

## Classes of 1953 & 1954 Present Portrait of Thompson House to Superintendent During GMAA All-Class Reunion

by Scott Sager, GMAA President

A special thank you goes out to the Classes of '53 & '54 for their wonderful and unique gift to the City of Falls Church Public Schools – a portrait of the Thompson House, Painted by Roberta Lintner. The George Mason classes of '53-'54 were temporarily housed in Thompson House in 1951-1952 because the construction of George Mason High School was delayed by the shortage of building materials as a result of the Korean War. I spoke briefly at the presentation and introduced the retiring Superintendent of Schools, Mary Ellen Shaw, to the presenters, **Lynn Llewellyn** ('53) and **Arlan Kinney** ('53). Mary Ellen accepted the portrait on

behalf of the Falls Church City Public Schools and George Mason. Lynn reminisced about the Thompson House, its controversial history, and how close George Mason High School came to not being built.

Arlan also gave Superintendent Shaw a statue of a bucking bronco (mustang) held in trust by **Ed and Joslyn Caldwell Becker** ('54), and offered a valuable historical perspective on the 1952 and 1953 school yearbooks (some believe that this



statue was the actual model for the first mustang design used in those yearbooks). **Chester Rockwell**, a beloved GM math teacher and Thompson House veteran, regaled the audience with anecdotes about the challenges faced by teachers and students alike in the fall of 1951 when the Thompson House was used by the City to instruct the classes of '53 & '54. Plans call for the Thompson House portrait to be placed in an appropriate location in George Mason. Thanks again to our first two graduating classes from George Mason for this excellent gift to our alma mater.

## Second GMAA All-Class Reunion

Our second GMAA All-Class Reunion was another success and I would like to thank all of the classes who participated in this event. I would especially like to thank **Tom Clinton** '83 for his help in organizing the picnic at Cherry Hill Park on that Sunday – we had great weather, great entertainment and we had a chance to meet many family members in a relaxed situation – thanks Tom! Although we didn't have quite as many alumni present at this event as we did at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

event in 1999, this was a very close second. I would also like to thank the Falls Church Education Foundation and Donna Englander for hosting the Opening Reception at the Don Beyer Volvo Showroom on Friday prior to the Alumni Open House at George Mason. This was well attended and a great start to the weekend. Please take a look at the many pictures taken during the weekend throughout this edition of the *Mustang Review*.

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## George Mason Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame

The GMAA Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, the George Mason Athletic Boosters Association and the GM Athletic Director (Tom Horn) have begun discussions on the "next steps" for the next Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony. As you may recall we had the GM Charter members inducted in 1992, followed two years later with our second group of outstanding athletes from George Mason. The Committee, the Boosters, and the AD held their first meeting on 17 January 2005 and discussed a number of issues related to future GM Athletic Hall of Fame Activities. There was mutual agreement on a general path ahead and we all agreed to meet again in about 30 days to continue our planning. We expect to have and agreed "way ahead" before the next edition of the Mustang Review - stay tuned.

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## Students Prepare for Robotics Competition

George Mason High School's Robotic Team has been planning and fundraising since its first competition last year to raise the entry fee for this year's regional competition. The team won the "Rookie All Star" trophy last year, and hopes to have another strong showing at VCU on March 3, 4 and 5. They are working on building their robot, and are planning to attend the national tournament, too. Sponsor John Ballou said "We are hoping to improve our collection of tools students can use to manufacture part of their designs. Transportation to and from the regional tournament is another cost we need to plan for. If we hope to attend this year's national tournament, this will cost an additional four thousand dollar entrance fee." The entrance fees go towards a kit of parts which includes motors, sensors, shafts, bearings, and other materials for the design and construction of a robot. At the regional competition alone, more than 900 competing teams from around the country will compete in heats with four teams'



**GMHS's award-winning entry in last year's Robotics Competition.**

robots on the same obstacle course hoping to complete the same task at the same time.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the Robotics Team may contact John Ballou [ballouj@fccps.k12.va.us](mailto:ballouj@fccps.k12.va.us) or David Applegate [applegated@fccps.k12.va.us](mailto:applegated@fccps.k12.va.us) at the high school (703-248-5500x3090), or send checks (made out to GMHS; please designate "Robotics" in the memo line) to GMHS Finance, 7124 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043.

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John Reineck, Jr., '56  
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Arnold Renn, '57  
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**2003 & 2004:** *We need volunteers!*



# Class Notes

## Alumni Teachers and Administrators

By Nancy Birindelli

### Staff/School Board Reunion Enjoyed by All

The reunion weekend was a very special occasion for retirees and former School Board members as well as current staff and Board. The event was held at the Tysons' Doubletree and was a lovely buffet luncheon. About 100 people attended to reminisce, wish **Mary Ellen Shaw** a wonderful retirement as she joins the "club," and to honor the grand memory of **Nancy Sprague** who gave so much to the Falls Church Schools during her tenure with us.

School Board member, **Jay Grusin**, was honored to introduce the master of ceremonies, Mary Ellen Shaw. She was presented with a Falls Church City afghan as a retirement gift from her new retired colleagues.

In a very special tribute to **Nancy Sprague**, her co-worker and close friend, **George Thoms**, described how great a contribution she made to life at George Mason and the improvement of the academic program at both the middle school and the high school. Many staff members in attendance expressed their special memories of Nancy who was a real pioneer in many ways - as Nancy D. explained, she was the first to wear pants, and then everyone else went out and

bought pant suits.

**Warren Pace** recounted the years that Nancy served in the Central Office as Director of Instruction and as Assistant to the Superintendent. Her impact on the system forged new initiatives that are still alive and well today.

Steve Sprague, Nancy's husband, addressed the assemblage and announced that a \$100,000 grant in Nancy's honor is being contributed by the family to the Falls Church Education Foundation to establish the Nancy Sprague Teacher Leadership Institute Endowment Fund. The gift was gratefully accepted by **Mark Kerrigan** on behalf of the Foundation. Many of the Sprague family members were in attendance including son Rob who has formed his own financial advisory company in Chicago.

The room was filled with lots of love, hugs, and happy memories! It was a wonderful time of reflection and praise.

Staff members, current and retired, who attended were **Adele Neuberg, Nadine Wilson, Mary Beth Williams, Trudy Taylor, Cecie Boggs, Nancy and Tony DePasquale, Fran and John Scanga, Mary Workman, Ann Hill, Cheryl Fontes, Warren and Mary Pace** (she taught 2nd grade at TJ before going to Fairfax), **Dottie Saliettera, George Thoms, John Kalepp, Deborah Zieses, Marge Albert, Carol Cofey, Mary Ellen Shaw, Dick**



*The Falls Church Education Foundation's Mark Kerrigan thanks Steve Sprague for his grant in honor of his wife Nancy.*

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School Board members and other friends of Nancy were **Jane Scully, Jay Grusin, Marge Prochaska, Jerry Barrett, Ellen Salisbury, Jessie Thackrey, Sara Hassan, Louis and Noralyn Olom, Phil Walsh, Kiernan Sharpe, Cricket Moore, Mark Kerrigan, Steve Spector, Kay Wilson, Hal Lippmann and Sue Ferguson, Sleight and Ross Johnson, and Michelle Black.**

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One retiree who was intending to attend was our favorite coach and friend, **Jack Gambill**. Several days prior to driving from Tennessee for the reunion, he experienced high blood pressure and was hospitalized. A shunt was inserted in his heart, and he and Mary Lynn have been on the road again. They have visited St. Martin, New Mexico, California for two weeks, and attended her 50th reunion since June! Jack plays golf 2-3 times a week and is looking forward to attending the next reunion in 2009. Way to go, Jack!

A booklet of memories was distributed to all. Some of those who were unable to attend but gave wonderful accounts of Nancy's and Mary Ellen's impact on their lives and careers included **Robin Hopes, Phyllis Ward, Al Krueger, Lee Tapp, Joan Tannenbaum, Jo Galloway, Wayne Moore, Marilyn Anderson, Martha Ramey, Fran Marston, Kathy Halayko, John Harmon, Pat Luse, Ileana Alim, Maureen Truncala, Katharine Brandis, Penny Goodman Jones, Lois Blevins, Marily Abbey Diloreto, Dick Howell, Stewart Roberson, Phil Lindsey, Betty Blystone, and Margaret Disney**

Several of our colleagues have passed away this year. Our In Memoriam column includes **Ruth Busbee** (Madison teacher/principal, 1949-75), **Nell Cooper** (Mt. Daniel/Madison teacher, 1949-75), and **Earle Phillips** (GM Spanish teacher, assistant principal, assistant superintendent, 1952-71 - recruited both Nancy Sprague and Mary Ellen Shaw — good job.

If any retirees would like to provide info about their whereabouts and activities, please send me the news and I will include it in the next issue of the *Mustang Review* - summer of 2005.

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Take care, have a happy holiday, and enjoy life!

## Classes of 1953/54

By Lynn Llewellyn

### From Lynn:

Once more, **Patti Carson** has answered her country's call and will not be able to contribute to the current newsletter. She and the other members of her USO troupe are shipboard, entertaining a training class of supply sergeants on leave from Fort Dix, New Jersey. Songs about food are much in demand by the trainees, and Patti is one of the few entertainers who can "lip synch" golden oldies such as "One Meat Ball," "Pass the Biscuits, Mirandy," and "Buddy, Can You Spare a Dime?" We look forward to Patti's safe return.

By this time, most of you know that the classes of 1953, 1954, and 1955 held a joint (give-or-take-a-year) 50th reunion bash at the Doubletree Hotel at Tysons the weekend of June 25-27, coinciding with George Mason's All-Class Reunion on June 25. Here are some recollections of the first two days:

Friday night was a time to greet old classmates and to register for the All-Class Reunion at George Mason. And, thanks to Scott Sager

'65, we had the opportunity to present a unique '53-'54 class gift to the high school: a beautiful portrait of Thompson House painted by **Roberta Lintner**. Please see the article on page one on the Thompson House painting.

We had some fun with artist Roberta Lintner, suggesting that the Thompson House we knew was in need of an extreme makeover, particularly by the time the school year ended. Roberta still has a few prints of the Thompson House picture. She can be reached at 703-321-8826; her home address is 7925 Ellet Road, Springfield, VA 22151. We cannot thank Roberta enough for her artistic efforts; the prints are a fitting tribute to a time come and gone.

Saturday's main event was the reunion dinner at the Doubletree attended by all three classes. Again, because my "senior moments" are fast becoming "senior interludes," I apologize in advance for leaving out any pertinent details or neglecting to mention the many unsung heroes and heroines who contributed so much to the success of the reunion. Although everyone who signed up for name tags and the dinner may not have attended, at the conclusion of this narrative I have included a list of all those alumni from the classes of 1953-1954 who made arrangements through Patti. Special guests (i.e., former teachers) are included in the list; unfortunately, the length of the dinner program did not allow sufficient time to gather names of spouses, companions, and significant others.

The program portion of the dinner was divided loosely into three segments. Lynn Llewellyn served as



overall Master of Ceremonies and spokesperson for the Class of 1953; **Mike Hodges** presented for the class of 1954, and **Gail Hodges Carroll** served in a similar role for the Class of 1955. Among the more memorable moments

more of less in chronological order: \* **Joan Gladstone** ('53) made a moving presentation to the dinner audience, reciting the names of classmates who are no longer with us, while paying tribute to their memory. We miss them all.

\* **Lynn Llewellyn** introduced the class of 1953 and then proceeded to antagonize and alienate a select group of dinner guests from all three classes. Since the reunion, Lynn has received hate mail, death threats, and a warning to obey strictly all speed limits if he ever sets foot in Prince William County, Virginia.

\* **Mike Hodges** introduced the Class of 1954 as only Mike could do it, evoking favorable comparisons to famous Virginia orators such as the late Senator A. Willis Robertson, Pat Robertson's father. Let's leave it at that. All kidding aside, Mike did a sparkling job during the 1954 segment, including: 1. Anointing Patti Carson as Reunion Queen. Patti was presented with a bouquet of flowers and later received some beautiful earrings in tribute to her tireless efforts to make the 50th Reunion a reality. We all owe Patti a debt of gratitude.

2. Recognizing **Melvin Fink** ('54) for his many accomplishments, on the baseball field, as president of the National Honor Society, and as a remarkable person in every way.

3. Congratulating the class for having the foresight to select **Eddie**

**Becker** and **Mary Miles Dupuis** as Scholarship Superlatives — both went on to earn PhDs.

4. Obtaining **Mr. Scanga's** autograph on his slide rule, an instrument that, according to Mike, "set the course for his career." Tragically, Mike never discovered that his slide rule contained several major dents, which explained how his quiz answers were consistently wrong throughout high school and college, (and later led to his early retirement).

5. Congratulating various high school sweethearts who were still married, at least until the reunion was over, and challenging others to admit to "crushes" they might have had back in high school.

Since the Class of 1955 will have their own recollections of the reunion, I will leave it to Gail Hodges Carroll or Maggie Koontz Stewart to have their say. I do remember Gail remarking about her brother Mike's "sense of humor." There is an oxymoron buried somewhere in that thought, but I digress. On a personal note, I did enjoy seeing so many old friends from the class of 1955, among them **Bill and Donna Berger, Paul Ebert, Allen Lassen, Judy Fruland, Maryanne Sears**, and the previously mentioned pretty member of the Hodges clan. Bill Berger was the first friend I made when my parents moved to Falls Church in 1949, and I can still hear the incessant horn of the Congressional School bus blaring away waiting for chronically late Bill to emerge from his Tallwood home on East Broad Street.

**Bob Wilson** ('54) had to dig deeply into his Friar's Club Anthol-

ogy of Dirty Jokes as he thanked all the members of the reunion committee. Bob seemed to be modeling his presentation along the lines of Triumph, the Insult Comic Dog (and if you know who Triumph is, you are staying up for too long past your bedtime). For a few bucks more, we could have had the real Triumph.

Somewhere in all this nonsense, **Scott Butler** ('54) was presented a framed print of Roberta Lintner's portrait of Thompson House. Scott has been a real pillar of strength in his service to the classes of '53-'54 in so many ways. Congratulations, Scott, and thanks for everything. Also, it was great to hear from John Scanga again, and to listen to **Shirley March Randall**, an English teacher who inspired so many of us at a crucial junction of our lives. God bless you, John and Shirley — thanks for being who you were and who you are! You were two of the great blessings of George Mason.

