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## STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE



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# Strategic Planning—Why Bother?

There is much talk these days about strategic planning, both at Sweet Briar and elsewhere. In fact, the Sweet Briar community under President Muhlenfeld's leadership has been and continues to be actively engaged in strategic planning, a process that is ongoing rather than a special project or a one-time event. The Board of Directors has provided general oversight for these efforts by helping President Muhlenfeld shape her vision for the institution, identifying critical issues that should be addressed, and establishing long-range strategic and financial goals to ensure Sweet Briar's viability and continued excellence.

Many of you may ask what strategic planning in a college setting really means and why it's so important. From my professional experience over the past 25 years, as a management consultant and an executive in both not-for-profit and corporate organizations, I can

tell you that planning takes many forms and that success varies dramatically depending on the nature of the organization and the way it approaches this challenge.

Generally, the goal of strategic planning is to develop a clear set of priorities or actions to be taken over a 3-5 (sometimes 5-10) year time frame that, if implemented effectively, will achieve a measurable, deliberate improvement in organizational results. In a business setting, the goals usually involve growth in revenues, market share, number of customers, and profitability. In the not-for-profit world, they will more likely involve a combination of financial and mission-oriented objectives, such as increased enrollment, a higher percentage of successful graduate school and career placements, larger endowments. Such plans are clearly different in time frame and scope than the annual operating budgets that all of us are familiar

with, but once in place they provide a framework and context for budgeting that typically clarifies and streamlines the decisions driving that process as well.

Every organization and every management guru has his or her own "spin" on what makes strategic planning effective. My own belief is that this is clearly an area where one size does not fit all. However, there are some generally accepted key success factors that seem to characterize "best practices."

First is to be sure that planning efforts begin with a clear understanding of the external environment. In Sweet Briar's case, this includes the needs of prospective students and their parents, the competitive choices

they face, and factors influencing their college selection decisions. Second is to take an integrated approach that deliberately links all functional areas together to achieve the desired result. Said differently, there must be one integrated plan that achieves certain goals for enrollment, educational programs and retention, and placement. There cannot be independent plans done by the Admissions Office, each discipline within the curriculum, co-curricular life, and the placement office. Third is to involve and enroll all constituencies to ensure both the credibility of the effort and a commitment to implementation. And fourth is to acknowledge that the plan is a living thing that will, by definition, require continuing adjustment.

For any organization, some components of the plan are more controllable than others. For a college of Sweet Briar's size, an understanding of how the key variables (i.e., enrollment, tuition, financial aid, operating and capital spending levels, and endowment size, performance and spending rate) affect each other is critical. Some of these (e.g., tuition, financial aid, operating and capital spending levels, and the endowment spending rate) are largely controllable. Others (e.g., enrollment, donations to the annual fund and the endowment, and the performance of the endowment investment portfolio) are harder to control and to predict. Having a strategic plan in place that explicitly links these factors and identifies how key decisions in one area impact results in another is of critical importance to maintaining the College's long-term financial viability.

President Muhlenfeld is leading a very inclusive strategic planning effort that is consistent with the best practices I've seen in both business and the non-profit world. While at times it will force hard choices, I believe deeply that it will ensure Sweet Briar's future as a leading liberal arts college for women in the 21st century. It is forcing us to ask tough questions about the relevance of our programs to today's women, the effectiveness of our enrollment planning and management, and the fundamental economic equation of sustaining a small, selective college in a highly competitive and price-conscious environment.

I am both enthusiastic and optimistic about what I see at Sweet Briar. As a member of the more than slightly cynical class of 1971, I would not have expected to be saying that in 2002. Sweet Briar continues to offer an intense and highly effective college experience for its students who go out each year to make meaningful contributions to society in their chosen fields. It is my sincere hope that our current exercise in strategic planning will help us be even more effective in the future.



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*Michele English*

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# THE POWER OF A PLAN

Three years ago, in April 1999, the Board of Directors got the first glimpse of a new strategic plan entitled “Building Sweet Briar’s Second Century.” The plan was the product of more than three years of work, involving literally every element of the Sweet Briar community—students, faculty, alumnae, staff, administration, members of the Board of Directors—and at certain points, outside consultants.

Three years may seem like a long time to develop a plan. After all, in most organizations, a slim committee can complete one in a few weeks. But Sweet Briar, one of only 17 national liberal arts colleges for women, was at an important crossroads. It was moving toward its centennial year in a time when women’s education and liberal arts colleges generally had fallen out of public favor, and when the economic realities plaguing private higher education were becoming increasingly intractable. Further, the shape of women’s lives had changed dramatically. Virtually all of our current graduates intended to go to graduate school, develop careers, provide leadership to their communities, and fully engage the myriad experiences of family life. How could Sweet Briar prepare these young women for lives of such complexity?

**THE GREATEST CHALLENGES:** The Strategic Plan articulated in no uncertain terms our two great challenges: funding an education of high quality, and maintaining a healthy enrollment of talented students. We noted that the pool of high school seniors willing even to consider a women’s college is tiny, and that pool is not growing. Further, we now compete not only with our sister women’s colleges but also with the top coeducational liberal arts colleges in the country and very fine public institutions such as William and Mary and the University of Virginia.

**ROLLING UP OUR SLEEVES:** What was needed was an honest look at everything. In the process, we surveyed alumnae and students; the faculty held seemingly innumerable debates. We examined the cracks in our buildings, faced up to our deferred maintenance and developed a master plan for the campus (the first fruits of which you saw in the last *Alumnae Magazine*). We questioned the efficacy of our curriculum, grappled with the implications of technology, and explored new pedagogies. Most importantly, we reaffirmed our mission “to prepare women to be active, responsible members of a world community” and developed a compelling vision of a 21st-century Sweet Briar education.

When all was said and done, “Building Sweet Briar’s Second Century” built on the

distinctions that have always characterized Sweet Briar. We realized anew that our close student-faculty interaction, our residential campus, our traditional emphases on study abroad and independent study, and our involved-alumnae network had allowed us to develop an intentionally comprehensive, integrative approach to women’s education.

**OUR HEART: THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.** At the heart of our Strategic Plan is an educational philosophy that embodies three important, interrelated concepts. First, what we teach must speak to the life our graduate will lead. We seek to ensure a demanding program that not only provides first-rate academic experiences, but also guarantees that she develops the professional skills she will need and has the kind of “real world” experiences that will enable her to draw important connections between what she learns in the classroom and what she will *do* once she leaves the College. We envision this kind of education as three interlocking spheres (intellectual culture, professional skills development, and “real world connectivity” experiences), at the *nexus* of which lies an ideal education for a motivated young woman.

Second, we are educating individuals. That means that from the moment a prospective student encounters our Admissions Office, her particular interests,

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aspirations and fears are of the utmost importance to us. Third, every aspect of our educational program should be structured to encourage her to integrate knowledge and experience across disciplines, both in and out of the classroom. The faculty and staff will themselves model that integration.

**THE GOALS:** We set four goals, each accompanied by strategies designed to accomplish them.

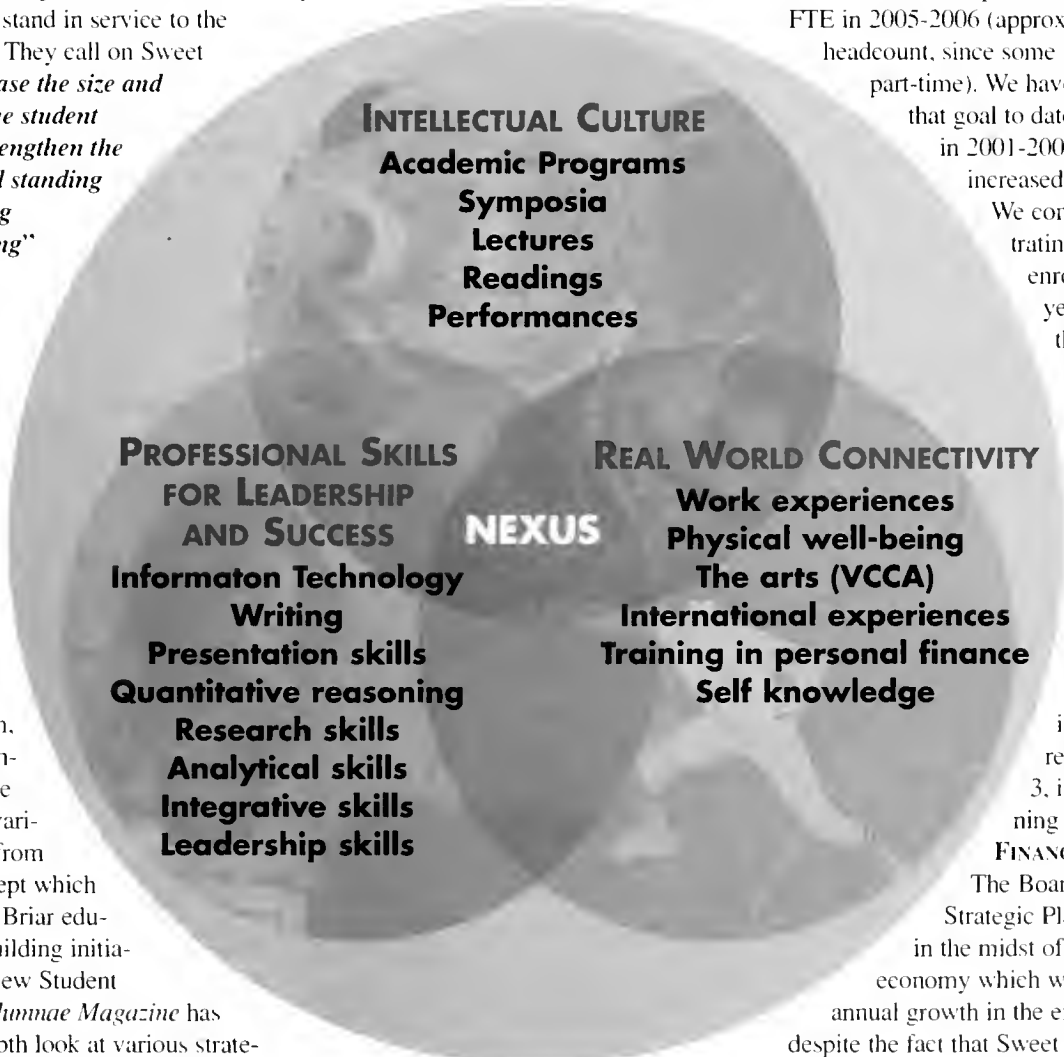
- **Goal 1** addresses the heart of the matter: our educational program, calling for the College to “*craft an environment and academic programs that will heighten Sweet Briar’s reputation as an exciting intellectual destination.*”
- **Goal 2** looks at the kind of students we want to attract: “*We will position the College as a wise choice for intelligent young women willing to invest themselves strongly in their own intellectual and leadership growth. . . . These women will risk going down a different, intense and focused educational path from most of their friends.*”
- **Goals 3 and 4** stand in service to the first two goals. They call on Sweet Briar to “*increase the size and selectivity of the student body*” and “*strengthen the College’s fiscal standing to insure strong financial footing*” well into the future.

**THE RESULTS:**  
AN EXCITING  
INTELLECTUAL  
DESTINATION.

The Board approved the Strategic Plan in April 1999, and authorized “seed money” for several academic initiatives. Since then, I’ve shared the central elements of the Plan with you in various publications, from the “Nexus” concept which underlies a Sweet Briar education today, to building initiatives such as the new Student Commons. The *Alumnae Magazine* has provided an in-depth look at various strate-

gic initiatives associated with Goals 1 and 2, especially the new program in Environmental Studies and the Center for Civic Renewal. This issue highlights yet another initiative, undergraduate research, illustrating beautifully how today’s Sweet Briar leads the student to weave “hands on” experiences—internships, research experiences, artistic work—with classroom learning.

Most exciting for me personally has been watching this approach yield extraordinary growth and creativity on the part of the faculty and staff, generating exciting new initiatives such as the Bachelor of Fine Arts in interdisciplinary arts or the remarkable conference on “Secrecy” held earlier this year, a collaborative project of young faculty in Classics, Religion and History. You’ll notice that the new dean, Stephen Stahl, himself a catalyst for this creative energy, will be teaching an environmental science lab this fall illustrating how non-invasive techniques in geology can help us understand and document our slave graveyards.



**SIZE AND SELECTIVITY:** From 1986 to 1991, on-campus enrollment dropped from approximately 610 to 503—primarily a function of the trend toward coeducation. In April 1999, the Plan noted that “in terms of quality, our student body is better today than it was in 1984, a year in which we had not yet experienced dramatic enrollment declines. In that year, we had 253 students in the first-year class. . . . But the grade point average of the ’84 entering class was 0.5 lower than today’s first-year class; SAT scores nearly 200 points lower (more than 100 points after recentering). . . . Because we have so few applicants, however, our student profile is primarily determined by the fact that applicants self-select (only those very interested in this kind of college and who know they meet Sweet Briar’s admissions standards apply), rather than by our selection from among applicants.”

The Plan set an enrollment goal of an additional 60 FTE (full-time equivalent students, based on credit hours). In 1999, we had 564 FTE, and planned to grow to 624 FTE in 2005-2006 (approximately 650

headcount, since some students enroll part-time). We have more than met that goal to date, with 609 FTE in 2001-2002; in fact, we’ve increased our goal to 635.

We continue to see frustrating fluctuations in enrollment from year to year, but the trend is decidedly upward.

