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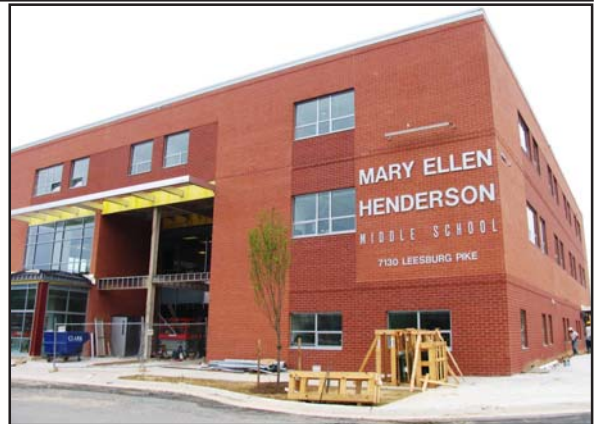
New Middle School Opens this Year

Falls Church City Public School's newest school in more than 50 years will be ready for the new school year, which begins on September 6th. Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School will serve students in grades five through seven. It includes a new gym which seats 1000 spectators, that will be available for use by George Mason High School, as well as the middle school.

The new school is named in honor of the late Mary Ellen

Henderson, a teacher. Mrs. Henderson's legacy includes successfully educating black children at a time when schools were segregated and there was a great disparity in resources between schools for white children and schools for black children.

Mary Ellen Henderson lived in Falls Church for more than 50 years. She died in 1976 at the age of 90.



MEHMS: almost ready for the new school year.

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Change in Mustang Review Distribution

by Scott Sager, GMAA President

In an effort to reduce printing and postage costs, the school has decided, over my objections, to institute a change in the way the *Mustang Review* is distributed. The costs for publishing and mailing the *Mustang Review* are as much as \$10,000 per year and have been funded completely by the Falls Church City School system.

To reduce those costs, the school has instituted a system to use the GMAA web site (which is hosted on the school's server) to make the newsletter available to all alumni via the Internet. Alumni will receive a postcard in the mail alerting them to new issues. This procedure will allow the alumni association to continue receiving returns from the Post Office that notifies us of address changes or if the post card is

undeliverable. Those who do not have access to the internet have the option of contacting the division's communications office for a printed copy of the Web version.

As I see it, there are a number of pros and cons related to the new procedure. The pros are: 1) the current newsletter and previous issues will always be available to alumni via the Web site, 2) they will be available in full color, including the pictures, 3) the newsletters will be much less expensive to produce and distribute, and 4) there's no firm limit on the length of the newsletter or on the number of pictures that could be included.

On the con side: 1) alumni who do not have Internet access may not respond to our offer to supply a hardcopy of the *Mustang Review* via snail mail; 2) the processing and

accounting for those alumni requiring hard copy may be substantial, 3) the familiarity and comfort of the system in existence since 1988 will change for most alumni, and 4) the costs for printing and mailing the *Mustang Review* are increasing each year.

There are clearly a variety of views on this issue based on a number of comments that I have received from a number of GMAA Class Representatives. If you have any comments/reaction to this change in distribution, please call the Falls Church City Public Schools Office of Communications at 703-248-5699.

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George Mason Athletic Hall of Fame Activity

Progress continues on the planning for the selection of the next George Mason Athletic Hall of Fame class. Plans now call for that selection process to begin later this year or early next year with the goal of announcing the next class in 2006. In the meantime, a number of successes have been realized through the combined help and support of the George Mason Athletic Boosters, the George Mason Athletic Department, and the Alumni Association.

As you will note in the article on the new Falls Church middle school in this *Mustang Review*, a brand new gymnasium has been included in the middle school. This gym will be the home for many of the GM varsity and junior varsity sporting events, including basketball, and will be available for use in the upcoming 2005/2006 school year. We have been fortunate to have

been given space near the entrance to the new gym for the purpose of constructing a permanent display of the GM Athletic Hall of Fame inductees. Planning is well along on securing an appropriate display case for the 16 GM Athletic Hall of Fame Members.

We are also working on plans to dedicate the new display during one of the athletic events in the December 2005 timeframe, possibly between a girls and boys varsity double header basketball game.



Workers install bleachers in the 1000-seat Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School Gym, which will be able to host regional tournaments.

For updates on this event, please refer to the main page on the GMAA Web site at www.gmhcaa.org. Special thanks to **Joel Hamme** from the GM Boosters and to **Tom Horn**, the GM Athletic Director, for their tremendous help and enthusiasm on this endeavor.

In Memoriam

Mel Drisko, '53 (2005)
Barbara Wall Bond '57 (2005)
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John George Boobas '62 (2005)
Thomas T. Graham '62 (2005)
Mike Allan '66 (2005)
Mimi Manly '66 (2005)
Mark Alan Ford '77 (2004)
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Class Representative News

By Scott Sager, GMAA President

I would like to thank outgoing class reps **Warren Suleske '64, Adrienne Fifer '69, Barbara Gibson Simons '69, and Judy Downer '77** for their very valuable help and support to the George Mason Alumni Association over the years. In addition, I want to recognize several new class representatives: **Barry Buschow '67, Barbie Watkins Blood '69, Vanessa Trasmonte '03, and Caitlin Wright '03.**

Please note that we need volunteers to represent the classes of 1977, 1990, 2004, and 2005. If you are interested, please send me an email: scotts1147@aol.com.

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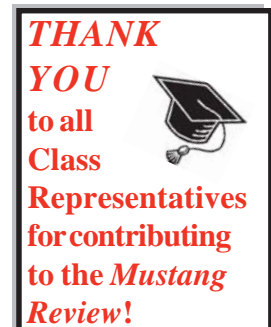
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2004 & 2005:

We need volunteers!





Class Notes

Alumni Teachers and Administrators

By Nancy Birindelli

I have received no messages from staff to include in this newsletter. Please let me know what is going on in your lives, former staff members! See the address/email below.

New retirees to join the ranks of former employees are the following: **Annette McAlevy, Barbara Morris, Richard Peloquin, Sally Rosholt, Jan Ruhl, Jane Singleton, and Bonnie Whiting.**

The Agnes Meyer Teacher of the Year was **Mary Jo Webster** - band teacher for TJ, GMMS and GMHS.

I live on the Outer Banks of North Carolina and my next door neighbor is **Dr. George Thoms**, GMHS principal for about 20 years in the '60-'80's. He is still employed and is the headmaster of an international school of ballet in the District; a job that he says is the best he has ever had! Other Falls Church staff members who own property close

to us on OBX include **Nancy DePasquale, Marge Albert, Joan Tannenbaum, and Mary Beth Williams.** Come visit any time!

Let me hear from you! Nancy Birindelli, 303 Sea Oats Trail; Southern Shores, NC 27949; 252-261-3915; email: [Bbirindelli@aol.com](mailto:bbirindelli@aol.com)

Classes of 1953/54

By Lynn Llewellyn & Patti Regan Carson

We are sorry to report the death on June 23rd of **Mel Drisko** '53, who had been battling cancer for some time. Mel will be interred at Arlington Cemetery on Monday, September 12 at 1:00 p.m. Members of the class are invited to attend. Mel was voted the Most Athletic male student of the class of 1953. He was a West Point graduate and a platoon leader in Vietnam. Our thoughts are with Mel's wife Jane and his family.

Many members of our class are still discussing the joyous 50th/51st reunion celebration, which was held in conjunction with the delightful class of 1955, as part of the larger George Mason all-class reunion in June 2004. We recovered sufficiently to meet again at our annual Christmas party and, most recently,

to gather at a picnic at the home of **Louise and Vince Charlton** in June. Somehow we never run out of things to talk about — from our long-ago adventures while attending Thompson House in 1951-1952 while George Mason was being built (see below) to our present-day lives which include, for a number of us, not only our own adventures but those of our children, grandchildren, and for some of us, great-grandchildren. For many of us, reminiscing is the thing we do best.

In the last edition of the *Mustang Review* (Winter 2005), there was a front-page article about the presentation of a class gift from the classes of 1953-1954 of a portrait painted by Roberta Lintner of Thompson House — the first George Mason High School — to Mary Ellen Shaw, then Falls Church Superintendent of Schools. The presentation was made by Lynn Llewellyn and Arlan Kinney ('53). Below is a reprint of an article about Thompson House that was written by Lynn and given to the school system at the time of the picture's presentation. It is an interesting history about the very beginnings of George Mason High School. There were many times when the school's very existence was in doubt.

THOMPSON HOUSE: A BRIEF HISTORY

by Lynn Llewellyn, '53

The year was 1951. Harry Truman was nearing the end of his presidency. Meanwhile, a bitter war was being fought up and down the Korean Peninsula with no end in sight. The stalemate pitting United Nations' forces against those of North Korea and the Chinese

People's Republic was to continue into the Eisenhower Administration. On the home front, television was coming of age, and a new series called "I Love Lucy" starring actress Lucille Ball made its debut. Rock and Roll was about to turn the music world on its ear, and a small

fast food business called McDonald's first opened its doors.

Toward late summer, an acrimonious dispute over the funding and direction of the Falls Church public school system was beginning to turn ugly. The City of Falls Church had

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reached a population of 5000 and, according to existing state law, was required to establish its own school system. The complexity of the issues and the many actors involved in the controversy defy easy description. Nonetheless, the impact of the dispute on Falls Church students, and particularly those about to enter the 10th and 11th grades, are of concern here and deserve retelling.

In a nutshell, completion of the new Falls Church City high school - a “marble palace” as portrayed by one vocal critic of the project - was delayed in part by a shortage of steel, a legacy of the Korean conflict. How to deal with this problem became the subject of heated debate. Some suggested that an accord could be reached between the Fairfax County and the fledgling Falls Church school systems, allowing city students to return to the local county high school until construction was completed. Various newspaper editorials appeared to support this solution; instead, a more contentious option was chosen. Together with other temporary facilities, city officials entered into an agreement to rent space in an old Victorian-style frame house on Sleepy Hollow Road near Seven Corners. The house belonged to Edith Thompson and was henceforth referred to as the “Thompson House.” The controversial plan called for 10th and 11th grade city students to attend classes at Thompson House, while students entering the 12th grade would return to the old Falls Church High School on Cherry Street.

Predictably, the Thompson House decision did not sit well with disgruntled members of the community. The existing Falls Church School Board (architects of the plan) found themselves pitted against the City Council and an ad hoc citizens’ group calling itself the Falls Church School Emergency Committee. The dispute was joined by the city volunteer fire marshal, who referred to Thompson House as a “fire hazard,” and by the city building inspector who found the dwelling to be “structurally unsafe.” In essence, by early September it appeared likely that classes would not begin on time.

Despite the dire predictions, sufficient repairs were made to permit school to start on schedule. But what about the students themselves? Truth be told, many were not happy about transferring to Thompson House. Friendships forged since elementary school days were severed, often the result of a meandering line on a map that sometimes separated school children in adjacent homes on the same city block. To prospective students, here was an old house with peeling paint, falling shutters, and prominent grease spots on the walls. The new school had no name and no tradition, and a host of unfamiliar teachers. The plight of incoming students is best exemplified by what now may well be an urban legend. As the story goes, a newly hired physical education instructor from Falls Church High School stepped out of his car into a rain-swollen pothole in the Thompson House driveway and promptly vowed never to return — and didn’t. As if conditions could not get much worse, the embattled Falls Church School Board resigned en masse in October after what the *Washington Post* characterized as a

“campaign of unremitting harassment” by opponents.

It seems remarkable in retrospect that, despite the obstacles to a quality education, teachers and students alike accepted the situation as a challenge and pulled together, forging a bond that has become stronger with each passing year. Thompson House had no cafeteria, only “brown-bag” lunches that probably nurtured social relationships. There were no athletic facilities, yet the school fielded a touch football team that went undefeated and was a harbinger of better days to come. There were no science labs, but students persevered and many went on to rewarding careers in academia, public service, and private industry.

Thompson House was abandoned in 1952 upon completion of the new city high school. The “marble palace” became George Mason Junior Senior High School, which was dedicated on October 10, 1952. The new school housed grades seven through twelve, totaling 452 students. Faculty members included 22 full-time and five part-time teachers, many of whom began their careers at Thompson House. It seems safe to say that the talent, spirit, and enthusiasm of the teaching staff — beginning with the Thompson House experience — have made George Mason High School what it is today. As **Cathy Cockrill**, the school’s first women’s physical education teacher, observed: “If I were told to erase all but one year of teaching from memory, that first year . . . would be my keeper. Not only were the students great, but the parents were fully supportive and the camaraderie among the faculty was terrific.”

(*Class Notes* continued)

Class of 1955

By Maggie Koontz Stewart & Judy Potter Brown

The class of 1955 celebrated its 50th reunion the last weekend of June. Many thought it the very best of all reunions. It was a grand, low key and busy affair. Attendance was extremely good (39 in all – including many spouses), and everyone was very pleased with the event. **Don Jones, Maggie Koontz Stewart, Judy Potter Brown, Bob Koontz, and Gail Hodges Carroll** made sure all the events were just perfect. **Jane Anderson Moon** and **Judy** did an almost unbelievable job of putting together a class of 1955 “Biographies of Class Members” where we all could catch up with each other. Those of you who were not able to attend the event will be able to get a copy of the booklet. Just let

Judy know, nothing went wrong with any event! Some classmates toured a much-changed-from-when-we-went-there George Mason Friday afternoon and then joined others at **Don and Dianne’s** house in Falls Church for a wonderful afternoon and evening. Food was provided by the host in a delightful setting that made you think you were in a country estate. Some souls even danced. Saturday was for exploring Falls Church and various sites in D.C. proper or visiting with family and friends. Then Saturday evening we all met at



'55 Sat. dinner - JoAnn Watkins Peterson and Maggie Koontz Stewart deep in conversation. In the background, Jeff Feagin likewise.