Below is the list of classmates who attended the reunion. A few people who came at the last minute were warmly welcomed, but we may have overlooked writing down their names (and memories aren't what they used to be, sigh):

**1953: Carol Newman Berliant, Peggy Payne Yarbrough, Lynn Llewellyn, Nancy Altfather Garber, Sarah (Doll) Madden, John Lintner, Joan Johnston Gladstone, Buddy Tasker, Fred Louis, Jack Chambliss, Roland Stephens, Roberta Shaw Thomas, Arlan Kinney, Frances Holland Teed.**

**1954: John (Buttons) Yarbrough, James Arnold,**

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**James (Sonny) Anderson, Patti Regan Carson, Mary Miles Dupuis, Nell Crowley Campbell, Mel Fink, Bob Hutchins, Barbara Steiner Hare, Joe Berry, Mel Fink, Jeannette Watson Rose, Mary Lou Taylor Dose', Carolyn Coe Earnest, Bob Wilson, Joan Wells, Bruce Taylor, Ken Geddes, Charles (Jerry) Hedetniemi, Shirley Clatterbuck Avery, Mike Hodges, Vince Charlton, Louise Geier Charlton, Nancy Allen Riddel, Dick Byrne, Bill Jeffrey, Scott Butler, Betty Hinman Hilosky.**

**1955: John Ermerins, Jeff Feagin, Judy Potter Brown, Maryanne McGillis Sears, Don Jones, Jean Watkins Peterson, Donna Hinshaw Berger, Maggie Koontz Stewart, Pat Smith Getson, Bob Koontz, Carolyn Yates Seidel, Beverly Eubank Evans, Gail Hodges Carroll, Dick Fisher, Paul Ebert, Mary Jane Clark Wild, Ann Albaugh Quarles, Judy Fruland.**

**Faculty: John Scanga, Shirley March Randall**

## **Class of 1955**

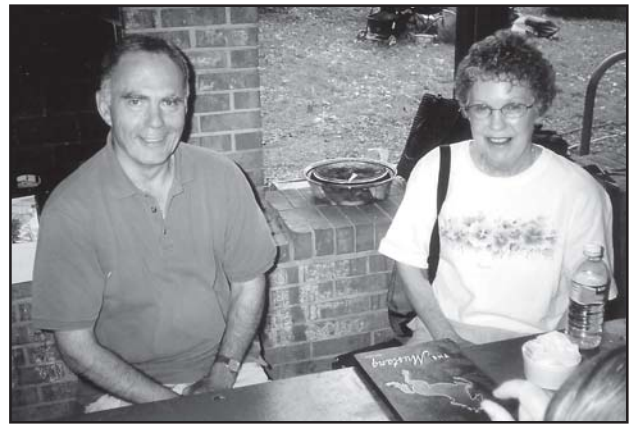
**By Maggie Koontz Stewart & Judy Potter Brown**

What a warm and wonderful all-class reunion we had in June — the class of 1955 was represented by 20 classmates (with seven spouses, including **Bill Berger and Ray Peterson** from 1956) attending. That's pretty good since we only had 57 who graduated then. And much of the credit is due to the team efforts of Bob and Maggie, Gail, and Don for coordinating the

on-site arrangements, gathering contact information and contacting people. Judy was charged with locating and contacting classmates west of the Mississippi. From afar came **Jane Anderson, Jeff Feagin**

(who almost didn't make it because of a shocking encounter with some stray bees from his hives), **Judy Fruland, Mary Anne McGillis, Judy Potter, Karl Larew, Ann Albaugh, Mary Jane Clark and Beverly Eubank.** Not far from home came **Butch Ebert, John Ermerins, Dick Fisher, Donna Hinshaw, Gail Hodges, Don Jones, Allan Lassen, Joanne Watkins**, the **Koontz** twins and **Pat Smith** (Pat, does West Virginia qualify as near-, far-, or middle-distance?). Faculty on hand (**Shirley March, John Scanga, and Anthony DePasquali**) offered recollections to their former students. Hope we didn't miss anyone who came in after the sign-in. It was really wonderful to see everyone. Try as we might though, we weren't able to get a chance to talk to everyone. So, we decided to try it again in 2005 for our actual 50th.

The '04 reunion was such a success that a consensus of those attending decided to plan a casual get together in 2005 for our 50th — same dates: June 24 to 26 (Friday through Sunday). Maggie is checking out a few hotels in Herndon, VA, which is a ten-minute ride from Dulles airport. We've had several suggestions



**Class of 1955: Jeff Feagin & Mary Ann McGillis Sears**

about organizing trips into D.C. and other activities for those who haven't been back for a while. Send us your suggestions of things you would like to do and places you would like to go. We'll see what can be organized.

If anyone has a new snail- or e-mail address, or new phone number, please send this information to Judy ([jubrown@myway.com](mailto:jubrown@myway.com)), Gail ([LCRX7@aol.com](mailto:LCRX7@aol.com)) or Maggie ([stewws@aol.com](mailto:stewws@aol.com)). Hopefully by spring '05 we will have a current and complete list of the class of '55 and will be able to send everyone notification of the plans. If anyone knows the whereabouts of those still missing from our graduating class, please help us locate them (**Connie Archer, Ginger Atkins, Karen Brock, Nancy Dresser, Carole Ferguson, Doris Hawes, Jerry Novak, Elinor Rote, and Roberta Rucker**).

We also have news and observations from several of the attendees. **Ann Albaugh Quarles** and her husband Herschel came, although they were awaiting the imminent birth of their first great-grandchild (Abby, born 7//04, see the photo below of the adoring Great- and newborn). Before we saw Ann, she had written, "Thank y'all for finding



me! Herschel retired from Lockheed over 10 years ago and we bought a 'farm' in East Texas. With 10 grandchildren, we needed the space. Now the grandkids are starting to have weddings, so we may be needing a larger 'farm'. "Texas has been good to us. Our 3 children (two boys, one girl) graduated from UT and live with their families in Austin and Fort Worth. Teacher and nurses. "We traveled a lot while Herschel was with Lockheed, not so much now. My uncle told me I wouldn't like living in the country – I was too 'citized'. He was wrong! I love everything about it. Like living at a bed and breakfast year round. Would love to share it with all of you. I send my love to Judy, Jo Ann, Donna Lee, Gail, Mag, et al." Ann, we hope you had the opportunity to talk to everyone on your list, plus a few.

**Grace McCurdy Clark** wrote, remembering shorthand/typing classes: "My mom insisted that every child of hers at least learn to type, guy kids included . . . the business classes opened the door to interesting (if not lucrative) jobs every summer. In this computer age, I am grateful for her direction, although at the time I thought it was useless—as did my brothers. "I



**Class of 1955: Ann Albough Quarles and Abby**

don't remember much more about high school. I didn't 'hang' (as kids say now) very much with GM classmates but practically lived at our little Falls Church airport. Saved every baby-sitting penny to pay for flying lessons. It'd be nice to come back and laugh with my GM classmates again and I'm sorry I can't be with you all (but weddings are ok too!)."

**Karl Larew**, who didn't think that he would be able to make the reunion but did come in with his wife Marilyn after the Saturday dinner, sent us this update: "I will retire a year from next month. I would have retired earlier, but I had a sabbatical last spring and so I'm obliged by contract to teach for two years after a sabbatical, i.e., until May 2005. I guess I'll teach part-time after that, at least during some semesters, leaving some other semesters free for travel. My article on US Army radar in Panama in 1940-41 (and the relation of that to Pearl Harbor) will be published in June, and I will try to publish another article on Army tank radios 1940-42 when I finish it this summer. Both come out of my sabbatical. But I have no plans for research after I retire. I may write novels – I've always been a frustrated novelist. I did self-publish one in 1999, but, despite a good review in the Baltimore paper, sales have been poor. An English professor at my University adopted it for her class to study, and she invited me to discuss it with her class, which was fun. Other than working on the two articles and teaching, I've kept busy with advising the history honor society and fighting departmental politics."

**Mary Jane Clark Wild** passed up her husband's reunion to join us. Sorry we didn't get the opportunity to spend more time together, Mary Jane. Can we try again next June?

**Jane Anderson Moon**, who has lived with her husband and two children in Orange County, California, since early 1958, was full of memories and updates: "My memories are so clear . . . the amazing variety of innovative and creative people we were surrounded with. I think we were unbelievably fortunate at George Mason to be in such a community with such amazing people. Weren't we blessed to have **Bill Snodgrass, Shirley March, Martha Quam**, such talented faculty and friends?!"

"My own favorite school recollections include many field trips and science trips (why I was sent on science trips to UVA or others I could not tell you) . . . international relations conferences . . . forensics competitions (**Ed Becker** dramatically reading *Winnie the Pooh*; I was a mere spelling champion) . . . drama rehearsals and "The Man Who Came to Dinner" . . . studying ancient history . . . some of the dances, making sparkly posters for the winter ball, decorating for special events . . . our homeroom. Shirley March took students from one class to 'An Evening with Beatrice Lily' that was mesmerizing, and I'll never forget the gorgeous green velvet evening coat that Shirley wore."

During time at the hospitality suite we discovered that Jane works for Raytheon, formerly Hughes Aircraft Company, and over the years has been a software and systems

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engineer but now focuses on engineering management and enterprise-wide process improvement. "Enjoyed my project work on both commercial systems and national air defense systems, major networks of defense systems and air traffic control. What I do best is working on things that nobody has designed and built before. "We have health and comfort, and I look forward to retirement. Life is quiet and fun."

We can only add that reconnecting with people from probably the most formative and tumultuous periods of our lives, we discover what interesting and creative people they continue to be. Here's to '05.

### **Classes of 1956 & 1957**

**By Terp & Pat Palmer**

Terp & I happened to be in town during the 5-Year All-Class Reunion and we enjoyed seeing a few classmates and lots of people from other classes. The first question most of our classmates asked was, "When are we having our 50th Reunion?" The answer is, we're thinking about the fall of 2006. In the summer issue of the *Mustang Review* we asked for your suggestions and also your updated email addresses — We've had two offers of help and no email updates. If you've changed your email address in the last two years, please send it to us.

It's sad to report that each of our classes has again lost a member.

**John Reineck, Jr.** (Class of '56) passed away in April of this year. He was retired from the United States Postal Service and leaves behind his wife Patricia, four

children, eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. **Arnold Renn** (Class of '57) died January 2, 2004. He'd retired from NASA on the eastern shore of Virginia due to health reasons.

We did hear from **Charles Brown** (Class of '57) who says he's looking forward to our 50th Reunion. He's still working full time but expects to retire in the near future and have more time to enjoy his four grandchildren. **Scott Mason** (Class of '57) lives out in Round Hill, Virginia, so we plan to do dinner one of these days. He's near enough to see lots of his daughter and granddaughter who live at Lake Barcroft but he also has a home in New Mexico where his son and family live — two more grandchildren. Sounds like he's got the best of both worlds. We had a nice note from **Lois Long** (Class of '56). She's still living in the area and enjoying her eight grandchildren

but it keeps them on the road between Virginia, Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

There isn't much news, so please let us know what you're doing and we'll share it with our classmates in the next issue.

### **Class of 1958**

**By Tiana Gillespie Camfiord**

Do you know what makes a great reunion? The wonderful people who find the time to come - even if only for one event. The pictures say it all. So I thank YOU ALL for such a great time. And a special thanks to **MARY JEAN SANDFORD CAMPBELL** who came to organizational meetings, did all the nametags, and hosted the terrific Sun. Brunch. (Do you know how to prevent sagging at our age? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.) Thanks also to **CLARE NEUBERG DIX** ('59) who hosted the (six?) dinner meetings



**Class of 1958:** Front row: Jane St. John, Janet Rees Watson, Mary Jean Sandford Campbell, Betsy O'Roarke Scheben, Jean Ann Albright Kirby, Tiana Gillespie Camfiord, Leslie Gilmore Vandivere. Second row: Nash Gifford, Carolyn Hambleton Tripp, Butch McGonegal, Larry Wilson, Betsy Browder Wilson, Sue Stattner Gartner, Brenda Bushdid Xander, Gwen Warton Dean, Jean Yates. Third row: Ralph Disque, Tony Hodges, David Johnston, Bill Benson, Patt Manley Bower, Moe Hedetniemi, Tony Curtis, David Benn, Rod Fruland, Steve Vandivere. Not Pictured: Judy Hignett Myers, Anita Sauveur Mosser.

and the Sat. Reunion Brunch, **NASH GIFFORD** who brought music Saturday evening, **MOE HEDETNIEMI** for his after dinner remarks, **JANE ST. JOHN** for the dinner blessing, **PATTI CARSON** ('53-4) and **MAGGIE KOONTZ STEWART** ('55) for their help co-coordinating the Saturday afternoon all class Hospitality Room. Personally, I loved seeing so many upperclassmen/women too, and again seeing **Mr. Rockwell** and **Mr. DePasquale** is always very special.

We were so delighted to finally see **DAVID BENN** and Carolyn, **CAROL ROSE**, **TONY CURTIS** and Judy, **TONY HODGES** and Mary Lynne Schoenbeck, **BRENDA BUSHDID XANDER** & Hank who married last year. And not able to come for many years was **RALPH DISQUE** and Beverly, **ANITA SAUVEUR MOSSER**, **DAVID JOHNSTON** and Celeste. David was so funny. He called to say he had a conflict with prior commitment so we talked for over an hour "catching up." Also talked with Celeste who was best friends with **SHARON RUPP** who was with us in the 9th grade-they had to have been named the "Bubbly Twins." Well, he calls the next day and they decided to come. David has had so many adventures - opened several successful night-clubs in D.C. in the 60's, other ventures, and finally combined his love of history with a real estate career in and around Richmond specializing in old homes. Their "old" home was on the VA House and Garden Tour a few years ago. **CAROL** and **EMILY**



*Class of 1958: Front row: Tiana Gillespie Camfiord, Emily Horowitz Kramer, Gwen Warton Dean, Betsy O'Roarke Scheben, Jean Yates, Mary Jean Sandford Campbell, Betsy Browder Wilson, Jean Ann Albright Kirby, Jananne Fleenor. Second row: David Benn, Dan Runyon, Jane St. John, Bill Benson, Larry Wilson, Moe Hedetniemi, Rod Fruland, Tony Curtis, Tony Hodges, Leslie Gilmore Vandivere, ?, Steve Vandivere, Carol Rose. Not Pictured: Sue Stattner Gartner, Patt Manly Bower.*

**HOROWITZ KRAMER** were able to come at the last minute for only Friday evening at GM, back to NYC and New Haven Saturday a.m. They were going to share driving, forgetting that Emily cannot drive a stick shift...good thing they remain best friends. Carol (Yale Prof.) has traveled, advised, lectured and written extensively on land ownership rights and redistribution (China and the Middle East perhaps the most challenging) and remains a jovial, engaging, and generous person that anyone could visit with. A Valedictorian we are all still proud of! **RALPH DISQUE** and Beverly love to travel especially to Hawaii (11 times!) even though it means leaving a huge group of grandkids they baby-sit and adore. (Life is good!) **DAVID BENN** travels too and loves to trek the mountains of SE Asia. Semi retired he still has a couple of commercial directorships/

consultancies, is the Nat'l. Chairman of the Fulbright Comm and on the Board of Habitat for Humanity on the community side. He still laughs easily and we are trying to co-ordinate a '58ers trip to their Wintergreen (VA) home sometime in '05. Otherwise, you will still find them in "OZ."

