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George Mason Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts the Class of 2006

On November 4, 2006 at Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School
Preparations are Underway for the 2007 Induction Activities Scheduled for 28 & 29 September, 2007

The GM Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2006 included six athletes, one coach, and, for the first time, a team. The induction ceremony was held on November 4, 2006 in the new GM Varsity Gymnasium at Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School. The ceremony was attended by over 150 friends and family of George Mason High School, including four Charter members of the GM Athletic Hall of Fame: **Ray Peterson '56**, **Don Roth '63**, **Wendell Byrd '71**, and **Robert Tuthill '80**.

The athletes who were inducted include the 1954 State Championship Track & Field Team, **Ted Yeary '68** (track & cross country), **Jim Davis '70** (wrestling & football – not present but to be honored at the next ceremony), **Nick Earman '75** (basketball & baseball), **Joan Clinton '77** (basketball and softball), **Jenny Boozell '88** (tennis and volleyball), **Carlos Rodriguez '89** (tennis), and Coach **Al Krueger** (Athletic Director and coach of wrestling, volleyball & cross-country team).

Plans are well underway for the induction of the 2007 Class of outstanding GM athletes into the GM Athletic Hall of Fame. The 2007 class will be honored on September 28, 2007, at George Mason's home evening football game. The induction ceremony will be held the following evening, September 29, in the GM Varsity Gymnasium in the MEH Middle School. The 2007 GM Athletic Hall of Fame class is as follows:

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Left to right: First row – Joan Clinton '77, Ted Yeary '68, Terp Palmer '56, Carlos Rodriguez '89. Back row – Bill Jeffrey '54, Jenny Boozell '88, Nick Earman '75, Ray Peterson '56, Byron Martin '55, Coach John Scanga, & Coach Al Krueger



Left to right: Don Roth '63, Jenny Boozell '88, Joan Clinton '77, Robert Tuthill '80, Ted Yeary '68, Nick Earman '75, Ray Peterson '56, Terp Palmer '56, Bill Jeffrey '54, Carlos Rodriguez '89, Coach Al Krueger, Wendell Byrd '71, Byron Martin '55, Coach John Scanga

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In Memoriam

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 Mary Kathleen Kelly '62
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 David Begle '72
 Harry McGinnis '74
 Brian McClesky '75
 Frank White '78
 Stephen Hill '79
 Gloria (Robison) Wright '79

HELP!!!

I'm still in need of current emails for Reps: Ken **Compher** '80, **Joe Cheek** '86, **Jen Rosholt** '89, **Dave Buddendeck** '89, and **Jon Gannon** '89 – please send me a note so I can update our class rep list.

Thanks, Scott

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1980 Baseball State AA Championship Team: Only GMHS boys' team to win a VA State Championship in baseball, football or basketball.

Andy Schwind '72: Wrestling – Lettered 4 years, 1st in district & 1st in region during junior and senior years, VA State Champion in senior year with a record of 20-1-0. Football – Lettered 4 years, *Washington Post* Player of the week, twice all-district. Track – Lettered four years.

Vicki Spevacek '94: Basketball – Scored over 1,000 career points in her GM career, 1st team All-State selection, two-time 1st team All-Region, three-time All-District. Tennis – Twice voted MVP.

Sara Jackson '96: Basketball – All-Met Honorable Mention, 1st Team All-State, 1st Team All-Region, two-time All-District and District Co-Player of the year.

Jennifer Williams '96: Basketball – VA State Player of the Year, All-Met Honorable Mention, Regional Player of the Year, District Co-Player of the Year, 1st Team All-Region, two-time 1st Team All-District.

Charissa Bautista '97: Track – 400 meter VA State Champion, member of VA State Championship 1600 meter relay team, holds two individual school records and one school relay team record. Basketball – 1st Team All-Region, 1st Team All-District and District Co-Player of the year.

Eddie Jordan '97: Baseball – 1st Team All-State, 1st Team All-Met, 1st Team All-Region, stole 86 consecutive bases, ranked 5th all-time in the nation, committed no errors during high school baseball career. Basketball – 1st Team All-District.

Brad Guckenberger '99: Football – 2nd Team All-State, Honorable Mention All-Met, led all Northern Virginia Schools in scoring as a junior. Baseball – 2nd Team All-State, 1st Team All-Region, 1st Team All-District. Wrestling – 5th in State as a Freshman.



GMAA Class Representative News

--Scott Sager, GMAA President

Earlier this year, we learned of the untimely death of **David Begle**, 1972 GMAA Class Representative. On behalf of the George Mason Alumni Association I would like to express our condolences to the family and friends of David. He was one of our more active class reps and will certainly be missed.

I would like to thank our outgoing class reps, **Carly Lumsden '99** & **Caitlin Wright '03** – thanks for your help and support to the GMHSAA. At the same time I would like to welcome our new 1972 Class Representative, **Patricia Hopkins Phillips-Holbert**, our two new Class of 1977 co-reps **Carolyn Fitzgerald Young** and **Jimmy Herron Zamora**, and our most recent addition, the new 2006 class representative, **Meredyth Lowe**. The GMHSAA appreciates your willingness to support your class and the alumni association.

We still need class rep volunteers for the classes of 2004, 2005, and, very shortly, a 2007 representative. If anyone from those classes might be willing to serve as a class rep, please contact me at scotts1147@aol.com, and I will explain the very simple duties of being a class rep. Perhaps some of the current reps who have siblings and friends in these classes could help recruit.

I'm still in need of current email addresses for these reps: Ken **Compher** '80, **Joe Cheek** '86, **Jen Rosholt** '89, **Dave Buddendeck** '89, and **Jon Gannon** '89. Please contact me with your current addresses so I can update our class rep list.

Thanks, Scott

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2004, 2005, & 2007

We need volunteers!

**Thank You to all Class Representatives
for contributing to the *Mustang Review*!**

Class Articles

GM Staff & Administration Alumni By Nancy Birindelli

I have received no information from retirees to include in this newsletter. Guess they are still traveling and having too much fun to respond!

The Agnes Meyer Teacher of the Year is **Denise O'Neil**, speech pathologist at Thomas Jefferson. Congratulations!!

This is a banner year for retiring staff members with 12 people opting to leave the system. Three of the retirees have served more than 30 years in the Falls Church City Public Schools - tough shoes to fill! (See the * names below.) The list includes the following:

David Applegate
Eileen Backofen
* **Michael Hoover**
Linda Johnsen
* **Carol Monsess**
Norma Pfaff
Martha Preston
Lynn Prevatt
Grace Risetto
* **Mary Werner**
Cay Wiant
Lilla Wise

Class of 1953 & 1954

By Lynn Llewellyn ('53) and
Patti Carson ('54)

From Lynn:

I thought it might be a good idea to begin this update with an apology. Our good friend and classmate, **Wayman Holmes** ('53), passed away last year. Unfortunately, however, because of the timing of the last issue of the Mustang Review, only a brief notice of his death appeared on the second page. Needless to say, Wayman deserved better.

It would be almost impossible to think back about our Thompson House experience, and, for that matter, our first year in the new high school, without telling a Wayman Holmes story or two. As Patti Carson has noted, Wayman was "an original: unique and unforgettable." I remember his infectious laugh -- perhaps the word "cackle" would be more appropriate -- and his impish sense of humor. Case in point: It was always good to know where Wayman was at any given time. When you least expected it, some convenient body part would be grabbed, often accompanied by a cry of "Ying!" There would be Wayman, head cocked at 15 degrees from vertical, grinning from ear to ear, and peering at you through eye glasses so thick that they might have been made from small bottles of cream pilfered from a coffee shop. I have to suppose that Wayman's victims were carefully selected and mostly limited. If not, what else would explain why so many

people chose to ride home from school in his car -- the stuff of legend.

According to **Sonny Anderson** ('54), my source for all historical data on automobiles, Wayman drove a 1947 Studebaker Champion Starlight coupe, designed to seat five people comfortably. Having said this, there is also an urban myth still circulating today that Wayman became fascinated with the number of circus clowns that could be squeezed into small cars. True or not, we do know that Wayman's car frequently left George Mason after last period carrying as many as a dozen people and guaranteeing that passengers would get to know each other real well before disembarking. **Nancy Garber** ('53) was reminded of an incident when things were so tight getting into Wayman's car that her fingers got caught in the door. Sonny Anderson also remembers how often Wayman was stopped by the same police officer near Saint James and threatened with arrest for carrying too many passengers. While not a charter member of the Holmes clown car, my favorite memory of Wayman involves several trips to Howard Johnson's or Tops Drive-In when Wayman wasn't driving. If he was unlucky enough to be sitting in the back seat, Wayman was relentlessly victimized by the likes of **Fritz McFarland** ('53), **John Lintner** ('53), and **Kenny Geddes** ('54), who always managed to steal most of Wayman's french fried onion

rings before he opened the container. Somehow everyone would refrain from laughing when Wayman complained bitterly about Howard Johnson's "calling three lousy pieces an order of fries." I am not sure he ever realized that he was riding with a pack of thieves.

Wayman was without a doubt one of a kind. I am sorry that, like so many of our other classmates, we did not see much of him in recent years, with the exception of the 1995 reunion. He was a true friend, somebody who was always there if you needed help, or a laugh, when it counted. He will be sorely missed.

At this time our thoughts also go out to **Frances Holland Teed** ('53) whose husband John died suddenly in March. John was a terrific guy and someone we always enjoyed talking with, most recently at our 2004 reunion. Fran, we all care about you. Our deepest sympathy.

From Patti:

Our only get-together since the last issue of the Mustang Review was for a Christmas party at Logan's Fair Oaks restaurant on December 2, 2006. The following stalwart classmates (some accompanied by friends, spouses, children, etc.) were in attendance: **Doll Madden** ('53) and daughter **Mary Kate Carroll**; **Joslyn** ('54) and **Ed Becker** ('54); **Louise** ('54) and **Vince Charlton** ('54), **Betty Yarbrough Hilosky** ('54) and

friend Alice (Brooksie) Tozia; **Jim Arnold** ('54) and sister **Ann Arnold Hunter** ('58); **Scott Butler** ('54); **Mary Lou Taylor Dose** ('54) and husband **Dan**; **Louise** ('54) and **Vince Charlton** ('54); **Buddy Tasker** ('54); **Lynn Llewellyn**; and **Patti Carson**.

Doll once more was the person most responsible for organizing the Christmas party and even awarded prizes to the two classmates -- Jim Arnold ('54) and Scott Butler ('54) -- who traveled the greatest and least distance to the luncheon. Doll hopes to organize a similar party this summer, but no firm date as been chosen as yet. Stay tuned.

This is all the news we know about our classes that is fit to print. Actually, we are so starved for news that we don't even know any that is not fit to print. Help us out here, please.

Class of 1955

By Judy Potter Brown

Paul Ebert: "I'm still plugging away prosecuting the bad guys. I find this work interesting and sometimes rewarding (over 40 years now). Sure hope to see everybody in the near future. Please keep in touch. Butch"

Byron Martin was inducted into the GM athletic hall of fame honoring the '54 track team that was the first GM athletic team to win a Virginia State Championship – many others have followed, but they were the

first. He saw **Shirley March**, our English teacher, in Oct. '06. "Everyone doing well.

Interesting tidbit - their son Bruce works for IBM (originally Rational, before we bought it).

Small world." Still going to CA and Asia for IBM, having some fun. He and Marianna went to Alaska for 3 weeks. Their granddaughter was christened in Kennebunkport - Bush senior and Barbara at the service ('their' church). Marianna's practice continues to flourish. Another wine trip to CA soon. Wine cellar ebbs and flows, as it were. Lots of new discoveries."



From the left Bill Jeffrey '54, Byron Martin '55, Terp Palmer '56, Coach John Scanga, and GM Charter Hall of Famer, Ray Peterson '56

Jane Anderson Moon and her husband Marion are planning a trip -- via Oceania Cruise Lines. She says its "good is that we sleep in the same bed every night, have no packing and moving to do, and everything is made simple. That is NOT the best way to see all that you would like, but it is an easy way to get started and figure what you would like to return to in the future." She's been spending the better part of her early retirement fixing up and redecorating the

Moon “manse” and grounds, activities that were on the back burner during those years of working at building a career.

This summer **Pat Green Womack** and her husband Carl plan on going back to Paris and Provence and just hanging out for most of the summer.



Pat Green Womack and husband Carl at their favorite Parisian hotel.

Karl Larew: “Marilynn and I are doing fine. We visited Turkey for a week this past spring [‘06] and hope to go again next fall. (We were there in summer ‘02 also.) I retired in summer ‘05 and have written several novels since. I have a literary agent who is trying to sell them. I taught part-time last spring and will do so again this coming spring. Marilynn is researching and writing ancient Vietnamese history.”

Judy & Jared Brown have been traveling, too – this time to South America – winery hopping in Chili, tango-ing in Argentina and checking out Carnivale in Rio among other delights. In

October ‘06, Judy was named by the Illinois Humanities Council a 2006 recipient of the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award for her years of work creatively using theatre to interpret and present the history of Illinois.

Maggie Koontz Stewart has put together a portfolio of her work to submit to galleries. Three hundred and twenty three images! Want one? She also got a call from Gail’s husband, Lynn, who wanted members of our class to know that he’s put together a professionally made DVD of Gail’s life and also one on the memorial service held in her honor. Both discs, playable on the computer, have a section on Lynn’s and Gail’s favorite vacation spot—Cancun. Also, Gail’s brother **Mike Hodges** (michail-h@att.net) has a future idea of a web site dedicated to the DVD.” Meanwhile if you write Mike or contact Maggie, they could send you a disk to copy. You can also contact Lynn by phone (703-685-7272) or write to Lynn Carroll, 1101 South Arlington Ridge Road, #603, Arlington, Va. 22202.

Word from **Maryanne McGillis Sears** is that she finally sold her house in NM and is permanently settled in Port Orchard, WA. In March she wrote “I’m on my way to CA to take my 17-year old granddaughter on a little beach trip.” She has dropped her e-mail service and can be reached by contacting Mag, Judy, or Karl Gould for her snail address.

Don Jones writes the he and Dianne love Wilmington N.C. more each day. “Finally getting the house pretty well set up but still lots of little stuff to do. Starting on the landscaping now since the weather is absolutely beautiful. This traveling pair spent the last two weeks of February in FL, plan a Bermuda cruise in June, then on to CA and WA the middle of Sept. for three or four weeks, and hopes for Vancouver and Banff. And for the big 70? His daughters showed up unexpectedly, with help from Dianne who had helped plan the event since Christmas.

Another surprise 70th birthday party – for **Mary Jane Clark Wild** – arranged by her family and co-conspirator **Nancy McCarthy**, who organized a NYC get-away so Mary Jane wouldn’t have a clue as to what awaited her when she returned home. MJ said, “There were 100+ people there to help me celebrate - relatives and friends from all parts of my life. When I was sixteen, I never thought that I would live to be 70 years old. Just couldn’t imagine it! Now, it doesn’t seem so old after all. How one’s perspective changes!” Her latest hobby is scrapbooking. She’s taking an Elderhostel trip, to Richmond, VA, “Touring Richmond’s Great House and Gardens.” After the last session, she’s going to visit with **Beverly Eubank Evans** and family before returning home to tend her own garden.

NOTE: When you change your

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Classes of 1956 & 1957 By Terp & Pat Palmer

We hope you are still enjoying the memories of our 50th celebration, I know we are. Due to the large number attending and a few last minute credits from the Marriott, we ended up with a surplus of funds. We made the decision to purchase two bricks for the school walkway. They will be inscribed 50th Reunion, Class of 56 and 50th Reunion, Class of 57. The balance of the money was sent to Scott Sager, President of the George Mason Alumni Association for their operating costs. Terp voted to keep it but since you were so generous with your gift to us, I did not think that would be proper.

Following the Reunion, we received an email from **Kay Shamer Keith** who lives in San Diego. She was in Australia during the Reunion and although she regretted the conflict, she "had a wonderful time diving the Great Barrier Reef and seeing the beautiful and interesting country." She's still working full time as a Director of Marketing and Sales for three retirement communities. She writes, "I love my work and will probably continue until I am ready to move in. Life is wonderful and yes, grandchildren do make

growing older worth it. I have 3 and treasure the time spent with them."