Certainly our national reputation in riding provides high visibility, but the new indoor athletic and fitness facility, noted by the Strategic Plan as important to the realization of Goal 3, is still in the planning stages.

**FINANCIAL SECURITY:**

The Board approved the Strategic Plan in April 1999 in the midst of a booming economy which was fueling good annual growth in the endowment, despite the fact that Sweet Briar has tradi-



## LOOKING BACK FOR SWEET BRIAR'S FUTURE

# Ann Whitley '47 Retires, Handing Over the Reins to Christian Carr

Speaking at Ann Whitley's retirement party, President Muhlenfeld praised the museum founder not only for her outstanding efforts to preserve Sweet Briar's past, but for the many ways her work enriches our future.

Years before the College began the serious business of strategic planning, taking stock of its existing resources and strengths to shape the next 100 years, Ann was already on the case.

After receiving a thumbs up from President Harold Whiteman, she began scouring every attic and closet on campus, flagging down dump trucks when necessary, to retrieve treasures tossed aside by untrained hands.

"For a college to have someone like Ann come along, someone capable of recognizing the uniqueness of the College's holdings, is very unusual," says Christian Carr, visiting assistant professor of arts management. "Many institutions have valuable paintings or works on paper. But Sweet Briar's decorative arts collection sets it apart."

Professor Carr, who specializes in architecture and decorative arts, has been named interim director of the Sweet Briar College Museum. She came to the College in Fall 2001 as a duPont scholar-in-residence, teaching in the arts management department. In that role, she designed a course taught with the Sweet Briar collections: "Curating, Collecting and Connoisseurship." This year, she will offer "American Architecture and Decorative Arts," and "British Architecture and Decorative Arts" through the art history department.

Professor Carr was instrumental in obtaining a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in Washington, DC, enabling the Museum to conduct essential conservation assessments of its sites and collections. Only four programs in the state were selected to receive support. As part of the grant, two conservation professionals will visit the Museum November 4-5, to assess the condition of Sweet Briar's collections.

Going forward, in addition to using the collections as a teaching tool, Professor Carr plans on putting Sweet Briar's art history and arts management students to work in the Museum on a regular basis,

conducting tours and creating special exhibitions.

"Right now," she says, "there's a lot of African-American archeological research taking place on campus. During the month of February, those holdings – the objects students have been digging out of the ground – will become part of a Black History Month exhibit. Next spring, in conjunction with Garden Week, we're planning an exhibition around Daisy Williams' botanical sketchbook. We want people to keep coming through the doors."

Professor Carr holds a bachelor of arts degree in art history and English from Hollins College and a master of arts in the history of decorative arts from the Bard Graduate Center in New York City. She did her doctoral work at Bard and is currently completing her dissertation.

"It just happened that Ann was ready to retire and Professor 'Ninie' Loing had retired the year before," she explains. "Those are shoes I can't hope to fill. But at least I have a similar interest and background – enough to get started and continue this extraordinary work."



**Interim Museum Director Christian Carr displays an 1849 French bronze girandole, made for the American market, featuring George Washington, Davy Crockett, and a Native American.**

tionally drawn more heavily on its endowment earnings than most institutions. The Plan called for strengthening the College's financial position by modest enrollment growth, developing new revenue sources (the Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center, for example), and launching a capital campaign. We have been working diligently on all these fronts (you'll hear more about a campaign soon).

As Chairman of the Board Michela English says, however, "Reality rules." As I write this, the stock markets have fallen dramatically from their highs of two years ago, and are fluctuating wildly as we slowly emerge from recession. We realize that in this climate we cannot even preserve our current endowment, much less grow it, if we draw on it too heavily for annual operating expenses. This dependency must be reduced to levels that can be managed in uncertain economic times. We have therefore developed stringent budget models designed to trim our costs significantly over the next five years. Fortunately, we have learned the power of planning, and with the guidance of our Board of Directors, will emerge a more efficient and far stronger institution.

The progress that has been made on every front in just three years has been astonishing—and great fun to be a part of. As you read the articles and profiles that follow, pay particular attention to the stories of individual students. Each, in her own way, is a living testament to a superb education for women that is intentional,

individual, integrated, and rooted in the enduring values of a remarkable college.



[For a look at the entire Strategic Plan, see <http://www.sbcnews.sbc.edu/strategicplan/> or call the President's Office to ask for a copy]

# The Sweet Briar EXPERIENCE

**SBC Admissions Office updates communications to click with the current generation.**

Since Fall Semester 2000, the Admissions Office has been busy implementing a multi-layered, multi-year plan to revamp its recruitment marketing materials.

It is a sizable task, including not only traditional publications like the viewbook, but a world of virtual tools prospective students can use to explore and evaluate their interest in the College; contact administrative offices like financial aid; correspond with students, faculty, and alumnae; and submit their applications.

The updated look and precise language of these new recruitment materials are based on Sweet Briar's strategic planning goals, which have been tested and tweaked through extensive market research. The firm selected, Art & Science Group Inc., specializes in higher education and the non-profit sector.

"It was interesting to go through the process," says Margaret Blount, dean of admissions. "For example, we discovered that 83 percent of the students who enrolled in 1999 agreed with the statement: 'Women flourish when special attention is paid to their needs in college.' The others – students who inquired but didn't follow up – don't buy it.

"We're using these types of insights to inform our activities and revise our key messages. Our picture of the College and the student body has changed. We've evolved from being a supportive and nurturing place for students into a challenging environment where confident young women can seize exceptional opportunities."

**My Four Years.** The experience of Brianne Vogler '01 helps to illustrate Dean Blount's points.

During a prospective visit in 1996, Brianne spoke with Dr. Robin Davies, associate professor of biology. "I asked her," recalls Brianne, "if it were possible to come to Sweet Briar and jump into research. I had read all these amazing

things about the science program and I wanted to know if I could get involved from the start.

"Professor Davies' answer just floored me. She said, 'You can't be a Sweet Briar science major without doing research.' That was it. I needed to be here. It was a huge boost."

Brianne recently completed her second semester at George Washington University Medical School, earning honors in every course. Though she intends to be a practicing M.D., she is still "hooked" on basic research. "Sweet Briar," says Brie, "taught me that science and medicine without research is incomplete." True to her Guion roots, she spent the past summer working as a research scientist, experimenting with human molecular growth regulation at the National Institutes of Health - Institute for Child Health and Human Development.

Brianne's fellow medical students are curious. "They're highly intelligent, competent men and women from places like Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, and Duke," she explains. "They wonder why I went to a place like Sweet Briar – a women's college. My answer is: Those were *my* four years. I wouldn't trade them for anything."

**Risky Business.** When Brianne entered Sweet Briar in the fall of 1997, the College was completing the first phase of a deliberate, ongoing strategic planning process. Though the goals of the plan had yet to be formalized, it was clear that Sweet Briar's small size, leadership opportunities, and hands-on research programs were appealing to Brianne and students like her. These young women were willing to risk going down a different, intense and focused educational path from most of their friends in order to achieve ambitious personal and professional objectives.

This emerging view of Sweet Briar students as intellectual and social risk takers

**At right, Brianne Vogler '01, now in medical school, spent this past summer working at the National Institutes of Health.**



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—Margaret Blount, Dean of Admissions

## The Class of 2005

**162 students**

**Average GPA: 3.5**

**25%-75% Range for Test Scores:**

SAT Verbal: 520-630

SAT Math: 490-600

ACT Combined: 21-27

**Average # of academic units:**  
20

### Geographic Distribution:

47% from Virginia

22% from the South (not including VA)

16% from the Northeast

8% from the Midwest

6% from the West

4% International

### Multicultural Students:

12% of the Class of 2005 are

African-American, Latin-American, Asian-American, and Native-American students

7 first-year students come from Bulgaria, China, Dominican Republic, Nepal, Peru, and Yugoslavia

6 international exchange students came from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Scotland and Spain

### Top Academic Interests:

Math and Computer Science

Biology

English/Creative Writing

Studio Art

International Affairs

History

Modern Languages

Education

Chemistry

Government

### Interesting Career Plans:

veterinarian, theatre law, seminary, opera singer, forensic psychologist, environmental biologist, film director

### High School Background:

**80%** enrolled from public high schools

**20%** enrolled from private high schools

### Financial Aid

**52%** received need-based financial aid



**Morgoret Blount is entering her third year as dean of admissions. Her appointment coincides with the launch of the College's new recruitment marketing efforts. She joined the staff in 1988 and, after taking time off for graduate school, served as director of admissions between 1996-2000.**

was at odds with the College's late-90s admissions materials, which were urging prospective students to "Believe in Yourself." The confidence-building messages that had served the College well through decades of profound social change for women were rapidly becoming outmoded.

The temptation was to respond quickly. And the Admissions Office had begun altering text to reflect the College's distinct, student-centered advantages, especially its emphasis on experiential learning. But with so many extraordinary new initiatives like the environmental science program, Center for Civic Renewal, and Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in the works, the College drew a deep breath regarding recruitment marketing and wisely waited to get it right.

#### Enter the Art & Science Group.

Today, whether you're clicking around the SBC website or walking around campus with an authentic admissions tour guide at your side, you will catch some aspect of Art & Science's recommendations in play.

Many of the key positioning themes and strategies proposed by the marketing group are familiar, having been woven into the Sweet Briar admissions website, view-book, and college fair pieces early on. In 2002, thanks to strong support from the Board's Ad Hoc Admissions Advisory Committee, the College finished a year-and-a-half-long project, rewriting and redesigning its academic websites around

the new template, with links to the College's new alumnae website.

Consistency is central to the success of Sweet Briar's effort to establish a differentiated market position. And, of course, alumnae can help by incorporating Art & Science's major themes into their own discussions about the College with young women and their parents. The message goes something like this:

- A Sweet Briar education is for confident young women who are ready to seize opportunities and willing to take risks.
- We seek women with an inquisitive spirit and inspire their curiosity and ambition through intense interaction with committed faculty and frequent contact with successful women working in promising and important fields.
- Through the College's unique four-year curriculum, women develop the particular knowledge, skills, contacts, and experience they need to fulfill their personal and professional aspirations.
- Sweet Briar has a national reputation for its programs in the sciences, its Junior Year Abroad programs in France and Spain, its unique Honors Program, and a vital research program which "fast tracks" undergraduate students into graduate level research projects with faculty.
- Top academic programs in environmental studies and public policy and the law, a vibrant presence of the visual and performing arts, and the integration of



information technology into all programs enhance the College's strong liberal arts core.

- Located in an unparalleled natural setting in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia, Sweet Briar's 3,250 acre campus provides an intellectually and socially rich environment. The land serves as an outdoor classroom for the environmental sciences and offers a unique setting for the College's internationally-renowned Riding Program.

**Tee-Shirt Contest.** Reaching the small percentage of traditional-age students who will consider a women's college requires a broad mix of media.

As an increasing number of prospective students conduct their college searches online, Sweet Briar's "most wired" status among women's colleges certainly compels admissions to construct

an impressive web presence. But surfing is a solitary affair, giving the traditional viewbook an advantage when it comes to reaching parents and prospects seated around their kitchen tables. And the personal contacts made at college fairs continue to generate leads that result in applications and acceptance.

Yet, according to a national survey, 65 percent of university and college students report that word of mouth directed them to the institution they ultimately chose to attend. "That's why," says Dean Blount, "it's so important to wear your Sweet Briar tee shirt to the grocery store and tell your dentist where you went to college. Speak up! Remember, we only have 13,000 alumnae. All Sweet Briar graduates together amount to half the size of the current student body at Virginia Tech."



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REMARKABLE LIVES. REMARKABLE WOMEN.

# Sweet Briar College

SBC's new recruitment materials feature both student and alumnae profiles, demonstrating the value of an education which recognizes the many roles and responsibilities women will assume over a lifetime.

# It Takes a College

Recruitment efforts involve the entire community.

Every weekday evening, from the end of August right up to the start of the winter holiday season, chances are you'll find Jennifer Crispen, associate director of physical education and athletics, sitting at her desk at 8 p.m. with a phone to her ear.

Fall semester is the peak of the recruiting season. But Professor Crispen, who was recently appointed national rules interpreter for NCAA field hockey, is not talking about sports.

"We recruit to the academic program first," says Crispen, "which requires being in touch with what's going on all over campus. You have to be ready with a comeback. If a prospective student is interested in a communications major, which we don't offer, you have to be ready to talk about a Sweet Briar psychology major who just finished an internship at CNN."

In an office directly across the hall, Kelly Morrison, assistant professor and tennis coach, often recruits students who have taken tennis lessons, but have no interest in team sports. "While we're on the phone," explains Coach Morrison, "they'll ask about another program or professor. Then, they'll call again or e-mail additional questions. I became someone they know on the inside who can help steer them through the process."

Over at the Riding Center, Director Shelby French fields approximately 800 inquiries a year. Roughly half follow up and more than 100 complete the application process.

"It makes sense," says Director French. "A lot of prospective students aren't sure what they want to major in. But they're passionate about riding. They know they love the sport and that's why they look at us. At least, that's where they begin. Once they get here they discover they love English, or dance, or environmental science just as much."

Vivian Yamaguchi Cahn '77 is familiar with the type of student French is describing. She was interested in riding and brought her horse to Sweet Briar, while her parents focused on academics and all the other programs the College had to offer. "It was a good thing they did," laughs Vivian, who now balances a career in corporate law with the joy of raising four bright, rambunctious boys.