'55, left to right: Allan Lassen, Byron Martin, Irene Czechanski Werntz, Don Jones, Bill Breit, Phil Werntz



'55: Fifty years haven't dimmed their irreverent sense of humor.

Bertucci's private room in Herndon for a family-style, extremely tasty Italian spread. An excellent menu, much merriment and good cheer made the three hours the dinner lasted speed by. Most had, by that time, read the biographies and were so at ease that you would have thought we had met every year since '55. And it was not over yet. Sunday we all met at **Maggie and Bill's** house for lunch which lasted until dinnertime. By then it was certain there would be another occasion to redo what we had just enjoyed for three days.

So who came? From the West Coast **Jeff, MaryAnne McGillis** (Cissie, who recently moved from NM to Port Orchard, WA) and **Jane Anderson Moon** – from Texas **Ann Albaugh Quarles** and Herschel and from Colorado, **Bill Breit** – Mid-westerner **Judy Potter Brown**, and from WVA **Pat Smith Getson**, who persevered through a travel nightmare to get from WA state to attend. As for those coming from the East, well they were very well represented – Floridian **Karl Gould**; Pennsylvanians **Karl** and Marilyn **Larew** and **Nancy McCarthy**; New Yorkers **Mary Jane Clark Wild** (soon to move to Bucks County, PA) and

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Byron Martin and Marianna, who brought some wine for our very own wine tasting; Marylanders **Dick Fisher**, **Allan Lassen**, and **Jack Zimmer**. Last, but certainly not least, were the Virginians **Irene Czechanski Werntz** and Phil, **Butch Ebert**, **Beverly Eubank Evans**, **Hank Farrell** and Laura, **David Harrison** and Judith, **Donna Hinshaw Berger** and **Bill** (GM '56), **Gail Hodges Carroll** and Lynn, **Don Jones**, **Maggie Koontz Stewart** and Bill, **Bob Koontz** and Margaret, **Jane Rumley Etheridge** and Bennie, and **JoAnn Watkins Peterson** and **Ray** (GM '56). Bless all our classmates who came from afar, and those around here who have never given up that this could be a world class affair. And it was.

Documenting the entire weekend was **Nancy McCarthy** with her amazing digital camera. Nancy plans to burn her images into a CD that she will send to all attendees – her gift to all of us. Incidentally, if

you are looking for a beautiful book to give as a gift, look for a book of photographs entitled *On Safari*.” Many of **Mac’s** photographs appear in this beautiful book containing, “A number of images shot in Africa in 2004.”

Jo Peterson (also known as Jo Ann, Grandma Jo, JoJo and whatever comes to mind) **summed up the passage of time:** “Fifty years have past since graduation from George Mason High School. Sometimes it seems like yesterday and at other times I can’t remember a thing. You’ve probably experienced the same thing. In those 50 years I’ve gone from a “Mustang” to a “Hokie” to a “Mountaineer,” from being single to married, to a Mom of three to a grandma of five, from young and firm to older and less firm (actually flabby) and wrinkled. I wouldn’t trade any of those years that have passed. But actually old and wrinkled isn’t bad and has brought me a certain freedom.”

By the way, if anyone is interested in a get-away, the **Petersons** have a place on a NC beach they could rent you. North Topsail Beach is a 22-mile barrier island 30 miles north of Wilmington, NC. It is approxi-



'55: Don Jones and Jane Rumley Etheridge

mately 325 miles from Warrenton, VA. “Our townhouse is across the street from the beach. You can see the ocean from the kitchen sliding glass door. The living room view is of the Intra-Coastal Waterway. There are three bedrooms with decks off each and two and a half baths. One bedroom has a king sized bed, another has a queen sized bed, and the third has a bunk bed with twin on top and double on bottom. There is a washer and dryer for your use. Linens and towels are available for your use. If you use them they must be washed and put back in linen closet before you leave. There are no beach towels, however. The kitchen has an electric range, microwave oven, coffee maker, blender, toaster, toaster oven and all necessary pots and pans. Dishes and flatware for eight are provided.” If you are interested, contact **Jo** or **Ray** at 910-328-0284 (NC) or 540-347-0956 (VA) for further details.

As soon as we all left, **Maggie** went to work preparing for another gallery showing as well as preparing two of her prints that were selected for a calendar made up of images “. . . done by printmakers (300 made)



'55, left to right: Bennie Etheridge, Nancy McCarthy & Karl Gould

with original hand pulled work. I have 140 prints to do and one of my pieces became the cover for the calendar, too. It needed to be in bl/wh and a certain size to reduce and I submitted three. Was surprised at the one chosen—juror was the curator at the Library of Congress Print Room.”

So, to the Class of '55, keep us posted on all your comings and goings. Continue to contact **Mag** (stewws@aol.com) and **Judy** (jubrown@myway.com) with your news, and if you are changing your contact information (address, phone #, e-mail), contact **Karl Gould** at KGEg@tampabay.rr.com, who has kindly offered to take over keeping our class's contact sheet up to date and to continue searching for “lost” classmates. After all, as **Bill Breit** said, “I hope we can get together again in five years before we all get too darn old.”

Classes of 1956 & 1957 by **Terp & Pal Palmer**

Fifty is an important number and we're all getting close to that special graduation. It doesn't seem possible but the calendar says it's true. We've started making some preliminary inquiries but we want this to be your reunion. We're working on some options, questions, etc. and we'd like to have your input. Send an email to terppat@aol.com with your phone number and we'll send you the questionnaire. That will help us with final decisions and facilitate communication—if you don't use email, send us a note and we'll know that we have to use regular mail. This

information is becoming even more important with the possibility that *Mustang Review* might need to be done via email.

The Class of '56 received an email from **Tom Berry** who's expressed interest in attending our next reunion. We also sent him addresses for some of his old friends, so we hope they're all getting excited about a reunion. We also heard from **Danny & Ellyn Capper**. They're now dividing their time between Stuart, Florida and Maryland. Ellyn said that Danny's loving golf! We received a wonderful newsy letter from **Barbara Lunson Peterson**. She's a widow living in Austin, Texas who keeps busy with the three “G's”—grandmothering, gardening and golf. After 40 years, she and **Rosalie Stuart Scott** have reconnected and it sounds like they've had some great times with a week in Austin and a week in Pennsylvania.

This year the Class of '57 lost one of our best and brightest—**Barbara Wall Bond** died in February after a very short battle with cancer. She is survived by Ray, her husband, two daughters, four grandchildren and her mother and sister. Our sincere condolences to the whole family.

Our class also had some good news. “**Andy**” **Doug Anderson** has contacted us, so he's no longer among the missing. He lives in Lafayette, New York and works in the Math Department of Syracuse University where he's been a faculty member for 35 years. We also had an update from **Mary Rockey Myers** who's now living

in Decatur, Georgia, which is near her daughter and grandson. She's working full time for the Southern Regional Education Board and she's also looking forward to another reunion.

Please take a good look at the missing for the classes and send us any hints or info that you think might help us locate them—college attended, siblings at GM etc. You may be able to remember something we can't.

Class of 1958 By **Tiana Gillespie Camfiord**

It seems to be the “Year of the Moving Van” and I've had lots of laughs from e-mails and what '58ers are finding. Everyone is dealing with cleaning out, giving away, having yard sales, and throwing away “stuff” as they downsize. Even **BETSY O'ROARK Scheben** who was only cleaning out her “computer/laundry/painting room” says “it looks so easy on HGTV's “Mission: Reorganization” show.”

OH! PLEASE SEND E-MAIL CHANGES along with new address. Alternate e-mail address is rbc31@cox.net should my box be full. Please use GMHS in the “subject” heading so he won't accidentally dump it.

Quick decisions were made by **MARY JEAN SANDFORD Campbell** and **SUE STATTNER Gartner**. “MJ” was on a rambling beach vacation when she saw a home two blocks from the ocean in Oak Isl. NC that “spoke to her”. She's been slowly moving things

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down since March and will sell here in August. Her children are both in Charlotte, and the rest of her family thinks they will move to the area too! Sue had just retired as Dir. of Rehab. Serves at the Emory U. Hospital when she and Brian were in their favorite theater/arts district of Atlanta and saw a 2lvl. TH Condo where they could walk to all their favorite places. So away with large home on an Ac. in Sandy Springs once painting and minor repairs are quickly finished. Parting with art work might be hard, but the 12 clocks will still chime if you happen to visit them. She now has a 20 hr. (not 70) week starting health clinics throughout the city that will focus on diabetes (prevention/maintenance), and renal failure issues. They still love to travel and were in Bangkok 12/04 when the tsunami struck. Brian got bounced around in an elevator and was o.k., but they worried about recent acquaintances who were going elsewhere. Sue's best friend, **JUDY BRICKMAN Ebenstein** was "lost" last year for the reunion because she kept moving - what else does a Realtor do? She and family are fine and still in the San Fran. Bay area, and will keep a P.O. Box for ease of communication in case her web site (www.judithbrickman.com) goes down again.

GARY CROWTHER just moved into his own designed home on acreage in Opp, Alabama where he plans to become a "Horse Whisperer" and continue to write. Those with e-mail know that his book, *The Mike Group*, has been

published. To purchase it go online to **Authorhouse.com**, click on Bookstore, and enter the title, or Crowther. It's a good yarn about former special ops friends whose own caper results in finding an illegal secret gov't operation. Gary says, "tell all your friends and maybe I'll be able to buy a drill!". Er, Opp, Al is NOT supposed to be in "Hurricane Alley". I hope huge oncoming "Dennis" knows that. **MALCOLM CARPENTER** (Carpy) retired this spring and is moving "down the street" to an apt. 1/3 the size of his four level row house in Edingen-Neckarhausen (near Heidelberg) now that his son and daughter have their own lives. His daughter will be close by, and Marcus is now in DC area. Malcolm's mom (93) is still in her home in FC. Carpy wrote that **ROBERT (TOD) BECKER** and wife were by for a "short, but interesting time talking about Tod's job in Zagreb (Nato/Security). Christa got to see lots of photos from the old days." **CAROL ROSE** is going to meet herself coming and going! She will retire from Yale Jan. 1, but will return in the fall to teach 1-2 mos. course on some environmental subject. Meanwhile she is in Tucson at U.AZ where she has taken an Environmental Law Chair and will teach only the winter semester. She wrote she was "mesmerized with the desert, its vegetation and wildlife, and getting interested in the Latin Amer. and Indian influences." From June to Dec. she will be in Portland, OR where a lot of her family is relocating. Carol's best friend since 7th grade, **EMILY HOROWITZ Kramer** is NOT

taking Carol's move very well. A NYC "cave dweller" she says two weeks at their Long Isl. beach house is enough! Tucson? All that space, sand, mountains - unbelievable! Plus you have to drive! But Em finally got her wish and is downsizing to another co-op with about 1,000 sq.ft. It is in a lovely old building w/11'+ ceilings a few blocks west on Riverside Dr.

The beach crowd now includes **RAIFORD PIERCE** who bought a getaway home at St. Simon, GA. His Executive Travel office just moved to new location in DC and he has NO plans to retire. **LARRY MANWARING** wrote a touching letter about his three yrs. in Germany as a Mission President for the Mormon Church. He and Madeline touched the lives of over 400 missionaries whose "work in a secular society is often not easy." They were given a great surprise ovation during their last Stake (diocese) Conference from over 800 congregates. He is considering retiring as an ENT Dr. when they return to Warrenton in Aug. His dad had moved to Utah with brother Ted and sister Janice ('54?) and died shortly before his 100th birthday. All three sons have married; the youngest is living in Geneva, Switz. and has the first grandchild so Larry hopes they will be returning there often. If he retires maybe we will be able to have a get-tog. and visit for the first time!

NANCY EDWARDS Brockman who moved to the Charlottesville area had sent a long letter on all her activities, chairmanships, and I have apparently misfiled it. Let me just say if it has anything to do with fine

arts, music programs, new dance companies in the Piedmont region, she is probably in charge and loving it! Some travel notes: **NASH GIFFORD** loved a week in Big Bend, TX area where **LESLIE GILMORE Vandivere's** early years were spent. Leslie no longer needs a cane as now both ankles are "fixed" and I think she outdid **STEVE** on a recent trek in the Catskills. **MARY JEAN** finally got to N. Italy, and Alaska, **JACKIE ABRAMSON Benton** and daughter were in London for 10 days and do you want to know that **JIM BYRNE** is on his bike again- this time from SLC to Alaska! You may not know that **PATT MANLY Bower** lost her youngest sister Mimi ('66) to a sudden heart attack in March. **JANE ST. JOHN** officiated at the beautiful memorial service in FC. It was a celebration of life that we were privileged to share.

In closing (yeah) Bob and I would like to move as he swears we are fast approaching a scene from "The Collier Bros." who, in the 1950's, were found dead in their NYC brownstone among stacks of newspapers, books, journals, magazines, files - even years of trash! (I think the last is an unfair comparison!) We haul books to the used book stores and yet the shelves do not empty so I'm thinking they have a secret sex life when you turn off the lights...(along w/my GMHS/AA files).

Class of 1959 **By Clare Neuberg Dix**

Many thanks to the class members who sent items for this newsletter!

As with life there is good news and there is bad news. Family dynamics change, people are changing locations but life goes on. I wish everyone could be here so we could talk in person instead of me wondering if my participles are dangling!!

In May **Pat Gentry Hedetniemi** and Tom were in town from Michigan visiting relatives. Pat and I had a fun afternoon reminiscing about the last reunion. Each year, in addition to shoveling LOTS of snow, she and Tom love to travel. They manage to see close friends Bob and **Joanna Michael Myers** several times. This July they will accompany them to Bermuda. Pat reports Bob and Joanna's triplet grandchildren are now very active four-year-olds!