We also heard from **Tosca Kreges Simms** who was having back problems that prevented her from joining us for the Reunion. She and her husband Wayland were thrilled to welcome their first great grandchild in December. The only problem is that he lives in New Hampshire. Their two children both graduated from George Mason so the whole family has a soft spot for school.

We heard from **Kent Modine's** wife, Bert who told us that Kent and **Warren Kenney** won the Senior Golfers of South Carolina "Better Ball of Partners" tournament. They bested a field of 64 teams. Being classmates some 50 years ago and now both living in SC, they are surprised and thrilled to be the "Champs"! The picture below was from the golf event.



Be sure to let us know about any changes to either your address or email and keep us posted with news.

Class of 1958 By Tiana Gillespie Camfiord

One of my favorite books is Ross Thomas's The Backup Men particularly now that we've not been home for 2 months following a fire that gutted my bedroom/office and left the main level with smoke and ash damage. Bob was at home when the smoke alarm went off or we would have lost the house as three other families in Clifton did this winter. I feel blessed with so many "backup" friends who offered to help, or called, or sent notes. **Leslie Gilmore** and **Steve Vandivere** immediately offered to take care of the pets and after we realized we might not get in for a month or so took them up on it. Unfortunately our elderly dog passed away but she had a loving Leslie with her. How can I ever express what that meant to us.

Patt Manly Bower sounded like a teenager when she called from their new home in a Dell Webb community in S.C. Everything on one floor is their idea of a perfect home! **Sandra Simms Jolin** and hubby hope their new home in Atlanta will be finished by fall. I know they are leaving behind a beautiful garden that was the scene of a lovely wedding for her daughter a few years ago.

In January **David Benn** finally got his wish to have a gathering of old pals at his part time home in Wintergreen, VA. Those who were able to attend were **David Johnston, Chip Chandler and**

Nash Gifford. The gang sent E-mail pictures and some back-and-forth continued i.e. who was the oldest living American - you know, serious stuff!!

Doug Smith wrote they were well and he may retire in a couple years after a portfolio he is managing will end.

That is not the term I need, but as we are still "cheek to jowl" at Mom's home and since I can't access my notes or emails this will have to do for now. Bob is still in withdrawal with his books, music and computer off being cleaned.

I hate to end on sad news but **Ann Wilkerson King** learned that **JoAnne Sprinkle Altizer** passed away last summer. She had a series of health problems for many years and even though they wanted to move to the country (Schuyler, VA) she knew she would be giving up good medical care. She was not doing well with a new heart Rx but her Dr. said to "wait and come in Monday". She passed away in her sleep on Sunday.

And, lastly one of our great characters, **Ray Evans**, lost his battle with cancer in February. He missed all our reunions but he and **Jerry Kunz** (his childhood side kick) could still keep us laughing at our many get togethers over the past 10 years. They were political opposites but conversations were always stimulating.

My thanks to **Clare Neuberg Dix** for typing this up and submitting it for me.

Class of 1959 *By Clare Neuberg Dix*

The last time I wrote for The Mustang Review I closed by saying, "... in January look for me in Antarctica." That was read by a member of the class of 1960. To make a long story shorter - after 48 years, in beautiful Buenos Aires, Argentina **Karen Strauss Cossman** and I had a mini reunion. This was at a reception preceding the expedition to Antarctica. We were part of the William and Mary Alumni group. What an adventure! I expected to see penguins....I saw hundreds of thousands, I hoped to see whales...we saw eight brech, I expected to see snow and ice...the icebergs were many times the size of our ship. With all the conveniences and safety of modern travel I expected crossing the Drake Passage to be effortless. WRONG! 30' waves hit the bridge, wiped out 40% of the crystal and china, 50% of the food, 50% of the crew were sick in bed. The top deck spa was destroyed. On me, those transdermal patches were useless...I thought I was going to die! [Dennis, the Marine, was just fine!] This was an in-person review of the grade school lesson on why the Panama Canal was built. If you can survive this passage the rest is a piece of cake. When we got to

Antarctica we were rewarded with gorgeous weather and an adventure of a life time. For some reason I thought everything would be flat. I was not prepared for the HUGE, black granite, mountain ranges....nor the stark solitude and blessed silence. I was surprised by the large areas with no snow or ice...hummm. As slow as penguins are on land they swim like lightning! They have no fear of humans. Wading ashore and the Zodiac boats (background of picture) were my biggest challenge. By the end of the trip I could get in and out without making a fool of myself. We have many, many stories (would you believe two hotels fires and evacuations, 1,000 miles apart, on the SAME day!??) and have hundreds of photographs. Come see us! This one was taken in Paradise Bay, Antarctica.....gorgeous.



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In October look for Dennis and me in Egypt!!!.....Clare

The ever energetic **Jim Scott** writes the following: Finally, we received word today that we are going to Jamaica on July 3, 2007 as Peace Corps Volunteers. Each of us has two titles: "Community Health Advisor" and "Community Sanitation Advisor." We do not yet know

exactly where in Jamaica we will be living/working, and we do not yet know for sure where we will be staging or training. Staging (orientation, paperwork, shots, and swearing in) begins on July 1st and is usually in Wash., D.C. Training will probably be in Kingston, Jamaica beginning on July 3rd before moving on to our assignments elsewhere in Jamaica effective between August 25, 2007 to August 25, 2009. We do know that there are NO PCV's assigned to Kingston. Of course we are excited (even though it isn't Africa or a mud hut, although we're not totally sure about the mud hut!), and we will have much to do before traveling.

This came in from **John Dillon** in New Jersey: I'm still "semi-retired" although very busy as a member of the Board of Directors of three pharmaceuticals companies. I also formed a small executive-level consulting company with three former industry colleagues, BioVerum Partners LLC. Our WebSite is www.bioverumpartners.com. Gail and I are traveling a lot and enjoying our two grandchildren - ages 7 and 8.

While spending Easter in Annandale with Mo's family **Pat Gentry Hedetniemi** writes:....we lost Tom's Dad in July and in August had 45 members of the Hedetniemi family descend upon the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, many for the first time. We had the service and inurned his ashes right beside his parents and brothers in the little village where he was born and

raised. It was really a beautiful thing!

Joanna and Bob Myers, Tom, and I again traveled to the Dominican Republic together -- always a fun time. And now Tom and I are getting ready to fly to Holland, where we will reunite with some friends and then take a river boat cruise. Sure do hope there are lots of tulips -- it wouldn't be fair otherwise.

Joanna Michael Myers writes: I'll tell you what's new in my life. I'm still doing Christian counseling part-time, but did go through training with Advocates for Children to become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for neglected or abused children. I'm advocating for 4 children in my first family. Am enjoying this new volunteer venture a lot, and getting quite an education!

Happy Feet **Tom Brett** writes: Have remained over committed with work-work and clubs. Still run my small photography business [which is far less fun than my 30 1/2 year Army career]. The clubs, which seem to rule my life, [because I'm an elected officer in each] include: a [Carolina] Shag dance club where I dance 2 to 3 days weekly with live, lively women and have had 74 private 1-hour lessons, to date; two very active photography clubs that meet weekly; 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Association. My physical fitness program of 45- minute runs and weights maintains some sanity.

Travels: have not been to Africa for 2 years & greatly miss it; annual Colorado 9-day ski trip, hiking with classmates from the Citadel in Canada & Calif., twice yearly 10-day Shag dance migration to Myrtle Beach, SC; annual reunion with Vietnam combat unit men & families around the US.

Emmy McRay Olah sent the following: **Gail Nichols Cates, Nancy Forsyth Burgess, Joan Laufman Calvert** and I got together on the Queen Mary for lunch during my whirlwind visit with Gail last month. It was so good to see all those gals again. We always have the best time catching up. My visit with Gail was great, as always. We began with a visit to Fox Studios (where her son-in-law is a lawyer) and were treated like VIP's on the set of "Bones". We met the stars, toured the million dollar set and overcame our only challenge of the day which was "Quiet on the set!!!" If laughter is the best medicine, then Gail and I should be in great shape! Gail was a wonderful hostess and such a good sport as she maneuvered those horrible 12-lane freeways and went from Fox Studios to the Queen Mary at Long Beach to her daughter's beautiful home overlooking the Pacific at Redondo Beach. It was truly a wonderful trip, but I have to admit I was happy to return to the beautiful Virginia mountains!



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Joan Laufman Calvert sent this picture of the girls

It has been a great year, and I'm already making plans to see them all again. Those visits were the best! Now it's time for little league baseball and days of cheering for 9 of my 14 grandchildren who are playing. Then off to Nova Scotia in our RV for some relaxation time. Still not retired, but not complaining....

Gunther Morris sent this picture taken at the wedding of Sandy's daughter. Sandy is in seminary in South Carolina.



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Gunther, George Torregas, Sandy Johnson

From frozen Idaho **Kevin Talbot** writes: Rusty and I are on the down hill slope of a major (2400 sq. ft.) addition to our log home

here in McCall, Idaho. We moved to McCall from Boise permanently in Sept of 2005 and decided to expand things. Well, after almost a year of effort, we are about done. The floor contractor comes tomorrow to install the wood flooring.

We used up some of our leisure time with a 21 day cruise from Ft. Lauderdale through the Panama Canal and up the west coast to Seattle. Had a wonderful time and great warm weather. I always wanted to see the Panama Canal, so I can cross that one off my list!!

We are big season ticket fans of the Boise State University football program. We traveled to Phoenix to see Boise State play Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl. What a game--probably the best football game I have ever seen. BSU won the game 43 - 42 in overtime. I think I had 3 or 4 heart attacks when it looked like we won the game, then lost it, then won it---whew!! Boise State finished the season undefeated at 13 - 0 (the only undefeated team in Division 1 football) and with a #5 national ranking. Go Broncos!!!

Rusty was commissioned last spring by the Idaho Botanical Garden to sculpt a bronze monument. The larger than life monument is over eight feet tall and features a seated Native American female figure (supposedly Sacajawea) holding camas lily roots (a popular root food of the mountain tribes). Rusty did a

great job, and the monument was very well received by the Botanical Garden Board, as well as the general public. It is a very popular tourist attraction.

Leon LUTHER Rix writes from New York: Hi, classmates, it's been awhile since I got it together to communicate. My wife, Ellen, my son, Jano (short for Jonathon, pronounced John-o -- don't even ask about the spelling) and I are all in good health, considering our various ages. I'm getting ready to start to think about maybe someday retiring -- but there's a reason they call music "playing." I don't really want to stop at all. However, my union lets me collect my pension and still do union work; how's that for a deal?

Ellen is still teaching at the elementary school Jano went to. Can't give up the NY State medical plan yet. She's a wonderful teacher, and lately has started a new career as a muralist, which she hopes to have more time for when she retires from teaching. I'm still doing weddings and bar mitzvahs (well, weddings, anyway) and bar gigs and a recording now and then (in the studio, we've mostly been replaced by synthesizers and drum machines). I did the touring company of the Broadway show Rent for a while, and since then have subbed for the drummers in Lion King, Mamma Mia, Cabaret (until it closed), and lots other shows. Lately I tend to play more

jazz, have more fun, and make less money.

Jano is still playing drums and singing with the Gabe Dixon Band. They are centered in Nashville now, though hardly a country music band. I don't know what to call 'em, except great! They are fun and exciting and moving. They're in L.A. as I write this, doing their thing. And, Jano is also married now! He and his lovely lady Julia were married on St. John, with both families well represented; it was fun and spectacular and memorable.

A little promotion: Please check out the Gabe Dixon Band on My Space. Anything you download or buy, I guarantee, you'll be glad you did (that's my son, the drummer). Also check out Richard Reiter's music on richardreiter.com. I'm playing drums and some percussion on his albums "I Hear Africa" and "The Time Has Come."

Carolyn Newell Benn writes from Australia:We have just returned from a March 30 – April 12 family cruise around the Hawaiian islands. A wish of my Mom's that we could all get together and celebrate each other in her memory. So.....we did. And what a glorious, exciting and memorable time it has been. Just wonderful. There were 16 of us and at times it was like herding cats but a glorious adventure as well. We cruised on the Pride of Hawaii – the biggest American-flagged cruise liner and the newest so we just

luxuriated. The teenagers amongst thought they'd struck pay dirt. They discovered they could call room service and order 30 cookies "for 2". We may be raising monsters!

I heard indirectly, through **Scott Sager '65** from **Penny Sides Valentine**. She and Dave now have 5 grandchildren, the oldest is graduating from High School this year and is on to University of Arizona, then 14, 11, 7 and 3. They are the nannies for the 3 year old. Her daughter Steph is a private chef and does a lot of traveling with her in the winter months. They were hoping to get to VA this year but had no time off. Steph and her employer are writing a book and serious editing was taking place in NYC this year during our 6 week visit. The will probably be there longer next year. The book comes out in Sept/Oct. This year they have been to Miami, Utah, Mexico and NYC and now home for awhile, they hope. Steph went to Russia on her employer's private plane to cook dinner for Martha Stewart who is flying with them and then they watched Martha's boyfriend leave for outer space! As you probably saw in the news, he paid \$25,000,000 for that! Dave had back surgery and is doing great – even walked all over NYC! It is amazing the things they can do now with surgery. We live in Central CA now and it is wonderful. "Sideways" was filmed in our little town. Lots of grapes and horses here.

Class of 1961

By *Judy Fischer White*

Unfortunately, we have some very sad news from our classmates. In a letter sent to Scott Sager, **Nadine Gaseau Held** tells of the passing of our friend **Pat Schiavi Kendall**:

It is sad for me to inform our classmates of 1960 and 1961 that Pat Schiavi Kendall died of cancer on February 19, 2007. She was living in Seattle with her significant other, Shy Meeker, who took great care of her during her illness and was at her side when she died at home. Pat had been battling cancer for over 15 years and was a true fighter until the end. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her two grandchildren who live nearby and being part of her son Jeff's family.



Pat Schiavi Kendall holding her first grandchild, Ivy in 2003

Those of you who were friends of Pat know what a strong willed and determined lady she could be

when making life decisions. Most of all, she was kind, thoughtful and considerate of other people's feelings.

Bette Brown Chinnners and I will miss Pat terribly for many reasons, but mainly because a few years ago at one of our George Mason reunions, the three of us made a commitment to travel together somewhere each year. Our first trip was to St. Croix to visit **Jerry Johnston '60** who introduced us to all of his friends as the three vestal Virgins. Next, our plans included a week on the island of Kauai where we rented a house close to the ocean and toured the island. Another year Pat and Bette came to visit me in Clearwater, Florida, and then our next trip, Bette and I flew to Seattle to spend a week with Pat. Our last threesome get-together was in Tucson, AZ where Pat and Shy have a second home. When spending time on these trips, we would pour over old high school pictures, drink some wine, and sometimes dance around the room to old rock & roll music. We did a lot of reminiscing and a lot of bonding keeping our friendship strong. So now the "three musketeers" (as were known at George Mason) will now be the "two musketeers." As Bette and I continue our travels each year, we will always think about our "third musketeer" who will remain in our hearts forever. Pat – you will be missed by many people. May God bless you and keep you in his arms.



Visiting Pat in Seattle in 2000 – all just bought the same new tennis shoes – From l-r: Pat Schiavi Kendall, Nadine Gaseau Held and Bette Brown Chinnners



The Three Musketeers in downtown Alexandria in 1995 – From l-r: Bette, Nadine and Pat



Nadine and her significant other, Jim Gindle, enjoying the victory of the University of Florida Gators over Ohio State at the National College Football Championship game in Glendale, AZ on January 8, 2007 – GO GATORS!

Shy has asked that friends please donate to the Patricia Kendall endowment in care of the Seattle Children's Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 50020 / S-200, Seattle, WA 98145-5020.