Vivian, a former Region VII Alumnae Board chair, meets and corresponds with prospective students in her ongoing role as an Alumna Admissions Representative (AAR). Three of the four accepted applicants she contacted this year chose to enroll. She patterns her recruitment efforts on the examples set by dynamic Chicago alumnae like Nannette McBurney Crowds '57, who maintained contact with Vivian before, during, and after college.

"Nannette knew how I was doing, if I had made Dean's List and things like that," recalls Vivian. "When I graduated, of course I was going to be active in the



Vivian Yamaguchi Cahn '77

Chicago Club because Nannette was there. And Florence Elston '21 was with us then, too."

The personal touch that distinguishes Sweet Briar's AAR program applies to the academic program as well. Throughout the year, faculty meet with prospective students, parents, and guidance counselors. While some contacts take place during prearranged luncheons, academic fairs, and classroom visits, many others evolve out of chance meetings in the halls.

Jill Granger, associate professor of chemistry, has toured whole families through Guian. "I've had parents ask very detailed questions about our program and equipment," she says, "only to discover that they're scientists with a daughter who's interested in modern languages and theatre arts."

A few years ago, Professor Granger and Robin Davies, professor of biology, carried out an exciting recruitment experiment. They went through the list of accepted applicants and invited qualified students to engage in research the summer before they matriculated.

"They turned out to be some of the best students I know," says Professor Granger. "Unfortunately, we're not always doing the type of research that high school graduates can easily enter into."

Dean of Admissions Margaret Blaunt is pleased with the outpouring of support she receives from faculty, coaches, alumnae, and other offices such as Career Services. "This is not a one-office job," she says, "and the community really gets that. Personal contacts make Sweet Briar come alive. Prospective students and their parents quickly realize that this is not some same-old same-old liberal arts college, that Sweet Briar has features which set us apart from the pack."



Jennifer Crispen, associate director of physical education and athletics

# Putting Prospective Students to the Test

Admissions interactive quiz addresses key issues.



A Hebrew school student goes up to the Rabbi and asks, "Rabbi, what is heaven?"

"Heaven?" says the Rabbi. "Why, heaven is rows and rows of people seated at long tables studying the Torah."

"I see," replies the student. "If that's heaven then what is hell?"

"Hell?" says the Rabbi. "Why, hell is rows and rows of people seated at long tables studying the Torah."

The Hebrew school Rabbi and Margaret Blount, SBC's dean of admissions, have something in common. Both understand that educational institutions can be heavenly or hellish places, depending on what type of student you are.

For some young women, what the College touts as its major strengths – small size, natural setting, single-sex commitment, community involvement, and leadership opportunities – are perceived as being just the opposite.

To help ensure a good match, the Admissions Office has developed a 10-question interactive quiz that helps prospective students sort through key

issues like Sweet Briar's location, 8:1 student-faculty ratio, and emphasis on participation inside and outside of the classroom.

The program prompts responses, creating "a trail of bread crumbs" Admissions can use to evaluate a student's interest level and engage promising candidates in a dialog with the College.

As for the others, "What we do is pretty bold," says Dean Blount. "Not many institutions are willing to tell students 'We don't think you're right for our college.' But Sweet Briar is so small that bringing a mismatched student into this environment takes a toll on the entire community. It's traumatic for everyone. That's why we go out of our way to let prospective students know exactly what they're getting into. There's no point trying to persuade someone who prefers a coeducational urban campus that Sweet Briar is right for them. We simply wish those students the best of luck in their college decision."

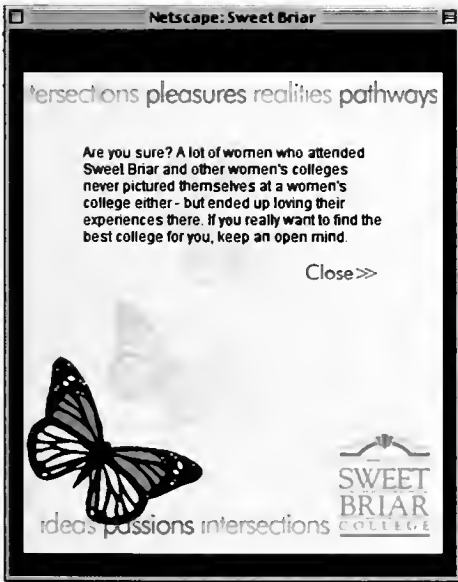
After these "self-selecting" students complete the quiz and receive their scores, links appear at the bottom of the page, giving them the option to learn more about specific areas of the College. Dean Blount can examine a report on these links and

"blast" a targeted e-mail message back to all the students who clicked on, for example, academics or athletics.

"Let's say a student clicked on riding," explains Dean Blount. "She'll receive an e-mail from the program director, Shelby French, as will every other student who clicked on riding in the last two weeks. Or I can blast an announcement about Sweet Briar's new Bachelor of Fine Arts degree to every student who has taken the quiz."

The software automatically blocks the addresses of students who do not wish to be contacted. Since April 1, 2001 over 2,000 unique users have taken the test.

"The feedback we've gotten has been very positive," says Dean Blount. "Virtually 100% of the students who respond say the quiz was helpful. They'll say, 'Sweet Briar is not right for me, but now I have a good sense of where I need to be headed' or they'll say, 'It sounds like Sweet Briar is just right for me, keep sending information.'"



Some soft selling occurs during the quiz. For example, clicking on the answer: "Me at a women's college? Never - under no circumstances," generates the pop-up box pictured to the far left.

# All Roads Lead to Goal 4

## Even Modest Increases in Enrollment Require Additional Endowment

Goal 4 maintains that "The single most effective way to provide financial stability for the College into the future is to grow the endowment significantly."

For veteran administrators like Robert Steckel, these 21 words are as close as the College will ever get to finding a silver bullet.

According to the American Council on Education (ACE), only eight% of U.S. households have a combined income higher than \$100,000. Of these households, only 11% have college-age children. The average amount they spend on a college education per child is \$8,000 a year.

The annual cost or "sticker price" of a traditional, four-year college or university includes tuition, room, board, activity fees, travel, and other expenses. The College Board's estimated in-state cost for public institutions like Virginia Tech, James Madison, or William & Mary stands at \$11,976 for the academic year 2002-2003. The estimated out-of-state cost is a bit higher at \$17,740. For private institutions, the estimated cost is \$26,070. Sweet Briar comes in below that amount at \$24,165.

At a recent meeting of the Council of Independent Colleges of Virginia, admissions guru George Dehne reported that two out of three state colleges and universities are now offering no-need scholarships — a statistic that helps to explain ACE's \$8,000 average spent on a college education by households with incomes at or above \$100,000.

At Sweet Briar, more than 80% of the students receive some form of financial aid. The sample financial aid package featured on Sweet Briar's website shows a

family with an income of \$61,000 contributing \$9,575 toward their daughter's education this year.

During his long tenure at Sweet Briar, Robert Steckel, former director of financial aid, worked with the statistics cited above on a daily basis. The experience has left him with a deep understanding of the key role Goal 4, the strategic plan's challenge to increase endowment funds, will play in determining Sweet Briar's future.

"Sweet Briar," says Mr. Steckel, "is not tuition-driven. You can't be tuition-driven at an institution that enrolls fewer than 700 students and has a tuition discount at the 50 percent level. Reality says you will never get enough income from your tuition revenue stream to support a viable institution over the long haul. You're not going to be able to grow programs and create new ones, compensate high-quality faculty, and meet the debt service on your portion of new construction and other important projects.

"Endowment is critical. If the College plans to be here and prospering 50 years down the road, it has to work at doubling or even tripling its endowment starting today."

During the 13 years Steckel served as director of financial aid, "Not once," he says, "did I see a report indicating that more than five% of the female portion of the college-age population was interested in considering — that's *considering*, not enrolling in — a women's college."

To make matters even more challenging, Steckel notes that 45% of parents rule out certain college choices for their children in advance, before any serious searching begins, a fact which has prompted Admissions to intensify communications aimed specifically toward parents.

### FYE % of SBC costs funded by tuition

1992 47%	1997 36%
1993 41%	1998 36%
1994 40%	1999 32%
1995 40%	2000 29%
1996 35%	2001 28%

**FAMILY GUIDE TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**



“Some of the pressures that determine Sweet Briar’s standing in the marketplace are beyond our control,” says Mr. Steckel. “But the motivated young women who do decide to take full advantage of what the College has to offer can go on to medical school at Johns Hopkins or Harvard, law school at Yale, or a Ph.D in microbiology at Duke. It’s that caliber of an education. And maintaining it in the decades ahead is going to require bold action on Sweet Briar’s part.”

Goal 3 of the College’s strategic plan calls for increasing the size of the student body two% a year through 2005-2006. The target is 624 full-time enrolled (FTE), which is the largest number the College can accommodate without instigating a housing shortage.

At a small college like Sweet Briar, even a modest increase in the size and selectivity of the student body can have a significant, positive impact on academic and co-curricular life. Unfortunately, the same does not hold true for the College’s bottom line, where the addition of 60 or so students barely registers. To quote the strategic plan, “Clearly, other strategies are necessary.” Which leads to Goal 4.

Goal 4 maintains that “The single most effective way to provide financial stability for the College into the future is to grow the endowment significantly.” For veteran administrators like Robert Steckel, these 21 words are as close as the College will ever get to finding a silver bullet.

“This College,” he says, “which has done so well by generations of women, is facing profound challenges that only a much larger endowment can help see it through. It’s that simple. It really is.”



**AVERAGE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE**

Annual family income=\$61,000

Net worth=\$24,000

**SWEET BRIAR’S AID OFFER**

Scholarships & Grants . . . . .	\$10,900
Self-help (loan/job) . . . . .	\$3,700

**BASED ON**

Sweet Briar’s Cost* . . . . .	\$24,165
Expected Family Contribution . . . . .	\$9,565

\* Cost includes tuition, room, board, student activity fee, technology fee, and expense allowance

**Women’s College Endowments 2001**

Wellesley College . . . . .	\$1.14 billion
Smith College . . . . .	\$917 million
Bryn Mawr College . . . . .	\$434 million
Mount Holyoke . . . . .	\$389 million
Agnes Scott . . . . .	\$347 million
Scripps College . . . . .	\$179 million
Mills College . . . . .	\$168 million
Barnard College . . . . .	\$140 million
Randolph-Macon Women’s College	\$131 million
Sweet Briar College . . . . .	\$104 million
Hollins University . . . . .	\$91 million
Wells College . . . . .	\$46 million
Mary Baldwin College . . . . .	\$33 million

Source: *The Chronicle of Higher Education*

# A True Learning Community

Sweet Briar's new dean works to strengthen SBC's reputation as an exciting intellectual destination.

“The thing that amazes me the most,” says Dr. Stephen D. Stahl, dean of the College and vice president for academic affairs, “is the ability of Sweet Briar students to succeed in all aspects of campus life. They’re doing a remarkable number of different things inside and outside of the classroom and they’re doing them all well. It looks like we’re very close to achieving our goal of having a true learning community – much closer than I thought we would be.”

It is always fascinating to get a fresh take on the College, especially from the vantage point of someone like Dr. Stahl, whose experience as a professor and administrator is marked by innovation.

At the very beginning of his professional life as a geology instructor, Dr. Stahl helped to transform his department by limiting enrollment, increasing selectivity, and offering hands-on research opportunities to motivated students. At the same time, the department’s definition of desirable outcomes was expanded to include careers, as well as the traditional benchmarks of enrollment in graduate or professional schools.

The results were dramatic.

“The ‘A’ students always do well,” says Dr. Stahl. “But the ‘B’ and ‘C’ students suddenly caught fire because they realized *why* they were taking these classes. It was a spectacular transformation.”

In the years that followed, Dr. Stahl worked at developing and promoting research learning both in the classroom and at the administrative level. It was the model he carried to the State University of New York College at Fredonia, where he was dean of natural and social sciences and professional studies for three years before coming to Sweet Briar. He succeeded Dean George Lenz in July 2001.

**Connections.** Dr. Stahl earned his B.S. from Washington and Lee University. One of the things he values most about his



“Once you develop a culture of research learning,” says Dr. Stahl, “students are no longer motivated by getting the correct answer or typing page 15 of a required 15-page paper. Instead they start thinking, ‘Is this the right answer? What other questions do I need to ask?’ And they take off from there.”

undergraduate experience, and part of his attraction to SBC, is the honor system.

“Fewer than 100 institutions still have honor systems in place,” says Dr. Stahl, “and many of those are under attack. It’s true the penalties for cheating are high. And it’s difficult to do the right thing. But what students take away – a commitment to lifelong personal integrity – is worth the price.”

Dr. Stahl has reconnected with his alma mater in preparation for the advanced lab in environmental sciences he is co-teaching this fall. His five-week section involves non-invasive techniques for site characterization. Sweet Briar is borrowing geophysical equipment from W&L for the time being, until a mutual grant enables both institutions to pool students and purchase additional new tools.

“A big part of this,” explains Dr. Stahl, “is going to be using geophysical equipment to help characterize the slave graveyard at the College. We don’t know the location of all the graves. The technology will give us different densities and the various attributes of soils and rocks, allowing us to identify graves that don’t have a surface expression.

“It’s a nice environmental science project that ties in with the Archaeology-Sociology department as well, making it a true multi-disciplinary effort. It also has the potential to expand to other nearby historic sites like Jefferson’s Poplar Forest and the Booker T. Washington National Monument.”

**Exporting Culture.** Dr. Stahl’s vision for Sweet Briar goes far beyond encouraging multi-disciplinary projects among departments already invested in hands-on research.