Several years ago I got an email from Australia from **David John Glyn-Coleman**. You may remember him from 6th grade at Madison or through 8th at GM. His father was the Australian Air attache'. In response to my request for interesting tidbits he sent the following:

"Hi All: Thanks to the consideration of Clare Rae Dix I now can say 'Hi' to former school buddies from my two year excursion into the Falls Church community circa 1952-54. Check out www.brahmans.net for my last 20 years of endeavor and www.maroochy2025.net for my current social and cultural stimulation. I also have a picture of my BSA Troop 123 but can only identify **Billy Hansen, Kenneth Styles, and Tommy Fouche**. You'll find me in the '54 Mustang under **Allan Berman** just in case

you are mystified who the h— David J G Coleman is ;-) Hope you are enjoying summer...right now I'm in my track suit keeping warm in an unheated farm house in similar circumstances to Virginia...no ice or snow but chilly nonetheless. Ciao D" David has been in the outback a LONG time and would welcome any correspondence!

In May Dennis and I enjoyed a visit from **Ellie and Bill Hansen**. They were in the States for more than 15 weeks. They have shared-missions in France with 20 churches, and numerous individuals, traveling roughly 9000 miles in the process of visiting them. They arrived back in Paris on June 7th. Bill sends the following: "Greetings to all 59'ers and GM graduates everywhere, from Paris, France. July 4th in the USA, July 14th in France, July 28th in Peru are the dates for celebrating Independence Day in those countries. It is astonishing to realize that virtually every free nation on earth today, including France, owes that freedom to our 4th of July in one way or another. It is awesome to remember that it was in the smallest colony, later to become the smallest state, Rhode Island, that freedom of religious expression was written into a governing document for the first time in the history of the world! John Smith and Roger Williams, both Baptists, placed those words into the Bill of Rights, and set the framework for applying the Biblical promise "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD" into legitimate political structure. In the New Testament, the principle is clarified and directly linked to the Lord Jesus Christ. "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the

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Lord is, there is LIBERTY.” (2 Corinthians 3:17). Our founding fathers all knew this, the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence knew it and were willing to die for it. Most of them did. Patrick Henry, one of our founding fathers made famous by his declaration in March 1775 “Give me liberty or give me death”, also said, “It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ”. To lose the overt recognition of Jesus Christ will be followed by the loss of our freedom. “Not by power, nor by might, but by my Spirit saith the LORD.” Have a great summer! May the Lord be honored in all that we do. Bill and Ellie Jer33:3

Howard Gebeaux writes from the Northern Neck: “I can’t tell of anything exotic, or tell of travels far away. All I can tell is I have pushed into new areas with my ‘retired-interest’ in computer graphics combined with my life-long love of photography. I have two ‘pieces’ entered into an exhibit/competition of the Colonial Beach Art League, or something like that. The works were displayed over the July 4 weekend. I’m preparing to seek exhibitions and sales elsewhere, unless the laughter gets too loud! What I’m doing is taking my photography, now digital, into what I see as the “art” realm through Photo Shop and Painter, two wonderful programs for the computer nerds out there. Many of my photographs are on this Web site, www.pbase.com/hgebeaux, in case you want to waste a few

moments. Otherwise, my mother - Ruth Gebeaux - just turned 91 and is doing fine. She’d love to hear from anyone who had her as a teacher at Madison.” - Howard

The class extends it’s sympathy to **Fred McBride** on the death of his wife Margo in December. In November **John Dillon’s** father died at 92 years and in April **Leon Luther Rix** lost mother Marian.

John sends the following: I am thoroughly enjoying my semi-retirement since the end of 2003. I was elected to the Board of Directors of Encysive Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Houston-based public specialty pharmaceutical company in 2004. Gail and I also enjoy our two grandchildren, Dillon (age 6) and Connor (age 5), who live only 15 minutes away from us. We are now ensconced at our summer home on Long Beach Island, NJ until mid-September. I hope all is well with you. Best regards, **John Dillon**.

For the last couple years I have received some interesting email from **Leonard Vandivere**. As I type this he is returning to the States ‘for good.’ He writes: “I finally have some clarity about my future. When I came to Iraq, I signed a one year contract which would have finished on 10/31/04. I agreed to stay until the end of the USAID contract – end of March 2005. Then the contract was extended to May 9 2005 and I agreed to see that to the end. All the while, the company and I agreed that I would remain here until June 30 at the latest to allow them time to recruit my replacement ... I have been asked to take on

some consulting work for the corporate office back in North Carolina when I return. The first assignment looks like it will take about three months so I guess that I will be in the States until at least October – maybe later.”

Len continues, in part, in email of July 3rd ... "Arriving on a major holiday weekend is not conducive to getting settled in. I managed to get a cell phone from Cingular...The number is 757-362-8670"

Priscilla Hymers Staebler writes briefly: “We settled on our house in FC yesterday and will settle on the house in Lewes July 11 although we will not be moving until end of July. The house address is 34552 Maple Drive, Lewes, DE, 19958.” (Priscilla will send me email addresses after they get settled.)

Jack Garver writes the following from Florida: “Things are going great in sunny Ft. Lauderdale. Still working with clients in VA so get up about four times a year. Mike, our English bull is celebrating his third birthday this August and he is everything a Bulldog should be, faithful, lazy and beautiful. We have finally finished renovating the house and have started to entertain which has been fun and opened up our circle of friends. The new kitchen, which had been nearly unusable, was a challenge but the man that built the cabinets did an amazing job. It has also brought me several new clients. The grandchildren count is now at 10; ages from 14 to one. I get to see most of them on a regular basis, keeping up with their progress. And of course, they are all brilliant and beautiful ... Jack”

Jim Scott also in Florida writes the following: “Dorothy and I embark for a trip to China on July 7. We’ll be there for about two weeks. We plan to visit Beijing, Qufu (pronounced Chewfoo), Suzhou, and Shanghai with an overnight in Seoul, Korea. This is our first trip to the East, and we are really looking forward to it. We’ve been studying Mandarin, but as relatively easy as languages come to us, this one’s a bear! We’ll be sightseeing mostly but also will be exploring some possible opportunities to teach and consult there. Who knows? Last November Dorothy and I applied to the Peace Corps. The application process is almost as hard as Mandarin. We have been nominated for a couples assignment, but we know not where, and we know not when, but the process takes about 12 to 14 months, and Africa seems likely since 30% of its assignments are in Africa. This means that we could be leaving for God knows where and when for a 27-month tour, and lots has to be done to rearrange our current life in order for it to happen; suffice it to say, we are busy. Last month we had grandchild numereo seis, Annabelle Christine Scott - a new sister for my son’s twins. We needed another Princess anyway, and this one is just as precious as the other one; it’s now four (boys) to two Princesses. Dorothy is leaving her solo psych practice at the end of September and will retire. I am still at the handyman business, but maybe it’s like retirement in that I work as much or as little as I like, and when I like. I may be retired, but I’m not sure what that really is. I think I may

have retired sometime during my sophomore year at GM and have been retired ever since. Heck, if retired life is as good as they say it is, then I’m sure that’s when I retired. We plan some domestic travel in October to see fall in New England, check on “Scott Mountain”, WV and make the rounds to see the kids and grand kids before we take off again. Hope all is well for you and all others in Class ’59. Everyday is a blessing! Jim”

About ten years ago, in my quest to encourage folks to attend the reunion, I called **Kay Bronson Wittes**. At the time she was teaching in California and there were always calendar conflicts between reunion dates and teaching obligations. Kay assured me that when she retired she would attend our reunion. I was especially pleased to receive the following from her last week: “First, I am promising myself to come to the big 50th reunion. The 45th looked like nothing but fun and that’s inspiring. After more than 30 years teaching in Sonoma Valley near Santa Rosa, California, I am two years retired. Time flies by with golfing, lunching with friends, walking, reading and working on our Web sites. My husband Jim has been fascinated with computers since the 1970s. And, I have always been looking for kid-connected applications. Our latest ventures may interest grandparents and parents from GM. Visit www.educapers.org and www.itsmystory.net. Hopefully, the sites will speak for themselves when you check them out. They are FREE + FUN + EDUCATIONAL and continue to evolve. We both

love feedback and I can be found at kay@wittes.org. I faithfully peruse the *Mustang Review* as I love reading all the newsy tidbits. Clare, have a great weekend. I still remember how wonderful a Washington, DC Fourth of July celebration can be. Kay Bronson Wittes”

Steve Callanen writes from the Delaware shores: “Clare said ‘please send me something’ for the *Mustang Review*, so I impulsively cranked-up the volume on one of my *Rockin’ Class of ‘59* tapes and the first thing that came to mind was the wonderful reunion that we enjoyed last June, especially the *Fever* script from Garrison Keillor’s *A Prairie Home Companio*’ radio show with Mr. Baker, Jim Scott, complaining that, *I’m itching like a man on a fuzzy tree*; and Dr. Able, Emmy McRae Olah, responding, ‘Just pee in the plastic cup.’ The fun events and laughs of that weekend often seem like only yesterday and sometimes like ages ago. To keep the blood flowing to my remaining memory cells I’m faithfully taking Lipitor and enteric coated aspirin. Our next GM reunion can’t come too soon. Occasionally this guy who hated to read in high school takes time out from his Sierra Club efforts, aimed at saving the planet, to delight in a little reading. For classmates, especially sailor comrades, that enjoy spirit lifting true-life adventure stories *Sailing Alone Around the World*, by Joshua Slocum, and *Tinkerbell*, by Robert Manry are absolute musts. *First You Have to Row a Little Boat*, a short easy read by Richard Bode, is jam packed with life’s profound

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lessons, including wisdom about memories that could be linked to class reunions. Bode is 'overwhelmed by the power of remembrance ... as far back as my human memory goes.' *September in the Rain*, Peter Levinson's book about the genius of Nelson Riddle got me hooked on collecting recordings by the many artists for whom he arranged music. How many can you name, after Frank Sinatra and Nat King Cole? Best regards to all. Take care, keep laughing and keep listening to those '50's hits, Steve"



'61: Class Representative Judy Fischer White

Over the years the reunion committee has tried various "search" methods to try to locate missing folks. In the past few months I am pleased to say I have 'found' two. Here again...good news and bad news. First came an email in March from the long lost **Melinda Harris Maddox Boyers**! She lives in Baltimore, is a widow with three grown children. I hope to have more to share with you in the future. The next was **John Owens Lundgren**. I placed a phone call (disconnected) and wrote a letter. Weeks passed...at last I got a phone call. It was from the executrix of his estate, Kim, daughter of his long-time companion. John died the week I placed that call. The irony of it is we have looked for him for over 45 years and missed making contact by just days. John was in the Army, then became an accountant in California. John is survived by his daughter from his first marriage.



61 - Mandy Bulwinkle Armstrong

Some time ago Steve sent me the following quote. I think it is good, worth remembering. When the next reunion rolls around (OUR FIFTIETH!!) I will probably pull it out again: "Some people say you can never go home or return to a place once loved, or recapture a friendship left behind. Time, life, circumstances and fate all have their way of changing who we are and altering beyond all recognition memories or feelings until they finally seem like part of a dream or an illusion. But I knew I had to go back to Thursday Island and I am glad that I didn't wait any longer than I did." - Quote from recently published book entitled "The Bird Man and The Lap Dancer," by Eric Hansen, p.45. I submit that class reunions help to prevent "altering beyond all recognition memories or feelings until they finally seem like part of a dream or an illusion."

Class of 1961

By Judy Fischer White

A grand time was had by all when we celebrated yet another milestone, a reunion celebrating 44 years since graduation! We shared our celebration with the class of



'61: Classmates enjoy dinner: Sitting (l to r) Lee Meyer, Jerry (Puckett '62) Monroe, Jack Monroe, Peter Meyer '60, Mike McQuary '60; standing (l to r) Anita McQuary, Bud Roeder '60 and Lisa Roeder



'61: (L-R) **Bette Brown Chinnners, Pat Schiavi Kendall, & Judy Fischer White**

1960 and the festivities lasted from Friday evening, June 24 through a Sunday picnic at Cherry Hill Park. Our "opening ceremony" was a lovely reception at the home of **Bud** and **Lisa Roeder** followed on Saturday by a tour of our alma mater and dinner and dancing at the McLean Hilton. A reunion is a very level playing field and we enjoyed each other's company so much... re-acquainting, storytelling, hugging, and a great deal of laughter. We missed you and you can bet your name came up if you were not there! Our classmates traveled from many Virginia cities; Florida; South Carolina; Maryland; New Hampshire; and **Pat Schiavi Kendall** traveled the greatest distance from Seattle. We were thrilled to welcome **Steve** and **Sonia Culbertson** back to the states after 34 years in El Salvador. 'GM Couple' in attendance? **Grant and Mandy Armstrong**, still looking happy and readying for retirement.

Although some of us had not seen each other since the 25th we all minded our manners per: Ann Landers Reunion Rules: no remarks about our weight changes, bald spots, and wrinkles. I assure you,

however, that our smiles are still the same when we see each other. **Mark Your Calendars...** we have already scheduled the next reunion! June, 2009 at the GM "all class" reunion weekend. I do hope you will plan to join us as **Pam Clark** has offered to help me make it a very memorable time (haven't you Pam?). Please

send me your e-mail address so that I can keep you updated... I would love to hear from you.

Please keep **Tim Lee** and **Pat Schiavi Kendal** in your prayers. Our thoughts and prayers also go to **Nadine Gaseau Held** who lost her dad the day before she was to travel to the reunion.

Should you have any information about the following classmates, please let me know: **Sylvia Booth; Bill Brush; Tony Burden; Carl Grabher; Patsy Griffin; Ann Haynie; Steve Hough; Olive Huard; Charles Johnson; Tom Johnson; Donna Jones;**



'61 **Steve Culbertson, Pat Schiavi Kendal, & Howard Busbee**



'61 **Front row: Mrs. Steve Culbertson, Betty (Brown) Chinnners, Bill Hodges, Mrs. Bill Hodges, Mary Frase, Evelyn Cheatham (with husband Larry in blue jeans). Back row: Howard Busbee, Pat Schiave, Steve Culbertson, Grant Armstrong, Michael Kelly, John Tvelia, Barbara Busbee, Bruce Lehman, Larry Cheatham (jeans), Jerry Johnston (shorts), Dave Hastie, Judy (Fischer) White.**

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Mary Lauby; Frances Lyden; Barbara McCallum; Allen Orr; Nancy Swain; Don Thomas; and Oscar Freire, our foreign exchange student.