Nadine also included Pat's obituary: "Patricia S. Kendall – 3/1/1943 – 2/19/2007 – Patricia Kendall passed away in Seattle, Washington, on February 19th after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Patricia grew up in the Washington, DC area and completed undergraduate studies in Business Administration at American University and graduate studies at the University of Virginia's Wilson School of Public Administration and Darden School of Business. Patricia was one of our federal government's first female senior executives. Her career spanned the Kennedy and Bush administrations. She received numerous commendations and honors, including the U.S. Government's Meritorious Service Award and the Brookings Institution's Public Management Distinguished Honor Award. In 1990 she retired from the General Services Administration and moved to Seattle. She became involved in philanthropic organizations and touched the lives of many, especially children. She is survived by her father, Fred Schiavi, sister, Kathy Schiavi, spouse, Shy Meeker, son, Jeffrey Haight, daughter-in-law, Cathi and two loving adorable grandchildren, Ivy and Ethan, upon whom she doted. At her request, there will be no memorial services. She asked instead that her friends spend time letting children know how valuable they are. Love them unconditionally and, in honor of her legacy, help them achieve happiness and joy in their lives."

In addition, **Mrs. Gebeaux**, Bob's mother and teacher of many of you, **has** passed away. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Bob and his family.

On a lighter note, I have relocated "back home" and am now living in the heart of F.C. city. Believe it or not, they built condos on Broad Street and a walk to the library or the State Theatre certainly brings back memories.

Please note my new address, phone, and e-mail in the Class Rep pages.

I hope this finds you well. Please keep in touch.

Class of 1963

By *Bill Laing*

Alas! Two classmates have written articles for inclusion in the **Mr. Richard Frase**, who lives in Minneapolis, MN and **Judy Strup Sierra**, who resides in Castro Valley, CA. Needles to say, at this rate, it would take till our 95th reunion to hear about all our classmates. Even if you think your life is dull and boring, tells us what you have been doing since we last saw or heard from you? We have some classmates who live in the Washington Metro area who have never been to a reunion or haven't been heard from since the late 60's or 1970's! I may resort to printing names and maybe addresses and phone numbers if I don't hear something re them for the next

newsletter article. I am expecting an article from one classmate who is starting a new career after getting somewhat bored with retirement. Now that you have been challenged, here is the news from Richard and Judy:

From Richard:

Since our last reunion in June 2004 my wife and I took several trips. In December 2004 we went on a Sierra Club tour of the Galapagos Islands, also including a few days in Ecuador. The Galapagos sure have some amazing wildlife; also pretty good snorkeling. The next summer we did a hiking trip in the Lake Country of northwestern England; vigorous, but not Too much (6 to 10 mile day hikes, returning to our country hotel every night). In the two weeks we were in England we had one or two rainy days – some sort of record, I think. On the downside, the London subway bombings occurred that month, and we had been on one of those lines a few days earlier. In January 2006 we took our second trip to Hawaii, this time to the Big Island. Good snorkeling and interesting volcano stuff. It's tempting to consider retiring there (or to Kauai –the closest thing to Paradise we've ever seen). But after almost 30 years we're firmly rooted in Minnesota. And we actually enjoy winter...Later in 2006 we had a short trop to France and a longer trip to Australia. We saw quite a bit of OZ in the two weeks we were there, including Melbourne (where I had a conference), the

south coast, Kangaroo Island, Adelaide, the Red Center (Ayers Rock), the Great Barrier Reef, and Sydney. July is their winter but it was pretty mile (at least for Minnesotans). We saw lots of amazing animals at pretty close range, and had great snorkeling on the reef. One of the best things about the France and OZ trips was that each of our adult sons came along on one of them. Our 2006 travels were rounded out with a canoeing trip to the Boundary Waters wilderness area in northern MN, and our annual trip to do some more segments of the Superior Hiking Trail north of Duluth. In addition to the friends we always hike with, we were accompanied by one of our sons and a foreign exchange student who is living with us this Fall, the son of a German law professor I've known for many years. The host-parenting experience has been at time trying, but mostly rewarding.

From Judy:

I just read the latest Mustang Reviews online, and it occurs to me you've never included a rundown of my career. Here are some recent highlights. My 31st book will be published in August 2007, "Mind Your Manners, B.B. Wolf," illustrated by J. Otto Seibold (Knopf). "Wild About Books" (2004) was a New York Times #1 bestseller, won the E.B. White Read-Aloud Award, given by the Association of Booksellers for Children. In 2006, "Thelonius Monster's Sky-High Fly Pie," illustrated by New Yorker cartoonist Edward Koren, was a 2007 American Library

Association Notable Book. "The Secret Science Project That Almost Ate the School" was read on NPR last December by Scott Simon and Daniel Pinkwater, who compared my verse to Edgar Allen Poe.

My web site:
www.judysierra.net.

I hope you & your families are thriving in your villa!
All my best,
Judy

Class of 1964 *By Kathy Smith Ware*

Dear Classmates:

Hope you all had a good winter and are enjoying spring. Kept in touch with very few of you-- **Warren Suleske** and his wife, Darla, are doing well and looking forward to fishing. He really loves retirement. Heard from **Stu Vogt** earlier last year but never got a message back giving me his new e-mail address. Stu, send it to me when you get a chance. Still don't have **Jack Stevenson's** e-mail address either so send that if you can, Jack. Heard from **Alma Steurmer** who was a classmate of ours but she did not graduate with us. She asked to be put on the list and I have done so. She is living in Florida. Some of you may remember her older brother, Mike, who has passed on. I remember them both well. Other than the fact that Warren, Darla, Bob and I are considering going to Talladega for a NASCAR race in the fall, there is no other

news. Please send any little bit of news you feel like sharing and maybe we'll have a decent-sized article next time. To **David Churchill**: Got your book of poems--excellent.

Class of 1965 *By Scott Sager*

I received a nice note from **Mary Jane Hanna Champlin**. She and her husband Dick were in Japan this past October for a medical retirement meeting of one their oldest friends. Mary Jane indicated that it is a brutal system over there - when you reach retirement age, you retire. You walk out of the hospital door and never return. In effect, you go from head of whatever to head of your house (and the wives are probably not very happy about that either.) At least in this country, they make you step down as Chairman at 65 or 70 but you can continue to work in Academics.

While Mary Jane and her husband were in Japan, the North Koreans tested their first nuclear weapon and she said that everybody really went nuts. She indicated that it is always interesting to be in a different country when things happen and you realize how different it is for them. After returning from Japan, Mary Jane and her husband went to LA for Christmas to be with their daughters. Then they rented a car (his idea) and drove to Las Vegas and stayed with my brother, **Larry**, class of 1960, then to the Grand Canyon and

then to Santa Fe arriving at the start of the biggest blizzard in decades. We travel all around the world but had never actually gone to the Grand Canyon or Santa Fe. While visiting her brother, Larry told Mary Jane about the Falls Church issue concerning the vote by the congregation to join the African diocese. Mary Jane and I were both in the same confirmation class at the Falls Church and I gave her a brief rundown on what had been in the papers lately.

I also heard from **Nancy Roe (Duck) Hebdon**. She and her husband have relocated to Cambridge, Maryland on the Eastern Shore and are really enjoying retirement. She says the fishing and boating are great and they are looking forward to the warmer weather to explore the bay and to fish.

As you know, the next **GMAA All-Class Reunion** is scheduled for **June 2009**. Unless I hear any objections, we will probably plan on holding our 45th reunion a year early to coincide with that event. If anyone has any suggestions on what you would like to do for that event, please let me know. As presently planned, that weekend will begin with a happy hour (location TBD) hosted by the Falls Church Education Foundation prior to the Open House at George Mason on Friday evening - all classes are invited to both of those events. On Saturday, we have nothing planned at the moment - for the last two All-Class Reunions, we joined a

number of other classes for dinner and dancing at the State Theater. If anyone has any other ideas or if the State Theater is the way to go, let me know. And, lastly, we plan to hold the family picnic at Cherry Hill Park on that Sunday.

Finally, I need some help on locating some missing classmates. The following have, at one time or another, been located but have joined the “missing” list due to a move or whatever. Please check the list and if anyone has any information on their current whereabouts, let me know:

Betty Sue Alberts, Linda Best, Mike Cone, Debbi Doyle Ferrari, Brenda Drummond Kolado, Rick Eskildsen, Maria Gabriel Kilby, Betsy Greenwood, Kathryn Head Allen, Barbara Holcomb Bannon, John Hughes, Barbara Lamb, Michael McIntyre, Judy Paras Kaul, Bill Peterson, Calvin Smith, Nancy Williams, and Dick Wright.

Below are names of classmates whom we have never had an address. If you have any information on any of them, let me know as well. The are: **Mary Cherundolo, Ann Marie Drach, Richard Gibbons, Linda Hungerford Sedbrook, Doug Keissling, Margaret Mangum, Suzanne Offner, Maxine Russ Gleason, and Nancy Simmons.** I recently sent out an email to all ‘65 classmates that I have an email address for – many were bounced back as a number of you

change your emails quite frequently. When you get a chance, please send me a quick “hello” email so I can update my files. Also, if you have any personal information that you would like to pass on – feel free to include that as well.

As for me, and most of you as well, I just “celebrated” my 60th birthday – doesn’t sound quite as old as it once did! Also, as I mentioned in the last newsletter, my son and daughter-in-law were expecting their first child and our first grandchild – that happened this past November and everyone is doing fine – our new granddaughter is named Lauren Constance. And, to complete the process, my daughter is expecting in October so my wife and I are very excited to say the least!

Class of 1966

By Jo Briggs Freeman , Joyce Powell Timms & Merrill Hunt McCarter

Greetings, class of ‘66! Here are a few notes received from classmates around Christmastime, as well as some just recently. It’s great to hear from more and “new” voices, with updates of what’s been happening since high school.

Here’s a quick note **from Lynn Gomes:** “Thanks for the update. It has been years since I heard from you. Wasn’t it just yesterday we were all at George Mason?” Yes, Lynn, the years seem to have sped past.

But we all still look the same, don’t we?

Wayne Smith wishes so: It always brings a smile to my face when I remember the last time we were all together for the 20th reunion in 1986, twenty years ago already! Is that possible? We’ve all stayed just the way we looked in high school, of course. When Jo sent me the group photo from the 30th reunion, I didn’t know why she would send me a picture of all these old people I obviously had never met. Shock and surprise, I started to recognize the few that hadn’t changed so much, then went on to the rest of the group with my jaw dropped half the time. Ah, what gravity does to once-solid flesh. We should have looked into this standing-on-your-head business much sooner.

And holiday news **from Kay Kinney Cotner:** We’re off to Wyoming with friends to do some skiing/snowboarding & then to visit with **Brad Hertz’s** family (remember him?) Some day our class WILL have a reunion! All my best to you for a blessed ‘07, Kay

From Marion Edwards

Birkhead: All is well here in Va. Beach. We’re adjusting to an “empty nest”, probably later than most of our classmates. Our daughter, Anne Tilghman just started her freshman year at JMU. Our oldest, Clay, graduated from there in 2003 and he’s settled in town, which pleases me greatly. Our 2nd son,

Will, graduated from Johns Hopkins in 2003 and is still in Baltimore working for a boutique tech firm, with a lot of traveling. I ran into **Gail Neubeck Juren** last summer who owns a darling gift shop in the quaint Ghent section of Norfolk. I hope you all have a wonderful New Year, Marion.

From Jo's former girl-clubber Blue Bird, **Barbara Browning Harp**: I have been married for 30 years to a professional photographer. Dave does a lot of Chesapeake Bay work and we sell prints of his work and his books in a gallery in Cambridge, MD, having made the leap from Baltimore 4 years ago. The kids are grown and Dave is shooting all digital now so we felt free to make the big move. I haven't been back to Falls Church in so long but hope to do so someday, maybe for one of the Class events. Mom and Dad (yes, they're still alive and pretty well) moved to Annapolis in 1971 and are now in a retirement community in Prince George County. My brother, **Charlie Browning** ('67) and his wife, **Lani Fisher Browning** ('70?) live in Dunn Loring. He is in real estate advertising and she is doing very well as a 'plein air' painter. His twin, **Liddy Browning Mason** ('67) is in the process of moving from Denver, CO to Bellingham, WA. [Lani Fisher is Scott Fisher's younger sister.]

A quick Christmas note **from Kathy Schiavi**: The kids are here for Christmas. Their visit is

short but sweet and I enjoy them so much. I've dropped the Harris, and am now joyfully Kathy Schiavi again. Happy New Year!

A good catch-up from a few folks, starting with **Russ Parrish** (Marching Band, Concert Band etc): I knew I wasn't going to college following graduation (my GPA saw to that) so when some of the Government agencies visited GM in the spring I interviewed for and was offered a job at the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). I worked at DIA until I received my notice for an Army pre-Draft physical one year after graduation. Upon returning from my physical I went to the nearest Navy recruiter and joined the Navy for 4 years (Sept 1967 – July 1971). Boot camp in cold Great Lakes Training Academy in late fall and early winter was not fun. But my 4 year tour on board ships home ported in Norfolk Va wasn't so bad mostly cruising the Caribbean wasn't so bad. During my final year in the Navy I met Brenda Twombly (now my wife of 34 years) as she was auditioning my brother's (Gary GMHS class of 1971) rock band (Wylde) for a dance the GM cheerleaders were hosting. We didn't start dating for quite a while but became fast friends from that first meeting. Brenda and her twin sister Teresa graduated from GMHS in 1972. Brenda and I married the following December after I had gotten out of the Navy. I went back to DIA where I soon found computers were about the most

interesting thing I could imagine. Before long I was hired away from DIA by a company that provided computer programming services to DIA and I have been in the IT business ever since. Both Brenda and I received our Bachelors degrees after many years of nights and weekends while raising our twin sons, Brent and Chris, who both graduated from GMHS in 1994. So we are truly a Falls Church and GMHS family. Brent graduated from GMU in May 2000 and Chris has completed certification training in nearly every IT discipline. Brent has made a career in politics as a campaign manager and now Financial Director for Fundraising for major political races. He lives in Denver (yeah, he got snowed in this Christmas and for the first time we didn't have the whole family together) and loves it out there. Chris works at Dulles airport helping to keep the systems alive and well. Brenda and I have worked most of our careers for companies that provide support to the Federal government. One of my jobs took us to Hawaii to live for a little over a year. That was in 1979 and 1980 and was a bitter sweet experience (very expensive at an early point in our lives with two small children) but now we look back on that experience very fondly. Since returning from Hawaii we have remained City of Falls Church residents living just a couple of blocks from where my parents did (Hillwood Ave near 7 Corners). Brenda and I are both employees of Lockheed Martin and both on

government contracts in the area. We have two black lab-mix dogs, Taz and Judy, who we spoil to death. We don't have specific retirement plans yet but I will likely retire from Lockheed in about 6 years or so to get my full retirement benefits but whether we remain in FC after that or move to a warmer climate is yet to be determined.

From Jim Sherry: Hi fellow Classmates. Well, let's review the last 40 years in a couple of sentences. I went to college a couple of times, served in the Navy during that Big War, and of course protested that Big War a couple of times. I finally settled down and got a degree in Business, Information Systems. Worked in Richmond for several years then moved to the Shenandoah Valley. I got a nice job in Winchester which I kept for the past 20 years or so and was lucky enough to retire last year. I have 2 children and 1 grandchild. I currently live on a 20 acre "farmette" in suburban Maurertown, Va. I am in excellent health and having a ball doing whatever I want everyday (honey do, honey do). I have gotten involved with the local Red Cross Chapter. We had some cows for pets for several years, but don't have any now. I got an RX8 sports car last year and some say that was part of my mid-life crisis. So be it (zoom zoom).

From Michael O'Hara: Thanks for your willingness to connect the non-connected of 1966. It has been a delight for me to read about people from George

Mason. A few short years after graduation, I returned from Asia without the community support I needed. I self-medicated through the 70's, barging in and out of universities and jobs. I was suddenly struck sober in May of 1977. The last 30 years, I've been cleaning up messes from the wreckage of my past. I am grateful today, and it has been a good life. In sobriety I have had the pleasure of living in the Sierra Mountains at Lake Tahoe, California and, for the last 24 years, in the Green Mountains of Vermont. The coldest months of winter now find me in Orange City, Florida. I survived a non-vocational career of acting like a human test dummy in auto accidents. Florida in the winter is kinder to my body and mind. I have been blessed with three children, Tiffany 31, Grace 25 and Max 19, with a first grandkid in the offing. 35 years after George Mason, I was back on stage in a play for the first time since 1966. A re-imagination of MacBeth, "Witches Brew", in which I played Banquo. What fun. It reminded me of the wonderful drama club at George Mason Jr/Sr High School.