As he sees it, the sciences have already accepted the notion that it is difficult to find the boundary between teaching and research. And there are equivalents in other disciplines as well.



For example, the fine and performing arts have a strong tradition of learning by doing. The same holds true in education, where student teaching is required. And, especially at Sweet Briar, modern languages benefit from first-rate study abroad programs.

“Where we’re trying to export this notion,” says Dr. Stahl, “is into the humanities and social sciences — particularly the social sciences; the humanities are a little tougher. But we can begin by creating a social sciences lab where students can learn cutting-edge research techniques while working on original research.”

The idea of creating a social science laboratory complete with integrated statistical and geographic information systems and polling equipment is grounded in bricks-and-mortar reality. Once the Student Commons is complete, the government, sociology and anthropology, and economics departments will move into Gray Hall. The laboratory would serve as a social sciences centerpiece, operating under the auspices of Sweet Briar’s Center for Civic Renewal.

Right now, 30% of Sweet Briar students are majoring in the natural sciences. Nationally, 20 percent would be considered the high end of normal. “Obviously,” says Dr. Stahl, “we’re doing the sciences very well. We’d like to see the social sciences develop in the same way.”

**It’s a B.F.A.!** Given the new dean’s near-evangelical zeal for learning by doing, it’s no surprise that the requirements and logistics behind Sweet Briar’s Bachelor of Fine Arts degree were finalized during his first year.

Just as the College’s Bachelor of Science degree distinguishes a higher level of commitment, imagination, and competency in the sciences, the B.F.A. signals an exceptional grasp of the creative process, plus a demonstrated willingness to confront the intellectual and physical chal-

lenges of a career in the arts.

The admission-by-audition-only program fully exploits the resources the College has amassed over the years. From Babcock, to Pannell, to the Studio Art Farm, to the VCCA — all of the College’s individual strengths in the arts have finally coalesced to form an impressive, energetic arts community.

“In addition to majoring in one department and minoring in another,” says Dr. Stahl, “students will interact with practicing artists on a regular basis, getting fresh perspectives across disciplines. We also expect that students will want to earn an arts management certificate, so they’ll be savvy artists when they get out there.”

**Citizen Scholars.** Though the number of art majors at Sweet Briar — ten percent of the student body — is typical of colleges nationwide, the dean is quick to point out that the quality of the students is remarkable and explains why this is so.

“Sweet Briar,” he says, “is much more vibrant than the numbers would seem to indicate. And it comes from having a very strong and active faculty.

“We expect our faculty not only to be excellent teachers — that’s just the starting point. They also have to be published, top-notch scholars. And they also have to spend a significant amount of time helping to shape the future of the College.

“Really, the College works as well as it does because the faculty are such good citizens of the campus, much like the students have to be involved for it to work as well. And all of us are trying to find ways to make things work even better, which is why it’s so exciting to be here.”



**Dr. Stephen D. Stahl, dean of the College and vice president for academic affairs, is beginning his second year at Sweet Briar. He came to the College from the State University of New York College at Fredonia, an undergraduate liberal arts college within the SUNY system, where he was dean of natural and social sciences and professional studies. Dean Stahl received his Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in geological sciences from Northwestern University and his B.S. from Washington and Lee University. He was previously a professor of geology at Central Michigan University. The Stahl family resides in the Deanery on Faculty Row.**



Professor Beck with Misa Sarmento '02

# The Right Tools for the Job

The National Science Foundation Highly Recommends Professor Beck's Grant Proposal for a 300 MHz NMR

Top-notch faculty and bright, dedicated students are only two-thirds of the hands-on learning equation. Real research requires serious hardware.

Soon, because of the efforts of John J. Beck, assistant professor of chemistry, Sweet Briar's already well-equipped laboratories will boast a research-grade nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer.

"The NMR," says Professor Beck, "will give Sweet Briar researchers the ability to report data with confidence. We can deduce our own structures. We can safely report, 'Look, we have a compound,' without someone responding, 'Well, but you're working with outdated equipment and we don't trust your stuff.' This takes us to the next level. Now we can publish in very high-level journals."

An NMR is an MRI for molecules. Sweet Briar's nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer uses the same technology as the magnetic resonance imaging machines installed in hospitals – with a critical difference. While NMRs spin molecules around inside stationary magnets, MRIs mercifully work the opposite way, spinning magnets around stationary patients.

The arrival of the NMR means the College's gas chromatograph/mass spec-

"Most colleges can't handle the consumable costs. That's why it's very rare to have undergraduates working on equipment like this."

rometer will primarily be used in introductory classes. "The mass spectrometer is a sophisticated instrument," says Professor Beck, "but it's easy to learn and gets really heavy usage. The new NMR allows us to make the break between training and research equipment. Now, as soon as students get into intermediate lab, they can begin performing original research using this huge, quarter-million-dollar piece of equipment."

The purchase price is only the beginning. Upkeep on a 7.4 Tesla NMR separates the women from the girls. "Most colleges," explains Professor Beck, "can't handle the consumable costs. That's why



Professor Beck's students came up with their own research team name and logo.

it's very rare to have undergraduates working on equipment like this."

Professor Beck emphasizes that without administrative and alumnae support, external grants for equipment like the NMR would not be possible. "The backing we receive is what allows us to go after external funding in the first place," he says. "The fact that the College can provide stipends for student researchers and buy necessary supplies demonstrates an important institutional commitment."

In addition to requesting funds for the NMR from the National Science Foundation, Professor Beck applied for 11 other external and internal grants last year. So far, amounts awarded and pending total \$348,078. Some benefit the science program in general. Others are tailored toward the work he and his students are pursuing on an ongoing basis, during the academic year and through the summer.

The majority of Professor Beck's research involves natural products, a term used to describe drugs or medicines derived from plants. His student research team, a group that works together under the banner "Natural Products Chemistry," is isolating and enhancing specific biological compounds that give herbs like Oshá their therapeutic value.

"Oshá," explains Professor Beck, "is used everywhere from the American southwest to Asia for headaches, strokes, fevers, anemia – the list goes on. We've identified one of the compounds that gives the plant its medicinal properties. Now we want to increase those properties without increasing the toxicity of the drug."

In addition to modifying compounds, the Natural Products Chemistry research team can test intermediate and final products in house. The group includes a biology major who has established protocols for antibacterial and antifungal testing, giving chemists the results they need to make decisions and keep working.

"Organic chemistry didn't make sense to me until I started doing undergraduate research," says Professor Beck. "Then, suddenly, it seemed impossible not to understand it. Everyone has the potential to be a nerd; it's just a matter of being able to apply what you're learning."

## Internationalization on the Home Front

### Elementary Arabic Debuts this Fall

In an effort to address an immediate need for more speakers of Arabic, the Modern Languages and Literatures Department is offering "Elementary Arabic I" on a not-for-credit basis during the Fall Semester 2002 and "Elementary Arabic II" in Spring 2003.

The College is among a select few participating in the national program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State under auspices of the U.S. government's premier diplomatic initiative. The Institute of International Education (IIE), through its existing Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) program, is the administering agency, working in collaboration with the Fulbright Commission in Morocco and Jordan.

"I've really enjoyed working with the IIE on this project," says Tiffany Cummings, director of international studies at Sweet Briar. "I'm also grateful to University of Virginia Professor Mohamed Sawaie for sharing his wisdom and Arabic teaching materials with us. It's really been a nice joint effort."

After carefully considering a number of Fulbright-sponsored applicants, the Modern Languages and Literatures Department chose Nabila Elyazale from Morocco to teach the introductory Arabic courses. Sweet Briar provides a six-credit tuition waiver to the instructor, with the Fulbright Program covering all other costs, including her room, board, books, insurance, and a monthly stipend.

The College is also hosting a one-year visiting student, Luz Luna, from Colombia to assist in Spanish. "In the near future," says Dr. Cummings, "through the same IIE program, we hope to have one-year students from Turkey, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Tadjikistan."

In addition to one-year visitors, the College has a number of four-year international students entering or returning this fall from the following countries: Bangladesh, Bermuda, Bulgaria, Botswana, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Jamaica, Peru, Spain, Taiwan, and Yugoslavia.

While many students here and across the United States continue to participate in the College's acclaimed Junior Year in France and Spain programs, some SBC students are electing to study in Tanzania, Italy, Cuba, Germany, Mongolia, Australia, Denmark, Scotland, New Zealand, Costa Rica, and Greece. A recent, generous scholarship from Mr. and Mrs. A. Marshall Acuff (Mr. Acuff is a member of the Executive Committee of the College's Board of Directors) has both increased students' ability to travel abroad and enabled them to consider a world of destinations. In addition, students may earn academic credit for participating in an internship abroad, provided they have faculty supervision and approval. For Fall or Spring Term faculty-sponsored internships, students are eligible for a proportionate amount of their SBC scholarships and financial aid, if they are billed by Sweet Briar for the internship credits.

"Great things are happening," says Dr. Cummings. "For example, Laura Pearson '04 has received the very prestigious National Security Education Program David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship for Study Abroad – also administered by IIE – for \$13,000 to study in the Czech Republic. Study abroad is a wonderful thing for our students and for all of us, because students bring their experiences back to the classroom here."



## Associate Dean Jonathan Green SBC's Music Professor Takes on a New Set Of Challenges

This fall, Dr. Jonathan Green is busy directing a very different ensemble—Sweet Briar's ASCAP award-winning composer, associate professor of music, and director of the Chamber Orchestra, Concert Choir and Chamber Choir has a brand-new title. He is now associate dean of new faculty and integrated programs.

Dr. Green's job description positions him at a number of strategic points in the College's effort to develop and maintain a true learning community.

For starters, he is in charge of orienting new faculty, working to ensure that newcomers quickly feel at home on the campus. As Dr. Green explains it, "Sweet Briar faculty are expected to assume all sorts of out-of-the-classroom obligations—advising, committee work, research—which can seem daunting until you find where you fit in."

"Participation in the community is a central part of teaching here. In fact, this is the only place I know of where, during the tenure process, every tenured faculty member is asked to write a letter on behalf of every candidate."

Also high on Dr. Green's agenda is coordinating interdisciplinary programs, which by nature exist without a departmental home base—assisting Admissions and the Dean's Office in the areas of recruitment and retention, and overseeing the Writing Center and student tutoring. On the teaching side, he is continuing to conduct ensemble.

These are the five things I'm definitely doing," laughs Dr. Green. "The rest—and I'm sure there's more—will consist of anything else that needs to be done."



## Amy Mullen '02 Gets Her "Groove" On At The Kennedy Center Dance Major Takes Top Honors at Regional Dance Festival

If you're near a computer with internet access, go to SBTV's archived Dance Theatre page, <http://www.sbtv.sbc.edu/features/dance.html>, and click on "Groove." You'll see the student dance that Professor Mark Magruder says "got people in the Kennedy Center on their feet, standing and screaming."

In March 2002, dance major Amy Mullen '02 performed her original work "Groove" at the Mid-Atlantic American College Dance Festival at the University of Maryland, where she earned the honor of "Best Choreographer" and "Best Performer."

With 37 of the region's finest colleges and universities represented, the chances of dancing out the door with even one of the two awards are pretty slim. To receive both is virtually unheard of.

Amy was invited to perform her winning piece at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC for the National College Dance Festival.

"This is the biggest thing that's happened in the Sweet Briar dance program ever," says Professor Magruder. "It's like David and Goliath."

According to Professor Magruder, 413 dances were adjudicated across the United States last spring. Of those, only 37 faculty, guest artist, and student dances were performed at the Kennedy Center. "Just being nominated to go to Washington, DC," he says, "is an award in and of itself."

This summer, Amy headed to Duke University to attend the American Dance Festival (not to be confused with the American College Dance Festival). "It's the premiere place to study in the whole world," says Professor Magruder. "I'm not exaggerating. People come from everywhere to study there."

"And, of course, Amy received the largest scholarship the Festival offers both this summer and last summer. No one I know of has ever received a scholarship two years in a row. But she is an amazing, amazing dancer."

Amy's recent achievements are not bad for a student who came to Sweet Briar with an interest in English and creative writing and no background in modern dance. Her classes with Dance Professors Mark and Ella Magruder were the first. "She was a little self-conscious in the beginning," says Mark. "Then, she blossomed."

## What Are the Chances?

- In 2002, more than 5,000 students participated in nine regional American College Dance Festivals.
- Nationwide, only 18 students are nominated for either "best student performer" or "best student choreographer." That's one in each category from each of the nine regions.
- Last year, only 17 students were nominated because Amy Mullen '02 won in both categories. Then, she went on to perform her original work, "Groove," at the Kennedy Center in May 2002.
- Amy came to SBC with no background in modern dance. She eventually decided to major in dance with a minor in English and creative writing.



# Conference Reveals the Truth, History and Social Role of **Secrecy**

Secrecy has always played an extremely important role in human society and continues to do so today.

In a joint endeavor, professors from classical studies, history, and religion at Sweet Briar organized a Secrecy Conference in March 2002 as an extension of their interdisciplinary Honors seminar on the History of Secrecy.

The conference, sponsored by the Lectures and Events Committee, offered an opportunity for students, alumnae, and the public to meet and interact with some of the very scholars whose essays and books have formed the foundation of the public's perception of secrecy throughout history and human affairs.

All aspects of secrecy and its place in human society were discussed, with papers on a broad range of topics, from the Eleusinian mysteries in ancient Greece to magic and mysticism in Renaissance Europe; from Hitler's secret police, ancient and modern espionage to conspiracy theories and new American religions.