**TONY HODGES** and Mary Lynne make their home in Los Altos near Stanford but they (and his daughter) had been traveling in the south and were able to get here in time for our weekend and a Hodges reunion plus a tour of their home on Oak St. A former AF pilot, and pilot for Pan Am, he made his home in Hawaii for years once running for Governor in the 70's. He's been an inventor and now has been an advocate for small inventors and patent rights. He will be politically active forever I'm sure. He still laughs easily and often with his quick wit and greeted



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everyone as though he had just seen them last year. He delights in his sons and grandchildren but we saw he is still a goofy dancer! **TONY CURTIS** and Judy several of us had seen during our cruise, but he so enjoyed his first visit home. They are so happy with their home at The Villages in Florida and all the activities available. He and **LARRY WILSON** are both active alums of VMI. Did you check their posture? Still ramrod!

**GWEN WHARTON DEAN**'s husband and **BRENDA BUSHDID XANDER**'S new husband probably did not get a word in edgewise when the two old girlfriends finally got to see each other Saturday evening. Divorced years ago, Brenda and Hank met thru a dating service. Their "small wedding" quickly grew to 200! We "adopted Harry" several years ago and now we think Hank is a keeper too.

**ANITA SAUVEUR MOSSER** got to join in the fun along with **JUDY HIGNET MYERS** (whose husband Alfred we were finally able to meet too!) **DAN RUNYON** and Joyce were able to drop by for a little while too, especially to see Anita who has managed to miss most activities we've had. Anita has been recovering from a surgery on her foot and sadly lost her beloved husband this past winter to cancer. Judy has been a long time caregiver to her family members, but she has been free of her asthma that plagued her so much in school. Anita is still working at Madison HS but heads for her home in Nags Head every summer. She came with Judy and Alfred who had to leave early so unfortunately they are

not in the group picture. Thanks to Gwen I think we have pictures of everyone! We found **DICK RUNGE** after three years. He has remarried, is retired and moving to So. PA., but they found time to come to Mary Jean's on Sunday. His voice will still carry across a stage! **ROD FRULAND** almost didn't make it as he had been called away to oversee an engineering problem in Denver during the restoration of an old downtown building. **SUE STATNER GARTNER** and Brian are happier than ever in Atlanta and she too is going to try to find **JUDY BRICKMAN EBENSTEIN** who has gone "missing."

Well, so much for retirement! **MARION MEYER BROWN** has a new career as a travel agent. See [www.WAY2GOTRAVEL.org](http://www.WAY2GOTRAVEL.org). You can bookmark it for browsing, travel dreaming, or just planning. **NICKY CHAMBLISS** could not come as she was setting up exhibits of her art work and now has her web site up. See <http://home.netcom/~nrcrcrations>. **DAN PERSINGER** almost made here but wonders "whatever possessed me to launch a computer business at my age! Perhaps a way to stave off Alzheimer's?" So give him some grief if you are in Chicago and also visit **CAROLYN HAMBLETON TRIPP** (who stayed with old pal **JANET REES WATSON**) who is now renting The Coach House on a lovely estate while finishing her last two years of working at the college.

Chip Chandler was busy passing the bar exam in June, but is enjoying a bit of freedom away from work or school for the first time in

his life with the exception of three weeks. He and Chris are going to do some restoration work on their home and then he will open his office in January. **RAIFORD PIERCE** couldn't come at the last minute due to the arrival of first grandchild and he sent pictures via e-mail to prove it. (Sort of like the Dr.'s excuse if you miss PE.) He looks just like his Dad did in the '50's. Yeah, the baby is cute too!

Do you want to hear that **JIM BYRNE** bicycled only 500 mi. this year in So. Utah? He wrote he didn't have to "Wasatcha Front" traffic as Dottie dropped him off and picked him up. **BILL GRAHAM** was able to get over for a family reunion in October and on a trip west had a nice visit with Chip and Chris. He was in FC November 1-2 to vote as his absentee ballot was "lost in the mail." Shocking! Anyway we had a quick party for him at the Vandivere's with his friends which luckily included Mr. "I'll try to be there" a/k/a **JOHN DENNIS**. Dr. J left Dartmouth an aspiring physicist, but ended up in Botany after looking out the window during grad. school and admiring the spring day. Ask him about his years in Alaska someday (watching the grass grow). He is an administrator of policy implementation at the Forestry Dept. and does not look like he has an ulcer yet!

Bill's B&B continues to do very well, but if we are going to organize a trip over we had better do it soon as Bill says his various careers last about seven years (as in itch). His dry wit and easy charm has earned him friends all over the world who have visited there and want him to visit them.

**JANANNE FLEENOR** was able to come Friday evening and loved seeing everyone again. She sent some great photos too!

I'm sorry to tell you that **MARGARET WILSON GRAY** lost her beloved Paul in June. Paul was cancer free in March when he collapsed with what finally turned out to be a ruptured septic ulcer. Her children were with her a great deal this summer and she sent her love to everyone.

The four hurricanes that hit Florida managed to do little damage to '58ers who live there. **JACK HORKAN** and **GARY CROWTHER** had some damage to their homes, the rest had yard debris. **ANNE LEWIS LEYDEN** and Bill and **GWEN** and Harry were on cruises as the time so couldn't get home until two days later. Is that a sad story or what?

## Class of 1959

By Bob Barrett

On the last weekend of June 2004 we, the George Mason Jr-Sr High School class of 1959, celebrated a significant milestone in our class history, our 45<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion. Fifty-five classmates and spouses joined in to enjoy friendship and relive memories over the three days of planned events. In addition to our classmates from the Washington DC region, we had our usual strong contingents from Florida and California and all points from our great country. And once again, **Carolyn Newell Benn** wins the "who traveled the farthest" award, coming all the way from Sydney, Australia (with husband David, GM '58) to celebrate with us. One of the fun things about class

reunions is finding classmates with whom we've lost contact. This reunion we "found" **Gary Briggs** after forty-five years, so we had a lot of catching-up to do with him!

We kicked off the Reunion Weekend with the gathering of all GM classes at GM High School on Friday, 25 Jun 04. That's always fun because our class sets up with the other "older" classes in the gymnasium. I couldn't help but notice the corner in the bleacher seats where we had our Senior Lounge and all the memories that evoked. Remember the beautifully finished floors in the gym when it was new, and the wrath you would incur from Coach Crain if he caught you walking on "his" floor with street shoes? Guess that's why the dances we used to have there were called "sock hops!" The following day, Saturday, **Clare Neuberg Dix** graciously hosted a brunch at her home as she has done on many past reunions. As always the food and drink were superb, and the poolside garden setting



*Class of 1959: Steve, Clare, Bob, Jim & Joan*

beautiful. We shared this event with our "more senior" Class of 1958 led by **Tiana Gillespie Camfiord** and **Mary Jeanne Sanford Campbell**. We had a good mix of classmates from both classes, and the reminiscing reminded us how many of our school experiences were shared. Later that evening our two classes shared a "Prom Night" at the Hilton Doubletree where we enjoyed a good meal followed by dancing to music none of our Grandchildren have even heard! Then on Sunday Jane and **Dave Clark** opened up their home as they have done before and welcomed our class to barbecue lunch (and then some). The beautiful weather was a fitting backdrop for



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this final event of the reunion weekend, and the good-byes lingered as we realized that we would not gather as a class for another five years. We had a great reunion weekend, and we're already looking forward to the BIG FIFTIETH!

- Report submitted by Cub Reporter Bob Barrett for Clare Rae Neuberg Dix, Class of '59.

### **Class of 1960**

By Hugh (Luke) O'Hara  
Dear Classmates,

Hard to believe but we are fast approaching another milestone: the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our graduation from George Mason. We have planned a weekend full of activities for the Reunion on June 24-26, 2005 including a 9-hole golf tournament, tour of GM, dinner/dance and our traditional Sunday picnic at Cherry Hill Park.

You will be receiving a packet of information with details of the Reunion on the first of February.

This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> reunion held including a 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> and hopefully you will be able to join us for what has proven to be a great time.

For those you outside of the Falls Church area you will be surprised how our town has changed even if you were here in 2000. For example: they are building a new school next to GM, Condominiums are selling for \$900,000.00 where the CO-OP was located and they are adding large additions and knocking down houses to build larger ones throughout the city.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions concerning the reunion. Look forward to seeing you on June 24-26, 2005.

All the best, Luke O'Hara  
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### **Class of 1961**

**By Judy Fischer White**

Another 5 years passed?! Yes, and definitely time to get together. Once again we will be joining the "fab" class of '60 to celebrate our youth and/or the passing of it. (Do wish I had appreciated it more) FAVORS, Please:

1. Mark your calendar to be in your hometown the weekend of June 24-26.
  2. Send me "stuff."
- Please make sure I have your correct address and contact information.
  - Brag about yourself- accomplishments; what makes you happy; etc.
  - Brag about your children and/or grandchildren.
  - Working? Retired? Traveling? Sitting?
  - What do you know about any of our other classmates?

Details will follow in the Summer GMAA Newsletter and personally if I have your contact information. However, don't wait for the small stuff. For now, just plan to be in town. NOTE: Come as you are...no facelifts or lypo needed! I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in June.

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### **Class of 1963**

**By Bill Laing**

Well, we started about a year ago with a committee of 11 to make plans for our 41st class reunion. My first thoughts were that the commit-



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tee was too large – was I wrong! We would have been run out of town had we not had all those warm bodies working their fingers to the bone. We even surprised ourselves with our success and especially enjoyed hearing the gratitude expressed by those who were able to attend. Sixty-three people, including forty-one members of the class of 1963, gathered at the McLean Hilton on June 26, 2004, to renew old friendships and make new ones. They came from Hawaii, California, Nevada, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Michigan, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Texas, South Dakota, Georgia, West Virginia, and Virginia. Coincidentally we had 41 classmates at our 41st reunion! We located all but twelve of approximately 115 graduates. We established a web site (<http://mysite.verizon.net/ragsdale>) thanks to **Linda Rains Ragsdale**, we solicited sponsors thanks mainly to Don Roth, and we mailed a CD to all of our classmates that we had addresses for, thanks to **Glad Bulwinkle Hatchl** and her husband Russ, who served as our photographer for the evening. The CD included our reunion program, pictures taken that evening, pictures submitted to our website by a number of classmates and their families, and childhood pictures of some of our classmates (Thanks **Kathy Potts**, et al). The CD also included a class address directory with email addresses. Please let me know if you didn't receive your CD. **Giovanni "Snuffy" Panciera** had gifts for all the attendees that included several of his paintings. Thanks Snuffy, you are one of a kind!

A special thanks to all those graduates, spouses or significant others, and family members who came back to make the weekend so special. One such classmate is **Pam Everett**, who came all the way from Hawaii. What follows are Pam's personal thoughts on her reunion experiences.

The Tale of Two Reunions: A few years after high school I gave up a son for adoption thinking it was the best thing I could do for him considering the chaos of my life at the time. It wasn't really the best thing for me however since Virginia adoption laws are so restrictive. I always felt an empty space in my heart wondering if he was ok, if he had decent parents and childhood, etc.

Quite by accident, or dumb luck, or Divine Intervention?, I located him in the DC area just a couple years ago. We communicated by letters, I assuring him that he wasn't given up for lack of love, and he assuring me that his upbringing was normal. We talked of meeting in person some day. That didn't seem likely until I got that fateful call from **Bill Laing** – apparently I was a long-lost soul too – telling me of the GM class reunion.

Meanwhile I had temporarily lost contact with my son Mark – he had made a move to New York for a short period. Just before the reunion I got a letter from Mark – he was back in



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DC. I had an address but no phone number and no time for letters to go back and forth about a meeting. I decided to take the chance. The GM reunion would be an opportunity to meet with old friends even if we hadn't communicated in forty years. It would be interesting, and I hoped for the best as far as meeting Mark.

With the help of my still-good buddy **Michael Cannon** I was able to navigate the DC maze, locate Mark's address, and leave him a note that I was in town available for a meeting if he was ready to meet his birth-mother. He was, though a little shocked I think. We met the next day, had a wonderful two-hour lunch clearing up many issues and questions, and parted as friends. He promised to



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visit Hawaii some day and bring his son, my grandson?, along.

Our class reunion was extra special for me. I re-met some nice people, and maybe not remembering their particular roles in the class hierarchy is a blessing. We could relate as adults who've had many similar life-experiences along the way, though maybe no one else had a double reunion like mine that week. Mahalo to all my sweet classmates. It was good to meet you again. Aloha, **Pam Everett**

## **Class of 1964**

**By Kathy Smith Ware & Warren Suleske**

The mass reunion at GM on Friday night was really enjoyable. In addition to those who attended on Saturday, we were joined by **Joe Horstkamp, Mike Comer, Merle (Valotto) Fallon, and Jay Hanke**. Also attending were **Todd McNab** and his wife Gay, who had been married earlier in the week.

**Parry Pierce Goff, Priscilla Peterson Boulton, Ken Powell, Laurie Overby Robinson, Nancy Swarthout Omps, John Finley, Bruce Welch, Pete Shaw, Bryan Jones, Carol Klein, and Susan Maxwell Gage** all sent updates which were posted at our meeting site. Everyone wished we lived closer to Pete Shaw and could hear him play with his band.

The Class of '64 joined with other classes on Saturday night at the State Theater. Attending were:

**Maggie Anderson, Sharon Bailey Burnette, Shirley Bennett Bray, Kathy Cavanagh, David Churchill, Mary Anne**

**Earman Glitz, Lorry Garity Ruml, Judy Grubb Castle, Diane Hanak Hartnett, Gail Heeter Ernst, Chip Hovey-King, Janice Johnston Kinsella, Joe Maloney, Charlie Mason, Bill Millen, Donna O'Neale Tipton, Phil Quam, Cliff Rowland, Kathy Sandidge Murphy, Cricket Sherman Moore, Jim Steiner, Jack Stevens, Sally Stratton Harrison, Ron Tinkham, Carolyn Turner Leps, Paul Vick, Stu Vogt, Anne Williams Hall, Sarah Williams Bramlett, Joyce Woolsey Davison, and Barbara Zeises Pickering.** Many of our classmates brought their spouses and I'm sorry I can't list their names because of space limitations. **Warren Suleske** was there with his friend Darla, and I drove in from Arkansas. **Bill Ames** came in after I left. Sorry I didn't get a chance to say hello. **Judy Grubb Castle** was looking forward to seeing **George Phillip** but I don't know if he ever made it. It appeared that everyone had a

good time renewing friendships and catching up on all the events of the past years. Don't know about the rest of you, but I think I'll vote for a separate, quiet venue for our 45<sup>th</sup> get-together. We were promised an atmosphere less chaotic than at our 35<sup>th</sup> reunion but it was really loud – or is that my age talking? I do want to thank **Cliff Rowland** and his wife Susan Schorling for finding the control panel and turning the music down! I did not get to the picnic on Sunday so don't know if Glenn and Bobbi Walters Letham were able to get there. They returned from vacation on Saturday and the Sunday event was the only one they thought they could get to. If I've forgotten to mention anyone, please chalk it up to age. I swear my memory gets worse each day.

The pictures show some of us. The first one is from Friday night; the second Saturday night.