Thanks everyone for the memories.

All the best to you and your loved ones.

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Michael O'Hara
802.363.2007



From **Sharon Curtis:** a funny story: Last summer, I was up very late and in a *mood*. Late summer lends itself to that as it was still in the 90s after 10 PM and in monsoon season, so sticky. To while away the evening...I put on PBS to watch a show about cemeteries. It matched my mood, I figured. Well, imagine....Right there, was **Scott Fisher** showing folks around the Fairbanks, Alaska cemetery. WOW...a star. Anyway, it cheered me right up. [Sharon, I saw that program, too, and it was great to see Scott again! Jo]

Let everyone know, I am still hugging cactus in Arizona. I belong to Cactus Rescue--an organization that tries to stay one step ahead of the bulldozers to retrieve native vegetation. The growth here in Arizona is over the top. It's hard to believe, I have lived here since '68. These days I am about a pioneer in Tucson. I know y'all know what I mean---when we regard ol' Virginy of our long misspent youth. (Speak for yourself, Sharon---some of the 'mates have done good--) If anyone wants to stop by around sunset on Arizona evening---do---I would love to visit with any Masonite that might find themselves here. Or,

if you have kids at the U of A.....why, let me know.

Here is something fun. Some people might remember **Cynthia Everett**---we were BFF!! Her sister Pam did graduate from Mason, but ---her dad was Air Force---she moved before she graduated. I found her.....She visited me Christmas before last...and we are still BFFs. I hope to visit her in Tallahassee this year.

From your news-gatherers, starting with Merrill Hunt McCarter: I went on a mission trip last June to the Katrina area. We all put up ceilings and built fences. Hard labor, hot weather. Have heard from a few people-- **Noralyn, Kay, Doug Sanford** and a few from other GM classes. My youngest daughter married, graduated from GM University, and had a baby boy all in one year. I forgot how fast babies change/grow. He is 7 weeks old and a joy.

From Joyce Powell: I'm in my own new place. Yes it's true, I'm living in a condo. I'm happy now and I plan to stay that way.

Sam Roney sends his greetings to everyone.

From Jo Briggs Freeman: Life has been up and down and a bit of frenzy lately. Changes at work have turned my world upside down. I'm so-o-o looking forward to retirement in 6 years. But bird-watching, gardening, facilitating a group class, and keeping up with classmates has kept me sane and happy. Sure do

love to get news from classmates! Hope y'all have a safe and happy year.

Class of 1967

By Rose Martin Daughety & Barry Buschow

Class of 1967, Happy 40th Anniversary

Well we couldn't get together so Rose and I thought a **cyber reunion** was in order. We asked as many classmates as we could locate to say a few words, so here it goes:

From **Bill Crocker** in Fairfax City, VA. I am in good health and can still be found cruising in a mid sixties, fire breathing, Ford hot rod on Saturday nights in search of Lee Highway Tops, Ocean City, and the crew from GM. Contact me at oldtownbill@msn.com.

This is **Frank Warner**; I live in York, PA with my wife Jeanie, married in 1974. I have two daughters and two grand daughters. I have spent the last forty years in secondary education, post secondary education and industry. Received a BS in 1972 and M. ED in 1980. I will be retired as of April 20, and plan to ride my seven bicycles and travel with my wife. Reach me at Warner277@aol.com.

John Hare, teaching English at Montgomery (Md.) College, living in Montgomery Village, playing guitar and writing songs

(www.campbellandhare.com). I'd be counting the days until retirement, but I was an English/American Studies major and exempt from numbers that high. I love condominium living: I can watch other people rake leaves and clear snow for hours and hours, "John L. Hare, Ph.D." jlhare@speakeasy.net.

This is **Skip Schwenn**, retired and living with my wife Mary and three dogs in the northern mountains of North Carolina since January, 2006; hoping that my book written last year gets published (currently being reviewed by one publisher in New York), and that water levels for kayaking and rafting in NC and Tennessee are good this year! I'm at smschwenn@skybest.com.

Mark Chapman, I retired in Charlottesville a few years ago.....highly recommend it. Started a new company making stained glass windows (see website below)....keeps me busy. Here is my web site at ART GLASS WINDOWS, www.artglasswindows.biz. Reach me at agw123@earthlink.net.

Rick Sebastian retired from Northwest Airlines after 22 years. That was after 15 years in Food Service in Marriott Restaurants and Florida resorts. I now work as the Administrative Assistant for my home, The Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida, and can walk the six blocks to the office. Of course, I have to navigate around the

Bikinis on the Beach, but I am a dedicated local government employee! My e-mail is RDSWorks@Yahoo.com
From **Elizabeth BROWNING Mason** recently relocated to Bellingham, VA. To be closer to my grandsons (and their parents!) and have a great job at Western Washington University here. My son and his fiancée are moving nearly this week too, so the family will be together again. Life is good!
Emason349@hotmail.com.

Linda MATTHES Hanlon, my husband and I have retired from government service and left the traffic of Northern Virginia for Williamsburg. We moved in mid-April and are beginning to feel at home here, loving every minute of it. Our daughter graduated from JMU and lives in Arlington, so we are not too far away. My husband plays a lot of golf and I have returned to art classes after 20+ years! Life is good. Hanlinda49@yahoo.com.

Anne RHODES Esposito, FELD FROM THE COLD WEATHER OF New Jersey to sunny Tampa, Fl. Recently Her husband passed away about 18 months ago. (reported by **Linda Matthes Hanlon**)

Preston Rose, and his wife Pat have two children - Marty is in college at UC Davis and Jack is in the Army and will be going to West Point next year! They teach English in the community college system near Pasadena. (This information comes by way of **Kate Fraleigh**.)

Cathy Dixon writes she is pursuing her undergraduate degree in photojournalism at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY. It's taken me this long to figure out what I want to be when I grow up....So I'm off to fulfill my dream. Is there anyone in our Alumni group who can help me with an internship at a paper? I'm a darn good shooter and would welcome any help in this pursuit of mine. Still living in Norfolk, VA at the moment but will be relocating soon. Know of anyone who would love to rent a 30's beach cottage in Ocean View (1 block from the Chesapeake Bay) for a few years?!! cdixon1@cox.net.

John (Phil) Wilmot, I moved to Seattle in 1972 to go to photography school. I met my future wife on a modeling "shoot" a few years and began working for Pacific NW Bell as my "day job." We got married in 1974 and after the birth of my first daughter; (of 3) my "day job" started becoming my career job. I continued to work in various capacities for several different telecommunication companies over the years and am still employed by Qwest as a Network Technician working in downtown Seattle. My photography interests have shifted and grown over the years and am correctly showing work in coffee shops and restaurants with some modicum of success. While I was on the GM tennis team in HS, I now play recreationally year-round and occasionally on USTA team. I also started playing baseball 3

years ago, though I never play at all in HS. Much of this transpired since divorcing several years ago. I enjoy being single again in ways that I didn't when I was younger. I am planning to attend the 2009 reunion.
jpkamera@hotmail.com.

Nina CORTADA Winkler, modestly reports All is well!

EdandNina@aol.com.

Neall Case, I work for a Site Development Contract Company as their Chief Estimator.

One of my sons works with me in the company. My other son is being deployed for the 6th time to the Middle East. I have three adult children, Jan, my wife, has four. They range in age from 21-36! We now have 4 grandchildren, one on the way and hoping for the 6th to be announced any day! I live in Warrenton, Va. and think it feels a lot like Falls Church when we were growing up. We stay in touch with Bob Gray who still lives in FC. Bob is the godfather of my youngest child.
Neallcase@verizon.net.

Dick Fredenburg reports that he has a job he looks forward to everyday. He is the LP-Gas Engineer with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, working in Raleigh, NC. Dick travels to some great locations for committee meetings often accompanied by Dick's wife, **Sarah ALBRIGHT Fredenburg**, '66. If you are ever in NC and need to speak with Dick, go to any gasoline pump or scale and call the number on the

approval sticker. That's his phone number! Dick and Sarah want to share that they have 2 great children, 2 great in-law children, and 5+ wonderful grandchildren. They also want to express their thanks to the Mustang Review. They made contact with **Skip Schwenn** and visited with him and his wife the last time they were in Boone, N.C. "We wouldn't have known how to contact him had there not been information in the Mustang Review."

richard.fredenburg@ncmail.net

This is **Phil Hannum**, living in Fairfax, not far from **Jim Coburn** and **Billy Cooksey**. Married to Kimiko who attended the 1999 Open House. I've been the Security Officer for Apple Federal Credit Union (3+ yrs) (former Fairfax School Employee FCU) where **Chester Rockwell** is a Member of the Board of Directors. My son Terence (27) is a Professor of Fine Arts in Chicago and daughter Beth (24) gets her Masters May 4 and starts her first job near Orlando. Miss the class and those three bands: Boxcar and the Rustyrailmen; Red Brick and the Cinderblocks and Frisk E. Dog and the Arf Arfs.
unmerited@msn.com.

Vicki JONES Cole, I am very proud of my twin daughters for their upcoming high school graduation and their college acceptances. Catherine will be attending William and Mary in the fall. She plans on majoring in Art/Art History. Michelle is going to the University of Mary

Washington to study Historic Preservation. I have been one of those "helicopter" parents, hovering over their every move since pre-school. I plan to do more writing with my free time, and perhaps go to college myself, since I bypassed that opportunity years ago. My wonderful husband, Jim, retired from the County of Fairfax a few years ago, but is now working with a private civil engineering firm here in Manassas as a highway design engineer.
vjonescole@aol.com.

David Batchelor, I still live in the FC area. My wife Joy and I have been in this house for 27 years. I retired from Verizon in 2001 at the age of 52 after 33 years with them (C&P telephone, Bell Atlantic, Verizon). Work part time doing network and desktop support for a few local car dealerships, just a couple days a week. I do see **Dan Locklar** On a regular basis. Just enjoying life!
daveb@mindless.com.

Mimzy TACKNEY Moen, I've lived in Colorado just south of Denver for over 30 yrs. I have been married to Dan Moen for 27 yrs. We have two grown children-Rachel, 23, and Tim 21 who live in downtown Denver. My husband and I are both Clinical Social Workers and have been in private practice for close to 25 years. We are both involved in Human Rights work through our church (Unitarian Universalist), most recently with the Save Darfur campaign. I also write poetry and recently read a

protest poem that I wrote to the Littleton City Council opposing a proposed Wal-Mart Super Center (they looked a little panicked when I said I was going to read a poem.) I love Colorado and head for the hills to hike or snowshoe whenever I can.
mimzyt@gmail.net.

Steve Abramson, I just finished my 5th season at Dr. Phil, where I've been directing segments about all those dysfunctional guests who have to face DP onstage. That means I've been with the show since it premiered in 2002. Last August, I traveled to New Orleans with Phil to direct two entire episodes on location about the one-year aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Toured a FEMA trailer park, DP asked hard questions of Mayor Nagin, and we saw the devastation on the 9th Ward. It was shocking and depressing. I also directed a benefit concert in N.O. with Brooks & Dunn, Brian McKnight, and Jeff Foxworthy for the show. For the last few years, I've also had the privilege of interviewing many TV legends for the Archive of American Television, a project of the Academy of TV Arts & Sciences. (It gives out the Emmys.) I've sat down for long archival interviews with everyone from NYPD Blue's Dennis Franz to director Richard Donner (Superman, Lethal Weapon, plus that famous Twilight Zone Episode with William Shatner and the gremlin on the wing of the plane) to Adam "Batman" West. I never missed an episode of Batman when I was at GM. In

fact, the day after each show aired, Terry Carroll and I used to compile all the "Holy" exclamations that Robin uttered. Holy memories! I have two sons, Tim, 24, who works in the mailroom at DreamWorks Animation, and Jake, 16, a junior in high school. Tim also plays bass in a band called 72 with Dr. Phil's son, Jordan. Check them out at myspace.com/72music.
SteveA2/17@aol.com

Dennis Franklin, after spending two years living in Honolulu, our family has recently returned home to the San Francisco Bay area. After spending 17 years working for Duty Free Shops, I recently joined Safeway, Inc. and am working in Human Resources at the Safeway Corporate Office located in Pleasanton, California.
Dennis.franklin@comcast.net.

Debbie HIGDON Fountain. My husband's family is from Michigan where we lived when my son Ian (33) was born. We have also lived in San Diego for many years and now live outside Kansas City, Missouri. I was a stay at home mom. Our daughter Amiee is now 31 and Evan is 26. We had two grandchildren born in 2006! My mom and brother Dennis still live in Falls Church. My sister Dee was the reason we moved to KC but she has since moved with her husband to Illinois. I currently work at Quik Trip as an Assistant Manager. I would love to hear from Vicki Jones and Susie Jones!
Debbieeee@peoplepc.com.

This is **Barry Buschow**, your co-alumni class of 1967 reporter. I'm still living in Falls Church and working for Northrop Grumman for the last 23 years. No plans to retire yet but thinking about it more each day. My son Jimmy graduated in the GM class of 2001 and my wife Kathy is the City of Falls Church Clerk. So I have contacts.
bbuschow@verizon.net.

This is **Rose MARTIN Daughety**, your co-alumni class of 1967 reporter. I still live in the Dallas area and work for www.prestonwoodcourt.net, an Assisted living that I helped plan and staff. It opened in October 2005. Like Barry, I have no plans to retire. My husband "Doc" and I have been married almost 14 years. My daughter, Kathleen is 27 and works for a state representative here in the Dallas area. I have a step-son and step-daughter (their mother died in 1990) and we have 4 beautiful grandchildren, Sam, Jack, Pete and Olivia. I work on the board of the Alzheimer's Association and have recently been elected to the National Board of the Older Woman's League in DC. We are an advocate group for Mid-Life and Older Women. My email is: rmgd@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks to Barry Buschow for joining me in representing your class. When our mother's played bridge together they would not have envisioned this! Rose

Class of 1968

By Nancy Clark Aderholdt

I'm sorry to report that we've lost another classmate. **Midge McQuary Wollock** died on March 18. She leaves behind her husband David and daughters Karen and Jessica. Midge was a good friend and kept me informed about what was going on in Falls Church. I will surely miss her. Contributions in Midge's name can be made to the American Diabetes Association. **JoEllen Begle Shaw** also e-mailed me with the sad news of the very sudden death of her brother **David Begle** (class of '72) who had a massive heart attack. JoEllen and her family are devastated, but will pull together to overcome their loss. JoEllen has a new e-mail – JoEllen_Shaw@msn.com.

Dianne Martin e-mailed me with a great idea. As you may recall she won custody of the Class of 68 GM jacket. She suggested that the names of the "owner" be embroidered on the jacket. So she is going to have Betsy's name and her name put on the jacket and when she comes to the next reunion the next person will do the same, so on and so on. Now she has had a few health issues recently with a reoccurrence of her breast cancer. It required a radical mastectomy the end of January, but she is recovering nicely. She will have long recovery but things are looking good. The lymph nodes and chest wall were benign and now all she needs is the patience to follow the

doctor's orders, which she admits, will be hard. But I know you all will keep her in your good thoughts. You can e-mail her at Dianxrsizn@aol.com.

Chris Lacy e-mailed me to let me know how things were going and from the sound of things, things are great! His daughter Lauren is now attending George Washington University. His son Scott is still very active in Nordic skiing competition.