Among the keynote speakers were:

Fritz Graf, Princeton University, an historian of ancient Greek magic and religion;

Jon Mikalson, the University of Virginia, an historian of popular conceptions of gods and religion in classical and Hellenistic Athens;

Sander Gilman, the University of Illinois, Chicago, a prolific historian whose research covers concepts of race, gender, and cultural difference in pre-war Europe;

Margaret Jacob, the University of California at Los Angeles, an historian of the Enlightenment and the cultural impact of the Scientific Revolution;

Moshe Idel, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, a leading scholar of Jewish mysticism and the Kabbalah.

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# Bone Collections & Shadow Boxes

## New Student Grant Program Funds A Wide Range of Projects

Last year, the College initiated its "Student Research & Creative Endeavors Grant Program," awarding students up to \$500 to pursue original projects that go beyond the typical scope of classroom work or independent study.

"Whether students are going into art or economics," says Dean Stephen Stahl, "chances are a big part of their life is going to involve writing proposals to see their projects through. This is part of a well-rounded education."

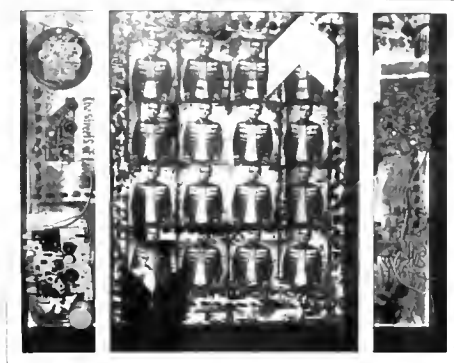
So far, the program has awarded nine grants in a wide range of disciplines.

In her proposal, "Animals, Bones, and Carcasses: The ABC's of Creating a Zoo-Archaeological Collection," Megan Platt '05 requested funds to turn animal car-

cases collected on the College's 3,250 acres into a comparative collection for campus archeologists. Students digging at Sweet Briar and other sites are likely to encounter animal bones along with other remnants of material culture like ceramics. Platt's collection will help her and future students learn how to identify their finds.

Joanna Mullen '02 was adept at scrounging materials for her art projects. But the scope of her senior project, "Shadowboxes: Assemblage and Collage," required specific hardware in addition to an assortment of "found objects." Though she strives to maintain a "less is more" approach, basics like drill bits, lumber, and glass are difficult to do without. The grant enabled her to purchase the items needed

to get her plans in motion, working up to her senior show.



One of Joanna Mullen's shadowboxes, *Hoping to Make a Genius of Me*

## The B.F.A. Premieres This Fall

A new bachelor of fine arts degree in interdisciplinary arts will be an option for students beginning fall semester 2002.

The degree program helps Sweet Briar capitalize on being the only college in the United States with a residential artist colony on its campus (the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts), its low student-faculty ratio, its arts management certificate program, and the cooperative spirit of its fine arts departments.

"This degree introduces students to arts management through required courses, opening the door for a certificate and possible career in that field," says Rebecca Massie Lane, director of galleries and arts management. "With the added focus on interdisciplinary arts and the addition of juried auditions, it is a well-rounded B.F.A."

- Admission into the program will be based on a competitive auditioning process, judged by Sweet Briar arts faculty.
- Two new classes will be offered with the degree: a fine arts workshop and an interdisciplinary arts senior thesis.
- To be eligible to participate in the program, students must complete the requirements from one of the existing fine arts majors, including dance, creative writing, music, studio art, or theatre. Additionally, they must choose from one of the following minors: dance, teaching or performance; creative writing; music, solo applied music or history and theory; studio art; or theatre.

"This B.F.A. will strengthen the fine arts at SBC, attract talented and motivated students, and distinguish SBC among its peers," said Jonathan Green, associate dean of new faculty and integrated programs. "We are establishing a veritable artistic think-tank. I can think of no circumstance that could be more invigorating to the creative process than the company of my colleagues, great visiting artists, and eager students, all wrestling with the very means of human expression."

# The Endless Summer

## For Honors Summer Research Students, Eight Weeks Can Stretch Into Graduate School and Beyond

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning in late May through mid-July, Sweet Briar faculty and students gather to eat lunch, share a few laughs, and listen to "Time Resolved Fluorescence Spectroscopy of Scintillator Crystals" or "Written on the Body: Social Praxis and the Construction of Self."

These are not the type of titles normally associated with summer. They will never appear on a K-tel beach-music compilation or *Glamour* magazine's list of sizzling summer paperbacks. But for the Honors Summer Research students who return to campus to explore "Rates of Parasitism on Native Silk Moth Populations" or "The Influence of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century Japanese Prints on European and American Artists," the words evoke happy, memorable summertime experiences.

**The HSRP Program.** The College's Honors Summer Research Program (HSRP) just celebrated its fifth anniversary. The increasingly competitive research fellowship pairs undergraduates from a variety of academic disciplines with faculty mentors in an eight-week program of in-depth, original research.

Part of the thrill is having only one project to focus on. After two semesters spent juggling classes and independent projects with student government responsibilities, team sports, campus jobs, or community service, paring life down to a single scholarly pursuit is a joy.

Students receive a stipend and the tools they need to get a jump on their senior Honors thesis, lay the groundwork for a major art exhibition, or engage in research that falls outside their regular course of study.

The work is intense, but not isolating. Perhaps the greatest feature of the HSRP is the way it brings the campus community together to share ideas, report important results, and kick back in the off-hours.

"Faculty and student research used to go on in the background," says Tim Loboschewski, assistant professor of psychology and associate director of the Honors Program. "Students didn't know

what other students were up to. Faculty were not always aware of each other's research. This program brings research to the forefront, recognizing and congratulating all these people who are doing all this hard work."

Briar. The HSRP picked up on the idea and expanded it to include all disciplines. Last year's symposium attracted 200 students and faculty advisors from Virginia and surrounding states, showcasing 75 presentations and posters.



After working together all day, fellows and faculty face off at evening events like "Academic Armageddon" where students are challenged to spell Professor Loboschewski's last name correctly and Professor Beck is asked to use the word "giggy" in a sentence.

**The Presentations.** HSRP fellowships are evenly divided among the sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities. The fellows, their faculty mentors, and other interested scholars—about 35 people in all—get to know each other during lunchtime colloquia consisting of two half-hour faculty or student presentations, followed by question and answer sessions. The informal atmosphere encourages plenty of feedback and socializing. It also serves as an important workup to the College-sponsored Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of Undergraduate Scholarship (MARCUS) that takes place on campus in October.

MARCUS started several years ago when Robert Granger, associate professor of chemistry, proposed establishing an annual chemistry conference at Sweet

MARCUS is just one of the ways student scholars fulfill the HSRP's expectation of giving something back to the community. As Professor Loboschewski puts it, "Not everything conforms to one model. The exhibits and gallery talks that arts management students create, for example, are equally as outstanding and help to redefine what research can be."

**The Results.** Whether a project originates in Guion or Benedict, the HSRP experience provides a comprehensive introduction to graduate level research and, in some cases, a ticket into graduate school itself.

"If you ask students about the benefits of giving up a summer to research, they all tell the same basic story," says Professor Loboschewski. "It gives them much more than a set of grades and a letter of recom-



**During her time at Sweet Briar, Meredith Taylor '01, a psychology major and anthropology minor, was able to initiate in-depth projects in both disciplines. After spending a summer examining faunal remains (bones) at Professor Chang's excavation in Kazakhstan, she focused on completing her original research in psychology—research that she is continuing to pursue in graduate school at Virginia Commonwealth University.**

mentation. It allows them to hand over actual work that they can discuss at length—work that can be compared to what graduate students are doing.”

Meredith Taylor '01 was in the final stages of editing her Honors thesis examining the relationship between type I diabetes mellitus, disordered eating, and identity development when she was called to interview at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU).

“The professor I spoke with on the phone,” recalls Meredith, “asked me to bring a draft of my thesis along with me. I was able to hand her a pretty substantial piece of work and say I wanted to do something related to it for my master’s thesis. We talked about it along with all the other research I had done at Sweet Briar and, I believe because of that, they found a place for me in the health psychology program. At the time, there were somewhere between 150-200 applications for only eight positions.”

Meredith’s goal, the problem she began working on as an HSRP fellow, is finding methods to help people, especially children and teenagers, cope with chronic illnesses like diabetes or asthma.

“There are a lot of psychologists out there helping people with cancer or AIDS cope with their mortality,” explains Meredith. “But there are not many of us out there helping people to live with illnesses that probably will not kill them—at least not right away.

“There’s plenty of literature showing where doctors miss the mark. They give

patients medications, tell them how they work, and explain what will happen if they don’t take their meds. But really what patients want to know is: ‘How can I live my life as normally as possible within these constraints?’ Their health gets worse because they don’t engage in healthy behaviors, taking care of themselves the way they should. This is the area I want to work in, developing interventions and filling the gap.”

**Giving Back.** On April 28, 2002 a violent F5 tornado ripped through La Plata, MD, killing three, injuring dozens of others, and demolishing homes, schools, and businesses.

Catherine Peek '01 spent the past summer in La Plata as a community design services volunteer through the Washington, DC chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Working directly with landowners, Catherine and a team of ten others quickly conducted design charrettes, helping individuals to redesign buildings and incorporate their ideas into a comprehensive, long-term rebuilding plan.

“Even before the tornado hit, La Plata was considering ways to help with economic revitalization. So, I’m bringing a lot of my Sweet Briar experience to the table here. In fact, during my first week in La Plata, I called on a contact I had made



**Catherine Peek surveys the remaining debris from a service station in the La Plata, MD, downtown business district. 75% of the businesses in the downtown district were hit by the tornado in April, 2002.**

while working on my Summer Honors Research,” says Catherine.

Her HSRP project, “Sustainable Communities and Urban Sprawl,” used the nearby city of Lynchburg as a model for the “do’s and don’ts” of urban planning and downtown revitalization schemes. Her broad-scale investigation and analysis spanned three years and introduced her to city administrators, architectural firms, business organizations, and local historians.

After graduation, she attended Harvard University’s summer program in urban planning and design (where she ran into another Sweet Briar alumna on a similar path, Kindle Samuel '98). There, she determined that a career in architectural design would enable her to go where she wants to be, “in the middle, making linkages, negotiating and interfacing with architects, planners, and people.”

This September, Catherine enrolled in the Master of Architecture degree program at Rice University in Houston, Texas.

“My Sweet Briar research was absolutely foundational,” she says. “Once you have that hands-on research experience, you can’t forget or unlearn it. I feel that I can concentrate on architectural design at this point because I have a broad liberal arts education working for me. Eventually, I’ll be able to put it all together and draw on it all.”



# HSRP 2002

## Where Science and Humanities Meet

*Sweet Briar's Honors Summer Research Program (HSRP) demonstrates the College's commitment to challenge top students from a variety of disciplines, offering them intense, eight-week excursions into the world of original research.*

*While all SBC students engage in some degree of independent work and public speaking, the HSRP is tailored to students who desire to work at a higher level.*

*A closer look at three fellows and faculty mentors from summer 2002 shows the range of research funded by the program.*

### Lost Ball in the High Weeds — a Memoir

*Amanda Carpenter '03 • Jennifer Brice, assistant professor of English*

"Amanda is in step from the minute she starts an essay," says Professor Brice.

"Often you see writers spending one or two pages clearing their throats. By page three the writing is starting to look good, it's coming more easily, sounding natural—they finally find their voice. Amanda doesn't have that problem. My guess is it has something to do with growing up in eastern Kentucky, being steeped in a strong oral storytelling tradition."

Amanda Carpenter '03 always enjoyed participating in creative writing workshops. But as a history major with a double

minor in government and law and society, there was little time left over to expand the short stories she presented in class.

Now, with an HSRP fellowship, she has been able to reverse the situation, putting her history major to work in support of her writing.

In a history course called "Virginia Narratives," students research and write local histories, drawing on resources found at newspaper offices, courthouses, churches, and museums. Amanda chose to investigate a local murder, using a combination of public records and personal interviews.

This summer, she applied the same techniques to her own history, returning home to do research before starting her Summer Honors fellowship. From there, she settled down to the task of churning out a minimum three pages a day and meeting with Professor Brice three times a week.

Amanda's memoir is the first creative writing project to be funded by the HSRP. "There are a lot of good writers who come through the doors here," she says. "I hope this opens the way for others to follow. When you have to go out and get a regular summer job, you never find the time to do something as big as this. And even if you try, there's no one to bounce your ideas off of.

"I'm very grateful. This is a huge thing for me—someone's paying me to write."

### Development of an Artificial Photosynthetic Device

*Nicole Crowder '03 • Robert Granger, associate professor of chemistry*

Last summer, Nicole Crowder '03 set out to produce oxylate, an intermediate product in photosynthesis, using a novel carbon dioxide reduction catalyst under development in the Sweet Briar Chemistry Department. The project was an important first step toward the ultimate goal of creating a solar-powered system that will both remove CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere and produce useful organic materials.

For seven weeks, nothing worked. Then Nicole experienced a "eureka" moment that brought her back to the lab again this summer.

"When you actually get something to work," says Nicole, "it's such a great feeling. It's 'oh my gosh—Yes!—please give me another eight weeks.' You immediately forget about all the frustration. That's how I know this is what I want to do. Graduate school applications are definitely in my future."

Applying to graduate school seems to be a reproducible result of working on the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction project. Nicole's predecessor, Rebekah Burr '01, is currently working toward a degree in medicinal chemistry at Rutgers University.