A note to those who did not attend ... I am not kidding when I say you are missed! Sometimes it's nice to take a short trip to the past. Please keep in touch. -Judy

Class of 1963

By Bill Laing

It's always nice to hear from a *long* lost classmate, especially one who left before our class graduated. In February, I had an email from **Ellen Kelly Cinq-Mars**. Ellen attended George Mason in 7th and 8th grade before moving to Houston. She also attended Madison Elementary School for all six grades. She now resides in Gastonia, North Carolina. Welcome back, Ellen.

A number of classmates have notified me of both mailing address changes and email changes. As you have probably read in this newsletter, the *Mustang Review* will be available primarily online in the future. I have emails for a large percent of our class but I need you to send me your current email and any mailing address change in the last two years. If the only email you have is at work and your boss doesn't mind infrequent emails, send us that address. Please take time now to send me both addresses. Thanks.

I do have new mailing addresses for **Don Roth, Skip Hamberg, and Skip Strickler**.

You should be able to view our class reunion picture on the GMAA Web site: www.gmhsaa.org and also the individuals are identified in the picture, which was missing from the last newsletter.

Linda Rains

Ragsdale is also maintaining our class site @ <http://mysite.verizon.net/ragsdale>. She is always looking for more pictures, especially those classmates who were unable to attend the last Reunion.

Judy Strup Sierra's WILD

ABOUT BOOKS, recently received the Irma S. and James Black Award for Excellence in Children's Literature. I guess that's a good excuse for missing the reunion?

Have a safe summer and don't forget to forward your email and any snail mail address changes.

Class of 1964

By Kathy Ware

As you may have noticed, **Warren Suleske's** name is no longer listed as a representative. His life since retirement has become busier than ever and he really doesn't have any time to spare. I want to thank him for being such a great co-rep. We worked together for almost ten years and I will miss his help. I do, however, still expect him to send me updates on people he hears



'61, left to right: Pam (Clark) Moore, Donald G. Moore, Mandy Armstrong, and Grant Armstrong.

from. He and Darla are busy at their home in Clarksville and are close enough to get together with **Cliff Rowland** and his wife Susan. Fishing seems to take up a lot of his time, too.

So now, all '64 classmates will have to be sure and send me their information. Since the last edition of the *Mustang Review*, I've heard from **Ann Hastie Patterson** who emailed me to let me know that she wasn't really lost. It was good to hear from you, Ann. **Judy Ingalls Hughes** also wrote to let me know what she was doing. She, too, has a really busy life and I enjoyed reading about her life now. Scott Sager, President of the Alumni Association, wrote several months ago to let me know that he'd found **Bob Waterfield**. I immediately wrote to Rick (he says "Bob" was just a phase) and have been enjoying our email correspondence. He lives in Florida and says he went there when he got back from Vietnam. He's remembered several

people from the Class and I got him in touch with **Paul Vick**. Seems like they were friends and the “band” played a big part in that. He remembered **Bob Schleeper** and I was sorry to let him know that Bob passed away some years ago. I really feel bad because I didn’t put Bob’s name on the “In Memoriam” list at the last reunion. Bob was a great guy. Rick would like to get in touch with **Stu Vogt** but I don’t have his e-mail. Stu: drop me a line!

Speaking of email, I’d really like to have email addresses for all of you. I never release the addresses I have but will, if someone writes and indicates they want to contact someone, write to the person and give them the address of the person who wants to contact them. I don’t want my address sent out without my permission and figure the rest of you feel the same way. So, I’d appreciate it if each one of you who has not done so would send me his or her email address for my confidential list. **Jack Stevens** - I think you gave me your new email address in Virginia but I cannot find it. Please send it again.

This is not a very long article but I haven’t heard from that many of you. Hopefully, you’ll drop a line when you get a chance and this will be a longer column next time. Have a great and safe summer.

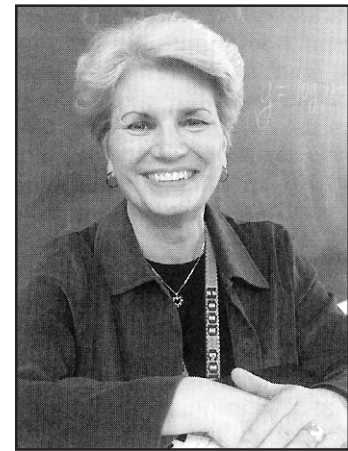
Class of 1965

By Scott Sager

I have been struck by the large number of alumni deaths that I have learned about since the last newsletter and that certainly drives home the fragility of our lives and the need

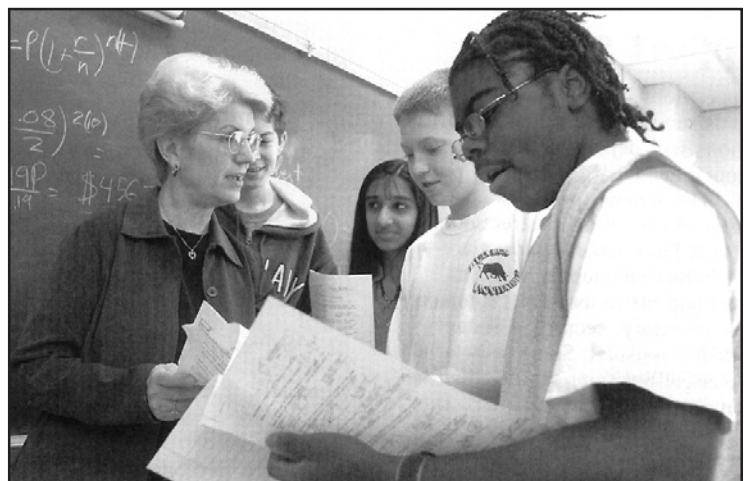
to live each day to the fullest. Four of the most recent alumni deaths were classmates who many of us either knew well, or knew of: **John Boobas** and **Trot Graham** from the Class of ’62 and **Mimi Manly** and **Mike Allan** from the Class of ’66. The news of the death of **Kathy Allan Colvin**’s younger brother was learned just before we went to press. Our sincerest condolences go out to Kathy and her family on Mike’s very sudden, and untimely death.

On a much happier note, imagine my surprise when I picked up the March 26, 2005 edition of the *Washington Post* and while scanning the Front Page section of the *Post* – there on page A-10 I saw a large, full page announcement regarding the Washington, D.C. area’s Outstanding Teachers. Curious to see if anyone from GM or Lake Braddock (where my kids went to school) was on the list, I looked at each of the recipients and lo and behold – QUAACK!!! There she was in all of her math glory – **Nancy Hebdon Roe!** Way to go Duck – a great honor, indeed – I’m sure that Mrs. Bradley and Mr. Rockwell will be very proud and Mr. Brown would also have been! Duck was one of 20 area teachers to receive this year’s Agnes Meyer



'65: Nancy Roe Hebdon - Teacher of the Year!

Outstanding Teacher Award from the *Washington Post*. This award is presented annually to one teacher from each Washington metropolitan area school district. To quote Duck in her local paper “I believe that my greatest gift as a teacher is my absolute passion for mathematics... I marvel at its logic, and I seek the thrill of seeing problems solved and applied.” Duck has been teaching for 35 years, with the last 19 years at Paint Branch HS. In a department that teaches 16 courses, Nancy has taught 13 – from pre-algebra for at-risk students to trigonometry to consumer math for seniors. Congratulations Nancy – well done!



'65: Nancy Roe Hebdon at Paint Branch High School

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As you may have seen on Page 1 of this *Mustang Review*, we are changing the way we prepare the newsletter and make it available for GM Alumni. If you have any views on this change, please send them to me as we consider our next steps prior to sending out the Winter 2005/2006 *Mustang Review* in the January/February timeframe.

I want to thank all of you who participated in the Alumni Weekend last year. It was great to see everyone. I have included another picture from that weekend for your viewing pleasure. Please drop me a note sometime and let me know what is going on in your lives so I can load up the next newsletter with '65 class information. Have a great summer and fall. Take care, Scott

Class of 1966

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

Hi, class of '66: We're sorry to report that **Mimi Manley** died this past spring. There was a small group of us at the memorial service on April 22, 2005: **Vicki Allen Bruno, Cathy Edmondson, Gayla Gibson Gamble, Jan Smart O'Kelly, Jo Briggs Freeman and Merrill Hunt McCarter**. A nice surprise: **Dot St. John's** older sister, Jane, is now a minister and she conducted the service. Dot, as you know, passed away a few years ago, a victim of cancer.

The room was full to overflowing. Those in attendance included Mimi's two sisters and brother and



'65, back row (l-r): Steve Fifer, Jim Hull, Carl Briggs, Tug Muilenburg & Bill Jonz. Middle row(l-r): Nancy Jones Hart, Linda Gray Spencer, Kathleen Cruise, Charlene Curtis McCleary, Mary Jane Hanna Champlin, Yvonne Walton Aguero, Nancy Roe Hebdon, Diane Hughes Ferguson, Kathie Edwards, Susan Dexter Benizio & Jackie Woolsey O'Brien. Front row (l-r): Scott Sager & Marjorie Horowitz.

their families, old family friends and lots of friends from Mimi's workplace with the Department of the Navy. Her boss made a presentation to Mimi's family of a plaque honoring Mimi's years of service to the Department, which they had intended to give to Mimi, had she not passed away so suddenly. (The medical report is "heart trouble" but is non-specific.)

Memories were shared by Jane St. John (a long-time friend of Pat Manly), by Mimi's co-workers, and by our own classmates, Vicki, Gayla, Jan, and Cathy. There were many humorous incidents recited, all so familiar to us because of Mimi's character, even if we were not present. The laughter rang out over and over again. And the Kleenex box was passed around the room, especially when Cathy read the words to a Jackson

Browne song, "That Girl Can Sing," which described Mimi to a tee.

After the service, the six of us went to lunch together at Ireland's Four Provinces restaurant, the Irish pub in the center of Falls Church where the old stone bank used to stand. More laughter and tears around the table. Vicki brought a scrapbook of photos from our elementary through high school years. Photos of kids were shared. News of those we've heard from and the list of those who have passed away were shared, too.

We also talked about our upcoming reunion in 2006, which will be our 40th graduation anniversary. Since the turnout at the last multi-class reunion was so small, we'd really like to have our own class get together for a reunion. We're looking for a good venue, not necessarily restricted to Falls

Church, and we could even consider a fall reunion that would be fun and mosquito-free. One idea up for consideration is to book accommodations at a lodge along Skyline Drive. This is not definite and all other suggestions and dates are open for consideration. Please, please write any of us and let us know what you want. We would love for this to be a special memory-maker for our class.

The feedback we need includes the following:

1. Would you come to our class reunion?
2. Any ideas for a good venue? If you would consider a lodge on Skyline Drive, what price range would you accept? Do you have other preferences? Some had mentioned a dinner cruise on the Spirit of Washington.
3. Any choice of fall dates (or dates to avoid)? Or do you want to stick with summer?
4. Would you like to include the rest of your immediate family in the plans?
5. Can you help with any of the following: planning, communications, arrangements, program, transportation (if necessary)? (**Noralyn, Jan, Carl Modine**, we're ready to accept your offers to help!)

Other sad news: We just found out this week that another classmate, **Mike Allan**, died at his home. We do not have any details about his death at this time. So many of us had wonderful memories of times spent with Mike.

Additionally, several of our classmates lost parents during this past

year. Jo lost her Dad in January; Joyce lost her Mom in September; **Scott Fisher** lost his Dad at Easter-time. Four others lost their Moms all within six months. Funny how we realize too late that we have a lot of questions to ask them, but now they're no longer there to reply.

Scott shared this with Jo last January. Many of you will recognize his unique style: "ways I know I am not in Washington DC #3,897: I'm at the church putting up coffee for the services that will begin this morning. It's 25 below and, as I'm in the vesting room, I feel someone watching me & glance out the window in the parking lot. There are two moose out there, staring back at me. Mother & child. The child, I notice, is the height of the parking lot Dumpster. I remind them that we're having our Annual Meeting this morning, and they slowly stroll across the lot & up the street towards the Methodist church."

You can catch up on Scott's activities via his church newsletter found at www.stmatthewschurch.org, which is an absolute joy to read. I've seldom seen a newsletter that stretches to 25 pages every month or two. It's full of pictures of Alaskan events and a column that Scott pulls together called "Voices," containing snippets of conversations heard around his parish, some amusing, some just strange. Take a look.

How about some good news?! **Jimmy Clifton**, JC the Light Lee, has been back to Brazil for more photographs, which are on his Web site at www.jcleephoto.com. Take a look.

He also went to Budapest, Hungary in April for three months. He's back in Charleston, SC, working on his photos and preparing for another show.

Speaking of artists, through Jimmy I "found" **Pat Wilson**, now Patricia Adams. Remember her pencil and pen drawings in high school? Patricia has reinvented herself as an illustrator. See samples of her excellent work on her Web site at www.pa-graphics.com.

Patricia lives in Florida and sent me some news to share: "I have nothing but wonderful memories from high school. It was great, and I believe our years were nearly the last of the "innocent" years, if you know what I mean, jelly bean! . . . In 1974, I moved to Florida and went to work for the National Enquirer. I eventually wrote stories and took pictures for the tabloids (Enquirer, Globe and National Examiner). I bought a camera and became photographer, just like that...I was trying to get that art out! Finally I had an epiphany and signed up for community college. It took me three years to get a degree." Patricia is free-lancing and encourages anyone with a need for illustrations to visit her Web site and contact her. JC has put her to work!