The DC area had two ice/snow storms both of which I almost missed. The first one delayed my departure by a day to Ft. Lauderdale to catch a cruise ship with my sister **Diane Clark Montgomery** (class of 64) who flew in from St. Louis. But we got there a couple of days before sailing so we had plenty of time. We island hopped through the Caribbean for ten days. When we saw the awful weather conditions for St. Louis and DC areas, we felt really bad for the family. But a round of drinks at the poolside bar soon got us back in the "island" mood. Two days after I got home, my cousin **Ruth Robey Whittington** (class of 67) came for a visit. Having moved to Florida several years ago, she wanted to see snow. Well, she got her wish. We took a community overnight trip to Philadelphia to see the Flower Show (which was really great) and the King Tut exhibit (which was good but not nearly as good as in the 70s when it was in DC). When we arrived in Philly with the wind chill factor it was about zero and the next morning it

started to snow and snowed all the way home. By week's end I think Ruth was ready for Florida weather (and come to think of it so was I).

While here, Ruth wanted to visit Falls Church. I hadn't really gone through the city for several months, usually nothing is new in the city. But I must say things have changed. Where the old bowling alley was (long ago closed and a faint memory) now stands a huge building of condominiums. The old garden style apartments have all been renovated and updated. I hardly recognized the area. Up the street, the Bowl America sustained significant roof damage from the ice/snow storm and had to be closed. It probably will not reopen. That whole area from the Bowl America out to Rt. 7 will be undergoing significant changes too. From there further up Rt. 7 (as you go towards GM) almost all the way to St. James that whole area is being rebuilt. You will really, really be surprised at the changes and construction. **JoEllen Begle Shaw** told me that Brown's Hardware is closing – how sad it that!

Finally, please help me find the last few remaining "missing" classmate and help me find those folks whom I had previously found but are once again listed as missing - **David Blankenship**, **Frances Elizabeth Carpenter**, **Terry Clement Fauerbach**, **John Edwin "Ralph" Jenkins**; **Betty Shire Morrisette**; **Julie Manning Smith**; **Wayne**

Petree; Elizabeth Garrison Behrens; Kathy Shrenk Kennedy and Ken Burdette

Please remember to update your address at the GM website if something changes.

As always, please keep those cards, e-mails, letters and phone calls coming, I love hearing from each of you.

Class of 1969

Barbie Watkins Blood

Hi Everyone!

Somehow there was a communication glitch, and I wasn't able to contribute to the last issue. So now I will attempt to catch up. I received a cell phone call from **Tom Speetzen** a few months ago as he was "driving truck" through the northwest and headed home to his wife in Utah. It was great to chat with Tom and know that he had been thinking about his former classmates as he marked the miles on the highway. We had a good chat and lots of names from the "olden days" popped up. He wanted me to be sure and pass along his "hello" in the Mustang Review.

I am sad to report that my sister-in-law and classmate, **Paulette Kanode** lost her mother, Ila Kanode, last March. Many of us girls will remember Paulette's mother as the lady that worked the cosmetic counter at People's Drug Store back in the 60's. We all thought she was SO cool because she *knew everything* about makeup and hair products!

She was a lady through and through, and continued to make herself pretty every day even as she lived to be a sassy 91 years old! She is missed tremendously, but her memory remains strong and is a good one!

Sam Williamson stays in touch, as does **Janet Siniard**. Janet is retiring soon from Xerox after 30 yrs and is in the process of deciding where to live out her retirement years. She, like me, is involved in animal rescue so has her work cut out for her wherever she may end up.

I sure hope to hear from more of you guys in the months to come. We all have something to tell that is of interest to our former schoolmates, please share a little of your lives with us.

Peace, as always

Class of 1970

By Robbie Werth

Dear Class of 1970:

I would like to this opportunity to remind all of the class of 1970 that our five (5) year reunion cycle is fast approaching. We need to make a decision whether to continue the multi-year event sharing with the other classes. If we join the other classes the next reunion will be in the year 2009 in June. Please let me know your thoughts on whether we should have the reunion with the other classes or revert back to our actual cycle of five years which would place us in 2010.

I have heard from a few of our classmates, some of which we have not heard from in some time.

Dan Seidel writes that he is in a new occupation after many years as a HVAC and refrigeration service technician; having his own small company for several years. After having a heart attack ten (10) years ago and subsequent bypass surgery he was forced due to health concerns to finally stop that arduous occupation and begin to do the things he wanted to since about 1965!

Dan had first tuned into radio stations WEAM and WPGC back then and heard guys like Jack Alix on the air. He was fascinated by the sounds and effects of the voices...especially the "Intro's" and commercials that sounded so NEAT! He finally got some courage and began doing what is known as "Voiceover's" for radio, TV, Narratives", etc... and if anyone would like to hear the things Dan is offering here are the web sites for them:

<http://danielseidel.voice123.com/>
&
<http://danseidel.voices.com/>

Dan has two girls: Emily Irene (22) and Audrey Elizabeth (21), with son...Daniel Eugene.... comes in at 14 years old. Daughter Emily has one child; Jessica Rene Kelley, she's a wonderful 2-year old and the light of any grandpa's life. Dan's brother Lance retired from

Dupont many years ago and lives the life of a Country Gentleman in West Chester, PA. His wife Barbara recently retired and Lance now has to give up the notion of never working again. Brother Walter retired about 2 years ago from the Postal Inspection Service as a Uniformed Officer; and lives in Manassas; though he and wife Sharon are planning to move soon to the beach near Wilmington, North Carolina, where they have a home waiting.

Laurie Bolster seems to be coming in full circle, and is doing development, teaching, and mentoring for the University of Northern Colorado distance programs in Interpreting. She is still in the Gulch. It's a distance program, so she can live pretty much wherever she wants to, as long as she has a good internet connection. It's the back to that school (she got a masters degree there in a previous lifetime) and to supporting interpreters at a distance that makes it sort of full circle. During the 1990s she had a lot to do with the professionalization of interpreters who work in education in Colorado, and now is thoroughly involved in these extraordinary distance programs at the same university.

Tim Burnham has changed his e-mail address to t.burnham@yahoo.com.

Stephanie Lyon Netolicky writes that the latest big news for her family is that her stepson, Casey, who graduated from

Colorado State University last December, has been hired on by Walmart at corporate headquarters as a staff auditor so he will be moving from Ft. Collins, Colorado to Bentonville, Arkansas to start that job in late May. Her daughter, Lara, who is a freshman in high school this year, tried out for sophomore cheerleading and made it so will be a basketball cheerleader next year at Ankeny High School. We are thrilled because we didn't even know that she wanted to try out. Stephanie also had a mini reunion with **Priscilla Tackney Lewis, Colleen Lynch Hobson, Dolly Hass Dean and Suzanne DuPont Smith** last October down in Springfield, Missouri.

Meridith Hutchins Dean's father, Stanley A. Hutchins, former resident of Falls Church (1956 to 1961 and 1964 to 1988) passed away in his home town, San Antonio, Texas, on Dec. 8th, 2006. There was a Memorial in San Antonio in January, and he was just interred at Arlington National Cemetery on April 5th, 2007 with full military honors. **Mark Hutchins** (GM-1968) and his wife MaryEllen Hutchins, **Linda Fauteux** (GM-1970), Don and Joan Miers (formerly of Falls Church and now of Sumter, SC) and other family and friends were in attendance. The day was cold but the message was warm. Meredith's mother, Mary Catherine Blome Hutchins, is also interred there (May, 1986). My folks LOVED Falls Church (so much so, that my dad endured more than half his career at the Pentagon!).

Eric Wolf is happy to have his twin son and daughter graduating from high school in mid May. His son Cody has been accepted into Embry Riddle and will pursue a career in commercial aviation. Tawny, his daughter will be going to Florida Atlantic University. My sisters **Miriam**, class of 65 and **Joanna**, class of 68; are both well and Eric well also.

As for me, my daughter Elena is a graduating senior from Virginia Tech, my alma mater. I have received numerous phone calls from friends concerned about her well being in Blacksburg during the recent horrific events of April 16, 2007. She is fine. Our prayers go out to the students and faculty of Virginia Tech that lost their lives.

Class of 1971 *By Billy Martin*

Let me begin by sharing the tragic news **that Karen Cordray Van de Castle's** husband Lance was killed in an auto accident last month. Lance was not only an exceptionally devoted husband to Karen, but an extremely talented builder, carpenter, teacher and member of his community in Madison, VA. In addition, Lance was a nationally renowned Rugby player, and literally famous along the East Coast for his skill in Masters Level Rugby. Over 700 hundred people attended Lance's memorial service, and his website had hundreds of blogs from people all across the nation and indeed

around the globe. Please keep Karen in your prayers as she goes through this most difficult time. We will all miss Lance's ever present smile and his infectious laugh.

Rob Waring still hangs out on the Left Coast, but the cool news is he and Elizabeth Miles are to be married this Sept. Congrats Rob. Rob also mentioned that **Sarah Stanley** has moved to Oregon where her business, "Ornaments to Remember" is located.

Deb Weincek Rowan and her husband Pete, are still in Bethesda, MD. Their 23 yr old daughter works at the Kennedy Center, and 10 yr old (yes, 10!!!), son is Captain of the 5th grade Patrols. Anybody else have a 10 yr old? :) Deb has been a great help putting me in touch with other classmates, thanks Deb.

Joyce Hileman DePace and husband Larry have 2 sons. Derek (29), lives in San Diego, CA and is engaged to be married this spring. Son Ryan, (25), lives in Haymarket, VA.

Laura Mongole and her adopted little pup Babs (A 95 lb Lab/Irish Wolfhound Mix), lives in the Big "D" Texas where she's been for 27 yrs. Laura dedicates a large part of her time to a non-profit animal shelter/foster care facility called K9Kat2.

That's all the news I have for now. Please post me with any news of our class, and submit inputs on whether you would like

to be a part of the next 5 yr reunion at GMHS in June 2009. Cheers, Billy

Class of 1972

By Trisha Hopkins Phillips-Holbert

It is with great sadness that my first note as the Class Rep of 1972 is to let you know that our classmate and Class Representative **David Begle** passed away February 15, 2007. David worked for Balmar Printing Company for 20 plus years here in Northern Virginia. David and his wife Lisa were married for 14 years. David worked the evening shift so he would be at home during the day to provide full time care for his beloved wife Lisa who has MS. David served our Country in the Air Force Reserves and was laid to rest with a full military funeral at Arlington Cemetery. David has two sons Nathan and Justin. Nathan is an actor living in New York City and Justin lives in Florida. David's mother Virginia resides in Falls Church, his father Harry in Brooksville, FL. His siblings who also attended GMHS are Dennis, JoEllen, and Christine.

In David's honor there will be an MS Fundraiser on August 11, 2007 from 3pm to 11 pm at Bangkok Blues Restaurant located at 926 W. Broad Street, Falls Church, VA. <http://www.bangkokbluesrestaurant.com>. David's brother Dennis' band will be there playing and sponsoring the

fundraiser. So please stop by to honor our classmate and provide your support for this very important cause.

On another sad note, I received a call from **Teresa Twombly West** that the husband of **Cathy Stewart Jerry** passed away in November, 2006. Mrs. Stewart was the majorette coach and worked with Mr. Barr. She was with us for only a few years but she and Mr. Stewart had a great impact on those of us who knew them. Mr. Stewart was always there lending a hand and support for any competition that the majorettes entered. He was a wonderful individual.

On a much happier note, I have had the great pleasure of being retired for a year now after 32 years in various jobs with Fairfax County. It has been great. I stayed unemployed for about 1 month and now work from home for a pair of private investigators. It makes for interesting reading, the commute is awesome and I get paid. I finally purchased the car of my dreams about 3 years ago a 1997 Corvette and I love it. My oldest will be starting James Madison University this fall and my youngest is a rising sophomore. The big project of the year has been the restoration of a 1969 Camaro by my daughter and her stepfather. They have done all the work and the car is almost ready for the road. The next project is the restoration of a 1971 Chevelle by my son and his stepfather. They have all enjoyed the learning

experience. Me, I take the pictures and order the parts!

I have run into **Debbie Smoot Jackson** ('74) off and on over the past few months. Our kids are at the same high school. She is doing well and working hard.

About two years ago I found **Marion Dziubinski**. At the time she was living here in Northern Virginia working for Kaiser and had an antique shop in Dumfries. She was in the process of closing down the antique business and relocating with her husband to FL. I heard from her after the move and she was doing well. Marion if you read this I'd love to know how you are doing.

It was brought to my attention by Scott Sager (Alumni Association President) that our class graduated 35 years ago this June. He wanted to know if anyone was working on organizing a reunion. If anyone is interested in planning a gathering please let me know. I can be reached at gmhs72@verizon.net or 703-670-6650.

I would love to here from you all, please send me an e-mail or call to let me know where you are and what you and your families are up to.

Class of 1973

By Diann Bullock Watkins

First of all, let's get the bad news taken care of: **John Simmons** father, Ken, passed away on

August 12, 2006, due to complications of COPD.

I heard from **Anthony Polk** for the first time. He wrote: "I was surfing the internet today and ran across the Mustang Review. Wow! Talk about bringing back some memories. I don't believe I have run across more than 5 fellow classmates since graduating. It was pretty neat looking over all of the names and the variety of where everyone has ended up. You probably don't remember me but I attended George Mason from 7th grade and was to graduate in 1973. I took a summer school class which fulfilled my requirements for graduation and graduated in the summer of 1972. Sadly, I'm not sure if that makes me a class of 72 or class of 73 graduate. Anyway, I really enjoyed your column in the newsletter and will bookmark it so I can check back later and see what is going on." My understanding from Scott Sager is that Anthony is now included in our '73 class list.

Mary Beth Payne moved back to Falls Church in November and is LOVING it ! She is still looking for the perfect job, but enjoying doing temp work. Her daughter, Domenica, has just about completed her Freshman year at college in Florida and has a 3.7 GPA. The photo is of Mary Beth and Domenica at Christmas. Her 22 year old son moved to Florida in September and is working for the City of Hallendale.



Mary Beth Payne and daughter Domenica

Diane Fletcher Wright says her and her husband moved out of their apartment in VA in September 2006 when her husband retired from the Federal Government. He's living in their home in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, while she stays with her daughter and her husband and two children, Morgan, age 7, and Dylan, age 3. She commutes down to NC every chance she gets. She will retire in September 2007 after 34 years with the Federal Government. The home in North Carolina is about 5 miles from the beach and she's looking forward to playing a lot of golf and hanging out at the beach after she retires.

Debra Evans, now known as Debra Haydn, had quite a bit of news to share: "September 26th was an evening to remember at the Disney World Wedding Pavilion in Florida. My youngest daughter, Anna Karis, married her fiancé Alberto Johns. Anna and Alberto met while attending Sterling Park High School, in Sterling, Virginia. They dated for 7 years with the last year becoming engaged and planning her dream wedding at Disney. If

you have ever watched the Food Channel and seen the special on Disney Weddings you have a good idea of what our event was all about. Anna is the Senior Event Manager at the Tyson's Corner Marriott in case anyone needs a contact there. I believe one of GM's alumni classes had an event there last summer. Alberto is an Environmental Specialist with a company in Chantilly, VA. They have just moved into a brand new townhouse in Loudoun Co. I've attached 3 photos for you. One is a wedding photo of my daughters Anna, Kimberly and me. You can tell which one is me by the gray hair. Another one is of Anna and Alberto in front of the Cinderella's Castle before sun up the morning after the wedding. I'm glad I didn't have to get up and redress for those photos.



Debra with daughters Anna and Kimberly



Anna and Alberto

My oldest daughter, Kimberly Phillips, lives with her husband of 6 years in Yalaha, Florida. They own a beautiful home in a lake front community. They are both high school teachers in the Lake County School district and have each received their National Teachers Certification. This allows them to teach in any of our 52 states without having to be certified in each state individually. The last photo is Kimberly and Joshua, who are also expecting their first child, my first grandchild, the first week of October.



Kimberly and Joshua

As for me, in January I took a 5 day cruise to Mexico with my best friend Robin. We truly enjoyed the days at sea and the mandatory relaxation, the spa, the food, no phones, and no guys... We returned to renovate a nursery at Robin's house for her 8 month old granddaughter who came to live with her and her husband during the next 12 months or so, while her son and his wife are serving our country

in the US Army abroad. May God's blessings go with them.