"I enjoyed being in the lab at Sweet Briar so much," says Rebekah, "that I decided medical school was not for me. After graduation, I worked as an intern at Bristol Myers Squibb as a synthetic chemist in its infectious disease laboratory. Now, at Rutgers, I'm in a lab searching for a cure for breast cancer."

Rebekah's work at Sweet Briar brought good results. "She proved the feasibility of the project," says Professor Granger. "She proved that we could reduce CO<sub>2</sub>, but she wasn't able to reach the point of making carbon-carbon bonds. Last summer, Nicole made carbon-carbon bonds. That's often how it works. Students build on each



Amanda Carpenter '03 with Jennifer Brice, assistant professor of English



**Nicole Crowder '03 with Robert Granger, associate professor of chemistry**

other's research."

This summer Nicole's scaled-up experiments yielded compounds structurally similar to those found in tree bark, bringing the team one step closer to creating a "tree in a test tube."

While attempting to mimic the process of photosynthesis is a worthwhile challenge in and of itself, the research has direct applications for use in manned space flights.

"It costs about \$10,000 a pound to launch something into orbit," says Professor Granger. "Loading trees and truckloads of dirt into a space station isn't practical. But a compact, artificial system that recycles carbon dioxide makes eco-

nomie sense in space and possibly in undersea environments as well."

## **An Examination of Homosexuality in Religion – Antiquity to the Present**

*Anne Oakes '04 • Cathy Gutierrez, assistant professor of religion*

In her religion classes, Anne Oakes '04 was intrigued by differing views of sexuality in different religions at various times in history, especially by perceptions of sexuality in polytheistic societies compared with monotheistic ones. "But that's a really, really huge project," laughs Anne. "So I narrowed it down to comparing Greek and Roman ideas about sexuality with those of early Christians—the evolution over that time period—with a focus on same-sex relationships."

Anne has a hunch that polytheism tolerates a wider range of sexual behaviors, that worshipping multiple gods makes having multiple partners more acceptable. But she has many research miles to go without much in the way of existing scholarship to guide her.

"There is a long-term plan in place," says Professor Gutierrez. "What Anne is doing is background for her senior Honors thesis. If we did this as an independent study over the course of a semester, neither of us could devote the same amount of time. Honors research keeps your intellectual life alive during the summer. Anne is reading a bunch of stuff I've read before and a lot I haven't."

Anne and Professor Gutierrez have

been meeting with Michelle Church '03 and Eric Casey, assistant professor of classical studies, who are working on "An Examination of the Role of Dreams in the Cult of the Greek God Asclepius."

"We're helping each other out in a way that doesn't happen during the regular school year," says Anne.

"The projects overlap in interesting ways," adds Professor Gutierrez. "The classics student, Michele, is leaning toward the religion end, and Anne is getting deep into the classics material. And we all benefit from the extras—like taking a day trip up to Charlottesville to go to the library at UVA."

Anne's long-term plan is to use her summer research paper to support a contemporary look at homosexuality and religion. "Ideas about sexuality and same-sex relationships have changed so much in the last few decades," she says. "To understand it, you have to understand the historical context. That's what I'm hoping this summer will do—give me a start on developing the solid background I need to work from."

**Anne Oakes '04 with Cathy Gutierrez, assistant professor of religion**





# The Start of Something **BIG**

As Stephanie Garcia '97 Prepares for Postdoctoral Studies at Duke, SBC Students Continue to Build on Her Undergraduate Chemistry Project

**C**hlorpyrifos, better known as the widely-used pesticide Dursban or Lorsban, is a known neurotoxin. Two years ago the Environmental Protection Agency initiated a phased withdrawal of chlorpyrifos from household



**Stephanie Garcia**

products, eliminated its use on tomatoes, and reduced tolerances for child-friendly fruits like apples and grapes. Still, a myriad of other agricultural applications remain unrestricted. And storage and disposal problems are looming, along with issues of

persistence and bioaccumulation. Stephanie Garcia '97 knows a lot about chlorpyrifos. As part of her graduate work in the departments of pharmacology and toxicology at Duke University, she has been studying the pesticide's effects on the developing brain. This summer, in addition to defending her dissertation, she began making plans to continue her studies through a postdoctoral fellowship in neurotoxicology. The fellowship will allow her to do research at Wake Forest University, where her husband is completing a residency program. "The neurotoxicologist I'll be working with as a postdoc was very impressed that I went to Sweet Briar," says Stephanie. "He said, 'That's a really good school!' So, the word is out to a greater extent than I realized. We have a solid reputation." In her own way, Stephanie has helped to further the College's standing in the sciences. In 1995, under the guidance of chemistry professors Jill and Robert Granger, she started working on the synthesis and characterization of platinum and palladium

compounds that were subsequently tested against human cancer cells. It was the beginning of a project that has fueled faculty and student research on campus ever since.

"When you first start into a new area of science," says Dr. Robert Granger, "you don't know anything. You don't even know what your compounds are soluble in. There's a lot of tedious information gathering, and it has to be done by someone very bright, focused, and organized. Stephanie did that. She laid the foundation for the anti-cancer research."

Many of the chemistry and biochemistry students who continued to build on Stephanie's research have since gone on to graduate schools themselves. For example:

- Germaine Gottsche '00 is enrolled at the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Dentistry.



**Brienne Vogler '01 (L); Rebekah Burr '01 (R)**

• Yen Nguyen '01 went to the California Institute of Technology, where she is working on research related to SBC's "platinum project."

• Brienne Vogler '01 is a second-year medical student at George Washington University Medical School. As a summer research scientist at the National Institutes of Health—National Institute for Child

Health, she is working on experiments related to human molecular growth regulation.

• Emma Kate Payne '03 will graduate from SBC this year. She is working to enhance the cancer-fighting effects of platinum and palladium compounds on malignant cells. Emma started working on the project through the Honors Summer Research Program in 2001. She discussed her research for SBTv and the clip is featured on the chemistry department's academic website: <http://www.sbc.edu/academics/chem>.

Honors Summer Research projects not only enhance intellectual life on campus, some are available to the wider community through SBTv on the web. Alumnae can watch Gwen McKinney '03 discuss her original research, "The Influence of 18th and 19th Century Japanese Prints on European and American Artists," and then follow up with a visit to her Spring Term 2002 exhibit in the Pannell Gallery, "Defining Influence: Japonisme and the Western Artist." Go to <http://www.sbtv.sbc.edu>.

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For almost a year, Gwen McKinney '03 has been fulfilling her dream of putting together an exhibit at Sweet Briar College to showcase the best of the College's Japanese and Western art collections, with guidance from Rebecca Masore Lane, director of the College galleries and arts management program, and Diane Moran, professor of art history. Gwen's dream became her summer honors research project and has now culminated in the spring semester exhibit "Defining Influence: Japonisme and the Western Artist." The exhibit explores the effects of the introduction of Japanese woodblock prints into the European and American art world in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Gwen complimented the existing College collection with impressive loans from the National Gallery of Art, the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the New York Public Library.

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# The Shape of Things to Come

## Sweet Briar's Physical Education Department Forges Ahead, Hoping Facilities Will Follow

Standing over a model of the College's newly-minted master plan back in 1998, Ric Dumont of Sasaki Associates discussed how the College's changing needs were reflected in its current building initiatives.

"Look at Cram's core cluster and you'll see a trilogy," said Dumont. "three vertical structures emphasizing academics, religion, and food – all the basics of college life circa 1900 are covered. Sociability and athleticism were not the issues they are today."

Athleticism was not an issue in part because the beauty and expanse of the Sweet Briar campus provided ample opportunities for organized games, hiking, and horseback riding—enough, at least, to get started. In 1910, the SBC tennis club had more than 100 members. Club lacrosse was introduced in 1914. In 1919,



**Milly MacDonell came to Sweet Briar with a vast range of experience in athletics, recreation, and teaching. She was most recently the assistant director of campus recreation & fitness services at Western Illinois University, has coached volleyball and softball at the University of Tennessee at Martin, and volleyball at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She was assistant athletic director at UTM and was a four-time "Coach of the Year" in both sports. She earned her M.S. from Western Illinois University and her B.S. from Mississippi University for Women.**

the hockey team played the first intercollegiate contest for women in the state of Virginia.

By 1923 student interest in athletics was clearly outgrowing all that the great outdoors had to offer. The Athletic Association was making the case for an indoor facility and students were busy raising \$82,000 from parents, friends, and each other to build the Daisy Williams Gymnasium. Five years later, enough funding was in place to start construction.

Today, the 71-year-old gymnasium serves as the only dedicated facility for indoor sports and recreation on campus, a reality that places the College at a serious disadvantage when prospective students compare the athletic and recreational facilities available at virtually all other competing institutions.

While it's true that a new Athletics and Recreation Center will help attract and retain well-rounded students (more than 85% of entering freshmen have participated in high school sports), the building initiative is not based on an "if we build it, they will come" scenario. Current students and other members of the community are already making full use of existing athletic and recreational spaces, and spilling over into other areas as well. Last year, for example, popular tai chi classes were held in the Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center.

In 1999, a pioneering gift from Mollie Johnson Nelson '64 went toward the purchase of several pieces of updated cardiovascular equipment for the College's fitness center, a small area directly across from Director of Athletics Milly MacDonell's office.

"Students are in the fitness center day and night," says Director MacDonell. "Some as early as seven in the morning. So, I know they're motivated. And it's not the athletes. The athletes are off practicing and exercising somewhere else.

"Right now we're so cramped, especially in winter, we have to schedule team

practices in the gym during the same hours people want to exercise. Though I did manage to squeeze in a kickboxing class at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays."

As chair of physical education, athletics, and recreation at Sweet Briar, Director MacDonell is determined to serve the needs of the entire community, with an overriding emphasis on balanced, healthy lifestyles.

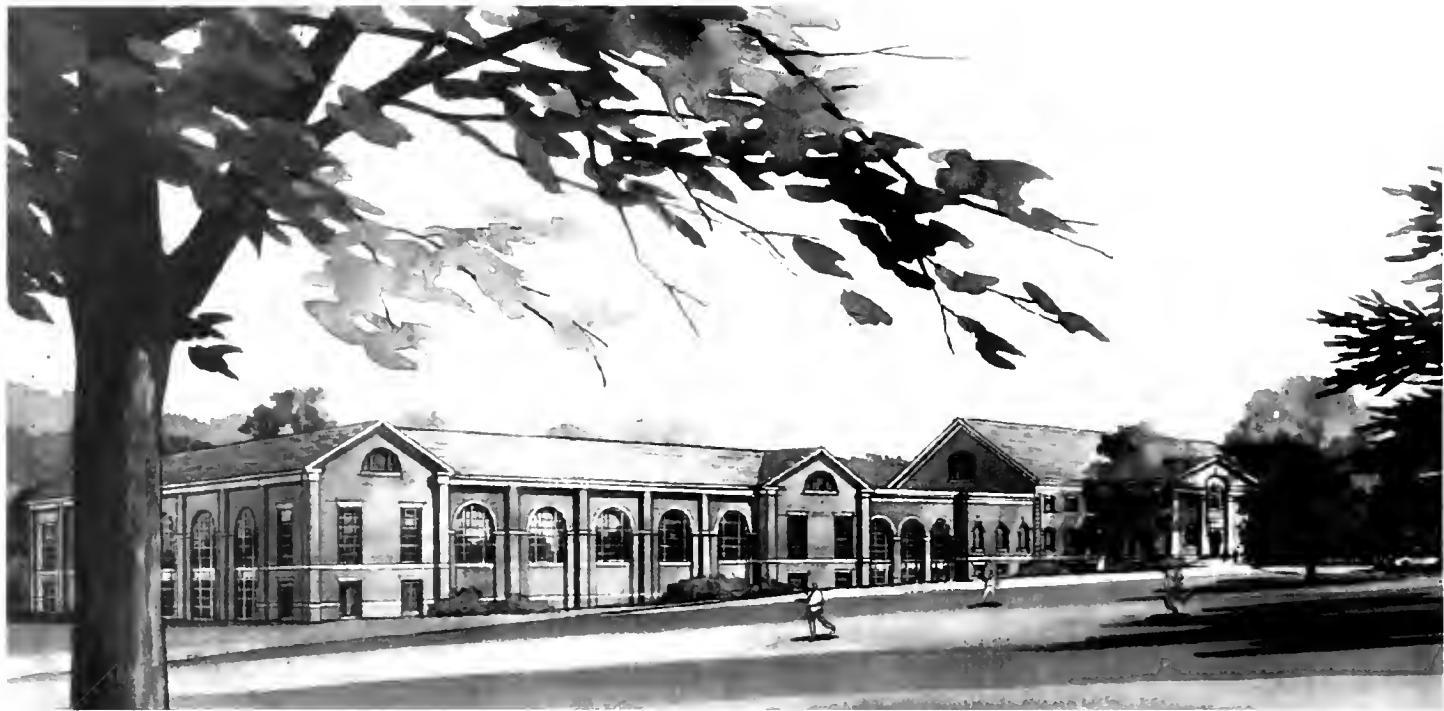
"One thing that excited me about coming to Sweet Briar," she explains, "was the chance to shape things around values like health and wellness, leadership, teamwork, and preparation for life. Whether they're involved in competitive swimming or yoga, I want students to think of physical activity as something they'll continue doing, not just a class they took or a game they played in college."

In addition to developing a program that will appeal to prospective students, highlight health, and promote recreational interaction within the community, Director MacDonell is working to supply student athletes and coaches with the room, equipment, and hours they need to prepare for competition.