Sara Albright's mom still lives at her place next to the railroad tracks, which is now a hiking, biking trail. She loves to have GHMS alumni drop by to chat. If you have a moment, please drop by and say "hello". Oh, and Sara, please send your new e-mail address. Dick's work e-mail address has bounced back twice!

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I got a nice update from **Steve (Simmons) Taynton**: “I still live in Raleigh, NC and am head of School Planning for the State. I have a good life, two daughters, one son and three grandchildren (all boys). The daughters and grandchildren live in the area so we get together often. My son is in the Marines but is currently in the area for training and then will be stationed in Hawaii (thank goodness not the Middle East). We travel frequently to our vacation cabin in the NC mountains for relaxation and change of pace. I’ve visited with **Ron Williams** (also class of ’66) twice this spring. He and his wife Helena lives in Beaufort, SC and have just retired from teaching, although he still substitutes a few days a week during the winter months. He is currently busy remodeling his house. Both of us still come to the [Falls Church] area on occasion to visit family. I don’t think he has been to a reunion but may come to a future one and would appreciate a newsletter.”

Merrill and **Kay (Kinney) Cotner** just got back from a trip to Glacier National Park in Montana. They hiked daily and loved the clean air, beautiful country, and slow pace. They were able to meet with **Corey Shey** (Class of ’67) who has been working with the National Park Service for many years. Corey, his wife and two children accompanied Merrill and Kay on an 11-mile hike that took them over the continental divide. Later in the week, they were treated to delicious grilled salmon and other wonderful food while

visiting in Corey’s lakefront home. Corey’s wife and children are so nice and gracious. On the way home from Glacier, they were able to spend the night in Salt Lake City, Utah and visit with **Brad Hertz** (Class of ’67), his wife, and two of their children. Many laughs and memories were shared. It was such an enjoyable evening.

Joyce received an email from a missing classmate. **Jo Anne Cole**. It was good to here from her.

Some of our classmates’ email addresses have changed and (oops) they forgot to let any of us know. If you have not been getting occasional news from us and would like to share your email address, we can continue to share news throughout the year. When we use the entire email list, we paste it into the BCC address space in outgoing email, so if you want your email to remain private, we will accommodate that request. We will also list the names of those to whom we are sending the message in the body of the email, so that you can see if we’ve found someone you are trying to reach. We can forward your email to any classmate listed as a recipient. Thanks and our sincerest good wishes to you all.

Class of 1968 **By Nancy Clark Aderholdt**

I hope this article finds everyone happy and well. Here are a few updates:

I retired in February so you can delete any work phone number that you might have listed for me! Also in May I moved – here’s my new

address: 17091 Four Seasons Drive, Dumfries, Virginia 22026. My new phone number is 703-680-3094. My email address is still aderholdtn@aol.com.

Several of you always ask me about how **Betsy Wells** is doing. Well, she’s had a set back - her cancer returned and had to have surgery again. Things don’t look so good but keep those prayers and good thoughts headed in her direction.

From the **Ted Yeary** household, Teddy has retired and has become a person of leisure. You can reach him at dabear1@cox.net

Mary McCarthy Collins also has a new address: 14531 Seneca Rd., Darnestown, Maryland 20874. Her phone number is 301-948-1055. Email: macmta@direcway.com.

Now some very sad news – **Jack Sadtler**’s wife, Faith, died of a massive coronary. I have spoken with Jack a couple of times and he is doing well. Jack’s address is 10500 Rockville Pike, #1206, North Bethesda, Maryland 20852. His phone number is 301-214-1647; email: JackSadtler@MRIS.com.

Additionally, condolences go out to **Linda Denoff Muscatello**. Her mother, Elsie, passed away after a long illness. And to **Jane Rollyson** who recently lost her father.

That’s all the news I have for now. Please keep those letters, phone calls and emails coming, I love to hear from all of you.

Class of 1969

By Barbie Watkins Blood

Hi Everyone! I am happy to report that I am going to be your Class Representative from now on! We have a lot of catching up to do, so please drop me a line and let's fill in the blanks.

I have been living rather remotely in the mountains of North Idaho for the last 11 years and am very content with the lifestyle. I have a very rustic (primitive?) cabin, powered by photovoltaic (solar) energy, with a battery bank and generator back up. I share my 14 acres with four dogs and six cats. The land is mostly forest and offers a wonderful mountain view. This forest is well stocked with a cornucopia of medicinal plants, which I enjoy harvesting for the making of tinctures and salves, etc. I am the Board President for the local animal shelter, so I stay pretty busy in addition to my caregiving/house-keeping business.

I have been in communication over the last couple of years with **Paula (Rose) Harris**, who now lives in Nova Scotia with her husband and family. Paula told me that she had been able to come to the reunion, so many of you saw her there.

I have been keeping up with **Ronnie Allen** and his wife Kathy Suter over the years. They still live in a lovely old brownstone in D.C. in the Adams Morgan District, where Ronnie's business, The Brass Knob, is located. If you haven't checked this out yet, do so! Very cool! His Web site shows

many of the products available and gives an idea of the scope of this kind of business. I visited there a few years ago along with **Sam Williams (Class of 70)**. We got the grand tour of his two locations and then had a wonderful dinner at Felix.

Paulette Kanode Watkins, who just happens to be my sister-in-law, is still living on Maryland's Eastern Shore in a wonderful old Victorian home that she and my brother Bill Watkins are restoring. They have lived in Cambridge for 17 yrs or so. These two are now the proud grandparents of 10½ grandchildren, many of which can be found coming and going from their home at any given time. Their open-door lifestyle is reminiscent of days gone by and very refreshing. Brother Bill is the EMS Supervisor for Dorchester County and until recently has also served as the Fire Chief for that county as well!

Lennice Werth is alive and well in Crewe, Virginia, where she lives with her husband and family. They own and operate their own business and are loving life. Lennice has been very active politically in trying to decriminalize marijuana. Lennice writes the following: I'm still busy fighting the evils of prohibition in our state. My bio page is here: www.drugsense.org/dpfva/activists/. Last month I attended the Marijuana Policy Project's 10th anniversary gala in Washington D.C. It was wonderful. Three congress members were present and made great speeches. We are trying to get a bill passed that would restrict the federal government from

arresting medical marijuana patients in states that have passed laws allowing its use. We didn't get it through the house, but we did gain in support from last year. I hope everyone will contact his or her congress members on this important issue. Check MPP out here: www.mpp.org.

Well folks, that's it for this time around. Hope to hear from you guys for the next issue! Peace, Love and Still Rockin' ...Barbie Watkins Blood

Class of 1970

By Robbie Werth

Hello and greetings from Northern Virginia. I hope that all is well for the Class of 1970. I have heard from several of the classmates since the last *Mustang Review*.

First I have some great news regarding **Martha Payne** and **Steve Ripley**. They finally tied the knot in January (after almost 14 years together!). Congratulations to both Steve and Martha and good luck.

In February Steve and **Bette McCarthy Morris** attended a church service at the National Cathedral in DC. The guest choir was from North Carolina and **Wanda Keyser** was a featured soloist. Bette reports that not only was Wanda's performance fantastic, but it brought back fond memories of her beautiful voice from high school and was a delight to be able to hear it again!

Stephanie (Line) Netolicky is married to **Gary Netolicky**. They have two kids - a son, Casey, age

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20 who is in his third year of college at Colorado State University and who is presently attending summer school in Prague. Stephanie's daughter Lara, who will be 13 this September, is going into the 8th grade this fall.

Stephanie is in contact with **Suzanne (DuPont) Smith** who lives in Denver, Colorado; **Colleen (Lynch) Hobson** who lives in Michigan; and **Jeannie (Martin) Walker**, who lives in Hilton Head S.C.; as well as **Gini Bonnell** who lives in Fredericksburg, Va; and **Sarah (Stanley) Popham**, who lives in Hawaii; **Dolly (Hass) Dean** who lives in Boulder, Colorado; and **Priscilla (Tackney) Webster** who lives in Portland, Oregon. She also stays in touch with our former teacher, **Greg Williams**, who is the President of City College in NYC.

Stephanie is a legal secretary for a Federal Criminal Defense Attorney on a part-time basis and with her husband runs a small vending business as well as owns and manages rental property. Stephanie writes that she plans on attending the next reunion in 2009.

Ann Perry and her husband, Mark, are still in central New Jersey where Ann continues to work for The Dow Chemical Company (30 years this year). Her daughter Kelly Allison will be starting at UMass this fall and her son David Allison is a junior in high school. Re-living high school through my children has brought back lots of great memories from GMHS for Ann. Her parents sold

their home in Falls Church after 40 years this spring and have relocated to Goodwin House at Bailey Crossroads. It was sad to say good-bye to the home that she grew up in.

2005 has been the Year of Weddings for **Marcia and Jim Davis**, two trips from San Francisco to Iowa and one trip to Northern Virginia. Jim's sister, Joy's oldest son, Dan accounted for one of the Iowa trips and her second son, Doug gets credit for the Virginia trip. Marcia's niece, like the balance of her family, is originally from Montana and having the good sense to relocate to the Great State of Iowa, accounted for the other trip to the homeland. Jim's "girls," Maddie (10-year-old Newfoundland) and Emma (5-year-old Newfoundland) are about over having the folks out of town. They obviously get that from Marcia if any of you recall the festive affairs held on Timber Lane back in "the days of wonder. **Bill Martin** ('71) has been good enough to visit Marcia and Jim in San Francisco. Jim sends his thanks to the class for the sympathy shown on the passing of Jim's Dad, most especially for the presence of **Mark Hamlin** ('71) and **Kim Beasley** (The Great Class of 1970) at the memorial service.

Ken Woolfenden has decided to retire from rebar and commercial concrete. He has closed down Woolfenden Concrete, after 25 years. Now that his youngest daughter has just graduated from high school, he has decided to move back to the Midwest. Ken is

looking for a Lake house on Table Rock Lake, near Branson Missouri. He wants to get back to landscaping and doing some decorative concrete on the side. Ken has had a great time reconnecting with his old friend **Danny Seidel**.

Andy DuPont retired from Dow Chemical in March 2004. Andy and Olivia now live on a lake in Glen Arbor, MI. Beth ('68) and Suzanne were just there for a family reunion and had a blast.

In addition to working with his church on mission trip activities, Andy also is a trustee and the Vice President of the University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

Andy has two log cabins in Glen Arbor as well as his own house, so if any alumni are traveling in Northwest Michigan and want to stop by, Andy's contact information is andydupont@centurytel.net or 231-334-3916.

Owen Baynham is still in Santa Maria, CA, measuring stream flow for the U. S. Geological Survey. It was quite the challenging winter for Owen with record flows (ten people were killed in a landslide located three miles from one of his sites). His field area is Santa Barbara, which is delightful. Owen's wife is recovering well and enjoying her garden, pets, koi pond and volunteer work.

Meredith Hutchens Dean got her Broker's License, bought a new house (1210 Winyah Street, Sumter, SC 29150), and is a new "mother"—No, no kids of the

human kind—She adopted a beautiful, sweet kitten from the Sumter SPCA, which she highly recommends for those folks who want and (deserve) unconditional love! Her name is “Ricci” - gorgeous Calico! Meredith would love to hear from anyone!

Out of the blue I received an email from one of our former teachers **Dewayne Dozier**. If you recall Mr. Dozier taught history and was involved in many school activities. Mr. “D” is doing well and living in Houston, TX. We have had fun talking about the old times. Mr. Dozier had a great influence on many of his students and we would like to thank him for his years at Mason. He has also made recent contact with **Mr. Bob Smiles** who is living in Maryland.

Class of 1971 **By Billy Martin**

Hello to the Class of 71'. I had an initial flurry of emails after the last newsletter, but it faded quickly. Please give me a shout and let me know whazzup with you. I did hear from **Deb Weincek** and **Karyn Harner** (forgive the maiden names, but am on a trip and don't have access to the original emails). They both report things are well and look forward to hearing more from other classmates. Am trying to talk Deb into visiting us at the beach here before we move inland. She has spent some time here in Pensacola, and we even met up once in 1978 while I was in flight school here. I heard from **Mark Hamlin** after the hurricane last year, he was checking on me to make sure I still had a

house. **Karen (Cordray) Van de Castle** and her husband Lance stay in touch; and Lance informed me Karen plans to retire next year from a long career teaching kiddos in Virginia. Lance ALSO informed me Karen was honored this year for the third time in Who's Who for excellence in education! Good on ya Karen, I'll be at the retirement.

Rob Waring and I had dinner on the left coast a few weeks back. For those who don't know, Rob is an attorney working in downtown Oakland, and living in San Fran. Right now his job is working for the state as an advocate for abused/neglected children. We had some great Chinese food together and I always look forward to seeing Rob. We are planning another outing when I get back out west, Rob's gonna teach me mountain biking, and I've promised to teach him fly-fishing. Maybe by next newsletter I can report on whether either endeavor proves successful. Rob told me **Jeff Burns** planned on

visiting him first week of July, perhaps I can get some info on Jeff, as I haven't seen him since graduation.

That's all the buzz I have, so please feel free to launch me some info and I'll be happy to share it with the class. Cheers, Billy

Class of 1973 **By Diann Bullock Watkins**

Well, I guess we're all turning 50 this year! I heard from quite a few people this time, so here's their news:

John Simmons writes: My wife, Julie, and I celebrated our 25th anniversary last year with a trip to Hawaii (see picture below). It was really a week in paradise! We make our home in northern Minnesota and both work in Bemidji. Julie works for the largest freshwater fishing tackle company in the US, headquartered here, and I work as a field engineer for a two-way radio



'73: John Simmons and his wife, Julie, celebrated their 25th anniversary last year with a trip to Hawaii.

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company. Anyone is welcome to contact me by email at: jasimmons@pinewooddata.com.

Julie Harton had a great 50th birthday trip to Euleuthera Island in the Bahamas. She said there is a really great story - too long to write - about her horse ride on the beach with the CRAZY bohemian horse teacher! She had several drinks after it was all over! The **photo** must have been taken at the beginning of the ride.