On a somber note, my search for classmates prior to the reunion revealed that in addition to **Terry Cox Graham**, we have two other classmates who have passed



*Class of 1964 at GM: Front Row, left to right: Warren Suleske, Chip Hovey-King, Joe Horstkamp, Sharon Bailey Burnette, Merle (Valotto) Fallon, Cliff Rowland, Charlie Mason. Top Row, left to right: Jack Stevens, Mike Comer, Donna O'Neale Tipton, Kathy Ware, Paul Vick, Maggie Anderson, Kathy Sandidge Murphy, Janice Johnston Kinsella, Phil Quam, Jim Steiner.*





*Class of 1964 at State Theatre: Front row, left to right: Gail Heeter Ernst, Janice Johnston Kinsella, Joyce Woolsey Davison, Kathy Sandidge Murphy, Sally Stratton Harrison, Donna O'Neale Tipton, Sharon Bailey Burnette, Lory Garity Ruml, Cricket Sherman Moore, Barbara Zeises Pickering. Back Row, left to right: Cliff Rowland, Warren Suleske, Paul Vick, Ron Tinkham, Joe Maloney, Jack Stevens.*

away—**Diana (Perky) Vines** and **Susan Graham Humleker**. They are missed and we send our late but most sincere condolences to their families.

I would really appreciate it if everyone could send me their e-mail address. I will not share it with the Alumni Association but will keep it with our records. The addresses I had for **Pat Biondi Wood**, **Susan Maxwell Gage**, and **Cliff Rowland** did not go through so I'd love to have their current ones for my list. I need **Jack Stevens'** and **Jim Steiner's** e-mails, too. Best wishes to all of the members of the Class of 1964. May you have wonderful holidays and the happiest of New Years.

## Class of 1965

By Scott Sager

Let me begin by thanking all of you who attended one or more of the events during the All-Class Reunion. Based on my discussion with classmates as well a number of

e-mails I have received, the weekend was a popular success. Although we experienced a little rain late on Friday at the Open House, the rest of the weekend had great weather, especially on Saturday evening at the State Theatre. I would like to thank everyone who helped organized the evening at the

State – it was a great time.

Our class had a very good turnout during the weekend activities and I have included a couple of pictures below to give those of you who were unable to make it an idea of what you missed. Normally, one of our west coast regulars receives the honor of traveling the greatest distance to attend one our reunions. This reunion was different – it seems that one of our classmates traveled all the way from “down under” – yes, our own **Carol Hewitt** joined us from Australia – great to see you Carol and thanks for joining us! In second place was our west coast group that included **Kathy Cruise**, **Jackie Woolsey**, and **Bill Jonz**. In third place included **Nancy Jones** and **Mary Jane Hanna** from Texas, **Yvonne Walton** and **Charlene Curtis** from Florida, **Carl Briggs** from Missouri, **John Bradley** from Maine, **Marjorie Horowitz** from New York, and **Susan Dexter** from Connecticut. Honorable mention

goes to **Steve Fifer** who came up from North Carolina. Special recognition goes out to **Tom Wheelock** who joined us via West Virginia and Baghdad – glad you are back safe and sound, Tom. And, as always, thanks to all of the “locals” who joined us for this special weekend, including, **Tug Muilenburg**, **Bob Barton**, **John Romer**, **Nancy Roe**, **Kathy Edwards**, **Linda Grey**, **Cliff Gutridge**, **Jim Hull**, **Marilyn Crocker**, **Bill Bolser**, **Kathy McBride**, **Janet Neuberg**, **Ralph Ray**, **Maureen Thackrey**, **Joan Fletcher**, **Patty McCrocklin** and **Debby Howell**. One further note, as a result of Yvonne's keen eye, I got a chance to talk with **Carol Smith**, an old classmate who left GM early and graduated from George Marshall. Carol attended the Friday night Open House with some alumni friends and mentioned that she gets a chance to read the *Mustang Review*, on occasion – great to see you Carol, after all of these years.

I am continually amazed how well everybody interacts during these reunions – seems like the nearly 40 years since we all graduated was just a very short time ago. With that in mind, a number of us began communicating on a regular basis (credit must be given to Bill Jonz who started this madness) and the group now numbers several dozen. If you would like to join this '65'ers group, please send me your e-mail and I will add you to the group (I will not add you to the GMAA web site unless you want me to – let me know.)

A quick story that some of you may find interesting. During one of



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my meetings with **Bob Snee** (GM Principal), the topic of the new middle school being built on the GM Campus came up due to some parking implications for the All-Class Reunion. During that conversation, Bob mentioned that the new middle school (there is still no name for the new school as of press time) was going to house grades 5-7, thus freeing up needed space in George Mason, as well as in Thomas Jefferson Elementary. He also mentioned that when opened, the first group of 7<sup>th</sup> graders in the new middle school would be the first group of 7<sup>th</sup> graders not to be housed in George Mason since the beginning of the school system. Well, you can imagine my surprise and astonishment, although Bob has not been around as long as most of us and can be excused for his lack of historical perspective. I dutifully informed Bob that, no; this upcoming group of 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be the second such group not to go to George Mason until the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I recalled the unsavory tale of a poor group of sixth graders in TJ, Madison and Mount Daniel back in 1959 (by the way, this group of sixth graders was the future largest class ever to occupy the hallowed halls of George Mason – more on that in a minute) who were informed shortly before their “graduation” from elementary school that GM did not have sufficient room for our class and that we were to be sent, or remain for many in our class, to TJ for our seventh grade year. This information was considered a true and unmitigated disaster by many of



**Class of 1965 at the State Theatre: Front Row: Diane Hughes, Nancy Jones, Marjorie Horowitz, Patty McCrocklin, Kathy Cruise, Mary Jane Hanna, Linda Grey, Marilyn Crocker, Kathy McBride, Charlene Curtis, Carol Hewitt, Steve Fifer, Bob Barton. Back Row: Jim Hull, Scott Sager, Jackie Woolsey, Maureen Thackrey, Bill Jonz, Kathy Edwards, Nancy Roe, Susan Dexter, Carl Briggs, Tug Muilenburg.**

us! Bob thanked me for this information and promised to “adjust” his story in the future.

Speaking of our class being the largest, the recent GM classes have been growing larger (you may recall several earlier *Mustang Review* articles on this subject) and some within the City of Falls Church Public Schools are assuming that the largest of these classes (about 160) is, perhaps, the largest in GM history. So, I must again update some in the system that there were, in fact, a number of classes in the

60’s and early 70’s that were larger than 160, including the Class of 1965 with nearly 200!

That is about it for now – please remember to send me your email if you are interested in joining “Jonzies” e-mail group. Also, if I inadvertently left someone off the list of attendees at the All-Class Reunion Weekend, please let me know – either I failed to see you that weekend or my memory is going down the tubes. Take care and have a great holiday.



**At The State Theater**

## Class of 1966

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

**From Joyce:** I want to thank Jo Briggs and Merrill McCarter for helping out with the reunion that we had at the school in June. It was fun seeing all that could make it. We had fun, at GM on Friday night and at the State Theatre on Saturday night. (Guess what, I do have an E-mail [TimmsJ703@aol.com](mailto:TimmsJ703@aol.com)). Just want every one to know that we lost our Mother on September 17, 2004. Not much going now but have a nice holiday and new year. We are going to plan something for our BIG 40th year for 2006. Try to send me info about what going on in your life and maybe we can get it together by the BIG 40th. Thanks.

**From Jo:** One good thing about helping out with a reunion is that one gets to hear from people that seldom otherwise write. In June, I just picked up the phone and called **Deb Ferrell Fedynak**. Turns out she lives just 1-2 miles from me, here in the west end of Richmond. Actually, it was an hour ago that I called her - we had so much catching up to do and lots of memories to share. She wanted to come to the picnic on Sunday, but could not make it. Her husband of 26 years planned a vacation that week and surprised her with it, then she planned their 2nd week of vacation as a surprise for him. How romantic! She has two boys, one just graduated college and the second is just entering college. She teaches part time at a local park, educating classes of field-trippers for 30 minutes each about wildlife and ecology. For one who was

afraid of snakes in HS, she handles them now without problem. Summer means summer camps, so she's busy those three days each week. Like me, she's a bird feeder/watcher and when she was still living in No. VA, she volunteered with bird-banding for professional bird studies.

Following is a sampling of messages that have come our way before and after the 2004 reunion.

First a message from our class president: "I was on a trip for American Airlines—I'm still a pilot for them, but they expect me to work instead of attending reunions!! Funny thing ... Please tell all of our classmates hello for me and that I wish I could be there, but maybe next time! **Terry Tabor**

**Noralyn Olom** reports, "All well up here in Minnesota. My younger daughter just graduated from veterinary school and is now officially Dr. Harlow. Yikes!! Where did the time go? My dad's still doing okay. Wouldn't be surprised if he comes to GM Friday night, too." He did and enjoyed it as much as we did.

**Tom & Myra Lewis** live in Tennessee. Myra is **Sarah Albright's** younger sister. Myra sends the news for their family: "I was in Knoxville, Tenn. for a show June 12th and got to spend some time with Sarah's daughter, April, and her family. I do enjoy having great-nieces and nephews to visit, spoil and leave behind! Our daughter and her husband (Cindy and Chris) will be celebrating their first wedding anniversary on June 28."

A note from **Georgette Chapins Wilson**: "Many thanks for your commitment and efforts on behalf of

our class. I had fun seeing those folks who showed up Friday evening. I do hope there is more interest in the 40th. I enjoyed very much catching up with you and Merrill and seeing Kay and Marion in particular. Remember, good things in come in small packages—or groups!"

And a note from **Donn Crane**: "I may be moving to Connecticut to continue my real estate development there. I'm doing well in California but the lots are drying up (Heh)."

From **Beverly Gay Williams Abraham**: "My daughter just got married in June, so wedding planning kept me busy for a while. The wedding was beautiful, but exhausting. Then my Mom had heart surgery two weeks later, so have to stay pretty close to her for a while (she lives here in Chapel Hill, NC). I had really hoped to make it to the big weekend, and see what everyone has been up to since High School. My daughter lives in NYC and my son is working on his PhD in Florida. I do find that ever since I adopted a four-legged child named Cindy (a yellow lab) it's become more difficult to leave home. My daughter accuses me of loving the dog more than the kids! Of course she has two dogs of her own, so there's not much basis for complaining. Anyway, I'd love to hear from any old (guess I should say former, we're not "old" are we?) classmates. Please feel free to give them my new e-mail address: [babraham@nc.rr.com](mailto:babraham@nc.rr.com). I'll look forward to reading about the reunion in the *Mustang Review*, and hope to make it next time. . . Beverly"

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Another note from the “left coast:” “I have been in CA for over 30 years and lived in Europe several years before that. I was married in 1972 and we’re still together, living in the hills above Berkeley. Both my parents died in the last 18 months, in Hagerstown MD where they had long since moved to a retirement community. We’re went to eastern Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic for the month of September. Hope all’s well with the class of 66 ... **Robert White**”

Some folks have their heads in the clouds. From **Roger Diehl**: “I am keeping busy at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory working on a Mars orbiter mission that will launch in 2009. Give my greetings to everyone.”

And some have their feet planted firmly on the ground. **Ken & Janis Lincoln**’s update: “I [Ken] was working for MCI/ WorldCom as a Manager with oversight of approximately 30 Technical Service Technicians. I was terminated in June of 2002, along with hundreds of others in the Cary, NC Technical Services Center. After a fruitless, 16-month search for another job in the telecom industry, I started a lawn care business, “A Cut Above Lawn Care.” It has done well and we are hoping to hire someone to assist us next year. It is hard work at times but very rewarding. We now have three grandchildren and “one more on the way.” All four of our children are married and two of the four have children of their own. Our oldest son, Kenneth Jr., lives in Johnson City, NY with his wife, Karen. Our second son, Keven,

(old English spelling) lives in Apex, NC, about 30 miles from us with his wife, Tami, and their two sons, Joshua, eight, and Cameron, six. Kristine lives in Baltimore with her husband, Tom, and their daughter, Katy, nine. Kris and Tom are expecting a baby in January. Our youngest, Kerry (Kris and Kerry are twins), lives here in Raleigh with her husband Joel. Janis helps me with the lawn care business, cleans some homes in the area (makes better money than I do...) and has created a “to die for” cheesecake that everyone says she should market. She still cooks constantly and loves to have the grandchildren over. We went to Kure beach here in NC in July for the week. That is a yearly gathering for us. Lots of fun, sun, sand, surf and reading. **Rick (Ken’s younger brother)** lives in Stafford, VA. He recently retired from Verizon after working for them (Bell Atlantic & Western Electric) for almost 30 years. He is very busy with softball. His daughter, Jenny, has a scholarship to a small college in PA. He and Jeannette, his wife, have five children and, I believe, five Grandchildren now. We talk or see each other every three or four months. Please tell everyone we both said “Haaaaaaayy” from North Carolina. . . Ken & Janis.”

And a response: “Incidentally, when I got home on Monday evening I called **Ken & Janice Lincoln** (I found out at the reunion that they live in my town) and had a real nice chat with them. I hope to get up with them some time soon. Thanks again! Keep up the great work! **Steve (Simmons) Taynton**”

**Bunnie Hamberg Plunkett** lives in Midlothian, VA: “After 38 years it was interesting to see old classmates. The only classmate I have seen in years is **Rob McQuary**, who appeared at my office to repair the plumbing. What a surprise when this man called me Edna Jean Hamberg!”

**Jimmy Clifton** is a professional photographer. His news: “My website is available at [www.jcleephoto.com](http://www.jcleephoto.com) for anyone who wants to contact me. I went to Brazil on the 9th of August and then back to Charleston, SC for six weeks and then to Prague for the remainder of the year. The name change [to JC Lee] happened about six years ago while I was doing walking tours and ghost tours in Charleston. I happen to work with a tour company that had several “Jim’s” so they started calling me “JC.” Then having seen the light, speaking spiritually, 20 years of recovery from alcohol and other recreational drugs, use your imagination, and being involved with photography since Vietnam, I started back on the journey. So I became known as “JC the Light” for the way I see light, i.e., the effect it has on my life and subjects, and I named my business after my hero, Robert E. Lee. Photography is seeing the light. I will have another big show in late January of 2005. I need to get in touch with **Nancy Glassman** and **Patti McCrocklin**. If you have any idea how this may be accomplished, please let me know. I want to send them both something. It’s good in many ways to be back in the US. I arrived safely on the 9th of September and returned to Charleston on the 13 of September. I have many



new photos of Brazil which will be on the Web site. . .” JC Lee

**Scott Fisher** is an Episcopal priest at St. Matthew’s Church in Fairbanks, Alaska. He has been the rector there for more than 20 years. The St. Matthews newsletter can be found online at [www.stmatthewschurch.org](http://www.stmatthewschurch.org) and is a hoot to read. The “Voices Overheard” column really gives you the flavor of life in Alaska. Scott’s family now includes grandchildren. Scott sent the following note: “Well, when I received the first nice e-mail from you, about the upcoming reunion, I thought, OH, I should write; so I saved your e-mail address. I never DID quite get there, because June is just a busy time up here (June = Weddings), but I thought at least sending you a note about the newsletter might at least flag that I was paying attention. It’d be nice, in an odd sort of way, to come to a reunion (and gosh, maybe with two years notice I could pull it off). I’ve been back once. In the late 70’s or early 80’s we drove to the East Coast (took two weeks) and drove thru Falls Church. It was... interesting. I would remember things & locations & intersections. And the GM parking lot. And the Giant grocery store. We are in the middle of Global Warming up here this week (November 8). It’s about 25 degrees ABOVE 0 this morning, which is just silly. It should be 20 or 30 below now. It’s TOO warm; warm = slippery. Thanks for staying in touch. – Scott”

**From Merrill:** Kristina and I just got back from a week at Top Sail Island in North Carolina. The weather was perfect and we were in the ocean daily. Coming back to

Northern Virginia and the traffic and the rush, rush lifestyle is discouraging. Wonder what life would have been like if I’d been born in Montana or someplace where life moves a bit slower and people know each other and have community. (Or is that just a fantasy?) . . . October news: I had lunch with **Kay Kinney and Zack Cotner** a few weeks ago. They’re both doing well. They still live in their home on Spring Street in Falls Church. That’s just down the street from where Kay grew up (her Mom still lives in that house). . . Merrill

Speaking of reunions, we’d like to hear from lots of our classmates about a **40<sup>th</sup> reunion** for just the class of 1966. One advantage of this “singular” event is that we can hold it any time of the year and anyplace we choose. This may be more appealing to those who live close to GMHS and would like to get away for a reunion vacation. So let us hear from you, with your ideas for that ideal reunion spot and the time of year you favor. Jo’s favorite time is in the fall, when the bugs are gone, hurricane season is done, and the chances of good weather are strongest. Now where is there a nice lodge that can accommodate a bunch of us, Hmmm?