June will be another busy month and I especially look forward to a trip to Philadelphia to see the King Tut exhibit. I remember seeing it the last time in was in the US in 1978. I carried my then baby, Kimberly, strapped to my chest through the entire exhibit. They say the new exhibit is twice as big and should not be missed."

Jefferson Cronin, still living on Guam, recently returned from Viet Nam (insert irony here) where he was shooting a documentary about war veterans from Guam returning for the first time. He also spent time in Manila working on a health care piece for one of the shows he produces for public television on Guam. He continues to teach with The University of Maryland Asian Division and is now also adjunct faculty at The University of Guam. Somehow he still finds time to occasionally produce and direct theatre as well. He offers his cliffside lanai with the spectacular view for a reunion bash. It's not Great Falls, but if you come you won't have to haul the keg, it will be on ice already. His email is falstaff@netpci.com. The photo is him in Manila.



Jefferson in Manila

Danny Ciaccio wrote: "Life is still good in the South. The wife and kids are thriving and my 9 year old Adam just got accepted into the gifted program at school. He now joins my 12 year old Andrew. Go figure! Last season, I got to coach a roller hockey team with

both of my boys on the same team. We came in second place! The team picture shows Adam, standing in front of me, and Andrew, standing at the far right, with the long hair. Again, go figure. We're planning a vacation this summer to the west. We'll be flying into Las Vegas and then driving to the Grand Canyon, through the desert to Southern California, up the coast to San Francisco then back to Vegas via Yosemite. I hope all of my classmates are well and I would enjoy hearing from any of ya'll. dsciaccio@yahoo.com."



Danny with team including sons Adam and Andrew

John Krogmann had this to say: "My sister, **Linda Krogmann Powars**, Class of 1968, has a daughter, Lindsey Powars Benton, who has three daughters, Sierra, age 1 1/2, and twins Hayley and Gabriella, who are 4 months old. Linda's other daughter, Laura Powars, and

myself are taking Lindsey and her three little daughters on a cruise to Rome later this month to join Lindsey's husband, Sgt. Jonathan Benton. He was recently assigned to duty in Italy for three years. We will miss these members of our family for the next few years, but are happy to help out with the move (and to cruise with these little angels)."

As reported in the last issue, my best friend **Inis Sharff Clements** re-married on August 26, 2006. She is now Inis Smith. Her and her new husband, Dave, bought a new house in Hedgesville, WV, where they live with her son, Tyler, and his son, Jordan. The two photos were taken at the wedding; one of me and Inis, and one of her and Dave. She is still working at Richard's World Travel, so if anyone has any travel needs, be sure and contact her at inis@richardsworldtravel.com. Maybe one of these years her and I will be able to convince a few or more of you to join us on a cruise!



Diann & Inis



Dave and Inis

Donna Fletcher Lensis wrote: "My husband, Tom, sold his copier business that he started 22 years ago and will be joining me in retirement. We will stay in the Manassas area for now, but will spend time traveling and boating. We'll probably end up relocating to either North Carolina or South Carolina eventually, but while the kids are still in Virginia colleges, we'll keep our home base in Manassas. Our oldest, Stephanie, is graduating in May from Virginia Commonwealth University with her Masters Degree in Elementary Education and a BA in Psychology. Adam and Matt are still at Northern Virginia Community College, and the youngest, Julie, is finishing up her first year at Old Dominion University in Hampton, VA."

My husband, Rick, and I bought a house in Knoxville, Tennessee, last spring, and I have been living there since August with my son, Daniel, who is attending the University of Tennessee as a freshman. The house is a little over 2 miles from campus, and we're getting in-state tuition. Rick stayed at our house in Falls Church, and there were lots of trips back and forth. He recently quit his job at the National Press

Club to become a speaker with the Whitney Education Group, so he's traveling a lot. For now, we'll be keeping both houses until we figure out what we want to do when we grow up. Here's a photo of our son, Daniel, taken on the UT campus. He graduated from George Mason last June, and is doing well in college. He got to go to Italy over Spring Break to visit his girlfriend, Jessica, who is doing a semester abroad with James Madison University. Here's a picture of me and them taken on New Year's Eve. We visited my brother, **Bobby** (Class of '78) at his house in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, the day after Christmas to exchange gifts. Here's a photo of him and his 2 children, Zachary and Mallory.



Daniel at UT



Diann, Daniel and Jessica



Bobby, Zachary and Mallory)

Dennis Ridge sent the following: I have been receiving the printed newsletter for several issues now, and have just gotten around to checking out the on-line version. I wanted to add my contact information in hopes someone may remember some of the great times we had at GMJSHS, back in the day! My wife of 27 years now, Marian (Yorktown class of 1974) and I, have lived on the Eastern Shore of Maryland since 1980. We really have enjoyed the slower pace of the Eastern Shore. I've had my own business for 12 years now, Octopus Ink CADD Service. I do computer aided drafting support for folks who need plans drawn up for anything, but mostly house plans. Marian is a community health nurse for Somerset County Maryland. What motivated me to write was the last issue of the review. It carried a picture of three lovely ladies that I remember from our high school days, who recently got together at the beach, which I assume was Ocean City, Maryland. We visit Ocean City all the time and I thought it would be fun to perhaps go out to dinner or something the next time they get down this way. The picture included **Charlene Morris, Linda Woolfenden, and Thea**

Rose, at Linda's condo in OC. I remember many community center dance's with Charlene, and how she loved to wear a western fringe jacket I used to have. Charlene and I were never boyfriend and girlfriend, but I always thought the world of her as a friend. Though we never hung out, I also thought that one of the other gals in that picture, Linda Woolfenden, had to be one of the most beautiful girls in school (we certainly had a good deal of beautiful girls in our school, as I remember!). Anyway, I would love to hear from anyone who cares to write and if you come down to Ocean City, please shoot me an email at octy@hughes.net and maybe we could get together and have a few laughs talking over the good old days!

Class of 1974

By Brenda Brown Green

The class of '74(only) is once again having a reunion. It is July 21st at Anthony's in Centreville, Va. We have over 50 people interested in attending. If you are interested in attending and haven't already spoken to me please do so. We want to reserve the party room at Anthony's and we also are planning to reserve some rooms at a local motel for the night.

It's so much fun seeing everyone again after all these years. Some funny things I have heard. **Greg Parker** are you still called Porky or zero? **Dean Satterfield** is

called fireballman. **John Norris** are you still messing up people's timed typing tests? **Greg Cronin** are you still out on the baseball diamond naked? In elementary school the **Tracz's Dennis and Mark** would spend hours engraving on their desks. One wonders where that beautiful artwork is now? **Anne Waring** is your car still up in the bushes at the school? Do you have any idea how many classmates were involved in doing that? If anyone has some sweet memories about their classmates and would like to share them please contact me. Let's keep those memories alive.

Finally, a regretful note, we had a classmate pass away this past February - **Harry McGinnis**.

Class of 1975

By Phil Acosta

Greetings Class

I received some email addresses these past few months, so thank you for your responses. A lot of response came due to the untimely death of two folks close to many of us in the class of 75. As I'm sure will be mentioned by his own class rep - **Harry McGinnis** passed away earlier this year, and our own **Brian McClesky** died suddenly as well.

I heard from **Bill Bobb** and **George Sherman, James Thomas, Tracy Goetz, Mary K Hoover**, and many more. **Mike Heasley** and **Kent Shell** both

came back to FC for Brian's service and both spoke eloquently to their feelings for Brian. The service held at Murphys was hard, very hard. Seeing Brian's young son was definitely tough for me. I went home to my own son Jake rather than go out to the spread put on by Clydes. I know all of us from the class of 75 give our thoughts and prayers to the families of Harry, Brian and also **David Beagle '72**, who also passed very recently.

As far as a reunion, no real progress on my part. I'm trying to visit the popular classmates.com site and seeing a lot of new names there, which is good. Any local classmates who would like to help me organize, let me know. We'll meet at Anthonys and see if we can plan something.

In closing, I would like to share some words sent to me by James Thomas about our friend Harry - "I knew Harry for 35 years. Through the good times and the bad. All those years. Harry was Harry, he never changed. We all grow apart over time, but if he was around town, he was there for you. I will miss him greatly. Rest in peace my friend." Well said James.

Class of 1977

By Carolyn Fitzgerald Young

**Attention Class of 1977
It's been 30 years!!**

**The tentative reunion date
is June 23, 2007
From 6 pm - ? pm
Hosted by Carolyn
Fitzgerald Young
39605 Rodeffer Road
Lovettsville, VA 20180**

**D.J. – Karaoke – BBQ –
Bonfire – Lighted Tents
\$25 per person
Designated Drivers
Provided!!**

**Please E-Mail or Call ASAP
to confirm if you can make
it!**

**E-Mail –
CarolynYoung@CYoungsell.com or**

Telephone – 540-884-4840

Class of 1978

By Susan Richbourg Frick

Thank you to **Becky (Riggs) Kinson** for emailing. She shared some sad news - **Frank White** passed away but I don't have any further details.

Becky emailed a "hello" some time way back, and honestly I wasn't sure if I had mentioned it. Becky is living in Old Towne Fredericksburg. She works for the State Department and commutes with the rest of us. She is mom to three adult children and also a grandma if I remember correctly.

"Some time back" **Kenny Honesty** phoned to say hello. I

was really happy to hear him. I'm a fan of his. He mentioned **Bill Gathercoal's** name and we strolled back down Memory Lane. We sadly miss him. He also mentioned that he himself had been in a car accident and was unable to continue working. He's been happily married for many years and was praising his wife for keeping the ball rolling and keeping him healthy. He's a proud dad of two daughters and college graduates.

Last September, **Chris (Warner)** and **Wayne Compher** gave away their first born, Erin, to a really terrific fellow named Barry. The bride was stunning and the wedding was a major event. I don't know who was the more handsome couple; Erin and Barry, or Chris and Wayne. Ok, of course it was Erin and Barry. It was really nice to see all the Warner's and Compher's in the same room. A memorable and fun time was had by all. And Wayne is still in shape after all these years. He walks on his hands on the dance floor better than most people walk on their feet. You didn't hear that from me.

Erin graduated from GMU in May of last year, is gainfully employed, and hopes to continue pursuing a graduate degree. The other Mr. Compher, Joey is attending West VA University (WVU) as a first year student. He has goals of a career in law enforcement. He's keeping up a Compher tradition. Way to go, JOE!

I guess it will soon be empty nest syndrome for **Sue (Herman) Schumann**. Her youngest, Brittany, will be graduating from GM this year. Her son, Stephen, is gainfully employed with the City of Falls Church, and older sister Kelly is a working mom with two beautiful little girls. And I hear being a Grandma is really great.

Our kids and the family threw Rick and me a surprise 25th Wedding Anniversary celebration in October of last year. Anyway, one of my favorite guests at the party and long time comrade, **Yvonne (Wright) Simmons** mentioned that yet another milestone for the Class of '78 is fast approaching. Our 30th reunion. I'm not really as available as I once was, so it's more than I'm willing to ring lead at this point in time. If any classmates are interested in taking on the leadership of our 30th Reunion, please let me know.

Honorable mention:
Even more significant for us is that my Mom and Dad will soon celebrate their Golden Anniversary (50 Big Ones!) next year. I know there are a few classmates that remember my mom as a crossing guard, playground supervisor at Madison Elementary School, and now retired from the FCPD. Mom and Dad are still doing great and still living in the City. **Becky Riggs Kinson** had asked me "was that big boat still in the driveway". My mother

would rather it not be, but it will probably always be there. My Dad is the poster child for retirees (he rotates fishing and golf days) and my mom partners in crime with another Masonite mom, and they have regular "girls night out". I can't wait to retire.

We just got back from VA Tech where we were visiting our son who is a third year student. It's been an emotional week, and I was never happier to see him. We were lucky in that he decided the night before to "miss" is 7:30 a.m. lecture class. I think we used to call it "skipping". Otherwise, he would have most likely been crossing over the drill field about the time all hell broke loose. My nephew didn't have class until 4 p.m. that day. We are so fortunate. It was very sobering to be there.

If you know of anyone relocating to Charlottesville or the surrounding area, my daughter is now working as a Realtor, Licensed in VA, for Montague Miller, a well established older firm that is local to the Piedmont region, and she is holding her own. She is also their Advertising Coordinator. God bless her, she's managing beautifully after graduating UVA last May. One down, one to go.

I'd love to hear from you guys. I need some new material. Please email or call anytime.

Yours truly, Susan

Class of 1979

By Karen Huber Grubbs

Tom Trainor: I live in West Virginia and my email is wvtommyt@aol.com. Good to hear from you Tom!

Michael Scanlan: I am still working at U.S. Embassy Kyiv in Ukraine where things remain permanently interesting. I will be here until September 2008. After that, off to the next adventure, but I won't know where for another year. Hope all are well and enjoying their friends, family, and work. P.S. If you go on holiday to Thailand, I highly recommend the island of Koh Lanta - scuba, sun, and wonderful Thai food!!! Great place to stay www.srilanta.com
Cheers

Gloria (Robison) Wright - Rebecca (Riggs) Kinson from the class of '78 noticed and informed me that Gloria passed away March 17, 2007, age 46, from cancer. We are sorry to hear the news. CulpeperTimes.com listed condolence and contribution information.

Charles Bowling – voted by parents, peers and students as Montgomery County Maryland, Outstanding Music Teacher 2007!
Congratulations Charlie, Andrea and family!

Meredith (Bretns) Muhs –4 great-looking (editor's note) kids:

1 in (North Dakota State Univ) –
Phys. Ed, Health, Coaching
1 in (NDSU) – Vet School,
Seminary
1 in Jamestown Coll. in ND –
Elem. Ed, Special Ed.
1 in H.S. entering a Professional
Golf Management Program

Meredith and husband Steve
celebrate Steve's 26 year service
and retirement now and plan to
permanently live in Colorado
Springs, or until they get the itch
to move again.



*Steve & Meredith in
Sardinia, Italy*

Chris (Bobb) Belt - is well here
in Sunny Las Vegas. My oldest
girl will finish high school this
June. My son is 16 and my other
daughter is 15, so it won't be too
long now before I can kick back
and enjoy life with my husband
of 22 years. I look forward to
any word from my old friends
(hint, hint.) That goes for you too
Richard Barnett ('80).

Best wishes to all and my prayers
to those with families in
Blacksburg..

Enjoy what you have and play
nicely with others.

Karen (Huber) Grubbs

Many of the emails that I have
for folks don't work any longer.
Please help.
That's all the news I have.

Class of 1980

By Jackie Beinhardt Cook

Hello again Class of 1980! I am
happy to report that a few of you
woke up to write and I'm
expecting to hear from the rest of
you soon. I remain an optimist.
Nancy Hannum Pepler is back
in Cleveland Heights. She and
John have been married for 22
years and have two daughters-
Grace is 8 and Clare is 6. Nancy
is the Development Officer
(fundraiser) for a large nonprofit
mental health network. Nancy
keeps in touch with **Karl Barth**,
who is in Seattle, and **Mary
Sherman** who is Woodbridge. I
heard from Mary also. Sadly,
she was widowed in 2003. She is
now working at a law firm as a
labor law specialist. Mary (and
I) would love to hear from fellow
Mustang buddies- her email is
mbs416@version.net (and mine
is jackiebcCook@yahoo.com).

I also heard from **Maurice
Lagos** from the Class of 1977.
He is also in Seattle and has a 17
year old- Dustin- whom he
adores. He works as an
interpreter in the medical field
and social services. Thanks guys
for writing- I can't tell you how
fun it is to hear from friends and
catch up- I love it! So the rest of
you, to borrow a line, "come on
and make my day"!

I'm hoping to have some
pictures to share next time- there
is always my photo album to pull
out if no one else helps me out.
Some people I've been
wondering about like **Cary
Greenleaf**- last I heard she was
married and in England- Cary
where are you? Or my comedy
skit buddy-**Denny Crowley**- last
I heard he was in NYC? And
Bunky what are you up to
besides wishing I'd call you
'Robert'? I could go on, because-
call me crazy- I actually have
dreams occasionally that I'm
seeing you guys and get to say
"Hi". My home is open to
visitors who don't mind snow on
Easter Sunday- it should warm
up by summer. Hope to hear
from YOU. Until next time- bye
from Jackie .