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—Milly MacDonell  
Director of Athletics





This summer, as the facade of the Student Commons was nearing completion, it became easy to see how its architectural and programmatic counterpart, the Athletics and Recreation Center, will balance the south end of the campus and fulfill the College's commitment to enhance co-curricular life activities. Plans for the facility include a Sports Hall Complex complete with a three-lane jogging track and indoor courts adaptable for tennis, basketball, volleyball and other sports. The renovation of the Daisy Williams Gymnasium will double the space for weights and fitness training. A 1,600 square foot area adjacent to the existing gymnasium will serve as a multi-purpose room for aerobics classes and activities like yoga, tai chi, and swing, salsa, and folk dancing. The gymnasium itself may be improved to host large events like concerts and graduation in inclement weather.

"When teams put in the time and effort to compete at a higher level, of course they want to be successful," she says. "I work with coaches who are passionate about their sport and their students. You wouldn't hire a group of great researchers and not give them the labs and equipment they need to do their best. Our coaches are qualified at elite, national levels, where they could be focusing on building the best team and that's all. But they're here because they believe in the Division III philosophy: academics come first."

Sweet Briar was one of the first women's colleges in the nation to apply for membership in the NCAA, and the College joined the Old Dominion Athletic Conference nearly 20 years ago. Since that time, Sweet Briar teams and individual athletes in swimming, lacrosse, field hockey, tennis, and other sports have achieved high conference and even national rankings. These successes have come despite, not because of, the College's sports and fitness facilities.

In the 1980s, in a perverse twist, the same Title IX mandates that drove coed institutions to lavish resources on women's athletics, allowed women's colleges to languish. As a result, fundamental pieces of equipment like Sweet Briar's strength-

## THE DOWNSIDE OF

# TITLE IX

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ith the passage of Title IX in 1972, the pressure was suddenly on coed colleges to create equal opportunities for women in sports. Though substantial changes were a decade or more in coming, institutions eventually met the challenge.

For women in general, Title IX represented a victory. But for women's colleges the legislation had an unfortunate flip side.

"Any given piece of legislation can have unintentional consequences," says Jennifer Crispen, associate professor of physical education, athletics and recreation. "One of the unintentional consequences of Title IX is that programs at single-sex institutions have not been compelled to keep up. Women's colleges do not have to improve their opportunities or facilities because they don't have equity issues on their campuses.

"It took coed colleges time to do it, but today they are furnishing women's programs with the same quality facilities, equipment, uniforms, buses, fields, and lights that men's programs have traditionally enjoyed. If women's institutions are going to continue to provide all aspects of the college experience, they have to take it upon themselves to remain competitive and embrace excellence."

training machines are not only outdated, they are hand-me-down machines sized for men.

In a testament to the spirit and endurance that athletics instills, Director MacDonell is going full tilt, creating a distinctive program that will eventually fill a

state-of-the-art facility. "Hope goes a long way," she says. "We're doing great things right now—hosting the NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Tournament, reviving the Friends of Athletics, hiring new coaches—and we expect to get even better."

# Sweet Briar Welcomes Two New Coaches, Including One Alumna



coaching and in promotion of the game,” says Athletics Director Milly MacDonell. He is an excellent teacher, coach, and motivator. We are excited at the opportunity to work with a coach of his caliber, taking another step toward a program of national prominence.”

**Melissa “Missy” Ackerman ’87** has been appointed head lacrosse coach and lecturer. Announcing the appointment, Athletics Director Milly MacDonell reminded the community that “Missy was an All-American and ‘Player of the Year’ in both lacrosse and field hockey when she was a senior here. Bringing her back to the College is an important step for us. She played on the nationally-ranked SBC lacrosse teams of the 1980s and shares our goal of returning the program to national prominence.”

For the past seven years Ackerman has been head lacrosse coach at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA. Last April the 18th-ranked “Yellowjackets” defeated Washington & Lee University 12-11 in overtime to win the 2002 ODAC Championship and earn a berth in the NCAA Division III Women’s Lacrosse Championships. It was Ackerman’s second ODAC title and the second time she has led her team to the NCAA Championships. She was named ODAC Coach of the Year in 1999 and 2000. Ackerman’s career record at RMC is 73-40 (.646), and her ODAC record is 44-10 (.821).

**Paul R. Shaw** has been appointed head soccer coach. Arriving from Ontario, Canada, he has 19 years coaching experience and a ‘B’ License from the Canadian Soccer Association. He has coached at the provincial and elite levels in Canada as well as assisting with the NCAA Division I program at Western Illinois University.

Shaw was the business manager for the W-League Toronto “Inferno” and has also been with the Miami “Fusion” and the Des Moines (IA) “Menace,” where he managed the first team coaching staff.

“Paul brings a wealth of experience in soccer to Sweet Briar College, both in



## Friends of Athletics

Friends of Athletics, founded last year, is a group of donors who sustain the College’s commitment to sports by funding enhancements to intercollegiate athletics, including:

- **team travel**
- athletic **recruiting**
- annual Varsity Sports **Award Banquet**
- **communication** to build enthusiasm and increase attendance at students’ games.

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Make a contribution to Sweet Briar’s athletics program through **Friends of Athletics**.

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# Sweet Briar Hosts NCAA Women's Tennis Championships

Kelly Morrison, assistant professor and tennis coach, put Sweet Briar in the national spotlight this year, hosting the NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Championships. This is the second time the College has welcomed coaches, players, spectators, and media to the campus; Coach Morrison served as tournament director in 1995.

This May, the seven-day event ran simultaneously with Alumnae Reunion, transforming the post-commencement campus into a lively destination, the place to be on a lovely spring day.

"It was electrifying," says Coach Morrison. "People think of Wimbledon as a model for tennis—players wear white; the crowd is quiet and dignified. Well, that's the exception these days. The crowd here was jumping up and down, screaming back and forth. The only thing we did Wimbledon style was a strawberries and cream social for alumnae who were on campus for Reunion."

While staging the event requires an extra effort from almost every department on campus, from College Relations to Physical Plant, the excitement and exposure make it all worthwhile.

"A prospective student, a field hockey player who happened to be here during the tournament, put her deposit in before she left," says Coach Morrison.

"That's really what this is about, showcasing the whole Sweet Briar community."

Both Dean Stahl and President Muhlenfeld participated in opening ceremonies. In her address, the president complimented the participating athletes on their Division III choice, which demonstrates a commitment to academic excellence as well.

"The president's words meant a lot to the players," says Coach Morrison. "Quite a few came up to me over the course of the week saying, 'Wow, I wish I'd known all this was here.' Well, now they know—and so will their sisters and friends."



## Jennifer Crispen Appointed Rules Liaison

The NCAA Division I, II and III Field Hockey Committees have appointed Sweet Briar College Coach Jennifer Crispen as the rules liaison for the sport. She is working with the United States Field Hockey Association (USFHA) to resolve rules questions from the college field hockey community.

The USFHA is the national governing body for field hockey. NCAA college field hockey teams use the international rules with minor modifications. Coach Crispen has coached field hockey at Sweet Briar since 1977 and is in her second year on the NCAA Division III Field Hockey Committee. She ranks sixth among active coaches in total games coached (499) and 18th all-time among active coaches in career wins (264-214-21). This fall she will coach her 500th collegiate contest.

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## Coach Bonnie Kestner Takes Top Honors Coaching and Competing

Bonnie Kestner, coach of the Sweet Briar College varsity swimming team, has been voted Old Dominion Athletic Conference Coach of the Year four times, most recently in 2002.

In April, Kestner won all five events in her age group at the 2002 Virginia Masters Short Course Championship Meet in Newport News, VA. She was first overall among the women in the 500 yd. Freestyle and the 100 yd. Butterfly.

In addition, she set new Virginia Local Master's Swim Club (LMS) records in her age group in the following events: 500 yd. Freestyle, 200 yd. Backstroke, Individual Medley, and 100 yd. Individual Medley.

Kestner's times were close to her performances five years ago when she competed in the 1997 U.S. Master's Swimming Long

Course National Championship and won two events.

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# Campus Plan UPDATE



## Florence Barclay Winston '57 Invests in New Athletics Facility

The College has received its first pledge toward construction of a new Athletics and Recreation Center, a \$250,000 unrestricted gift from alumna and Board of Directors member Florence Barclay Winston '57 of Raleigh, NC and her husband, Charles M. Winston.

First elected to the Sweet Briar Board in 2000, Mrs. Winston has served as director of design for the Winston Hotels and was formerly a partner in Angus Barn-Darryl's Restaurants. She currently chairs the Development Committee of the University of North Carolina Arts and Science Foundation Board. She is past president of the Rex Hospital Guild, past president of the Raleigh Junior League, past Vestry member and junior warden of Christ (Episcopal) Church, Raleigh, a past member of the Carolina Club, Chapel Hill board, and past member of the Rex Hospital Board of Trustees. She served as fund-raising chair for her 25th Class Reunion committee at Sweet Briar.

Mr. Winston, an alumnus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is chairman of the board of the Raleigh-based Winston Hotels, developer and builder of hotels throughout the South. He was a co-founder of the Angus Barn

Restaurant in Raleigh and a partner in the organization that founded and operated the Darryl's Restaurants. He was voted North Carolina's "Outstanding Restaurateur of the Year" in 1979, and earned the "Distinguished Service Medal" from the UNC-Chapel Hill Alumni Association in May 2000.

## Grant Supports Studio Arts Farm Project

A \$250,000 matching grant from the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation of Richmond will allow Sweet Briar to renovate and expand one of the College's former dairy barns into a dynamic new campus center for studio arts. Coupled with construction of a new 3,000 square foot annex, the conversion of Dairy Barn No. 2 will allow the College to bring all the studio arts together for the first time.

The renovated facility will house well-equipped drawing and design rooms; a photo lab and darkroom; wood and frame shops; a small gallery; increased and better configured spaces for student supplies and equipment; and faculty offices and studios. The northern exposure will provide excellent outdoor light, and high ceilings will dramatically provide more space than is currently available.

"With the construction of the new Studio Arts Farm complex, students and faculty will finally have a physical facility commensurate with the quality of their work," said President Muhlenfeld.

The gift is well timed. A new B.F.A. degree in interdisciplinary arts will be an option for students beginning Fall Term 2002.



## Student Commons Progress

Charlie Philbin, son of Charlotte Holland Prothro Philbin '95, proudly displayed the construction hat of his grandfather, Mark Prothro, chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Directors, who was on campus touring the Student Commons in May 2002 (Alumnae can take the same tour of the site on SBTV: <http://www.sbtv.sbc.edu>).



Crews worked furiously throughout the summer to ready the Student Commons for the return of students in late August. Its newly completed ground-floor cafe and dining areas are a welcome sight for the entire community. The Book Shop and administrative offices are expected to be complete in late fall.





The Class of 2002 awaits Commencement.

## The Alumnae Association Welcomes SBC's Class of 2002!

One hundred and twenty-six seniors, representing 29 states, DC, Russia, and Canada earned degrees on Saturday, May 4 as Sweet Briar's 93rd Commencement ceremony took place before students, faculty, families, friends, and an international Internet audience. Frederick C. Walker, acting director of human resources for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and father of senior Arney Walker, addressed the class on behalf of Dr. Ruth Kirschstein, acting director of the NIH, who was unable to be present. He read the speech Dr. Kirschstein, an influential viral researcher, had prepared, imploring the graduates to "refresh your outlook frequently, be yourself, and let what you love guide you first and foremost."

## Commencement Honors

### The Emilie Watts McVea Scholar

*The highest-ranking member of the Class of 2002.*  
Alicia Kristin Raddy, Clarksville, TN

### The Presidential Medalists

*The Presidential Medal recognizes seniors who have a range of accomplishments comparable to those associated with candidates for Rhodes, Marshall or Truman Scholarships. Awardees must have demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement*

Laura Leigh Reither, Summerville, SC;  
Tia Tanya Traut, Louisa, KY

### The Penelope Lane Czarra Award

*This award honors the senior who best combines scholastic achievement, student leadership, and effective contributions to the quality of life at the College*

Allison Victoria Grass, Minnetonka, MN

### The Connie M. Guion Award

*This is given to a senior for her excellence as a human being and as a member of the College*

Rebecca Ann Lewis, Gap Mills, WV;  
Jee-Yan Park, Chantilly, VA

### The Walker Family Award

*This award honors a senior with high scholastic standing who has a cheerful, positive disposition and shows warmth, generosity, and humility.*

Jesse Kendyl Martin, Denver, PA;  
Anya Elizabeth Moon, Hamilton, VA

### The Judith Molinar Elkins Prize

*The family of the late Professor Judith Elkins established a prize to recognize the outstanding achievements of a senior majoring in the mathematical, physical, or biological sciences, while actively participating in the College community and demonstrating the ideals and dedication to learning exemplified by the life of Professor Elkins.*

Jennifer Ann McDanaugh, Onancock, VA;  
Kathleen Patricia McNomara, Arlington, VA

