emory and will try out for varsity lacrosse in the spring. She was also named MVP of her intramural soccer team who went undefeated until she was absent for a game.

Shauna Burgess attends Princeton. She is going to play club basketball. Her favorite class is Computer Science. She is also on the debate team.

Jody Goehring attends Penn. He will major in Psychology and minor in Spanish. He will also play lacrosse in the spring.

I, Daryn Cambridge, am at Middlebury College in Vermont. I play for their Rugby Team who made it the NCAA division 2 finals. I will play intramural basketball in the winter. In the

In Memoriam

Senator John H. Chafee

October 24, 1999, Bethesda Naval Hospital, MD. Father of John H. Chafee '71, Georgia Chafee Nassikas '74, Quentin Chafee '77 and Grandfather of Nicholas Nassikas '05 and Tribbie Nassikas '07.

Anne Keller Dunbar '66

(Mrs. John E.) June 3, 1999, Glastonbury, CT. Sister of John Keller '73 and Victoria L. Keller '78.

Micki Bingham Esselstyn '57

(Mrs. Erik C.) October 27, 1999, Gainesville, FL. Sister of Timothy Bingham '59 and Claudia Bingham Myers '61.

Florence Merrill Pilkinton '32

(Mrs. Richard B.) August 1999, Washington, DC.

Faith Hussey Staub '39

(Mrs. John H.) January 10, 1999, Litchfield, CT.

spring I will either run track, play ultimate Frisbee or baseball. I am attempting to get a band together with some other guys on my floor. In my spare time, I am a member of the Photography Club and I work on web page design for the college's Office of Academic Support.

From Susanna:

Rebecca Rader sings with *Lady Blue* a female *Capella* group at Duke. She also works for the campus cable station and participates in the Episcopalian group.

Much like Rebecca, **Nell Manning** is also having an "absolutely wonderful" time at Duke. She says, "I am really lucky to be here and hope that everybody in our class is as happy as I am."

Members of the 1999-2000 Alumni Governing Council are: Rob Lee '78, Tom Johnson '93, Joan Wise '82, Prentiss Vallender Lay '85 (Vice-President), Emily Train Rowan '65, Jean MacDonald '64 (President), Alice Fales Stewart '57, John Nassikas '74. Not pictured: Kathleen Bell '36, Annabelle Redway Dunn '85, Vinnie Lemon Pitzer '82, Cary Ridder '65

Leah Willey participates in the Amnesty International program on campus. Leah especially enjoys the introductory film class she is taking this semester.

Katlin Schaars is having a "great" time in 'Madtown' at the University of Wisconsin. Classes are going well and she's relieved to be "learning more than working."

Patrick Nemeroff is "extremely happy" at Yale. He is taking difficult but interesting classes and playing on the Ultimate Frisbee team.

Classes are going well for **Tom Danbury** at William and Mary. He is currently pledging a fraternity.

Charlotte Hutton is "doing well and loving" Sewanee. She has joined the choir and is enjoying

"great friends, interesting classes, and the gorgeous campus."

Rachel Shuler likes Oberlin. She especially enjoys her African-American Literature class and hopes to get into a writing class for next semester.

Jon Darman is singing with the *Opportunes*, a coed *Capella* group at Harvard.

Laura Reiter and I have also found the perfect match at Emory. Living directly across the hall from each other has worked out wonderfully. We're taking a fascinating Anthropology class and even playing on the same flag football team. Emory is a blast! We can't wait for everyone to come visit.



Get Ready for the 5th Annual Potomac School Golf Tournament

Details to be announced.

For more information contact the Alumni Office at 703-749-6356 or email Potomac_alumni@potomaschool.org

Upcoming Alumni Events

January 19	Alumni Governing Council Meeting
January 25	San Francisco area Alumni reception
February 16	Alumni Governing Council Meeting
Feb 25, 26	Upper School Musical (Alumni receive free admission)
March	100 th Night Dinner for Seniors
March 14	Book Fair - invitation to alumni, parents, past parents
April 5	Alumni Governing Council Meeting
April	Tour of Historic DC and lunch in Chinatown
May	5 th Annual Golf Tournament
May 31	Alumni Governing Council Meeting (College Age BBQ to follow)
June 7	Alumni Governing Council Meeting Pot Luck Dinner

Alumni Survey

The Alumni Council wants to hear from you!

In order to plan events that appeal to Potomac alumni and their family and friends, we need your input. Please respond to the survey below and tell us what types of events you would like us to organize. Your suggestions will help shape the planning process.

General Questions

Do you prefer to attend events at Potomac or off-campus?

- At Potomac
 Off-campus
 Both
 No preference

Do you prefer to attend events that include your entire family and/or friends?

- Yes
 No
 No preference

How do you prefer to receive news of Potomac alumni events and other news?

- The Potomac Term (biannually)
 Postcards and flyers (announcing specific events)
 Telephone calls (reminders about specific events)
 Internet (Potomac website, www.potomacschool.org)
 Other: _____

What time of day/week would you prefer events?