Class of 1981

By Jean Marie DiLoreto King

Wow, can you believe we have
reached our 25th year mark and
we had an outstanding time with
the perseverance of a handful of
determined classmates?

A few of our classmates decided
to plan a two day event over the
GMHS homecoming football
game the weekend of October
13th & 14th. They scrambled to
make phone calls, E-mails and
internet searches to round up as
many classmates as they could
get in touch with. I must say
everyone did a terrific job putting
things together on such a short
timeframe.

First of all, **Beth Hockenberry Erickson** grabbed the Mustang by the tail and pulled the event together with the assistance of a few other classmates. Friday night started out at Anthony's for dinner, and then continued to the game at 7:30pm to meet up with more classmates attending the football game. Everyone cheered on our team against Madison County and reminisced about days of yesteryear. On Saturday night, we all gathered at The Four Provinces restaurant for an evening of memories and catching up while enjoying terrific food and atmosphere. Everyone brought pictures, yearbooks, and memorabilia for all to look through and laugh. **Beth Lanier** compiled a terrific Bio book which some classmates contributed too. The night went on forever, and no one wanted to leave except for **Saralyn** who was pregnant and her feet were hurting.

I sincerely want to recognize and thank a few of our classmates for the outstanding job of pulling these meaningful and well orchestrated events together so quickly; **Beth Hockenberry Erickson** (planning the events), **Barbie Sprinkle Kinsey** (money collections), **Ena DelVecchio Jone**, **Saralyn Bowling Aylor & Karen Thompson Fulkerson** (sign in), **Beth Lanier** (Bio Book), **Christian Fridrich**, **Susan Grabryan**, **Paul Brown**, & more (classmate trackers) and **Janic Strub Hatzakos** (class website), **Jose Arango**, **Brigid McCarthy Runyon & Bill Atchison** (photographers). I am

sure there were other classmates who assisted in putting things together, and I apologize if you were not mentioned. I want to thank each and every person for participating to ensure we all had a terrific weekend. Please check out the class website to view photos of the weekend at www.geocities.com/gmhs81. Also, if you have any other photos that you would like to post, please contact Janice.

I am still looking for classmates that we do not have current information on, so please look over the names below, and E-mail me any contact information to: GMH1981@verizon.net. The email addresses on the alumni site should be updated shortly.

Brian Albrecht, Khashyar Arfa, Guy Brady, Tony Bryant, Jeff Carlson, Michael Davies, Joann Denekas, Barbara Doty, Pam Edwards, Shannon Flemming, Victoria Gibbons, Robert Goff, Jason Grammer, Richard Gray, Brian Hecker, Christine Howard, Jacquelyn Jackson, Pete Kiser, Ann Legg, Marybeth Lynch, Robert McCullough, Terry Milburn, Tom Patrick, Cliff Shannon, Larry Smith, Steve Strain, Kenny Thompson, Chris Wade, Ed Wollenberg, Scott Young, Randa Yousseff .

Class of 1983 *By Tom Clinton*

Dear Classmates,

I have a few items to pass along about members of the Class of

'83 and I'd like your input about our future reunion plans as we rapidly approach the milestone of it being 25 years since we graduated from GM!

The George Mason Alumni Association (GMAA) will again be holding the third All-Class Reunion in late June of 2009. I would think that we would want to get in on the big school-wide celebration again. We would be able to see many fellow alumni, faculty and family in one fun weekend. I'm sure it will be filled with several different types of events drawing people together from many grades and families, as in the past.

I thought the last All-Class Reunion weekend was a lot of fun starting with the Falls Church Education Association reception on Friday night at Don Beyer Volvo and then followed by the GMAA Open House across the street at GM and ending on Sunday afternoon with the casual family-style picnic at Cherry Hill Park with live music provided by our own GM alumni musicians. I would like to join other interested GM classes and have a party again at the State Theatre on Saturday night. It was much easier to organize with many other classes participating and the cost was very reasonable.

I would also be willing to do something in 2008, the actual year that will mark the 25 year anniversary since we all walked across the stage and were released out into the real world! We could have an organized dinner at one of the area

restaurants or do something more casual like a catered picnic. A reunion dinner or a casual event in 2008 could be *in addition* to the All-Class Reunion to be held the following year in June of 2009.

I understand that some people may not be able to attend both celebrations but a lot of people still live in the Washington DC area, or at least in the Mid-Atlantic States and would enjoy the chance to get together with their classmates twice in two years. I will need to update your street addresses, if they have changed and get those to the GMAA so that you will still get the Mustang Review and we can keep everyone updated about our plans. **I'll need to collect your e-mail addresses** too so I can then send out a survey about what you would like to do to mark this big anniversary. I could always use some help. I do want to make sure everyone is aware of our reunion plans, so please e-mail me your current street address, phone number and e-mail address to: tomclinton1@aol.com.

Bill Lang and his wife Joan welcomed the arrival of their first child, a boy, on April 25, 2007. His name is William Hunter Lang and he will be called Hunter. Congratulations to Joan and Bill on that very happy occasion! I'm still trying to picture Bill changing a diaper though. Bill is still working for Charles Schwab in Tysons Corner, I believe, and living out in Loudoun County now. **Bruce Shearer** is getting married on

May 19, 2007 in Altoona, Wisconsin. Bruce is a real estate appraiser and owns his own appraisal company out in Las Vegas, Nevada. Congratulations and best wishes to both Bruce and Angela Rekis on their imminent wedding!

Anne Gall Welles recently moved back into Falls Church City with her three sons. She is living on S. Spring Street just a few blocks down from her parent's old house on Poplar Drive. I was recently a guest in that house and I asked the lady that now owns it if she had bought it from the Gall family. She was quite surprised that I knew who had owned it before she bought it many years ago, but that's Falls Church for you!

Anne kindly sent me an e-mail with an update on what she is now doing. She is teaching theatre at H-B Woodlawn School in Arlington. Her oldest son is up at George Mason and her other two boys are at the new Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School. She wants to get an e-mail list of all of our classmates, so now I've got to produce it!

I still haven't processed the pictures from **Adam Snider's** surprise 40th Birthday Party including his parachute jump at West Point, Virginia. I will have to get that done for the next issue! I hadn't gone to digital photography at that point yet, so it's still an undeveloped roll of film right now.

If you have any class news, pictures or requests, please send

them to me along with your current address information and especially any news that you might have on some of our classmates that are listed as "missing." Please check the GMAA website at <http://www.gmhxaa.org> and review our class list for any necessary updates.

I recently heard from **Denise Petersen**. She was writing in to say that she is not "missing" and was now living in Naples, Florida very close to her Mom, brother Bobby and sister Danielle. Dawn is living in Norfolk, Virginia. Denise, thanks for that update. The Petersen's sadly lost their father two years ago this April. My condolences go out to the whole Petersen family on their loss.

Tom

Class of 1986 *By Susan Schick Link*

The Class of '86 is doing well, from the responses to my recent email.

I heard from **Michelle Shuster Hacecky** (GM '85), an honorary member of our class, having been with us grades 6-11. Michelle is serving in the Air Force and lives in Hawaii. Before that she served tours in Japan, England and Virginia. She and her husband have 3 children and she looks forward to her retirement next year when they will return to NoVA. Mo, it was really great to hear from you!

Jeff Miers lives in Fairfax with wife Kim and their 3 sons. Jeff writes:

“Jason, Christopher, and Brendan are turning 7, 5, and 3 all in July! We are doing an all-inclusive long weekend to Hershey Park to celebrate. No more individual parties. Last year was insane. I am still gainfully employed with Sprint Nextel in Reston. I just celebrated my one year anniversary of the day I had surgery to repair my torn ACL, MCL, and meniscus in left knee. I destroyed my knee in January 2006 playing basketball and had surgery in February 2006. I have worked my rear end off to rehab this knee. I loved the rehab process. I have been playing basketball for the last five months or so. I am very proud of where I am with my knee. Kim and I celebrate our 10th wedding anniversary in October. We are gearing up for another season of mowing grass, tee ball and soccer practices. I coached Jason's basketball team this winter and it turned out to be a great experience. Things, of course, were never perfect, but I coached a team of great kids and we had a lot of fun...at least I did!”

Tiffany Stilwell Curtis recently reconnected with **Kathy Cerstvik**, who is a flight attendant for the DOD and flies all over the world. Tiffany went to England in February 2007 and says HI to everyone. We enjoyed seeing (and golfing with) you last summer, Tiff!

I also received “no news to report, everything’s fine here”

emails from **Amy Pfeufer Clineberg** (Atlanta), **Susie Jacomet Poindexter** (Arkansas), **David Schleeper** (Annapolis) and **Amy Warren** (Pennsylvania).

I am coming east this summer and as always, would love to see you all for a park day with kids or other activity sans kids. Early to mid July, will email with exact dates. If you did not receive an email from me about this newsletter article (in March), and would like to be In The Loop, please email in your current address to me or **Joe Cheek** (see class rep section for addresses).

Class of 1987 *By Hugo Mendoza*

Dear George Mason High School Class of 1987,

I wanted to take a few moments to bring everyone up to date on our upcoming 20-year reunion this summer, which, believe it or not, is now only two and a half months away.

The reunion is scheduled for the weekend of June 16 and 17. For the latest news and information, visit our class Web site at <http://members.cox.net/gmhs1987/>. I try to update it on a biweekly basis, so check back every couple of weeks to find out what is going on. By the way, we plan to keep the Web site up and use it to stay in touch and share information with each other. I also created a blog, <http://gmhs1987.blogspot.com/>,

and would like to encourage everyone to pass through and leave a breezy note every now and then. We want to hear from you!

The first event is on Saturday, June 16, 2007, at Maggianos, Tysons Corner, VA, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. The cost is \$50.00 per person. There will be drinks, hor'dourves, a light meal, and seating for everyone. Although there is seating, I don't imagine we will spend much time in our seats. Heck, we haven't seen each other in 20 years! As for dress: come as you like, nothing fancy. It's a casual kind of place, sometimes a little dressy-causal, but I wouldn't stress too much over this.

The second event is on Sunday, June 17, 2007, at Cherry Hill Park, Falls Church, Va, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 per person. We have the pavilion reserved for the picnic, and we'll be there rain or shine. There will be food and drinks for everyone and plenty of activities for the kids. There is no charge for children five and under.

We will be working together through June to put on the best reunion we can within the budget we currently have. Register early so that we can put things into place as soon as possible. The more planning we can do up front, the better. If you're in touch with a former classmate (or classmates), pass on the word to her or him.

Though we have gotten a lot done, we still need some help in a few areas, especially the day of the picnic, and are looking for volunteers so that we can spread the work around.

Drop us a line if you are interested in helping out. Our contact information is listed below:

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We look forward to seeing you soon this summer.

Kind regards,
Hugo, Danielle, Rob, and
Terrence

Class of 1993

By Katherine Temple Craig

Hope everyone is enjoying their spring. There is not much new to report. However, I do have one piece of wonderful news.

Madeline Tolkan Conrad and her husband welcomed their first child, a little girl, into the world on February 8. Eliana Mae weighed in at 7 pounds 14 ounces. Both mother and child

are doing great and enjoying the Minneapolis weather! Also, please note that I've changed my email address to craig.katherine@gmail.com. So if you have anything new and exciting in your life, please send me an email and share it with the class.

Enjoy your summer!

Class of 1995

By Sharon Eldridge

Hey, everyone. This is the news as of April 2007:

Cathi (Obenstine) Hill has been living in Woodbridge for about three years now. She got married in March to her boyfriend of nine years, Phil. They have a seven-year-old daughter, Alexis, and they share their home with a dog, two cats and some fish. Cathi is working for a non-profit organization dealing with Native American housing.

Wilson Rickerson recently started his own renewable energy consulting practice in Boston -- Rickerson Energy Strategies, LLC -- and business is steady.

Eugene Simopoulos is finishing his third year of medical school at George Washington University and will be applying for residency in urology.

Emily Thomas Guckenberger had a baby boy at the end of July 2006. A correction from our last update: Emily is a social worker in child

welfare. Sorry for the mistake. Emily has been a social worker and has worked in the field of child welfare, child protective services for eight years in Northern Virginia. She has a six-year-old daughter, a three-year-old daughter, and an eight-month-old son.

Lisa Kallio Harris lives outside of Richmond in Chesterfield, VA and has a daughter who was born just after the reunion. Lisa is an elementary school teacher.

Colleen Lansdown resides in Washington, D.C. and is a marketing specialist with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She is getting married on July 21, 2007 to New Yorker Donald Ingram, Jr. Congratulations, Colleen!

Class of 1996

By Jennifer Williams Persson

Hello fellow '96ers,
Hope everyone had a great winter! I have just a few tidbits to share ☺

I had the opportunity to see **Alex Mejias** perform at Jammin Java in Vienna a few weeks ago. He is extremely talented and his music is amazing! If you all feel like checkin him out his website is:

www.myspace.com/alexmejias.

Alex also got married in August 2006 to a wonderful woman, Ashley. They are living in Charlottesville, VA.

Erica Knight Martin and **Nate Martin**, Class of '94, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Alena Mary Martin on December 20, 2006. She is absolutely adorable!

Gabriela Yaselli Egan gave birth to her second son, Nicholas Tyler Egan, 8 lbs. 12 oz. and 21 inches, on February 16, 2007. She is still living in Germany with her two sons, Alexander 22 months, and Nicholas. Her husband, CPT Jim Egan, US Army, is currently deployed in Baghdad, Iraq but was able to be there for the birth of their second son. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Gabriela's family!

Tessa Maish was married September 23, 2006 to Kevin O'Neill! They are currently living in Arlington, VA with their two "kids", their French bulldogs!

This is older news but I just got in touch with **Karen Kannapel**! She was married in July 2005 to Joshua Shrader and is living in the Richmond, VA area. Since graduating from UVA she's been a 3rd grade teacher and loves it! No kiddies yet but they have their two tabby cats, Jack and Ginger! Here are a couple of pictures of her family:



Heidi Harrington is living in Ashburn, VA working as an Event Planner! She is incredible at what she does so if anyone has a need for wedding catering, corporate events, birthday parties, baby/bridal showers, etc. then please contact her: heidi@rrcatering.com.

I know I mentioned this in my previous article but **Sarah Jackson** and I have officially been voted into the GMHS Athletic Hall of Fame and the date for the induction ceremony is Saturday, September 29, 2007. I think this is the perfect opportunity to get people together for another mini-reunion over that weekend! If you are interested please email me at jenpers@gmail.com so we can get something organized ☺

Take care.

Class of 1997 *By Sarah Romer*

Class of '97: 10 Year Reunion Scheduled for Mid-August

Can you believe it's been 10 years since we graduated? We are working out the details of our 10 year reunion, scheduled for this August. We need your help in order to get in touch with all of

our classmates. Please email us your most current email and home address and send along information of other classmates you keep in touch with. Email **Rachel Buckingham Cochran** (our new class co-rep) at rachelbb01@hotmail.com or **Sarah Romer** at swaderomer@hotmail.com. Tentative plans include a Saturday night gathering and a family friendly picnic at Cherry Hill Park on Sunday. Check the GM Alumni website periodically for more information. We look forward to seeing you in August!

Sarah

Class of 1998 *By Anna Molaski Lamb*

Happy spring and summer to all my fellow Naughty8ers! I, for one, am so excited for warm weather and sunshine to return. After a quite memorable winter here in Colorado with a total snowfall of over 7 feet for December, January and February, I am done with Winter for the foreseeable future!

One Classmate who is lucky enough to avoid winter is **K.C. Gardner**. After spending a year in France where her husband François worked as a chef in Monaco, they are happy to be back in Honolulu. K.C. is applying to the University of Hawaii to receive her masters degree in Nursing. **Lindsay Krembs** is in New York City, designing kitchen utensils and

other cool stuff at Prime Studio. She and her boyfriend Jason live in Brooklyn. **Anne Agnew**, who currently works for Booz Allen Hamilton, will be leaving her job and making the exciting move to Paris to attend the prestigious Le Cordon Bleu Culinary School for the Summer. After that she plans on pursuing her MBA in Barcelona Spain at IESE. Even though these 3 ladies are scattered across the country, and soon the world, they have been able to meet up in Chicago, Amsterdam and soon Barcelona!