### **Class of 1967**

**By Rose Martin Garrett-Daughety & Barry Buschow**

OUR FORTIETH CLASS REUNION WILL BE IN 2007!!!! The trio coordinators will be **Frank Warner, Barry Buschow** and **Rose Martin Garrett-Daughety**. With Barry in Falls Church, Frank in Pennsylvania and me in Texas we

have covered a very small piece of the map!

We had a wonderful Reunion this summer. Many thanks to Frank Warner for creating the #1 hits from 1962-67 and Barry Buschow for coordinating our class pictures for a great slide/DVD done by **Joe Cheek ‘86. Larry Steubing** summed up the weekend for us. “It was great to catch up with old friends that I had drifted away from, get to know some better than I probably ever did when we were in school, and to hear about all the interesting and sometimes unexpected things that everyone had done with their lives in the ensuing years. All of this weekend’s events have inspired me to stay more in touch with my class and, in at least a couple of cases, reconnect.”

Barry Buschow and I (two of the class redheads) are joining forces to be your Class Reps. Barry is on the Economic Development Authority for the City of Falls Church. He is also on the Northern Virginia Park Authority Board and Chair of the Open Space Committee for the City of Falls Church and is in the Lion’s Club. Barry’s wife is Kathleen. Barry and I have been friends since third or fourth grade. In a Christmas gift exchange at Thomas Jefferson he gave me a little green crystal heart which has been on my charm bracelet since high school. This is how memories are made! Barry, Ted and Elaine Newland and I were in the *Falls Church New-Press* following the reunion. It was a nice picture with me holding a certificate having won the door prize at Friday night’s event at Don Beyer Volvo.

If memory serves us correctly, we

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will try to tell you who was at the Reunion. **Ted Newland** and his Elaine were in attendance. Ted is an attorney with the government; Senior Policy Advisor. He had a touching love story to tell about his marriage to his new wife. They have four adult children ranging in age from 21-28. One child still in college and the others live in the area. So, if you want to hear his story....email him!!! Ted stays in touch with **Larry Steubing** and **Steve Abramson**. Steve is the Segment Director for the Dr. Phil show in Hollywood. This is interesting since he was actually on TV in Virginia Beach, as a very young adult. Steve can also be remembered for videotaping one of our class reunions where he took statements from everyone. He remains the gentle soul he was in high school. Larry Steubing has a new claim to fame. Larry's wife, Dr. Lois Berlin, has become Falls Church City Public Schools' seventh superintendent. He is so proud! Larry works for the Smithsonian.

**Rick Sebastian** attended the reunion with his sister Sharon. He has not lost his love of life but has changed since I last saw him. Life in Ft. Myers Beach is good to him. He still works for North West Airlines. **Kathy Burns Marcinak** was there with her brother **Charlie Burns**. Kathy spent 18 years working as a "Stay at Home Mom." Her oldest child has graduated from high school and she has now gone back to a paid job as a substitute teacher in a high school. She says she is having a ball with the students, teachers and staff!

**John Hare** and wife Ginger drove in from Maryland for the reunion. Dr. John is still teaching college students, writing and publishing. Please note that he has a new email.

**Kathleen "Jickie" Sides Crocker** and **Bill Crocker** were at the reunion. I was happy to see they were the high school couple who have remained together for these many years. Bill works for Homeland Security and Justice with the GAO. We can appreciate this role more than ever.

**Jane Merkle** popped into town for the weekend staying with **Noralyn Olam '66**. Jane is a landscape architect who has gone from her own business to working for the State so she can retire like so many other of our classmates! **David Sandidge** and his wife Wendy were at the reunion. Wendy has been great help to us over the years sharing information about classmates as she hears it ... I vote her an honorary classmate! It was interesting getting to meet David's "older sister" who we looked up to when little junior high school people! I also got to meet his cousin who was also at GM. Classmates **Robert Kennedy** and **David Comer** were also at the reunion. Robert has his own business in North Carolina on Lake Gaston. David, I am sorry we did not have time to catch up. Please let us hear from you! If we missed someone please let us know.

For those who sent emails: **Frank Warner** was to be at the reunion but he spent two hours on the road from Richmond in the traffic and rain and finally turned back home.

**Nina Cortada Winkler** is married to Ed, a Methodist minis-

ter. She still sings in the choir and occasionally plays the guitar. I have learned that ministers and their spouses never have weekends free. **Cliff Wilson** wrote that he and his wife Karen have retired and are enjoying life. He shared that **Phil Hannum** has seen Suzie Jones at church a few times. Will someone send us Suzie's address??? Cliff has visited **Jack Buchanan** in Carolina Beach. They spent time in Key West together and visited Jack last New Year's. **Connie Black Louderback** wrote to say she and her family were on vacation during the reunion but sent her regards. **Liddie Browning Mason** wrote that life is good. She has become a grandmother and she shared his picture with me....AHHH!! She lives in a wee 100-year-old bungalow in Denver. She works nearby in the Education Department of the National Ski Patrol. She tells us that Denver is a fun city and she is healthy, happy, and now a gardener. **Joy Davis Leininger** did not attend the reunion as her husband had just retired before beginning another job ... they needed the time to themselves. **Beverly Street Gibson** sent her good wishes from Amissville, VA where she remains busy with work, family and many hobbies.

Our sincere condolences to Larry Davis and Joy Davis Leininger for the loss of their father in July. Larry wrote to me to share the information which was passed on to some of his classmates. According to Larry, Joy was the caregiver and we all know how rewarding and difficult this role can be. Their father was interred at Arlington Cemetery.

We are still looking for: **Sara**



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**Lee Carlson, Susan Cooper, Thelma Cornett, Robin Crawford, Iris Lynnette Debutts, Sarah Charlotte Ellis, Robert Farris, Steve Fenn, John Fisher, Dennis Franklin, Patricia Ann Huston, Mary Susan Jones, Patricia Judson, Ann Kenyon, Greg Lindsey, Miriam Patricia Murphy, Sheryl Parrish, and Myra Tillman.** THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE PERSON WHO FINDS THE MOST PEOPLE!!!

We have learned that classmate, **Barbara Tresidder Ryan** and her husband live in the area and are professional musicians. They perform Irish music in a band "Iona."

Finally, our next reunion will be June 2007. We are serious about this and we need your help. Please keep us up to date on your addresses, emails, and information



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about your lives so that we can stay in close touch sharing our ideas.

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### **Class of 1968**

**By Nancy Clark Aderholdt**

A wonderful time was had by all at the reunion events the past summer. You really missed something if you didn't attend. We had a wonderful time catching up with each other and I have the pictures to prove it!

**Dianne Martin** won custody of the Class of 68 GM jacket. **Betsy Wells** passed it down to her. Before I forget, Betsy has a new e-mail address. Her new address is [wells\\_betsy@yahoo.com](mailto:wells_betsy@yahoo.com). I don't have any news; usually after a

reunion I don't hear from folks for a while. But, I do have a little news about myself. I will be retiring from the Federal service in February 2005. The only plans I have are to travel and enjoy life. I bought a new house in Dumfries, Virginia that is about

25 miles from where I live now. I don't want to be far from my son and daughter-in-law and I certainly can't be too far from Falls Church, my family roots run deep. The house should be ready late spring or early summer. It is in an active adult community with pools, tennis courts, community center, driving range, putting green, etc. You just can never tell, I might take up golf when I retire. I will be sure to let you all know my new address and telephone number when the time comes.

Take a look at the reunion pictures, I bet you can recognize everybody. It really is wonderful to see old friends! Please keep in touch – I love hearing from each and every one of you! Happy holidays and I wish you all the very, very best for the New Year! Keep those cards, letters, e-mails and phone calls coming!

### **Class of 1970**

**By Robbie Werth**

The Multi-class reunion was a tremendous success. Events started on Friday night at the high school. We had a table in the main gym and alumni filtered through. We had a good turn out that night and I would like to thank Jackie Jackman and Barbara Smith for their help on Friday. Saturday we had a pre-event happy hour at the Four Provinces. This was a lot of fun as our class got together in a semi-private environment to exchange thoughts about the past, present and future. We then walked up the hill to the State Theater for the evening event. This was special. There was a video display of pictures from each class. As the



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pictures from each class went up on the screen you could hear loud cheers. Again our class was well represented with **Sam Williams, Gaye (Gotez) Gerard, Jimmy Langford, Eddie Orf, Lynn Westmoreland, Ann Perry, Wanda (Keyser) May, Meredith (Hutchins) Dean, Lynn (Muilenburg) Crytzer, Mike Ellis, Pete Fredenburg, Eric Yoshihashi, Dolly Hass Dean, Barbara (Smith) Depue, Ken Woolfenden, Julie Hollandsworth, Ben Deans, Wayne Coates, Barbara (Mahaffey) Pierce, Joe (and Tina) Earman, Bette (McCarthy) Morris, Jackie Jackman, Tom Skelly, David DeCrenney, Kinsley (Morse) Hewitt, David Payne, Mark Greenberg, Jeannie (Martin) Walker, Shelly Sealock & Jimmy McCrocklin** in attendance. The next day was the traditional picnic at Cherry Hill Park. We had a table with food and spirits. **Scott Cline, Martha Payne** and **Tim Burnham** added to our numbers. Also representing Mike Lacy were his two off springs Daisy and Brooks.

We had a class meeting at 4 P's and it was concluded that the multi year reunion was the most cost effective way to hold our events every five years. Although we are off one (1) year in terms of the graduation cycle we are able to combine with classes around ours in order to work together for the common good. **Bette (McCarthy Morris)** was a tremendous help on this event as we shared the responsibilities of the meetings and plan-



*Class of 1970*

ning; thank you Bette. She also brought her entire family that seems to grow exponentially at each reunion.

I heard from several classmates in my e-mail request for information. **Jeannie (Martin) Walker** called **Stephanie (Line) Netolicky** after the reunion last June and let her know who was there. They are planning on seeing each other next May if plans to go to Disney World materialize. **Priscilla (Tackney) Lewis, Colleen (Lynch) Hobson, Suzanne (DuPont) Smith** and **Dolly (Hass) Dean** all traveled to Des Moines, Iowa and stayed at Stephanie (Line) Netolicky's house for a mini reunion the weekend of October 6th. **Sarah (Stanley) Popham** and **Gini Bonnell** was in contact with me and was also planning on attending but unfortunately was unable to make it.

**Ann Perry** wrote that they are doing well. They are working hard on college applications for Kelly, and High School band stuff for David. She is wondering what life will be like when they move out. I hear from **John Roebuck** on a regular basis. He sends his regards

and invites classmates to visit his web site at [www.aaafamilysites.com/family/poppa/home.html](http://www.aaafamilysites.com/family/poppa/home.html).

On a very sad note I report that we have lost one of our class members, **Owen "Randy" Bullock**. Reference to his death is made by his sister Diann in the Class of 1973 *Mustang Review* article. I attended the funeral with **Barbara Mahaffey Pierce** and **Richard Warren**. At the Reunion picnic **Pete Fredenberg** talked about Owen. He was working two jobs and could not attend. Pete wrote a letter that was read by Barbara at Owen's memorial service in Falls Church. An excerpt of this letter is as follows:

"If I had my Mustang yearbooks with me, they might jog a memory or two about school-days with Owen as vivid as more recent recollections. At this remove, though, I can't even place him in the junior division of George Mason Jr.-Sr. High School, though I always pegged him as a kid from Thomas Jefferson Elementary (I was Madison). Memories of him gel at around 10th grade, when we started sharing class and extracur-

ricular activities, notably drama club and yearbook, and pursuing outside interests with other geeky freaks like Glenn Harcourt, Craig Medak and Nicky Nicholas. None was freakier than Owen (we called him Randy then) with his long, limp hair and unchanging jeans and denim jacket. He was always bubbling over with a new story or observation on how crazy everything was. He made crazy fun.

Then came graduation and a 20-year gap until 1990 and our first class reunion. By then I'd been living in Asia for a decade and was astonished at how effortlessly I was able to connect with Owen and others at the reunion. My astonishment no doubt arose in part because effortless connecting is not a routine benefit of expatriate life. But I think our ease also reflected how definitively our high school years together had shaped our personalities and perceptions. However much our lives had subsequently diverged and led us to different aspirations, interests and day-to-day concerns, a core of shared adolescence endured. At 38 years old, Owen and I reached back and successfully rekindled a friendship that had slumbered for longer than we had yet been alive when it lapsed." Owen will be missed by all. Robbie Werth, 703-864-6501

### **Class of 1971**

**By Paul Karnis & Billy Martin**  
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Hello Class of '71. For those of you who missed this year's five year reunion, you missed a wonderfully planned and organized event

sponsored by a large group of dedicated volunteers. The five year plan seems to be a great success, and I'll try never to miss another one!

I had a blast catching up with my old buds **Mark Hamlin** and **John Velasquez**, as well as seeing **John Grimm, Beth Mileson and Paul Karnis**. Have not been in touch with many of our class over the years, but have heard from **Sarah Stanley**, I talk and visit with **Rob Waring** when I get to the left coast, and **Karen (Cordray) Van de Castle** and her husband Lance came to my Navy retirement in 1998 in Pensacola. Would love to hear from any or all of you, and will include any info you wish in future newsletters.

Many thanks to **Robbie Werth** ('70) for keeping several of us 71's informed of this year's plans, his info gave me the incentive to attend and it enabled the Martin clan to have a mini reunion of our own.