'73: Julie Harton had a great 50th birthday trip to Euleuthera Island in the Bahamas.

Terry Murphy Saenz will celebrate her 26th wedding anniversary in October with husband Ernest. She has grandson #3 due in September. He'll join brother Spencer, who's five, and brother Owen, who's nine months old. The new baby's name will be Luke, and is likely to be born on Owen's birthday - isn't that called "Irish Twins"? All these grandson's are from her daughter, Marlie (31 years old), who is her eldest and is living in Mt. Airy, MD. Terry's "baby", Stephanie, is 20 now and going to NVCC.

John Krogmann has been busy with work. He is going to be a great-uncle in August, which means his sister **Linda Krogmann Powars** ('68) will be a grandmother. They are all very excited.

Donna Fletcher Lensis writes: I'll be retiring from the Federal Government on Aug. 30, 2005 after 30 years of federal service with the Dept. of Army. I plan to spend my free time smelling the roses and planting a few as well. We have lots

of trips planned in the near future too. We just got back from a Caribbean cruise with our four kids and close friends. In August we are going to Ireland for a week and in November Diane (my sister) and I (with our family and friends) will be taking a cruise to the Mexican Riviera to celebrate our 50th Birthday!

Speaking of cruises, **Inis Sharff Clements** and I are planning another one. It's a nine-night Western Caribbean Cruise, leaving from Baltimore, MD, June 23, 2006, on Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas. For more information, you can go to www.rccl.com, but also contact Inis at 304-263-0133 or InisClements@yahoo.com for pricing, and do it quick! Believe it or not, the ship is filling up fast! Ports of Call include Baltimore, Maryland; Grand Bahama Island; Key West, Florida; Cozumel, Mexico; Costa Maya, Mexico; Port Canaveral, Florida; and back to Baltimore. And this is not just for our class - anyone can go! Tell all your friends and family! This is a

great chance to get reacquainted with long lost friends! A deposit of \$450 per person is required to make reservations.

Inis also has one good news item - she has grandbaby #2 on the way. Daughter Jennifer and her husband, Bill, are expecting their second baby in November.

I saw **Kevin Allan** recently. Unfortunately, it was at his brother Mike's ('66) memorial service. It was a very touching service. Kevin and his wife, Lisa, and family have recently moved to the Nashville, TN area.

Maggie Karnis was recently in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with her Vienna Presbyterian Church choir. The choir gave three performances while they were there. The weather was mild, as it is winter there now.

I've been e-mailing lately with **Norma Thompson Pierce**. She moved away before graduation, but was at GM for several years. She is currently living in West Virginia. Her oldest daughter just moved from Huntington, WV, to

Huntersville, NC. She is a BSN and got a very good job offer in a surgical suite. Her younger daughter will start her 4th year at West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV, in the fall. Norma would love to hear from her oldest and dearest friends. You can contact her at nrpierce2002@yahoo.com.

In May, Maggie Karnis and I met **Sharon Smith Drye** at TGIFriday's for lunch. I connected with Sharon through the **Classmates.com** website by looking under Mt. Daniel Elementary School. We all had a wonderful time catching up. For those of you who went to Mt. Daniel, Sharon was there through the fifth grade, when her family moved all the way (it was far away when we were 10 years old!) to Vienna, VA, and we lost touch. I've included a **photo** that the waiter took for us so we could all be in it. Sharon hasn't moved far; she and her husband and son live in Mason Neck, VA.

My husband, Rick, and a friend of his have started a Real Estate

investment business. I guess I've been designated the Administrative Assistant. We've already bought, renovated, and sold a house on Greenwich Street, and will soon start building four new houses on Lincoln Avenue. If you know anyone in Falls Church or close by that wants to sell his or her house as-is, give me a call! We also have a home renovation business as well

Hope everyone is enjoying their summers.

Class of 1977 **By Judy Downer**

First, I have some very sad news to report. Our classmate, **Mark Alan Ford**, died at home in Shawnee, Kansas, on December 31, 2004, according to his mother, Dolores Ford. Mark graduated with our class, and then he and his family moved to Kansas in 1978. They always had "fond memories of Falls Church, George Mason High School, and Thomas Jefferson Elementary School," Mrs. Ford

says. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mark's family and friends.

On a mostly happier note, thank you to **Sharon Chase** for locating a classmate who had been listed as "missing." **Mike Mele's** wife, Linda, wrote to say they are living in Union City, Tennessee. They have three sons: First, John William, 22, who lives in Georgia with his wife and two daughters. John has served in the war in Iraq, and at the time of Linda's letter was going back this past January. Michael James, 21, lives in Union City and works as a maintenance man for an apartment complex and as a roofer. The youngest son, Nicholas, lives at home. Linda also let us know that they were in Virginia a year ago in June, for Mike's father's burial in Arlington National Cemetery. I know you'll join me in offering your sympathies to the family. And thank you, Linda, for the very newsy letter.

Finally, I apologize to everyone for being far less effective than I had hoped to be as class representative. I would like to step down and I hope that someone capable will be willing to step in. The ideal candidate would be someone who lives in the Northern Virginia area and can attend Alumni Association meetings and plan events for our class to attend, as well as report our classmates' news. That person should be organized, responsible, and enthusiastic. Our class needs a leader. Thank you to those of you who have written or e-mailed me in the past. -Judy Downer



73: Maggie Karnis and Diann met with Sharon Smith Drye at TGIFriday's for lunch

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Class of 1978

By Susan Richbourg Frick

Hope everyone is having a great summer. I've heard from a few of our classmates, but would like to hear more from anyone that would like to share what's going on in your world. I'll start with my little corner of the universe. Our first born is now the ripe old age of 21 and approaching her last year at UVA. Oh to be 21 again, but know what I know now. Actually, I'd just like to know half of what she knows. Our son is 19 and will soon be experiencing the apartment life in Blacksburg, VA where he resumes classes very soon. It's kind of like a test drive of his independence. Only with mom and dad to fall back on if the occasion arises. Hopefully, with the idea of living back at home as the consequence, there won't be any forgetting to pay the rent on time. I can only hope.

Heard from **Keith Hodson** who says he and wife Eva are approaching the empty nest as well. Their oldest, Jessica, is soon off to JMU and seems anxious to make the transition. The kids are always ready; it's just us who are not. Sister Morgan is holding down the fort.

Yvonne Wright Simmons and daughter Jordan had a super vacation in Sedona and the Grand Canyon. Their adventures included a train ride, hot air ballooning and a river raft trip down



'78, left to right: **Kathy Hudnall Malloy, Susan Richbourg Frick, Sue Herman Schumann, Selena Wilson Thomas & Susan Beach Willson**

the Colorado River. Sounds like a memorable trip.

Anne Schwind McGahee and daughter Caroline have been relaxing at the family home in Kitty Hawk. Miss Caroline who is now four and a half years old is taking swim lessons. Apparently, she takes after her mother and is repeating Level I since she only wanted to socialize the first go round.

Susan Beach Willson and Albert report they are chillin' at the beach with both kids, Brook who is 16 and the identical twin to her mother at that age (I can still remember that far back) and little brother Jacob. It's an annual family retreat and should be a blast.

When I had last talked to **Tim Hockenberry** (the House Inspector on HGTV himself) and wife



'78, left to right: **Leon Geoffroy, Kenny Correll (and guest), Kathy Hudnall Malloy, Tim Money and wife Melody**

Caroline Brown, they were in temporary quarters while building their custom home locally. Hopefully, they and all the little Hockenberry's have settled in by now.

When moving back into this area from long time home in Mississippi, **Leon Geoffroy** had blueprinted (himself) a historic log cabin of the Lincoln era, had it disassembled and shipped to his mountain property to reassemble the cabin and customize it into his dream home. He said the project was an ongoing labor of love.

Since our conversation at the reunion, as I recall, **Bill Bailey** said he had always wanted to learn how to build "bikes." The plan was to go to school and learn the trade. I can't think of anything better than getting to actually do something that you've always dreamed of doing. Hope your dream came true. I know a lot of Harley fans are enjoying their mid-life revival with the wind in their hair.

Lastly, I would like to report that my left foot is never going to recover from the Reunion of 2004. Thanks to **Benton Beach**, who I would not let off the dance floor, I will be hobbling around for the rest of my life. And I refuse to take any responsibility for acting like I was 18 years old again, without the thought of any repercussions based on my careless act of wearing heels that I haven't worn since I was 20. (But it was worth it, I had a blast). In all seriousness, I partly tore ligaments and I'm still praying that my handicap will "go away."



'78, left to right: **Howard Parnell, Lori Weintz Van Luven, Scott Midkiff, Kathleen Martin Hargrove, Kathy Hudnall Malloy, Kevin Grim**

Please drop me line and bring us up-to-date. It's always good to hear from old friends. Susan P.S. Seriously, get in touch! We'd love to hear from you guys.

Class of 1979 **By Karen Huber Grubbs**

Meredith (Brents) Muhs and family have moved from Boston back to Colorado, their 3rd base in less than two years. Husband Steve is a Colonel in the Air Force.

Derek Thomas got married. Congratulations to you both!

Sheree (Bryant) Bracco and **Karen (Huber) Grubbs** along with **Howard and Tom Herman**, friends and family, meet on the GM softball field on Sundays in June and July and are winning many games despite their age!

From **Jeff Bolster**: Just to let folks know: my Dad died 2/3/05. My Mom is doing well. Dad had Parkinson's disease for 25 years.

Class of 1983 **By Tom Clinton**

Dear Classmates, Last summer's 2nd All Class Reunion that was held the weekend of June 25th- 27th, 2004 was a big success! It started on Friday with the Falls Church Education Foundation's reception at the Don Beyer Dealership (I found out that GM alums still have no problem finding an open bar!) and the party rolled across the street to the George Mason Alumni Open House at George Mason and wrapped up at the Four Provinces Restaurant.

We then joined many other GM classes celebrating at the State Theatre on Saturday night and concluded the reunion weekend on Sunday with a picnic for all classes and their families on Sunday afternoon at Cherry Hill Park. Many fellow GM Alumni took the stage and provided entertainment throughout the beautiful day. Does anyone from any class have pictures from that All Class Picnic at Cherry Hill, as I would like to get some in

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the next *Mustang Review*? Send them to me at:

tomclinton1@aol.com or to Scott Sager at: scotts1147@aol.com.

I really appreciate all those classmates that made the effort to respond, help out and attend any of the events that weekend. I hope and think everyone had a good time. I have a picture from Saturday night's event if any one would like me to e-mail it to them; it was published in the last *Mustang Review*, which if you didn't get a copy in the mail, it's now available electronically along with the two prior editions of the *Mustang Review* at www.gmhxaa.org and then you click on the "Mustang Review" link.

It was not my best recruiting effort as your class representative for last year's reunion, I apologize for that as Karen and I had a little girl, Megan, in October and her first year was tough, plus my stressful job, turning 40 years old and having another infant! I think she was worth it, but you can judge for yourself in this picture of her riding in her wagon campaigning with daddy in the 2005 Falls Church Memorial Day Parade.

There is talk of only sending out the *Mustang Review* electronically and not through the mail due to possible School Board budget cuts (see article on page 1), which I am opposed to doing, as we will lose people after working so



'83: Tom Clinton's daughter, Megan Clinton, born 10-08-03 out campaigning with Tom at the 2005 Falls Church Memorial Day Parade

hard for so many years to get their addresses in the first place. If this occurs, I will definitely need everyone's e-mail addresses as well as their current street address and phone number. Don't be shy, just drop me a quick note so my information is up to date.

I would like to have a late summer or early fall informal event at somebody's house or a local restaurant here in northern Virginia with anyone that can attend. I'm sure someone else must be turning 40 or has turned 40 and would like to celebrate it with style! Please let me know if you're interested.

I understand that **Bill Lang** is engaged and is getting married in August to Joan Esguerra. Congratulations to Bill and Joan and best wishes! I have heard recently via email from **Gloria Cliff Byerly, Bobby Hite, Ann Gall Welles and Jaime Smith McNeil**. Ann sent me a nice picture of herself and her three boys and she said that she's started a new business in Oakland Park, Florida producing films and teaching the art of acting; the Web site is: www.2lunaticfringe.com. Mark

Larsen was in town recently and we had a drink together (okay, it was more than one!). His parent's were selling their house in Vienna and he came up from the Richmond area where is living now. I'm sure, like everybody else, he was probably told to take all his old junk that was still in his parent's house back to *his* house!



'83: Anne Gall Welles

On a sad note, please refer to the Class of '88 article with details on the death of Robert A. Petersen Sr., the father of **Dawn Petersen Penny** and **Denise Petersen**.

Class of 1984

By Susan Schneider Eddy & Rich Condit

Hello all, I only have a few things to report: **Tom and Debbie (Bruce) Schwind** have moved from Chesapeake to Ashburn, VA. Tom is working with **Jim Sullivan** (class of 1983) for NJ Sullivan in Centreville. Debbie is working for Loudoun County. Welcome back to Northern Virginia!

Denise Schuster has remarried and is living in England. She and her husband Chris are expecting their first baby in the fall (a boy). Her new last name is Greenfield. **Matt Sullivan** was recently in Northern Virginia playing at the Birchmere (with a Bruce Springsteen cover band). Next he is heading to London to play with David Cassidy. He and his wife still live in Las Vegas. I hope that everyone is doing well. Let me know any fun things going on in your lives! Take care.

Class of 1986

By **Susan Schick Link & Joe Cheek**

News from the Class of 1986: A group of us got together at a park in Arlington on July 16 to catch up. In attendance were: **David Schleeper**, his wife Mistie and their two little boys, **Joe Cheek** and wife Susie with twin girls, **Amy Johnson Warren** with hubbie Tom and their four boys, and **Susan Schick Link** with my three kids. **Roger Camp** made an appearance later in the day with daughter Rebecca. It was great to see all of you, sorry more could not join us, but with our numbers still multiplying, we all have so much going on. Any other local '86ers, if you're interested in joining us for this somewhat *annual Park Day with the Kids* event, please email me, we'd all love to see you!