Left to right – Anne Agnew, Lindsay Krembs & K.C. Gardner

Congratulations to **Joey Domm**! He and his fiancé Lauren are tying the knot on May 5th. They recently bought a house in Charlotte North Carolina and Joey is working as a technician for General Motors. He also enjoys taking his Buick down to a local drag strip. Best wishes to both of you!! Also congratulations go out to **Amanda Guthridge** who got engaged last September in Germany to Martin Billentstein. Martin proposed on top of a glacier while they were vacationing for two weeks across Germany and Austria.

Bobbie Brown is now living in Maryland, but commuting down

to Falls Church for work. Her and her fiancé, Samantha are planning a huge trip this upcoming August to Italy! **Monica Depaz** just got back from an exciting two week vacation to Hawaii where she enjoyed the sun and snorkeling. She is making the move from Houston to California this spring and is planning new travels for the future. **Arlita Marshall** is now working for SAIC and still living in Northern Virginia.

Anita Salinas Geyer is living Florida with her husband of three and a half years and they are working at a commercial pool company together.

Delora Parks has had some wonderful adventures lately, she writes "It's been a pretty exciting year for me. Last summer, I spent two months in Kenya working on an archaeology dig in conjunction with Rutgers University. We were on the eastern shore of Lake Turkana, right near the Ethiopian boarder, in a region known as the Great Rift Valley that extends from northern Ethiopia down through Tanzania. This area is known as the "Cradle of Humankind" and is where many of the famous *Australopithecus* and early *Homo* specimens have been found. While we didn't make any major discoveries, we did have a lot of interaction with the local tribe in the region, and saw some breathtaking scenery. I missed my family terribly, but it was definitely worth the sacrifice. I truly hope to be able to return to the area some day soon.



My year continued with the culmination of classes necessary to finish my degrees at George Mason. In December, I graduated with a B.A. in Anthropology and a B.S. in Decision Sciences and Management Information Systems. Since I was going to school part-time, I took over 8 years to complete my undergraduate work, but I am thrilled to be done! I'm now working as a business analyst for CGI Federal doing government contracting. I must be a glutton for punishment, since I'm also taking some classes about geographic information systems (GIS) at NOVA." Congratulations on all your accomplishments, Delora!

As always, keep those classmate updates and pictures coming! I am really short on contact information for fellow classmates, and with 10 years coming up, I want to make sure I can get in contact with each and every one of you! Please e-mail me at ACM Cheer@aol.com with new addresses and/or e-mails! Until next time, take care everyone!!

Class of 1999

By Olivia Thomas

Only 2 years to go until that BIG 10-year reunion! (Which means we need to start fundraising.) I've got an amazing bash planned for June of 2009, but really need help with fundraising ideas and events. Also, to keep costs low, I'll be sending out the invitation by email, so please spread the word and send your email addresses and those of other 1999ers to oliviathomas@gmail.com If you need to see a list of who's in our class, just visit <http://www.fccps.org/alumni/1999i.htm>. Parents reading this - please email me so we can make sure to invite our fellow classmates! So much to tell you about and so little space.

Since the last review, I finally changed jobs and it only took me 4.5 years! I now work at FOX Architects with **Kelly Schumann** and I love it here. Here is a picture of her girls – they grow up so fast!



I'm working as FOX's Business Development Manager. Also, by the time you're reading this I will have finally graduated from Johns Hopkins' Carey Business School with a degree in Business Management. Whoo hoo! It

took eight years, but I finally did it! I took an amazing trip to Seoul, Korea (my birthplace) in October to visit my parents. It was my first time back since being born there and we were there during the nuclear testing that took place. This is a picture of me and my boyfriend Taz in traditional Korean wedding garb, taken at the Korean folk village.



We visited the folk village where they show you how they did it back in the old days, saw dancing and how to harvest rice and make pottery, visited a Buddhist temple, went shopping in the markets, and ate lots of Korean food. On the same trip, we also stopped by Los Angeles, San Francisco, Hawaii, and had a layover in Tokyo – only to enjoy their fine sushi! And speaking of Tokyo, I briefly ran into **Paul Polzer** who is going to Japan to teach English. He signed a one-year contract with a company called Advan to teach English to Japanese students and is living in a city called Gotemba, right next to Mount Fuji. So far he is really enjoying teaching and being in Japan and can't wait to go traveling to see Tokyo and all the major cities there. He wishes everyone all the best. **Seth Johnson** is safely back from

Afghanistan and continues to live in Heidelberg, Germany.

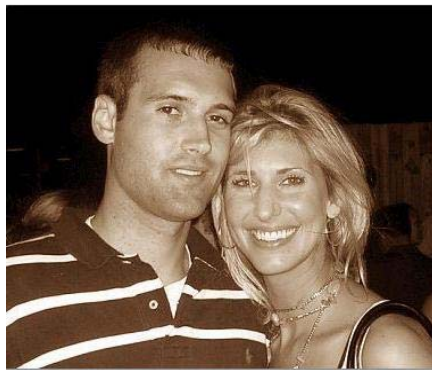
Erin Sweeney is in her second semester of a 4-semester program for her Masters in Public Health (MPH) as a Peace Corps Fellow in New Mexico State University. She's also working on a "minor" for her masters in Intercultural Communications, and is a Grad Assistant for a History of Nursing class. In addition to school she also works about 25-30 hours a week at the local newspaper as an editorial assistant gets to do interviews, write articles and music reviews for the entertainment section, and has had two articles and one online concert review printed/posted to date. Her most recent story turned out to be the cover story for our entertainment section! In May 2008 when she graduates, she is planning on coming back east for a job before (fingers crossed) leaving the country for work. She'd like to do a Spanish immersion program with the one and only Stephanie Rose (killer segue, thanks Erin!) in July 2007 in Guatemala or the likes. **Stephanie Rose** is still teaching music in DC and living in Alexandria. She and Erin will be sure to take lots of pictures and include them in the next alumni newsletter! She's also starting to think about graduate school and will hopefully start in the fall of 2008. She's "looking forward to going back to school!"

In June **Kerry Lutz** is moving to Costa Rica to travel and get certified to teach English. "I

actually have no idea what I will do with myself after July, but the ultimate goal is to avoid dengue fever and find a job doing something interesting (and legal) south of the border, preferably at an NGO in Argentina. In the meantime, I intend to learn how to surf, hang out with monkeys, and prove false Senora Cabrera's claim that "there are no Jewish people in Latin America. Everybody's Catholic." Well, my group of friends had QUITE the April Fools day. You'll never believe that one **Jesse Burgman** and his girlfriend Kate Rears had an interesting April Fool's Day weekend planned... they stayed at the Wintergreen Resort, hiked down a mountain to a scenic, secluded rock formation on Sunday, April 1st, and got hitched! That's right, they eloped! Little did their friends or families know they had this planned for months; ordered rings, booked the wedding officiate, and fooled us all. Isn't it romantic? Here are a couple pictures of their big day. Congrats to our newlyweds, Jesse and Kate Burgman!



It's been a big year for Emily Rudd...she got engaged and is getting married to her boyfriend of 1.5 years in October of this year in Warrenton, VA. Congratulations Emily!!!



Class of 2000 By Jenn Brasler

It's hard to believe that it's been seven years since we were high school seniors. Many of us have finished college, and some are now in graduate, medical, and law school. Some even have master's degrees already! It still feels strange to say that we graduated seven years ago. Since then, we've accomplished a lot, and there are a lot of people in our class to be proud of.

Deirdre Murphy came back to D.C. after graduating from UVA

in 2004. She's working as the deputy communications director at the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. **Elisa Marks** is still living in New York and recently took a new job handling corporate communications for a bank. **Layton Walker** recently married Lucas McCann, and Elisa Marks and Deirdre Murphy were both in the wedding party.

Hillary Kautter is attending Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology. In August she will begin working in a clinic for substance abusers. **Lara Pierce** is working in Chantilly in the finance department of a company that does identity-theft protection. She is also taking graduate classes in sociology at GMU and participating in some races.

Anne Petraeus lives in Arlington and works for a government contractor in Bethesda, working with states on behalf of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Their goal is to help prepare for behavioral health issues that can arise from disasters like Hurricane Katrina. **Melissa Hipolit** is working towards a career in broadcast journalism with a job at "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer."

In December, **Sally Prendergast** finished her master's of public health with a concentration in health policy. She works in D.C.

for a policy consultant on health-care reform. **Rebekah Pearson-Nelson** graduated from Ohio University in 2004 with a B.A. in sociology and a minor in African-American studies. She's now living with her boyfriend in Sweden and has earned a master's in health and society.

Isabelle Janus-Clark is currently in Peru, volunteering with an NGO and working with impoverished children. She helps provide classes for kids who can't afford school. **Brad Frost** is living in Detroit with his girlfriend Dana and working for United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

By the time you read this, **Barbara Goyonaga** will have married Michael Vance and moved with him to Oahu, Hawaii, where Michael will be stationed for the next couple of years with the Marines. Michael recently returned to the States after a seven-month tour in Iraq. Since graduating from William and Mary, Barbara has been working as an IT and project control analyst in Rosslyn.

The last I heard, **Ryan Stoner** and **Jen Powell** planned to attend Barbara and Michael's wedding. Ryan gave up Seattle and moved to L.A., where he's working for a startup hybrid advertising/entertainment company, Omelet. To see what Ryan's doing, visit www.omeletla.com. Jen is still living in Atlanta, where she was recently promoted and is now an associate buyer at Macy's South.

Rachel Gee is working in a court in Petersburg, Virginia, and is engaged to Matthew Kerns. They'll be getting married in September. **Hope Bowers** is finishing up a double major in English and psychology at Mary Washington.

I'm doing exactly the same things I was doing at the time of the last update. That means proofreading court transcripts for a court reporting firm here in Falls Church, and recapping reality TV shows (currently "The Amazing Race" and "American Idol" for RealityNewsOnline. I'd love to hear what's going on with everyone, especially people I haven't heard from for a while. I'd also like to make a list of everyone's e-mail addresses to make it easier to send everyone updates and get information for future newsletters. E-mail me at luckyjenn@hotmail.com and tell me what's going on in your lives!

Class of 2002

By Kat Arias

Hello everyone!!! It's been a very fast paced five years since we've all left the halls of George Mason and many major changes have occurred in all of our lives. It's wonderful to see that everyone is doing so well in pursuing happiness. We'll start off with some very exciting marriage and engagement news; **Mike Denny** has just tied the knot with his longtime girlfriend Jesse! He is currently serving the United States Army and is stationed in Fort Hood, Texas.

Jon Tonkowich is getting married on July 21st and is moving to Southern California. **Ben Griffin** is also set to marry this summer to his longtime girlfriend Marian Sayer from Palo Alto, CA. He will be graduating next year with a degree in Business and will also be doing an internship for the summer of 2007 in Bolivia. **Neil Powell** will marry on August 4th of this year to his high school sweetheart **Astrid Salazar** (Class of 01) and has just purchased his first home, a townhouse in Haymarket, VA! **Michelle Gallimore** got married last year and is currently living overseas in Germany. **Beth Parks (now Marcucci)** also got married last year and is graduating from James Madison University after which she will serve for the United States Army and will be stationed at Fort Lewis, WA. **Liz Twentyman** became engaged to her longtime boyfriend Jeff last year and **Maeve McQuail** has recently become engaged to her boyfriend Will and is set to marry in August of 2008; she is currently living in Fayetteville, NC. Congratulations to everyone, we wish you nothing but happiness in this wonderful time of your lives!

Let's get down to the other fabulous and exciting things that the rest of our classmates are up to these days!

It seems that a good amount of our classmates are currently overseas or will be going soon! **Daniel Carballo** graduated from the University of Virginia after

which he went to Japan to teach English for a year. He's currently living in Kobe and traveling around Asia! **Michael Cashman** graduated as president of his class from Vassar College and got his BA in French. He has just finished his first year of med school at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. This summer he will travel to Argentina and learn Spanish, about international public health, and observe pediatric cardiothoracic surgeries. **Alicia Garrison** is currently in Brazil doing volunteer work teaching English to teenage girls from the Favelas! **Viviana Cordova** received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design with a concentration in Interactive Media in May 2006 and is currently pursuing her Master's of Fine Arts in Graphic Design at the Maryland Institute College of Art. She's also going to study abroad in South Korea, Seoul this summer. **Andreas Toom** is living in Scotland attending a university studying Business and Entrepreneurship.

We also have a good amount of classmates that have relocated to other parts of the country. **Dena Adriance** will be moving to Boston, MA in the fall to begin work as a volunteer for Americorps City Year. **Davy Andrews** is currently living in New York where he is pursuing his career as a stand up comedian. **Christina Christianson** is attending grad school on the sunny beaches of southern California. **Alex Gunn**

graduated from Auburn University in August of 2006 with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Spanish. Currently she lives in Memphis, Tennessee and works for Ricoh, a Japanese manufacturer, in the logistics department. **Jonathan Martin** is moving to Dallas, TX to attend grad school for Computer Science. **Luke Martin** has been living in LA for the past four years and is the lead singer in an alt/punk band. **Christina Moore** is currently living in Nashville, TN where she is pursuing a degree in Occupational Therapy. **Peter Moses** graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor in Business Information Technology degree and a minor in English. He is now working for Deloitte & Touche out of Hawaii. **Alice Newhall** is attending law school at the University of Richmond. **Folake Ojumu** is a legal assistant and living in Charlottesville, VA. **Juliana Pearson** is currently living in the San Francisco Bay Area. She's working part-time at both the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California and Consumers Union, the non-profit publisher of Consumer Reports. She is planning on attending law school in the fall of 2008 to study public-interest law. **James Spivey** is a Lead Designer for RealEyes Media in Denver, CO. He also helps teach Flash Application Development at the University of Denver, where he graduated from. Currently he's a HPDE racing instructor and NASA Time Trial racing driver! **Megan Watts** graduated from

the Virginia Commonwealth University with a degree in Psychology and is currently living in Arlington, VA but will be relocating to Richmond at the end of the month.

On another note, some of our classmates have returned to the motherland of Northern Virginia, and we're nothing but happy to have them back. **Matt Bond** has come back into the area as did **Brian Coleman** who has just finished his first year of law school at Catholic University in Washington, DC. **Jared Crossley** is alive! He is now a union electrician. **Gordon Daisley** graduated from the University of Virginia and is living in Arlington, VA. Currently he works as a Civil Engineer at the Loudon County Sanitation Authority; he has been trying stand up comedy for about a month now and is having a good time doing so! **Shannon Lawhorne** is working for Fairfax County, with the SACC program; she is also finishing up school. **Grant Machamer** is about to graduate from Radford University. He recently worked as a production assistant on the movie "National Treasure 2" starring Nicholas Cage, during their film shoot in DC. He's just finished an internship at MHz Networks, a public television station in Falls Church and is looking forward to an exciting summer of videography and kayaking. **Christine Piscopo** is currently working at INova Fairfax Hospital as an RN in the Mother/Baby unit. **Chris Prevatt** who is currently working as a

Service Advisor at Don Beyer Volvo in Falls Church is currently living in Arlington with long time best friend **Jared Beyer. Josh Singer** has been teaching history and coaching wrestling at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School for the past year; starting in June he'll be attending George Washington University to pursue his Master's in Education. **Adrienne Thompson** is now in sales, working for Pitney Bowes and is

living in the DC area. As for me, I'm living in Annandale and still working at Don Beyer Volvo. I will graduate in the fall with my BA in Art and Visual Technology, specialized area in Graphic Design from George Mason University. After that we'll see where the wind blows me off to.

It's so great to see that everyone is doing such wonderful things in their lives. I am going to see

what I can arrange as far as a five year reunion goes this year, so please make sure that your addresses are updated (you may do so at <http://www.gmhxaa.org>), or please feel free to write me and give me your e-mails and other contact information or updates at: kat@thextrovert.com. I hope to hear from all of you soon, keep smiling!

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