Look forward to hearing from you, Billy

### **Class of 1972**

**By Marice C. Werth**

In Memory of Annie Herron 1954 – 2004. Annie Herron, George Mason class of 1972, died on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004 after a brave three year struggle with cancer. Annie Herron transferred from St. James to George Mason High School in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Annie was tall and thin with exotic features and long black hair down to her waist. Those were the days of platform shoes, hip-hugger bell bottoms and micro mini skirts, and Annie always made a fashion statement. She had quite the flair for the dramatic. She was my best

friend. After graduating from GMHS in 1972, Annie and I headed out to San Francisco, CA where we spent an exciting year. Upon returning to Washington, DC, Annie started working for the Hirshhorn Museum, which was getting ready for its grand opening in 1974. That was Annie's initiation into the art world, which would later become such a large part of her life. While living in DC, Annie and I continued our close friendship with classmates **Lois Hertz** and **Petey Wilson**, friendships that have continued throughout all of these years.

In 1977 Mrs. Rodin (former GMHS English and Film teacher) helped Annie obtain a grant to attend the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) in New York City. Annie was destined to be a New Yorker! While attending FIT, she started working in the East Village at the Semaphore East Art Gallery. She soon realized that art was her passion and went on to open galleries of her own and to become an art dealer. She is recognized as someone who was not afraid to give untested talent a chance. She is also known for opening the first commercial art gallery, called Test Site, in the Williamsburg area of Brooklyn which is now a hot area for artists



**Class of 1972:**  
**Annie Herron 1954 – 2004**

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and galleries.

Annie was diagnosed with a rare soft tissue cancer called leiomyosarcoma cancer in September of 2001. For three years, she fought her cancer with a vengeance and demonstrated continual good spirits, a remarkable positive attitude, and an incredible will to live. Annie lost her battle to cancer on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004. A memorial service was held at the Cooper Union in New York City on November 10<sup>th</sup>. There were more than 250 people there to see Annie off in grand style. Most of these friends are from the art community in New York, where Annie has left her special indelible mark.

Annie is survived by her 19 year old son Erik (a sophomore at Fordham University in NYC, majoring in pre-med), her parents Robert and Sophie Herron of Augusta GA, her brothers Robert, Tony ('69), Vince ('71), and Jimmy ('77) and her sister Teresa. - Marice ([mwerth@aaas.org](mailto:mwerth@aaas.org))

A second tribute to Annie:  
By Alexandra Behr '82  
I was good friends with **Annie Herron**, a Mason alumnae who died recently. Her brother, **Jim Herron Zamora** (also a Mason alumnae), sent me her obituary from the NY Times (see below). A memorial for her at the Chelsea Art Museum in Manhattan was held in October; I attended. Sincerely,  
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**September 28, 2004**

**By THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Annie Herron, an art dealer and

curator in the East Village of Manhattan in the early 1980's who opened the first commercial gallery in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, died in the Bronx on Friday. She was 50. The cause was leiomyosarcoma, a rare form of cancer, said a friend and collaborator, Larry Walczak.

Frances Anne Herron was born in Atlanta and came to New York City in 1977. From 1983 to 1987 she worked at Semaphore East Gallery in the East Village, which presented solo shows by young artists like Ellen Berkenblit, Mark Kostabi and Martin Wong. In 1991 she opened Test-Site, the first commercial gallery in what would become a thriving art scene in Williamsburg. She had a short-lived gallery, Black and Herron, in SoHo in 1995, and with Mr. Walczak started Eyewash in Williamsburg in 1997.

Ms. Herron is survived by a son, Erik, of New York City; by her parents, Robert and Sophie Herron, of Augusta, Ga.; by a sister, Theresa, of New York City; and by four brothers: Anthony and Vincent, both of Augusta; Robert, of Fairfield, Iowa; and Jimmy, of Oakland, Calif.

### **Class of 1973**

**By Diann Watkins Volvo**

**Diane Fletcher Wright** and **Donna Fletcher Lensis** lost their father, Sgt. Bill Fletcher on September 14, 2004. He was a police officer in Falls Church for 25 years and retired in 1974. He had a lot of health issues the last few years of his life but he was unbelievably upbeat and was making plans on his last trip to the hospital. They will miss him very much.

**Jefferson Cronin** still lives on the beautiful tropical paradise of Guam in the Western Pacific. He is an Associate Professor with the University of Maryland's Asian Division there, where he teaches Theatre, Speech, Communication, English and Film Studies. He is also the Artistic Director of a small regional theatre company, Theatre Guam. This year he was invited to an international conference in Tokyo to make a presentation and perform. He also spent time exploring the Gold Coast of Australia where he hiked the Rainforest and dove The Great Barrier Reef. His wife, Diane Thurber, is a professional entertainer who sings, acts and is the beloved local icon Jingles the Clown. Along with their lovable Golden Retriever Momo, they invite everyone to come out and join them in wasting some time at the beach.

**Eve Strait Owens** writes that she's alive and well in Yuma, Arizona. Her youngest daughter, Jessica, 19, just recently moved to Phoenix because she joined Job Corp. She is finally alone with no kids at home. Her older two (ages 24 & 29) are still living in Virginia. She is the proud grandmother of a beautiful almost one-year-old girl named Kaitlyn Marie. Eve is looking forward to the holidays.

**Marian Huber** says she doesn't have anything exciting to report, but I hear she recently married her sweetie, Glenn, after being together for 19 years. They live in California and are enjoying it there.

Does anyone remember **Fatih Cam**? He only went to school with us for a year, when we were sophomores in 1971. **Inis Sharff Clements** and I have been e-





*Class of 1973 at the All-Class Reunion. Front row, left to right: Anne Peret, Maggie Karnis, and David Shaw. Back row, left to right: John Krogmann, Diann Bullock Watkins, John Holcomb, and David Shifflett. Missing from the photo: Jim Gathercoal and James Rackowski.*

mailing with him for the past few months. He's back living in Istanbul, Turkey, with his wife and two children. He would love to hear from other classmates. His e-mail address is [fatihcam78@yahoo.com](mailto:fatihcam78@yahoo.com).

Speaking of Inis, she's quite a traveler these days! She went on an Alaskan cruise June 20-27 with her son, daughter, son-in-law, and grandson. Her next trip was to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic ("the new Caribbean") October 29-November 1. Punta Cana was a familiarization trip for travel agents to inspect the properties that Apple Vacations offer. On Nov. 29-Dec. 2, she'll be on a two-night cruise on the brand new-first sailing of the Holland America Westerdam. This cruise is also a one-day seminar at sea and free day on Holland America's private island Half Moon Cay (somewhere in the Bahamas). July 17th she'll be on a one-week cruise to Bermuda. She says doing all this FREE travel is tough, but somehow she's getting through it.

She'd like to remind us that next year most of us will be turning 50 years old; shouldn't we do something special, like maybe a three-day cruise?

**Maggie Karnis** and I visited with **Patty Macomber** in October.

Unfortunately, it was at her father's visitation, but she was glad to see us and we all had a good talk.

**Debra Evan Karis Haydn** reports that she recently moved to Arlington, after living in Loudoun County for 12 years and commuting to Washington, DC every day. She is still working at the GW University Medical Center, and has now gained at least three hours a day back into her life by moving! Her brother, **David Evans**, class of 1968, also moved this summer from Tampa, Florida to Norman, Arkansas. He is retired and living on seven acres of land, which keeps him busy.

Now, one of the hardest things I've ever had to write. On August 18th, I, my husband, my mother, and a friend found my older brother, Owen (class of 1970), dead in his condo. It's been a very tumultuous and sad time for us since then. We just recently found out that the cause of death was Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease - in other words, hardening of the

arteries. As far as we can figure out, he went to bed on August 15th and never woke up. Our only consolation is that he died in his sleep and didn't suffer. He never married and had no children. He was witty, intelligent, whimsical, hard working, accomplished, adventurous, fun, sophisticated, stylish, cultured, well-read, helpful, kind and generous. His funeral was attended by quite a few George Mason alumni.

## Class of 1978

By **Susan Richbourg Frick**

Seems like life is always traveling in the fast lane for me. Can't believe that it's been about six months since our "multi-class" reunion. From all appearances, it was a big success. I had a great time, although as usual by the time I got there, all plans for an agenda sort of get lost in the shuffle. Other than the fact that we let the opportunity for a great group photo slide by, everything was pretty much under control, sort of. Does all the fluff really matter? The most important part is that we get to catch up with old friends. Only wished there had been more time to visit with some faces we haven't seen in a long time. It was great to see **Tim Money** (Tennessee), **Byron Basham** (Florida) - (Happy belated Birthday, thanks for celebrating with us), **Lisa Kemp** (Georgia), **Darcy Stein**, **Vicky Pickeral**, **Laura Toone** (North Carolina), **Patti Smith**, **Lori Weintz** and **John Rozzelle** (Florida). It was also nice to meet the spouses and exchange parenting stories, etc. Glad to see **Brook Foster** was able to attend after having heart surgery so recently,

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and looking well. I received several notes from those not able to attend to include **Caroling Harding** (proud Mama of their second adopted child from China), **Matt Cummins** (emailed from England), **Jamie Tucker** (local), **Irene Minton** (emailed from California), **Nina Willner** (still in Russia), **Tony Shipman** (living in Canada with his wife on a beautiful farm), **David Niel** (local), **Donna Troy** (local busy mom), **Joan Thomas** (another local busy mom) and **Paul Gibbons**. We missed you guys and hope to see you at the next social. If you were anyone else I didn't mention, I didn't hear from you after several attempts to locate you or leave messages, or you were what we'll call the "regulars" who I so dearly look forward to seeing. Sorry you couldn't be there Norma.

Lastly I would like to thank the "staff" of the reunion committee and for **Karen Huber Grubbs** (Class of '79) for entertaining us at her home and feeding us well at the

planning sessions. Thanks to **Yvonne Wright Simmons** who is always there to help pull it together and to her daughter Jordan who helped me with the table flowers. Big thank you's to **Kevin "Mr. MC" Grimm** for delivering the program and entertaining us with his add-lib talents once again. You're d'man Kevin. I'm already counting on you for the next one.

My winter project will be to compile a list of all names and personal information which I'll send email. If I didn't get your info, please email it to me. You may get it eventually. (no comments, please). At least you got a souvenir picture to take home with you. Also, if anyone would be willing to take over the hot seat, let me know. It's yours for the asking. At the very least, if anyone would be willing to help keep a database for our class, that would be helpful.

Sadly, I must mention that on November 22nd, **Susan Beach Willson** and her brother **Benton Beach** lost their mother after a difficult struggle with cancer. On

the same note, **Kenny Correll** lost his mom in December. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Until we chat again, have a peaceful holiday and spend more time with those you love most. If that happens to include some of your classmates, I'm always up for a social evening as are some of those other regulars. All you have to do is mention it. Keep in touch. Fondly, Susan

## Class of 1979

By **Karen Huber Grubbs**

Dear '79ers,

Given short notice, I did hear from a few classmates:

**Shannon (Starrat)** works for the USDA Wildlife Services in Portland, OR.

**Lisa (Lumsden)** and family have bought a home in small town Mechanicsburg, OH.

**Meredith (Bretns)** and family are moving via the Air Force (once again) from Germany to Boston, MA. They loved Europe even though two of their four kids are in North Dakota State University. Welcome back.

**Teresa (Davies)** is sorry she missed the Reunion, but had a note from her dentist(s) after playing Channel 20 wrestling with the kids & dog and colliding with the dog and breaking a bunch of teeth!

Thanks to classmates Liddy, Laurie, Sheree, Andrea and Brian for helping me with our last reunion. Thanks also to '78 and Susan, Yvonne, and Susan for the joint venture. I think we all had fun. We missed those that couldn't attend. Sorry we forgot to take a class picture. Maybe someone can create something electronic to share pictures and stories someday.



Class of 1979



A few emails no longer work, so please keep the Alumni Association and me up to date.

## Class of 1981

By Dan Huber

Even though our class turnout this time around was not the biggest, it was still enjoyable. I think for most people the surprise and pleasure of seeing each other after a long while is a good familiar feeling. Seeing Masonites from far away and thinking “who the heck is that?, man I haven’t seen him/her for so long, wow: look what time does or doesn’t do to people. Then you work up the nerve to talk to them and find out that you have lots or nothing in common. After a while you move on to another person, telling them about yourself, your kids, your home, your spouse, your problems, your thoughts, your jokes, your whatever. You know it really doesn’t matter what you say because you’re in an environment unique in this world, a small town where most of us grew up and shared stuff. A place that was/is safe, where you could trust just about anyone to help you if you really needed it. I sure would like to see more of us next time.



*Class of 1981 at the Cherry Hill event.. From left to right are Dana [Willson] Homan, Barbie [Sprinkle] Kinsey, Beth [Hockenberry] Erickson, Brenda [Hill] Porter, Molly Bell, Dan Huber, Tina [Bagapor] O’Harrow and Kate [Ogletree] Gibson.*



*Class of 1983 at the State Theater: Jim Sullivan, Norma Carter Seidenkranz, Carol Hazen Koger, Laura Schleeper Cohen, Gloria Cliff Byerly. Back row left to right: Jeff Weir, Patrick Palmer, Brian Albaugh, Mark Larsen, Mike Cesnik, Tom Clinton, Karen Jordan Ratzlaff.*

## Class of 1983

By Tom Clinton

Dear Classmates, By all accounts, the second George Mason High School Alumni Association All-Class Reunion Weekend that was held June 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2004 was a big success! My sincere thanks to all those who helped organized these events and those classmates that were able to attend and helped me as well as those that contacted me saying they couldn’t attend because of scheduling conflicts. There were four events that our class participated in during the weekend.

The Falls Church Education Foundation sponsored an Opening Reception for alumni, parents and friends of the school system at the Don Beyer Volvo Showroom on Friday night from 5-7 pm. The Falls Church Education Foundation is a non-profit organization established to support the educational excel-

lence of the Falls Church City Public School system. There I met the new Falls Church City School Superintendent, Dr. Lois Berlin, and her husband, **Larry Stuebing**, who by the way, is a fellow GM Alumni himself from the class of ‘67. Congratulations to Lois on her appointment.

Then we went over to GMHS for the Alumni Open House which was held from 7-10:30 pm followed by a visit by many alumni to Ireland’s Four Provinces. The Open House is always fun with lots of people in attendance from so many classes resulting in numerous good conversations. The money raised from the cover charge is used to pay for the food and drink costs and support the GMAA between five-year reunion cycles.

The Class of ’83 participated in the multi-class party held at the State Theatre on Saturday night from 7:30 pm – 12:30 am. The



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State Theatre was a wonderful host for the multi-class reunion and their staff went out of their way to accommodate our special needs. There is a photo in this issue of those in our class that were in attendance that night and I'm having it put on our class homepage. Rich Condit, class of '84, took the picture and provided it to me, thanks Rich! I will be happy to e-mail a copy to all attendees who request one. This multi-class group reunion party format made the weekend a whole lot easier and more enjoyable because someone else was sweating over the details instead of a subgroup of us. I would strongly recommend doing it again.