All in attendance on July 16 are doing well. Specifically, **Roger Camp** is happy to report that he and wife Mindy are expecting baby #2 in December. Lt. Commander Camp continues to work at the

Missile Defense Agency, a post that will last two years. A few "through the grapevine" news items (please forgive me if I don't have these 100% correct): **Amy Clineburg**, her husband and two daughters have moved to Atlanta, according to **Mandy Forsythe Sandifer**, a now long-time Atlanta resident. Also heard second-hand that **Tim Burke** and his wife, who live in Charlotte, are expecting their first baby. Mike and **Karen (Kinsella) Buddendeck** (parents to five kids) have relocated to Augusta, Georgia.

On a sad note, please refer to the announcement in the Class of '88 article on the death of Robert A. Petersen Sr., father of **Robert A Petersen Jr.**

What's new with you? If you'd like to share your latest adventures, please email me or Joe Cheek to reconnect.

Class of 1987

By **Hugo Mendoza & Robert Horvath**

As we mentioned before, **Charles Castevens** is serving our nation as an Aviation Maintenance Duty Officer in the Navy. Here is a picture of Charles as he is about to pass under the Japan-Egypt Friendship Bridge, which spans the Suez Canal. Thanks for the picture, keep smiling, and don't forget to bring the MREs to our next reunion!

Danielle (Masters) Szenas took her two daughters (Samantha, age four, and Natalie, 21 months) to **Kyra (Paukert) Sulkowski's** daughter's third birthday party a couple of months ago and saw **Christina (Sikkar) Palmeri** with her husband David and four kids. They are all living in the Fredericksburg, VA area and are doing great!

Also, **Robert Horvath** and I had a few drinks with **Quang Tran** at Ireland's Four Provinces in Falls Church a few months ago. Quang is still a cool, easy-going guy and doing quite well. He lives in the City of Fairfax, is married, and has a new-born baby. Congratulations!

The planning for our 20th High School reunion has begun. If you would like to volunteer to help organize the event, let us know as soon as possible, at gmhs1987@cox.net.



'87: **Charles Castevens** on a ship in the Suez Canal

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Class of 1988

Brent Johnson & Michael Willner

Robert A. Petersen Sr, father to **Danielle Petersen Rachel '88**, **Dawn Petersen Penny '83**, **Denise Petersen '83**, and **Robert A. Petersen Jr. '86** passed away suddenly on April 25th 2005. The Interment of Captain Bob (Pete) Petersen was held on August 1, 2005 at Arlington National Cemetery. The family celebrated his life at the Virginian Suites in Arlington on Sunday, July 31, 2005.

Class of 1989

Martha Behr Noone, Dave Buddendeck, Jon Gannon, Jen Rosholt & Laura Nunley

Steve Schick (GM '89) and wife Ruthie had a baby boy, Evan Alexander Schick on June 14, 2005. They live in San Diego, CA and keep up with fellow classmates **Chico Hum and Joe Romer**, also living in the San Diego area.

Class of 1993

By Katherine Temple Craig

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. Below is an update on what's new with a few of our classmates.

Josh Jarrett got married in May and continues to live in NY.

Sonya Zepada married **Kevin Ericksteen** and is about to open her own mortgage broker/real estate firm in Scottsdale, AZ.

Tamara Droujinsky Lee was named "Teacher of the Year" at her

school this year! She teaches K-5th grade music in Coppell, Texas, just outside of Dallas.

Sherri Renfro Perez's second son, Jayden Carmelo, was born on April 22, . She also has a six year old named Christian. She and her family are living in Haymarket, VA.

Molly Ruland owns a music production and promotions company called One Love Entertainment. Her latest accomplishment on that front is a double disk compilation set with 25 of the hottest jam bands touring both nationally and internationally this summer. In addition, she is working as a hotel analyst traveling around the US and the Caribbean evaluating hotels, resorts, casinos, bars and restaurants.

If you have something new or exciting in your life, drop me a line. I'd love to hear from you. Take care.

Class of 1997

By Sarah Romer

There is a lot of news to report about the class of '97! Many from the class have recently celebrated marriages or are about to celebrate them soon.

At the end of June, **Jason Daube** got engaged and says they are thinking about getting married next summer.

Galen Reich is also getting married this August and says they are busy planning the wedding. They are anxious for the big day to arrive!

James Evans got engaged last February to Karen Ackerly. In May 2006, they will be getting married in the Big Apple!

Claire Grusin is getting married in August to Roy Kaufmann of San Diego, California. Roy is the director of the American Israel Political Action Committee. They live in Culver City with their mutt, Tess, and they spend their weekends hiking and camping in and around Southern California. Claire finished "Teach for America" in Compton and is now getting her MBA at Pepperdine University in Malibu with an emphasis in non-profit management. In April, they are taking a trip around the world!

In June, **Leigh Andrews** married Chad Plotke in Naples, Florida. She had a beautiful beachside wedding and those of us who attended had a wonderful time celebrating with Leigh's family and friends.

Congratulations to Jason, Galen, James, Claire and Leigh and others who will be married soon.

Brittany Templer and her husband Tim recently announced the birth of their son, Kenton. Kenton is adorable!

Dan Winckler is still living in New York and is keeping busy with sketch and improv comedy (<http://gunshowimprov.com>) and improvised visuals (VJ-ing). He is also going to grad school in September at Brooklyn Polytechnic to merge all of the above into new theatrical forms. Visit his website <http://danwinckler.com> for more frequent updates.

Libby Yates is moving to New Hampshire in August for two years while her husband, McLean, is working on getting his MBA at Dartmouth.

Amanda Schwab has been working at *Time* magazine for the past year but has recently resigned in order to accept a new job in the photography department at the *New York Post*. She says that she loves what she does for a living - photography!

Rachel Buckingham graduated from the University of Virginia Law School in May and is moving to Savannah, Georgia in August to clerk for a Federal District Judge for one year.

As always, we are continually trying to update our class of '97 email address list. If you would like to be added to the list, or would like your address changed on the alumni mailing list, please email me at swaderomer@hotmail.com. Lots of people were enthusiastic about the idea of having a casual class of '97 annual gathering around the holidays at a local restaurant. For the past couple of years we have had informal gatherings at the Broad Street Grill and The Four Provinces in Falls Church. We would love to include more people in these gatherings so keep emailing me your contact information! Thanks!

Class of 1998

By **Anna Molaski**

I hope this latest issue of the *Mustang Review* finds everyone in good health and enjoying our

seventh year away from the hallways of George Mason. I want to thank all those classmates that sent me updates to add to the '98 database. If you have not yet emailed me with your latest contact information and updates, please do so at ACMCheer@aol.com so that we have a great list to start planning the 10 year reunion (isn't that scary!).

I just got engaged to my boyfriend of three years this past May on the beach in the Outer Banks and I am planning an April 2006 wedding in Falls Church.

Congratulations to **Tiffany Ballve Hawa** who wrote "I got married to an old high school classmate Basim, Class of '96, JEB Stuart . We got married in March 2003 in Palestine (where his family is from). I am currently working as an Internal Auditor for the American Red Cross in Washington, DC. Currently living in Sterling VA. Coaching women's soccer team and playing on two teams currently. Recently came back from Saudi Arabia (Muslim pilgrimage)."

Anya Falikova Morlan is now living in New York and writes "I got married about three years ago and I just got my Master's degree at NYU specializing in modern American lit), now I'm waiting to hear whether I got into any PHD programs for next year. Also looking for a job (oh no!), so hopefully I'll start teaching soon at some college around here. Meanwhile I'm a proud and sleep-deprived full-time new mother to little Sebastian; he's only two

months old, but already quite a handful — such lungs!"

Class of 1997 Graduate (but still '98 at heart) **Rebekah Wolfe Stump** and her husband Greg brought Cooper Stump into the world July 7, 2005 and all three are currently living in Inwood, WV. Congratulations to all the new Moms!

Congratulations and good luck to **Lindy Singleton** who graduated Magna Cum Laude from North Carolina State University with her Masters in Communications and Public Relations. She also got commissioned as a Second LT in the United States Air Force and is headed to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio Texas.

Finally a big welcome home to **Kavon Atabaki**, glad to have you back!

Class of 1999

By **Olivia Thomas**

Wow, a lot's happened in six months! I went to my first ever Monster Truck Rally... quite the experience, and I couldn't hear anything for about two days (see the famous GRAVEDIGGER, pictured below)!



'99: *Gravedigger*

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My dad was offered and took the GM position at the Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul, Korea (one of the Army's four resorts around the world, others are in Germany, Florida, Hawaii), so they are putting off their retirement and have shipped off to Korea. **Jimbo** has made it into the auto mechanic world working for Falls Church AutoBody. I think Jimbo will be moving into their house in Monterey for a few years and starting another new life. **Jon** is interning at the EPA in San Francisco. I don't think he was made for cubicles and totally reminds me of that commercial with the people sticking their heads out like gophers, "I smell cake!" Hahaha!

Anyways, I've been to two weddings since the start of '05. Congratulations **Russell Eggleton** (Class of 1998) and his wife Anita who were married in March. I was also in a wedding for a life-long friend of mine in April and also attended and put together my first ever Bachelorette party, which was unbelievable! Here's a picture of my boyfriend, Tim and I at her wedding.



'99: At Kristen's Wedding

Since joining the American Marketing Association (AMA) last year, I decided to volunteer and put together their mentorship program for this year with another member. We put the program together from scratch and organized it for next year's directors. Turns out, the program was very successful. We overachieved on all of our goals and the participants were very impressed. And guess what? We won AMA-DC's 2005 Member of the Year award at the annual M Awards (Marketing's big time yearly awards ceremony)!!! It was amazing and really like a second job. I think I'll be heading this program for the years to come. I also finally started Johns Hopkins' School of Professional Studies in Business and Education in January and two weeks ago, found out that ½ our classmates had dropped the program. So, unable to keep their numbers, they are phasing out the program. That means to graduate before they shut down the program, I have to double up on my last year and for my last four classes (four months), I have to drive to Columbia, MD to complete them! Ugg! Well, c'est la vie! Let's get down to business!

Erin Sweeney is wrapping up her stay in Benin. "Since I last sent in something, Benin has outlawed polygamy, accepted thousands of Togolese refugees after rocky elections, and . . . GIVEN ERIN A C.O.S. (Close of Service) DATE! Yes, after getting approved for an extension of



'99: M Awards

two months - in order to make it an even year with my second assignment here at Population Services International - and after having completed, by that point, the management of nine peer-education anti-AIDS teams, and completed more than four issues of a youth sexual health magazine, I shall be happily terminating my Peace Corps service here in Benin on October 14th.

Until then, I'm trying to fill my months in the best ways possible . . . by going to places and

events I may never get the chance to visit again. In June it was a voodoo ceremony in a village called Kemon. In July, I'll be attending a wedding in the southern town of Azové, and welcoming a visit from a Madame



'99: Swearing In (Benin)



'99: *Zinsou et Moi*

Stephanie Rose from July 9th-22nd whom I shall be exhausting the crap out of, dragging her ALL OVER this country, north to south, east to west, on AIDS peer-education-teams' site visits, etc. In August I will be attending an annual Yam festival in a village five hours north of me, in September I train my replacement at PSI, and in October, I am OUTIE!!!! Where as when I first entered country, I thought I'd take the boat back, concluding my travels with more challenging travel experiences...I have unabashedly switched sides of the fence, and now shall be leaving Benin directly to fly to NY and have a few elated outings with friends and my gorgeous sister before going on a harrowing 10-night... cruise through the Caribbean!! After much discussion, Brad (boyfriend) and I have decided that um, we're freaking exhausted, and don't have the oomph left in us to plan anything else, so we're going to let the planning and navigation be

fielded by a cruise line while we bask in the sun, take laps on an on-deck track, befriend senior citizens, and sport above-the-knee white shorts and pulled up tube socks while playing shuffleboard with 70-year-olds. Ah yes, it shall be grand. Then, after Halloween in NY, we'll be heading down to VA to see everyone I still love the crap out of, and have been missing for these, by that point, two-and-a-half years!! On a side note, sadly, one person who I may not be seeing is one **Rachel Dana**, who, as of June 28, 2005, will be on a flight to Bangkok, from which point she's going on a world tour with a friend from college. But under threat of death, she shall be maintaining contact with me, and my only regret remains that I didn't have the chance to send her one of my, for lack of a better term, 'voodoo protection rings,' which ward off accidents occurring during travel. (I myself, petrified of transport here, wear two)."

Stephanie Rose is "living in Alexandria and just finished my first year teaching at a D.C. Public Charter School. I'm their one and only music teacher. I taught a large choir (of about 65 4th - 6th graders) and two "general music" classes. Next year the school will expand to the 7th grade and I will have more crazy kids to teach. This has definitely been an eye-opening and rewarding experience. I expect to teach for another year and then explore grad school opportunities, hopefully in NYC."