- Weekday
 Weeknight
 Weekend day (Saturday or Sunday, circle one)
 Weekend night (Friday or Saturday, circle one)
 No preference

Are you willing to pay (at cost) for alumni events (i.e., theater outings, museum visits, happy hour)?

- Yes
 No
 No preference

Have you attended an Alumni Council or Potomac School event in the past three years?

- Yes
 No

Would you be willing to help plan alumni events?

- Yes (Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____)
 No

Specific Events

What types of events would you like to see the Alumni Council plan? Please check all that apply.

- Student plays/events at Potomac (Senior play, Christmas play, etc.)
- Reception with Potomac headmaster and/or teachers
- Student sporting events at Potomac
- Book club
- Alumni sporting events at Potomac
- IMAX and other movies
- Alumni golf outing
- Organized, local day hikes (C&O Canal, Capital Crescent Trail, Billy Goat Trail, etc.)
- Walks on the Nature Trail
- Career networking opportunities for alumni
- Weekend picnic at Potomac
- College networking opportunity for Juniors/Seniors at Potomac
(Please provide name and college/university: _____)
- Museum outings (Phillips Collection, Corcoran Gallery, Smithsonian, etc.)
- Group volunteer activities (Habitat for Humanity, DC Central Kitchen, etc.)
- Classes at Potomac and/or off-campus
(Please provide preferred topic(s): _____)
- Opportunity to sponsor a Potomac student for Senior Project
(Please provide name/company: _____)
- Christmas Revels
- Tour of new facilities at Potomac
- Theater outing (Wolf Trap, Kennedy Center, Arena Stage, etc.)
- Networking/meeting opportunity for parents of pre-school children
- Restaurant outings (prix fixe and/or a la carte)
- Professional sporting events (Wizards, Capitals, Mystics, etc.)
- Over 21 happy hour events
- Concerts (classical, rock, pop, etc.)
- Over 30 happy hour events

Other ideas? _____

To return your completed survey:

- 1) Clip and send the survey to (postage required):
 Adria de Leonibus '83
 Director of Alumni Affairs
 The Potomac School
 Box 430
 McLean, VA 22101-2398
- 2) Fax your completed survey to 703-749-6308 (Attn: Adria de Leonibus)
- 3) Send suggestions and thoughts via e-mail to adria_deleonibus@potomacschool.org
- 4) Call Adria, 1-800-725-8664!

Thank you for your help.

Definition of Magic

The Lower School Holiday Carols

I'm sure it is at least ninety degrees in the gym. I stand at the right side of the door to the Preston gymnasium. On both sides of me are women dressed festively, luckily both are shorter than I and won't give my vantage point any trouble. In the background, a piano begins. I tingle. The lights have gone, and I rise to watch the first of the ritual. Two tiny angel girls and one little angel boy, carrying a suspended silver star, cross the makeshift stage and take their places, oh so seriously, in the center. They do not smile. They barely blink. Until the boy spots his family in the audience; making use of his spare hand, he lifts it to wave. Two hundred other small people, the entire Lower School assembled in six neat rows on bleachers upstage of the proceedings, catch on to the idea. Four hundred little eyes scan the packed house, looking for affirmation. Their hands rise as they receive it. Their parents literally rise to their feet to give it. There are now thirty video cameras whose sightlines have been obscured by enthusiastic moms and dads and grandparents responding like the children they've come to watch. It is a charming spectacle.

By this point, my smile hurts. It's not really advisable, nor even feasible, to hold on to any sort of blues at a time like this one. Next, across the stage parade, one at a time, the characters from a song I sang at Potomac for years and years in the very same costumes we wore thirty years ago. "There was a pig went out to dig, Chrissamas day, Chrissamas day. There was a pig went out to dig on Chrissamas day in the morniiiiiiiiing!" The sparrow who went out to harrow and the drake who went out to rake, et cetera, all have their moments. But for sheer entertainment value, you can't beat the minnow who went out to winnow. Every year, she or he is saved for last because of the palsied rendition always given it by whichever five-year-old plays it. The audience shrieks with glee. The child is transported—not quite understanding the reason for the commotion, but confident at being the cause.

The ceremony continues, with poetry from the mouths of literal babes, and a splendid array of winter holiday traditions from countries and religions around the world. Across the entire stage's width, costumed in the manner of locale or faith, each child holds his/her own special symbol of light. Beautiful ballerinas ascend the stage and with total concentration and equal grace, the seven-year-olds dance in a circle, as the assembly behind sings the story. Circles of seasons, sun and moon, spring and winter, life. The audience literally gasps. It sighs. Sometimes, it hums along. There's much that's familiar, and much surprising — the way it is with magic. This is definitively that.

Katherine Nevius '69





Simple Gifts

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be;
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;
To turn, turn will be our delight
'Till by turning, turning we come round right.

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