The final event of the weekend was the GM Alumni Family Picnic held at Cherry Hill Park behind the Community Center on Sunday afternoon. This is always a great wrap up event where all family members are encouraged to attend and can relax in an informal and kid friendly environment. Many GM Alumni stepped up to the plate and answered my call for GM alumni musical talent to come forward and play for us. They all did an excellent job of providing high quality entertainment to their fellow GM alumni, current and former faculty members, parents and friends. We will need that same GM Alumni talent and that of others in less than five years so keep playing and practicing! Vendors provided food and drink and the weather was perfect! **I don't have a good e-mail database for our class; so when you get the chance, please send me an e-mail at: tomclinton1@aol.com. Always Mustang Review**



**Class of 1984 at the State Theater**

**update any street address and phone number changes with me and with the GMAA, so you keep receiving the Mustang Review.** The e-mail addresses I receive are not shared with anyone but our '83 classmates. You can have your e-mail address listed on our 1983 class index as several classmates have done on the GMAA website [www.gmhxaa.org](http://www.gmhxaa.org), by e-mailing Scott Sager at: [scotts1147@aol.com](mailto:scotts1147@aol.com).

I'd like to pass on my condolences to **Jill Waite Goldberg** and her family on the loss of her father earlier this year and to Ross Spicer and his family on the recent loss of his mother.

I look forward to the next All-Class Reunion in five years but I think it would be nice to get together sooner on a smaller basis. I think too much

time passes between these events and it's hard to catch up with everyone especially on a busy weekend like this one. I would like to know what kind of interest there is in doing something in 2005, maybe a backyard BBQ or dinner at a local restaurant in the spring or summer? - Tom

### **Class of 1984**

**By Susan Schneider Eddy & Rich Condit**

We successfully held our 20-year reunion this past June and a good many turned out. It was fun catch-



**Class of 1984: Condit, Fry, Fetner**

ing up with classmates. It's amazing how we can go 10, 15, or 20 years without seeing classmates and pick up just as if it was back in the day. Thanks to all of those who helped at the Open House and other areas.

A few class photos were distributed from our event ('79, '83, '84, '85 and '86), and some will appear in this issue of the *Review*. If you want a copy, email **Rich Condit** (Studiostrobe "at sign" hotmail.com) and he can email them to you.

We did a pretty good job locating most of our classmates, but still have a few unaccounted for. If you know the whereabouts of any of the following, please email Rich: **Edith Bridge, Marvin Burgos, Kim Eppard, Bavette Kimbrall, Stephen Knott, James Mclean, Ngoc Mai, Melissa Obenshain, Allen Oddenino, Kristina Pryor Schutte, Barbara Bednarz Simmons, Michael Stevens, Steve Swire, Michelle Trainor and Michael Wojcik.**

While each year there will likely be some reunion events, our next

big one is 25!

## Class of 1985

By **Laura Jacomet Cesnik**

What an incredible time we had at the All-Class Reunion Week-

end in June! The open house Friday night gave us an opportunity to see not only our own classmates, but those from other classes as well. There was even a great showing of teachers and staff from all those years ago as well. Our class had a 1/3 showing for this reunion, which is fantastic! The prize for the farthest traveler goes to **John and Sarah Bender** coming all the way from Florida. The prize for the one who could have walked to the reunion is a tie between **Annika Kentopp** and **Wayne Hunt**. When you take a look at the picture of the group, you have to agree that we



**Class of 1985: Laura Jacomet Cesnik; Katie Jacomet Clinton and Clara Green**

look GREAT for being almost 20 years older. Check out **Clara Green!!** I think I speak for everyone when I say it was great to catch up each other and share old stories and the latest accomplishments. Seeing all of our children was amazing. We did okay coming out of GMHS. So, you want to know who was there? I'll tell you, but please forgive me if I leave anyone out. **Susan (Armstrong) and Don Mellinger, Dean and Sonya Ballinger, John and Sarah Bender, Chris Buddendeck, Diane (Cavanaugh) and Steve Nugent, Marty and Michelle (Bruffy) Clarke, Katie (Jacomet) and Neal Clinton, Tom Crossan, Peter and Cassandra Droujinsky, Mark Fleming, Jeri Gibbon, Scott Graves, Clara Green, Wayne Hunt, Mike and I, Annika Kentopp, Renee (Leavitt) Barry, Jeff and Kelly Lenker, Jody Loggins, Cristina (Naupari) and Matt Caminade, Thuy (Nguyen) and Bobby Gwinn, Elizabeth Pitera, Karen (Seal) and Jeff Weir, JP Sorrell, Stephanie Stephens, and Linda (Young) Nysmith.**



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Congratulations to **Chris and Diji Behr** who are expecting their first child next year. We look forward to hearing more about that in the next issue.

## **Class of 1986**

**By Susan Schick Link**

Hellooooo to the Class of '86! I know many of you attended the BIG weekend in June, I was sorry to miss it. I have news about several classmates.

**Mindy, Rebecca, and Roger Camp** moved to the DC area in June 2004. They just bought a townhouse in Alexandria, north of Fort Belvoir. It's a pleasant change from years of moving from apartment to apartment. They came back from Japan in May 2003 and spent a year at the Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas before coming here. Roger and family will be in the area for three years while he serves as a joint staff officer at the Missile Defense Agency, just up

the hill from the Pentagon. The job isn't nearly as relaxing as being a student had been for the past year. Rebecca is 14 months old now and just started walking two weeks ago. She doesn't like to see her parents sitting down and resting. Most people say she resembles her mother, but the occasional kind soul says that some of her good looks can be attributed to her dad. Mindy and Roger just celebrated their third wedding anniversary with a trip to NYC.

**Andy and Andrea Condit** were married on September 12, 2004. It was beautiful weather and many GM classmates attended. Congrats to Andy and Andrea!

**Amy Johnson Warren** and husband Tom welcomed baby boy #4 into their family - Nicholas Morgan Warren was born on March 1, 2004.



**Class of 1986: J. Cheek, D. Montag & S. Gray**

annual trip back to the east coast next summer. To all the 86ers out there, please email me or Joe with any news you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you!

## **Class of 1987**

**By Hugo Mendoza & Robert Horvath**

The GMHS All-Class Reunion at Cherry Hill this past summer was quite a success! If I am not mistaken, there has not been a larger concentration of GM graduates (Class of 1987) in one place since we graduated over seventeen years ago. For the record, the following attended at least one of the events: **Michelle (Bruffey) Clarke, Erin (Crowley) Thrasher, John Dunn, Reed Hoofnagle, Yang Lin, Cynthia Mallon, Danielle (Masters) Szenas, Terrence O'Grady, Matthew Smoot, Thomas Sulek, Teddy Wigler, Robert Horvath, and Hugo Mendoza.**

We hope that even more show up to the next reunion! **Charles Castevens** is serving our Nation as an Aviation Maintenance Duty Officer in the Navy and could not make it to the reunion, but is planning to join us in the future. He went to Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia,



**Class of 1986**

I'm still living out here in the Wild West and, as settled as we are, still miss all the east coast friends. I'm practicing architecture around tending to our three active (and sometimes hyper-active) children. We plan to make the usual



where he earned a B.S. and M.S. in Physics, and a Ph.D. in Chemical Physics. Way to go Charles!

**Danielle Masters Szenas** received a B.A. in Sociology from Mary Washington College (now University of Mary Washington) in 1991 and went on to earn an M.S. in Sociology from Florida State University in 1993. She lives in Spotsylvania, Virginia, with her husband Philip Szenas and her two daughters, Samantha Mallory and Natalie Morgan.

**Kyra Paukert Sulkowski** lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia, with her husband Thad and two-year-old daughter Sarah. **Kristin**

**Garretson Shriver** lives in Fairfax, Virginia, with her husband Matt and three children—Dylan, Drew, and Ellie. **Christina Sikkar Palmeri** lives in Dumfries, Virginia, with her husband Dave and four children—Kaylee, Brian, Nathan, and Aiden. **John Levick** moved to Helena, Montana, this summer with his wife Carmen. Don't forget to visit us John!

Robert and I will continue to stay in touch and let you know about the others as they turn up. By the way, our 20th High School reunion is not that far off. If you would like to volunteer to help organize the event or have suggestions, please e-mail us at [gmhs1987@cox.net](mailto:gmhs1987@cox.net).

### **Class of 1993**

#### **By Katherine Temple Craig**

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

**Lance Guckenberger** and wife **Emily** (Class of 1995) completed the Marine Corp Marathon and raised money for St. Jude's Hospi-

tal at the same time. Congratulations on doing a wonderful job on both tasks!

**Richard and David Hartogs** have started a surf school during the summers. They teach people how to surf in Rehoboth and Dewey Beach. In the off-season, aside from working desk jobs, they travel around the globe finding perfect surf.

**Christopher Thomas** is still working for the FBI in Los Angeles and recently got engaged to his longtime girlfriend, Rosslyn.

It looks like another classmate has finally decided to take the plunge: **Josh McCall** popped the question to Linda Holloway over Labor Day weekend. The wedding is scheduled to take place in Philadelphia, PA during the summer of next year.

Proud papa, **Troy Austin** and his wife welcomed a baby girl, Madisyn Ann, into the world on August 31st. She weighed 7lbs 3oz.

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

Take care,  
Katherine Temple Craig

### **Class of 1996**

#### **By Jennifer Williams Persson**

Dear Class of 1996, Hey everyone!! Sorry I've been slacking as our Class Representative. There really is no excuse for my procrastination and I hope everyone is doing well! Just to give you an update on what I've been up to, I got married to **Jon Persson** (Class of 1993), in May of 2003 and have a one-year old son, Bradley. I'm working for George Mason Middle School (does anyone ever really leave Falls Church for too long???) as the

Guidance Secretary so I'm very easy to find should you want to get in touch. We have a website for Bradley as well if you want to check him out: [www.jbmwebassociates.com/bradley](http://www.jbmwebassociates.com/bradley).

Anyhow, I know we still have another year and a half until our 10 Year Reunion but I thought I'd try to get some ideas from all of you, if you have any, about what you'd like to do. My email address is [Perssonjw78@yahoo.com](mailto:Perssonjw78@yahoo.com). I'd like to get as many of your email addresses as possible so that I can put a distribution list together but email me anytime you want even if you just want to say hello! I'd love to hear from all of you. Also, last but not least, let me know if you have any updates or want me to include anything in the *Mustang Review* for the upcoming months! I hope to hear from all of you soon, Jennifer Williams Persson

### **Class of 1998**

#### **By Anna Molaski**

Greetings to all! I hope this article finds everyone doing well and enjoying the "real world." We still have many classmates that are considered missing, but since it has been so long since graduation, it would probably be a great idea to have an update on EVERYONE. Please e-mail myself, Delora or Jennifer with your latest info (address, e-mail, phone, occupation, any other info you would like us to know). If you know of someone not receiving the *Mustang Review*, please forward this to them, it would be a tremendous help. After we have compiled all the info, we will send out a mass e-mail of the class database. If you do not want

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your information included, please note so on the update.

Now for some updates on classmates ... Congratulations to **Maggie Olson** who was married in Falls Church this past July and also to **K.C. Gardner** who was married in Waikiki, Hawaii in September. Both were beautiful brides! Also congratulations go to **Jeff Mize** and **Russel Eggleton** on their engagements. Congratulations are also in order to **Jamie Spear** who is set to wed Class of '97 grad **Jon-Michael Lemon** in October 2005! A big welcome home goes out to **Damien Orsinger** who has returned to Falls Church after several years traveling the country. It is great to have you back. Another welcome home goes out to **Damon Burk** who has come home after almost a year down in Brazil finishing college and even doing some runway modeling! Hard to believe it has been almost seven years since we left GM! I greatly look forward to getting everyone's updates!

## **Class of 1999**

**By Olivia Thomas**

I can't believe it's been a year. **Olivia Thomas** here, and there is so much to tell all you lovely readers! As for myself, I am still working with the same company, in commercial real estate, but was recently promoted to Marketing Manager. Now I'm both my own boss and department! I get to create my own goals, schedule, and I'm currently writing my first ever business plan (yeah its fun stuff!). Since last year, I've been on two cruises, both to the Bahamas. We

barely made it back to DC from the last cruise because of the hurricane. Orlando Airport closed at 5:00 (along with numerous flights) and our flight was supposed to leave at 7:00, but luckily our airline stayed open and we had the last flight out of Florida. Congratulations again **Darren and Carrie Caumont!** Darren's wedding was beautiful. I purchased my first house with current boyfriend, Tim. Our options were ... one-bedroom condo in Vienna, or three-bedroom house with yard, pool and garage in Manassas. I know most of you think I'm crazy, but I love my house. We hosted the first official Class of 1999 five-year reunion there and wanted to thank those of you who attended. Can you believe I forgot to take pictures?!? Jeez! For my birthday this year, I got a puppy from Tim! He's an Australian Shepard and we call him Max. Isn't he a cutie! So let's get down to business, I've got some amazing things to share with you about our class. We'll start with the newbies...

After high school **Vania Roman** went to NOVA, traveled around Europe, Bolivia, Peru, and graduated in May 2004 from Marymount University, majoring in International Business. She was lucky enough to finish her last semester in London



*Class of 1999: Me and Max*

and is interning there for the Travel Channel in their Marketing department. She loves London and is thinking about permanently moving there, "There is so much to do here. I love going to pubs and the people here are great ... and of course they always have something smart and funny to say about Bush. I love going to the theatre, it's so cheap we go every week. I love London's diversity." Vania plans to work for six months to a year and then go back to school to get her MBA. While we're in England, I'd also like to say hello to **Seth Johnston**, currently in Oxford. He applied for and was awarded the Marshall Scholarship (Congratulations!) from the British government and so, is on his way to obtaining his masters in Political Science. He just missed our five-year reunion, but on the bright side, he did come across this newsletter while visiting his parents in the FC, so I got the full scoop on Seth since high school! He graduated from West Point in May 2003 and is on active duty as a military intelligence officer



*Class of 1999: Seth Johnston, Oxford*

for the Army. He recently got back from a trip through four countries in Southeast Asia, and by the time he reads this newsletter, will have been to Paris. He and his brother **Drew** (Hi Drew!), who graduated from GM in '01 and was studying in France last year, met up a few times to travel around Western Europe together. "This summer, we spend the better part of a month traveling in Southeast Asia, where the highlight was visiting the ancestral village of one of my good friends in the Mekong River Delta of Vietnam. I'm enclosing a picture with some of the kids there. Of all the twenty or so countries I've visited in the last year, the people of Vietnam had the most positive things to say about America, which I found curious considering how powerfully the legacy of the 'American War' as they call it, continues to affect life there more than thirty years after we pulled out. Nevertheless, the generosity, kindness, and hospitality shown to us because we were American was overwhelming and humbling. I'm so glad that we've got a few people like **Lauren Lewis, Erin**

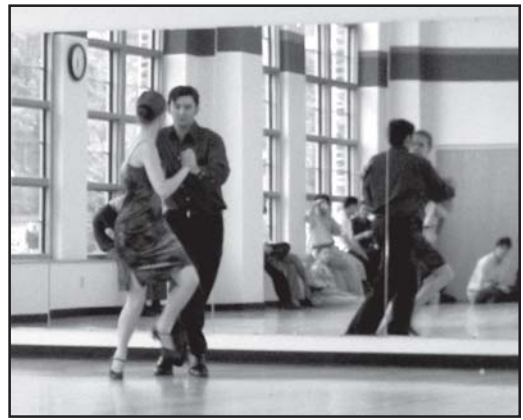


*Class of 1999: Seth Johnston, Asia*

**Sweeney, and Brad Gukenberger** who were or are out there in the world doing their best to help earn that good name for America." Seth also had the opportunity of traveling to both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions this summer because of his studies in political science. Seth will be in the Army until at least 2011 and in England until next summer. He has also taken some culinary classes in Paris, so anyone in the area can stop by and he'll cook you dinner (Vania)!