Summer Harrington spent three months in Panama, escaped the

cold winter and returned home to FC at the end of March. "I absolutely fell in love with the country, Latin America, the culture, the people, and the way of life. I originally was living with family of a friend of mine from JMU. I was living in a small city, Santiago, for about one month, then ended up moving into Panama City with friends I met there while living in Santiago. I lived with five Panamanian guys and one girl (she was my savior!) in a small three bedroom apartment and I wouldn't have had it any other way. It was amazing and allowed me to live the everyday life of people our age there. Few of my roommates spoke English and those who did wouldn't allow me to speak English-forcing my Spanish to improve immensely! I volunteered at an International School and also taught private English lessons to the richest of the rich families in Panama City in their apartments overlooking the water—it was GORGEOUS! I also took various trips to three different beaches on both coasts of Panama and they were the most beautiful places I have ever been. Pure natural beauty that has yet to be discovered by the rest of the world! I was also lucky enough to be there for Carnavales, which is the four days before Lent and straight up an all out countrywide fiesta! Schools, businesses and everything shut down for the week and people of all ages party in the streets, beaches, anywhere you can imagine. Dancing in the streets, parades; queens are elected in each city, and the crowds are cooled off and hosed down by fire hoses... only

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'99: On the Isla Grande beach

encouraging the wildness to continue. The most comparable thing to this is Mardi Gras, but I assure you Mardi Gras has nothing on Carnavales, celebrated throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. I visited the Panama Canal, which is certainly more interesting, huge, and amazing than I ever imagined. I actually loved Panama so much that I will be returning (on a one-way ticket) to see how I like it there for a longer period of time. I leave in late August and will come home when I'm ready ... simple as that.) The photo above is of me and two friends; we're at a beach named Isla Grande I hope to travel more while I'm there in Central America and hopefully to South America as well!"

Erin Ballard has "been working for a company called Knowledge Learning Corporation since March 2004. They own several leading childcare centers, and actually just purchased all the Kindercare centers in the United States. The center I work for is Children's World Learning Centers. I am the Assistant Center Director at the center located in Sterling. The children are wonderful and so is my

staff, but I am still looking to teach. I am interviewing now with some elementary schools in Fairfax. I plan on going back to school to get my Masters in Elementary Education, but I am waiting to find the right school for me first."

Kathie Kokanoth picked up and moved to San Francisco in late May! "That's right ... I moved out of my parent's house to live on my own on the other side of the US. The decision was somewhat spontaneous. I got fed up with DC life and need a little adventure in my life. Luckily, one of my friends is nice enough to take me into her home and be my guide. This was a big step in my life and I'm trying to make the most out of it. Life in San



'99: Emily and boyfriend at Rockefeller in NYC for New Year's

Francisco is exciting and fun. I am having a good time here." Next time anyone's in the area, give her a buzz.

Kerry Lutz and I ran into each other one random afternoon in DC. She just started a new job with SCAN of Northern Virginia, which stands for Stop Child Abuse Now. "I am in charge of a variety of parent education classes, workshops, playgroups, and support groups that are designed to prevent child abuse and neglect, primarily among the Hispanic communities of Alexandria and Arlington. I also moved into a giant brown house behind the Pica Deli (for you Arlington people) with five other people, and we all have ladders in our bedrooms leading up to lofts that are connected to each other with secret doors. It's awesome ... sort of like a ski chalet too, lots of skylights. There are so many light fixtures we all have no idea which light switch does what. It's a daily battle." Hahaha, sounds like a big fort!

Emily Rudd is "planning on moving out to Southern California (hopefully before the New Year) and continuing to further my work in the Destination Sales/Meeting and Event Planning industry out there ... and perhaps can work my way into PR and/or marketing. Right now I'm still with the LA Convention & Visitors Bureau. So it's all still sort of up in the air. I am also living with the same two girls in Ballston - one from UVA and one from Seattle - the latter has just become engaged, as have many of my college friends in the past few months. I've already

planned one bachelorette party, attended two weddings in the past two months, and have many more to come. Nothing like that for me, though, in the near future - my boyfriend of three years and I are still together but don't have any further plans.

As for travels this year, I flew down to St. John for a whirlwind four-day vacation with my family (and hung out with Lauren Lewis' family who was down there at the same time - sans Lauren), and went all over the US for various weekend trips, a couple business trips and a few weddings. This coming February I have plans to go back to France, where I studied abroad in college,

with a good friend of mine - very psyched about that." Emily also provided the following two pictures. Thanks girly!

Speaking of **Lauren Lewis**, she has "returned from my year in Korea which was absolutely amazing ... and if it weren't for my even more amazing boyfriend, I would still be in Korea hahahha. I was in FC for a little bit and caught up with a few people but now I am living and working in Hawaii (Honolulu to be exact). My boyfriend, Victor and I moved out here in February and have since bought a condo in downtown Honolulu (with an ocean view of course - you can't live in Hawaii and not see the

ocean every day) and I am working in business to business sales for Pitney Bowes which keeps me out and about town! The weather is beautiful and the beaches are EVERY-WHERE so anyone is welcome to come and visit anytime! I should be home the last week of September so hopefully I can catch up with some people then!"



Jake Taylor just returned from Ireland and I haven't had a chance to catch up with him, but I heard he was offered \$500,000 from Playgirl for every centerfold. He managed to smuggle me a sneak peak. He'll be in this November's edition! He and **David Bennett** are living together in FC and Jake is still dating **Valerie Susan**, who moved to New York and loves it out there.

Kelly Schumann is expecting another girl in September! She and **Jamie Levit** are doing well and are talking of "official" plans in the next year or so. Ashley will be turning six in September and going to Mt. Daniel next year. She's still working at FOX Architects and living in Falls Church with Jamie.

Meredith Griffiths "just graduated from Lesley University with my Master's in Expressive Therapy and Mental Health Counseling. I am still living in Boston and I just got a job working as an art therapist at an assisted living for people with Alzheimer's disease."

Our newsletter has also reached **Chanda Sullivan**. "During the reign of Hurricane Isabelle, our basement apartment was flooded by tons of sewage water backup and we lost a lot of stuff. But thank goodness things have been looking



'99: Shala, Emily, Summer, Lauren, Torrey - Summer's bday last year



'99: Matt, Khalil, Brian, Jacob, Scott

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up! I am currently working for a catering company as their accountant, admin and all around office person, and I am loving it." So if anyone is looking for a caterer, contact Chanda at Ladyeve39@hotmail.com or by AIM: Ladybuterkup. She is getting married in October, the weekend of Halloween, to her fiancé of 3.5 years. Congrats Chanda!

Brian Robey is back in Northern Virginia. He graduated from Radford University, worked a little and then joined the coast guard. He is currently on an EAD contract in DC.

Seth Johnston is still in Oxford, but not for long! "The last few months at Oxford have been great. I've presented my thesis on NATO history at the Alliance's headquarters in Brussels, conducted some interviews with political and military leaders as Managing Editor of the *Oxford International Review* journal, rowed for my college, and traveled to Switzerland, Russia, France, Ireland, Israel. I'm days away from leaving Oxford for good, but due to the medieval examination system here I still don't know my grades! I'm keeping my fingers crossed that there won't be any problems and I'll be able to depart as planned with my master's degree in Politics. After two years at Oxford, I'm looking forward to getting back to the Army. I've been assigned to the 165th Military Intelligence Battalion, a tactical unit based in Darmstadt near Frankfurt in Germany. I have a training course



'99: Seth, Oxford - June 2005

in Arizona from August until December, and will be joining my unit in January 2006. The 165th is currently deployed in Afghanistan, and I hope to join my fellow soldiers there. I'm attaching a picture from just last week when my brother Drew (GMHS '01) was visiting England. We were attending the Trinity College Anniversary Ball, celebrating 450 years of my college at Oxford. And if I remember correctly, that picture was taken around 5am when things were winding down."

Class of 2000 By Jenn Brasler

Our thoughts are with the family of **Jack Steven Cornejo**, who died unexpectedly on June 25th. They have our condolences, and we hope to always remember him fondly. A soccer scholarship is being organized in his name at Mason; checks made out to "The Jack Steven Cornejo Memorial Fund" can be sent to the school.

We should also remember to keep **Owen Durham** in our thoughts, as he's preparing to head over to Iraq. If anyone can give me updates on

him while he's there, I would appreciate it.

Thank you to the many people who sent me information on themselves or on other fellow grads. Keep up the good work in the future!

Three 2000 alumni are making plans to get married. **Lauren Szymanski** is getting married in October, and a few fellow grads are planning to attend her wedding. **Gabe Ruth** is engaged to **Angela Dvorak**; they're also getting married in October. Gabe is currently working as a business services analyst for EDS. And **Noah Seidenberg**, who recently graduated from GMU with a major in graphic design and a minor in philosophy, is engaged to **Sarah Jacobs**.

A number of our classmates have headed overseas for work or school. **Catarina Andrade** is in London, about to finish her master's at the London School of Economics. Afterwards, she'll head to Swaziland for two years on an Overseas Development Institute fellowship. **Joy Wiskin** graduated from William and Mary last year and moved to Brittany, France in September to teach English to 3rd through 5th graders. Since school let out for the summer, she's been having a great time working on organic farms in the southwest of France.

Bronwyn Llewellyn is spending the summer in Thrumshing La National Park in the center of Bhutan, running wildlife surveys. She spends her days looking for tigers and snow leopards and

watching out for really big leeches. This fall, she'll return to Duke University to finish her master's in environmental management.

Other grads have made the trek to the West Coast. **Ryan Stoner** recently moved to Seattle after completing a three-month advertising program in San Francisco. **Jordan Wilson** is also in San Francisco, working at a small Internet start-up company. **Matt Molaski** is finishing up culinary school in California; **Olivia Thomas '99** sent me a photo of him and his girlfriend.



'00 Matt Molaski and his girlfriend.

Two 2000 grads have found themselves in Illinois. **Ellen Keister** is still working on electronic structure of thin films at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. **Daniel Worrall** graduated from Guilford College last spring and recently moved to Chicago with his girlfriend Paige. Dan will enter law school at DePaul University this fall.

It seems that most of us have stayed on the East Coast. **Erin Adkins** is currently living in Brooklyn but will be heading out to California in the fall to begin vet

school. **Ben Dworken** is in New York as well, working for General Electric. Most of us, however, have remained in or returned to Virginia and D.C. **Melissa Hipolit** currently works at a state legislative monitoring firm, but will soon start a new job as an assistant editor at the *Congressional Quarterly Researcher*. **Michael Degnan** is working for a refuge in D.C. He's often up on the Hill, lobbying against oil drilling in Alaska, and, I'm told, sometimes dresses as a polar bear. **Stephen Brandon** works for ABC News, and **Amy Hobbie** recently got a job at the

National Institutes of Health.

Lara Pierce lives in Vienna and is working at a mortgage and loan company. **Anne Petraeus** was interning at an environmental non-profit in the media department, but recently got a job at a PR firm in D.C. **Dinah**

Lord works in media relations for "Save the Children." **Ana Oancea** graduated from UVA and spent a year studying German in Austria. In the fall, she'll start a PhD program at Columbia in Comparative Literature.

Divya Watal is currently interning at *US News and World Report* as part of her studies in journalism at NYU. After graduation in December, she hopes to land a job with the *Baltimore Sun*. **Lauren Newton** recently received her master's in curriculum and instruction from Virginia Tech. This fall,

she will teach fourth grade at T.J. **Joe McQuail** is still working at Johns Hopkins, studying age-related cognitive decline and helping to identify new drug treatment strategies. He's been accepted into a biotechnology master's program at JHU, where he'll concentrate in molecular targets and drug discovery technology.

As for me, I'm still in Falls Church and am working at M.A.R. Reporting Group, proofreading and formatting legal transcripts. I'm also still writing for a couple of Web sites, dc.metblogs.com and realitynewsonline.com.

Please keep sending me info! I really like hearing from everyone. You can reach me at luckyjenn@hotmail.com or jbrasler@mar-reporting.com.

Class of 2001

By Rebecca Davis

Mary Predergast recently accepted a position as the Art Director at an advertising and PR firm in beautiful San Diego and is living it up out on the West Coast. **Kari Lewis** moved back to the Washington area and has started work with Countrywide Homes as a loan officer. **Peter Corbino** graduated with a political science degree from Gettysburg College this May and is a current employee with the Arlington County Fire Department where he is going through recruit school with them for another 20 or so weeks. **Nate Balve** is out to Las Vegas and **Kate Zimmermann** is up in New York City working for an art gallery in Soho and settling right into the city life.

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Betsy Andres is working for House Member Deborah Pryce of Ohio on Capital Hill and **Karlyn Gould** heads up to Boston next week to start working for international law firm, the Piper Group.

Amanda Henneberg recently started her job with the Republican National Committee working as a staff assistant and **Colin Kikuchi** is moving to Arizona where he will be for the next year working for Teach for America.

That's all for now. I recently started an online address book so I can

better keep track of people and would like to have as many of you on it as possible. To sign up just send me an email at rebeccaannedavis@gmail.com and I'll send you the invite. Hope everyone is enjoying the summer.

- Becky

Class of 2003 **By Caitlin Wright & Vanessa Trasmonte**

Vanessa and I, Caitlin, are the Co-Reps for our class and we want to know what you all have been up to. If you have anything to share with us and the best of your fellow

classmates, you can reach us at our emails: vantras@hotmail.com; cwright8874@email.vccs.edu

Here is what's been going on with us: Vanessa is attending her last semester in NOVA and she is working for a lawyer. She got her Associate in Science and she will transfer in spring semester to GMU to study Communications. For myself, I am attending NOVA, working towards a General Studies degree, and then eventually transferring, probably to GMU to study Special Education or Business. We hope to hear from you all.

- Vanessa & Caitlin

Falls Church Education Foundation

National Reporter Molly Henneberg Appointed to Board

Fox News Channel Washington DC correspondent and 1991 GMHS graduate, Molly Henneberg, has joined the Board of Directors of the Falls Church Education Foundation.

Henneberg got her start in journalism working as a reporter and editor for George Mason High School's student newspaper, "The Lasso." She has also served as an early evening anchor for stations in Michigan and Maryland, and was a medical reporter for a station in Pennsylvania. In 2002, she joined Fox News Network where her assignments have included covering the White House, multiple trips to the Persian Gulf and Baghdad, and the 2004 presidential election.

In 2003, Henneberg became the first George Mason High School graduate to provide a commencement address to her alma mater. Henneberg is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, where she

studied newspaper and broadcast journalism.

She looks forward to her new role as a member of the Falls Church Education Foundation Board because "it's a way to give back to the school that made a difference in my life—George Mason provided me with skills that I use each and every day in my professional life."

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