Guess what **Greg Jacobs** has been up to? "I am a biology and oceanography teacher at Brentsville District High School ... that's right I'm a Tiger now, and even live on a farm in Nokesville. This year I was also an assistant coach with the wrestling team. We have now moved up to AA so I didn't have to compete against Mason (Congratulation to the Mustangs on a 3rd place finish in the A wrestling state tournament)." Crazy huh? He also graduated last year from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA. I find it very respectable that many of you have decided to teach. It is one of the most respectable jobs out there and I commend you for it!

**Ande Reish** had an incredible time at Duke, graduating with a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering. And guess what? Yes, that's right, he did it again! "I got involved in Engineering Student Government and ended up being the Engineering Social Chair and was later elected Senior Class President. I was also



*Class of 1999: Ande Reish, Tango*

privileged and honored to present the Student Graduation Address and closing ceremony remarks in the Duke University Chapel to the Engineering School's Class of 2003." Unbelievable! He also became a Phi Delt. Duke later led him to UVA where he was doing research. He is also a scoutmaster of a Charlottesville Troop and really enjoys teaching them. "Next month, its astronomy and wilderness survival! Yes, they are a wild bunch of minions, who, when I'm not around seem to return to their natural Lord of the Flies state as the other scoutmasters tell me, but I'm building character in each and every moment I spend with them and trying to get them to focus." He has also been climbing in the Maritime Alps in Italy and France since graduating in 1999. There's something Andy's been working on that I'm adding to our "greatest experiences" list: "I've been doing some really enjoyable physical therapy work with a five-year-old girl with athetoid cerebral palsy. Through Duke/UNC's Devices for People with Disabilities program, I and a civil engineer from N.C. State designed a device to enable her to autonomously cut out rough paper dolls and snowflakes from paper



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that she can now load and cut herself. Previously, due to a lack of hand coordination, she had needed a PT to hold the paper and hold the base of a special pair of scissors just to merely make a cut in paper. It was honestly, the most professionally and personally fulfilling work that I have ever done and was the closest thing to the ideal patient-physician relationship that I've ever experienced." That's just awesome. He also got into tango too!

**Kathie Kokanoth** graduated last May from GMU in Economics and Government and International Relations (double major). After that she worked for a sole practitioner attorney in civil and criminal law and has since landed a job with Willkie Farr & Gallagher. She is of course and always having a blast there, "giggling and laughing, as usual," she adds. She is now dealing with International Trade Law. Coincidentally one of the associates here is also a Mustang alumni (Class of 87 **Matthew McCullough**).

And drum roll please ... we have another marriage! Last I spoke to **Daniel Hardman** he was engaged and to be married this last September to Claire Carter, who he met a few years ago and had been dating ever since. He moved to San Francisco this year and is working as an investment banker with Broadview International in their Silicon Valley office. He's one of those lucky ones "exactly what I want to be doing exactly where I want to do it."

I also bumped into **Tim Sharpe** on the metro at Union Station a few

months back. I'm trying to recall my two-minute conversation with him (sorry Tim, I know I'm going to butcher what you told me). I believe he was moving down to Florida for grad school and still continues to sing.

**Yamin Ye** graduated from Virginia Tech last May with a Business Info Tech major, worked for US Airways for almost a year after that, and now works for Bearing Point (which she loves) doing interesting work with government clients. She plans on staying there for a while before heading back to Grad school with her best friend out in LA. She gives a shout out to Mr. Applegate who "made such a lasting impact on me." Yamin has also been living with and dating **John Kugelman** (alumni of GM class of 2000) since her junior year at Tech.

Guess who else found me? One of the missing ... **Ashley Burkhead**, spent three years at Tennessee Tech, Cookeville, TN and transferred to UT in Knoxville. She was a patient liaison at the Baptist Hospital and last I heard from her, was applying for a job in the Chicago area. She was engaged, then that broke off and is now a single girl having a good time. She is living in a cute house, cottage style, with two roommates, two cats and two dogs. Ashley also got a chance to go to Moscow since graduation, "Great time. I had no idea what was going on around me the entire time, not bilingual at all, but it was a killer trip. The architecture, the vodka, the caviar, highly recommended." I'm sure

many of you are wondering about her piano playing. She actually started college as piano performance major then realized that playing the piano as a job "sucked." (By the way Stephanie, we both have a major respect for you, since you were able to stick it!) So even though she changed majors, she is still playing on the side! She is currently playing at a little piano bar near her house and also did some recording work in Nashville playing for solo instruments.

**Kelly Schumann's** daughter Ashley is in Kindergarten this year and just turned five. She and her daughter moved to BroadFalls Apartments in Falls Church with their new kitten a couple of months ago, "it's so nice to finally be living on our own." She still works at Fox Architects and I actually bumped into her and a few others at the Kenny Chesney concert this fall (Great concert everybody! ... and I don't care what you say, COUNTRY ROCKS!).

**Erin Sweeney** is still in Africa, but no longer going to be teaching English in Zinvie, but will rather be working (still as a Peace Corps volunteer) through an NGO called Publication Services International (PSI) here in Benin. PSI is based in Cotonou, probably the largest and



*Class of 1999: Ashley & Kitten*

most developed city in Benin. “My stuff is still in boxes in my house where I now have a fridge, an overhead – as opposed to bucket – shower, and a SINK. As opposed to two bowls on the ground. I miss village life so much already, and it’s weird adjusting, but I know I’m a city girl. Anyways, so now my work will be basically a French-language publication called *Amour & Vie* (love and life) that mixes interviews with Beninese artists and pop stars while talking about abstinence, HIV, AIDS, condoms, etc. . . Besides this, I will also be like the head of the Peace Corps, volunteer-related teams for something called Project Panther, a peer-education program for HIV/AIDS. . . in addition to this, we’re trying to look into the possibility of starting a youth center here in Cotonou where kids can come to hang out, get help on their homework, free English lessons from me, etc.” Erin’s service is over in nine months yet she is considering extending for a 3rd year.

A few months ago, I found out that **Summer Harrington** was working across the street from my office in DC. She was working for ESI (Educational Services, Inc.) but now she is finally following her heart and doing what she wants to do. So two days after Christmas, she is heading down to Panama to live for a few months, “or longer if it’s going great.” Summer will be spending a week with some friends from JMU, one of whom is from Panama and is letting her stay at the family’s beach house!!! Then she will be traveling about four hours outside of Panama City to a town called Santiago where she’ll be

living and soaking in the culture and language of the country and of Latin America!!! “I’m going to volunteer at a summer camp (yes, b/c it will be summer there – no cold nasty winter for me this year!), teach English, maybe sit in on some classes at the University of Panama, but mainly just experience every day life in the country and improve my Spanish skills.

**Lauren Lewis** returned from her “absolutely amazing” year of teaching English in Korea. She’s learned a lot of the language and is officially more Korean than I am! She’ll be in the Northern Virginia area until February, when she’ll be moving (again to the other side of the world) to Honolulu, Hawaii. Her boyfriend is stationed there as a submarine officer and will be buying a house in Honolulu. She’s extended an invitation to visit for anyone in the area. After moving to Hawaii, Lauren will start working again and probably enter into the East Asian studies MA program at the University of Hawaii “so I can keep studying Korean and having fun.”

**Susan Forester** is still in Nashville and still loves it! She started full time at the Nashville Children’s Theatre, primarily with the box office (where she was working part-time earlier this year). She is hoping to open up an arts-based community center in one of the less-affluent areas of town, “so in 5-10 years, if anyone wants to move to Nashville and teach classes there, that would be great.”

**Brad Guckenberger** and his wife Catherine now have their own townhouse by Fair Oaks Mall. Catherine is a PE Teacher/Athletic

Trainer for McLean High School and Brad is still busy doing real estate and going to school full-time. Well, that about wraps it up for me! Oh and I’ve opened a new auxiliary email account, so please send all future emails to [oliviathomas@gmail.com](mailto:oliviathomas@gmail.com). Thanks for reading!

## **Class of 2000**

### **By Jenn Brasler**

We’re at that point in our lives where some of us have graduated, some are getting ready to graduate, some are going on to other schools for more education, and some are heading into the workplace. Congratulations to everyone who has graduated and good luck to those who are about to, are heading on to other schools, or who are looking for jobs. Among those graduating in December are **Kelley Higgins** (graduating from Frostburg State University with a degree in adventure sports) and (graduating from USC). **Jessica Taylor** (thanks to her for helping me gather some of this information) is working with Fairfax County public schools as an autism specialist and is taking grad school courses at Marymount for a Masters in counseling. **Meg Beyer** is also studying at Marymount. **Kerry Kuhn** is heading for law school in January. **Catherine Cooney** is working at McLean High School as a PE teacher, a sports medicine teacher, and an athletic trainer.

**Kirsten Keister** is another December grad, getting her degree in art with a concentration in graphic design. She hopes to get a job in graphic design and move to L.A. in the spring.

**Daniel Worrall** graduated from

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Guilford College in May with a degree in music. He's taking a year off before going to law school.

**Jen Powell** graduated from William & Mary in May with a BA in English. She's currently working as a buyer for Hecht's.

**Joe McQuail** also graduated from William & Mary in May and is working at Johns Hopkins University in a lab in the psychology department. He's studying age-related cognitive deficits and testing new drug therapies.

**Bronwyn Llewellyn** graduated from Mt. Holyoke in May and is now at Duke University, pursuing a Masters in environmental management with a concentration in conservation science and policy and a focus on reserve system design. Next summer she'll have an internship in Bhutan.

**Ellen Keister** graduated from William & Mary in May with a BS in physics. She's now at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, pursuing her PhD in physics.

I graduated from Eastern University in May, earning a BA in English with a concentration in writing. I'm currently writing for two websites, [dc.metblogs.com](http://dc.metblogs.com) and [www.realitynewsonline.com](http://www.realitynewsonline.com). Let me know if you have any information for our next issue. I especially want to hear about moves, graduations, and new jobs.

## **Class of 2001**

**By Rebecca Davis**

It's hard to believe a lot of us will soon be members of a class of 2005 also as graduation is rapidly approaching for many of you. These past four years have certainly

flown by. It has been great to hear what everyone has been up to.

**Jessica Karnis** will be staying at M.I.T. next year for grad school in Political Science and plans on either being home in D.C. this summer working for an intelligence agency or doing research in Boston. She mentioned how great it was to be in Boston for the Red Sox World Series win (a.k.a. the greatest day in recent sports history), something I imagine many of us are jealous about and a clear sign she has become an honorary Bostonian.

**Beau Fay** is busy preparing for his indoor track & field season with the University of Maryland Terrapins. Last season, Beau was ranked 5th in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) in the hammer throw and currently is #5 on the Terps' all-time list in the hammer, with his sights set on the school record. More importantly, we all hope to see Beau sometime in the near future as a contestant on the World Strongest Man competition and are pretty confident in his ability to reach that point of athletic prowess.

**Sara Kallio** is still at James Madison University and will be student teaching next fall and graduating in December 2005 with her degree in Early Childhood Education. She plans to teach kindergarten, either back in Northern Virginia or in New Jersey. **Sabrina Barr** continues to enjoy her job with Diener & Associates as an accountant and is also currently working on getting an Associates degree in accounting.

**Alex Villamor** is working at Mount Daniel Daycare and is working on her Associates degree as well. **Nate Hoover** will be graduating from J.M.U. in May and

will be receiving his Bachelor's degree in Accounting and then heading back to the D.C. area to work for the accounting firm he interned with this past summer.

**Colin Kikuchi** is finishing up his fall term at Middlebury College, taking three classes and working as an intern for a venture capital firm, researching investment opportunities in wind power. He continues to be a force to be reckoned with on his Ultimate Frisbee team which is likely to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> best in their section and luckily this season can claim no more lost teeth for the count. **Eleanor Grimm** was recently accepted into medical school at The University of Virginia, EVMS, and Wash U in St. Louis and is still waiting to hear from other schools. She is going to Ghana for Spring Break on a medical relief trip and was recently inducted into William and Mary's Phi Beta Kappa. **Anya Byers** is majoring in Human Biology with a focus in human ecology and sustainable development at Stanford and for those of us who remember Anya well it should be no surprise that in her "free time" she has started training for triathlons. She spent this summer and fall in South Africa, traveling and studying at the University of Cape Town and doing research for her honors thesis on conservation and sustainable development in a rural communal area. **Kate Zimmermann** returned back from her year abroad in France a true Francophile. She thoroughly enjoyed her time spent between Paris and Montpelier, small coffee servings and all, but was ready to come back to her Starbuck's Venti lattes and friends



at William and Mary by the year's end. As if copying paintings at the Louvre wasn't enough art for Kate, she had to come back to spend her Summer in D.C. working at the Corcoran Art Gallery and has now taken residence in the William and Mary library writing her Art History honors thesis. **Nathan Hamme** is finishing up his degrees in Anthropology and Foreign Affairs at UVA after spending last semester studying at sea. He is looking forward to getting back to his travels and possibly joining the Peace Corps following graduation or perusing a career with the Foreign Service. **Erica Singleton** continues to thrive in the Big Apple interning with Vogue magazine for the past two semesters and living in an apartment

off Union Square Park. Just a few weeks ago she got to assist on a shoot for **Drew Barrymore** and is working on projects with the Fashion Institute's Photo Club for various advertising and internal publications. She will also be graduating this May and plans on hitting the ground running heading straight into the industry there. **Veronica Ratliff** has been working for the City of Falls Church for the past few years in various city offices and recently moved from Falls Church to Arlington. **Amanda Henneberg** is feeling the Washington political itch as the year progresses and is anxious to get back to D.C. where she interned with Senator George Allen this past summer and enjoyed being a part of

the Washington political scene. It is a safe bet that we'll be able to find Amanda on the Hill post graduation. **Liz Gannon** is finishing up her senior year at Colorado College where she is one of seven Comparative Literature majors. She also studies Spanish, and in her free time can be found on the slopes snowboarding in the beautiful Colorado mountains. Liz has begun the application process for the Peace Corps though she may come back to work in D.C. for a while first. Hope everyone else is well. Look forward to seeing many of you back home this winter break. Keep in touch. I'm still working on getting a class email list together. [Becky--rad3s@virginia.edu](mailto:Becky--rad3s@virginia.edu)

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