### The Lawrence G. Nelson Award for Excellence in English

Allison Victoria Grass, Minnetonka, MN

### The Leigh Woolverton

**Prize for Excellence in the Visual Arts**  
Jaanna Marie Mullen, Clearfield, PA

### The James Lewis Howe Award in Chemistry

Laura Leigh Reither, Summerville, SC

### The Pauline Roberts Otis Award in French

Nicole Eve McDaniel-Carder, Austin, TX

### The Marcia Capron Award for Excellence in French

Aja Gabrielle Grosvenor, Braaklyn, NY

### The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Outstanding Scholar Education Award

Sarah Elizabeth Madison, Shipman, VA

### The Kathryn Haw Prize in Art History

Sophie Clemence Wackenhut, Huntsville, AL

### L'Alliance Française de Lynchburg

Alicia Michelle Watson, Annapolis, MD

### The Alpha Lambda Delta Award

Alicia Kristin Roddy, Clarksville, TN

### The Jessica Steinbrenner Malloy Award in Theatre

Lindsay Elizabeth Keller, Littleton, CO

### The Anne Gary Pannell Taylor Award in History

Erico Elizabeth Munkwitz, Hoffield, PA

### The W. Edward Overly Award in Spanish

Jesse Kendyl Martin, Denver, PA;  
Anya Elizabeth Moon, Hamilton, VA

### The Helen K. Mull

### Graduate Fellowship in Psychology

Anya Elizabeth Moon, Hamilton, VA

### The Martha von Briesen

### Prize in Photography

Ruth Hodsel Huffman, Lexington, VA

### The Jean Besselievre Boley Prize

Jillian Kristine Trembloy, St. Louis Park, MN

### The Juliet Halliburton Davis Environmental Science Award

Megan Jacqueline Ogilvie, Dundas, Ontario, Canada

### The Juliet Halliburton Davis Environmental Studies Award

Shannan Mary-Lynn Rabison, Chrisman, IL

### PHI BETA KAPPA 2002

Regan Janell Blackwood, Herndon, VA  
Rebecca Joy Cefaratti, LaPlata, MD  
Sherry Lauren Forbes, Madison Heights, VA  
Kathleen Julia Fowler, Paquoson, VA  
Allison Victoria Grass, Minnetonka, MN  
Jamie Eileen Henno, Burke, VA  
Shelly Koy Kellagg, Gaylard, MI





**Director of College Events Jacqueline (Jackie) Dawson was honored with the Shirley P. Reid Excellence in Service Award from the Student Government Association. Outgoing SGA President Tia Trout '02 presented the award.**

Alexis Elizabeth Kovacs, Scottsville, NY  
 Jesse Kendyl Martin, Denver, PA  
 Jennifer Ann McDonough, Onancock, VA  
 Mariah Leakhim McGill, Middlebury, VT  
 Anya Elizabeth Moon, Hamilton, VA  
 Monique Crystal Moshier, Cherry Valley, CA  
 Megan Jacqueline Ogilvie, Dundas, Ontario, Canada  
 Laura Leigh Reither, Summerville, SC  
 Alicia Kristin Roddy, Clarksville, TN  
 Jennifer Lane Taylor, Newberry, FL  
 Tia Tanya Trout, Louisa, KY  
 Tamara Young, Wolcott, CT

### **Cum Laude**

Catherine Serena Bevier Basten, Lynchburg, VA  
 Jennifer Lynn Burke, Greensboro, NC  
 Melissa Schaan Cates, Saint Charles, MO  
 Amy Lynn Gardner, Severna Park, MD  
 Donyele Bertel Gibson, Ellicott City, MD  
 Aja Gabrielle Grosvenor, Brooklyn, NY  
 Emily Doidge Harris, Greenwich, CT  
 Lindsay Elizabeth Keller, Littleton, CO  
 Rebecca Ann Lewis, Gap Mills, WV  
 Alicia Donaldson Markham, Durham, NC  
 Alicia Nicole McCartney, Plano, TX  
 Kathleen Patricia McNamara, Arlington, VA  
 Kelly Diane Monical, Charlotte, NC  
 Joanna Marie Mullen, Clarion, PA  
 Jee-Yon Park, Chantilly, VA  
 Shannon Mary-Lynn Robison, Chrisman, IL  
 Julia Marie Rowland, Houston, TX  
 Misa Oji Sarmento, Yuba City, CA

Elizabeth Barritt Taylor, Houston, TX  
 Sonya Lynn Truman, Hanover, PA  
 Arney Elizabeth Walker, Woodbine, MD  
 Alicia Michelle Watson, Annapolis, MD  
 Tacita Chantal Yavari, Alexandria, VA

### **Magna Cum Laude**

Abigail Elizabeth Arnold, Marietta, OH  
 Erin Ruth Beazley, Amherst, VA  
 Paula Michelle Brice, Wallace, NC  
 April Scarlett Callis, Raleigh, NC  
 Rebecca Joy Cefaratti, LaPlata, MD  
 Amanda Racine Davis, Folsom, CA  
 Juliana Mae De Santis, Culpeper, VA  
 Kathleen Julia Fowler, Poquoson, VA  
 Leslie Carol Fretwell, Oklahoma City, OK  
 Kathryn Mary Gjeldurn, Wheaton, IL  
 Jaime Eileen Henna, Burke, VA  
 Ruth Hadsel Huffman, Lexington, VA  
 Sara Esther Kaplan, Bloomington, IL  
 Mary Camille Litman, Harker Heights, TX  
 Jesse Kendyl Martin, Denver, PA  
 Kathryn Ann McClellan, Windsor, CT  
 Nicole Eve McDaniel-Carder, Austin, TX  
 Monique Crystal Moshier, Cherry Valley, CA  
 Amy Elizabeth Mullen, Clarion, PA  
 Erica Elizabeth Munkwitz, Hatfield, PA  
 Megan Jacqueline Ogilvie, Dundas, Ontario, Canada  
 Leigh Anne Riddell, Slidell, LA  
 Elizabeth Ashley Trantham, Zebulon, NC  
 Jillian Kristine Tremblay, Saint Louis Park, MN  
 Natasha Katherine Ungerer, Lakewood, NY  
 Sophie Clemence Wackenhut, Huntsville, AL  
 Elizabeth Anne Waring, New Bedford, MA  
 Tamara Young, Wolcott, CT

### **Summa Cum Laude**

Regan Janell Blackwood, Herndon, VA  
 Sherry Lauren Forbes, Madison Heights, VA  
 Allison Victoria Gross, Minnetonka, MN  
 Shelly Kay Kellogg, Gaylord, MI  
 Alexis Elizabeth Kovacs, Scottsville, NY  
 Sarah Elizabeth Madison, Shipman, VA  
 Jennifer Ann McDonough, Onancock, VA  
 Mariah Leakhim McGill, Middlebury, VT  
 Anya Elizabeth Moon, Hamilton, VA  
 Laura Leigh Reither, Summerville, SC  
 Alicia Kristin Roddy, Clarksville, TN  
 Jennifer Lane Taylor, Newberry, FL  
 Tia Tanya Trout, Louisa, KY

## **The Honors Program, Class of 2002**

### **Highest Honors in Biology**

Catherine Serena Bevier Basten, Lynchburg, VA  
 Regan Janell Blackwood, Herndon, VA

### **Honors Degree with Honors in Classical Studies**

Rebecca Joy Cefaratti, La Plata, MD

### **Highest Honors in Government**

Amanda Racine Davis, Folsom, CA

### **High Honors in International Affairs**

Sherry Lauren Forbes, Madison Heights, VA

### **Honors Degree with Highest Honors in English**

Allison Victoria Gross, Minnetonka, MN

### **Honors Degree with Honors in Government**

Kathryn Ann McClellan, Windsor, CT

### **Honors Degree with High Honors in English/Creative Writing**

Erica Elizabeth Munkwitz, Hatfield, PA

### **Honors Degree with Highest Honors in Biochemistry**

Laura Leigh Reither, Summerville, SC



**Assistant Professor of Religion Cathy Gutierrez was the 2002 recipient of the Connie Burwell White Excellence in Teaching Award, presented by Jee-Yon Park '02, chairman of the College's Academic Affairs Committee.**



SBC's newest alumnae recess between lines of applauding faculty.

## CLASS OF 2002

# Alumnae Relatives and Turning Point Students

### Honors Degree with Highest Honors in Government

Leigh Anne Riddell, Slidell, LA

### Honors Degree with Highest Honors in Biology

Natasha Katherine Ungerer, Lakewood, NY



Tia Trout; sister Tamara Trout '01



Julia Rowland; mother Victoria Nalle Rowland '66



Elizabeth Taylor; sister Kathryn Taylor '99



Megan Ogilvie; sister Caroline Ogilvie '04



Monique Moshier; sister Michelle Mashier '05



Erin Beozley; sister Sarah Ogden '00



Sophie Wackenhut; sister Anne-Claire Wackenhut '98



Melissa Rudder; cousin Catherine "Bunny" Brown '49; Walter Brown H '49



Susan Seitz Jackson; aunt Lola T. Bailey TP '95 (L); mother Bonnie Seitz TP '01 (R)



**FOUR MAJORS IN CLASSICAL STUDIES: THE LARGEST NUMBER EVER IN ONE GRADUATING CLASS!**  
L-r: Sonya Truman; Kathleen Fowler; Leslie Fretwell; Rebecca Cefaratti

Commencement photos by Charles Grubbs

# letters and e-mails

## Recent magazine article

I read with great interest in the most recent alumnae magazine [Spring 2002] an article about Mindy Weisel [who published a journal, *Touching Quiet* of her 1992 residency as an artist at the VCCA ] and now can't find my copy of the magazine to refer to. More specifically, it mentioned a New York musician named Joelle Wallach who had written a piece about Sweet Briar [while also at the VCCA]. Could you please email me a copy of that article so that I can refer to it when I contact Ms. Wallach concerning her music? Thank you for your assistance.

—Beth Ann Bradford Amico '81

## Centennial Issue Very Handsome

Dear Nancy and all of you who put this issue and the video together,

This is a very tardy thank you for all the effort you put into this magazine. Also the video. The magazine was very handsome and I enjoyed all the photos and the articles about some of the professors and distinguished alumnae. And I compliment the College for putting on such a gala affair. I wish I could have been there but your publication and video gave me an idea just how festive it was.

It never occurred to me when I was a student at the College just how young it was. I did realize, however, just how limited the facilities were. I am certainly glad the College has made all the additions it has over the years. I am glad I attended when some of the old formalities were observed. The Southern ambiance was a delightful novelty to me. Perhaps that is why Savannah appealed so much to me when we moved South.

My best wishes to you and I look forward to future issues of the Sweet Briar Magazine.

—Shirley Hauseman Nordhem '42

## All The Renovations Going On

I received the [Spring 02]

Alumnae Magazine last Friday and read with interest about the Prothro Complex [new Student Commons] and all the other renovations going on. The whole college community must be thrilled and I'm sure we alums would love to have had all those amenities in our day too.

—Rebecca Faxon Knowles '55

## My father with the first Amherst County students

Dear Mrs. Zingaro,  
Thank you for sending the copy of the Reunion Service of Remembrance and your letter. I've been humming "For All the Saints." Another sister and I are pleased that Elizabeth Gray '33 left a bequest to Sweet Briar for a scholarship. I went to Sweet Briar on a scholarship and it meant a great deal to me.

I've enjoyed the Alumnae Magazine, especially Vol. 72, No. 2 [Centennial issue], because it pictures my father Arthur Gray, Jr., with the first Amherst County students.

—Ellen Douglas Gray Wilson '45

*Ed. Note: See p.7, Centennial issue for Arthur Gray, Jr., tutor, with students.*

## Reunion '02 Service Of Remembrance

To: alumnae@sbcc.edu  
Thank you for the Order of Service of 19 May; what a very special annual service, certainly a unique part of Reunion. It is INDEED comforting and a joyous new memory for us to know our mother was remembered by the college she loved.

—The Family of Helen Carruthers Hackwell '35

## Thanks So Much

Thanks so much for the article in the alum magazine [Spotlight: "Scientist Stitches a New Career," Spring 02]. It looks great, and has already generated some terrific contacts! I really appreciate it! Warm regards,  
—Denton Freeman Kump '88, "Poesis, Inc."

## Trip was wonderful

Greetings. The trip was wonderful! Ireland [Alumni College in Ireland 7/14-22] provided perfect weather—no rain from the time we landed until we were on the bus back to Shannon at the end of the week, and our Irish hosts were very thoughtful, knowledgeable, and a lot of fun. And the group was great. We all decided that we want to go on another trip with Jonathan [Professor Green] as the Sweet Briar host—how about music in Italy? My mother and I had a great time exploring together. Ireland is exceptionally beautiful. It was also wonderful to meet alumnae from other classes. The trip provided an opportunity that simply wouldn't have been available any other way. I will read all of the alumnae notes in the future with much more appreciation. AHI and the folks on the ground really did a good job. The pacing was just right, and the concept of staying in one place with day trips was a brilliant idea. Our thanks to Sweet Briar for making it possible. Best wishes,  
—Norvell Jones, the younger ('67)

## What A Wonderful Job Your Alums Do

(E-mail received by Admissions Office)

Hello, my name is Amanda Turner and I attend Moorestown Friends School in Moorestown, New Jersey. I visited Sweet Briar at the beginning of the fall last year and both my parents and I loved it. This fall I was up in Nantucket for a family reunion and was in a store and one of your alums was shopping as well and she overheard me talking about how wonderful Sweet Briar is. She immediately started talking to me as if I were a good friend. She was so kind and advised not only on selecting Sweet Briar but also on the college experience in general. Unfortunately I did not receive her name but I thought that you would like to know what a wonderful job your alums do in the area of promoting the school. I was wondering, do you allow

prospective students to have interviews with you during the summer? If so when and how should I go about scheduling one? Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and I am looking forward to working with you in the future. Sincerely,  
—Amanda Turner

## Judy Sorley Chalmers' ('59) Work In NYC After 9/11

How moved I was to read my classmate's story of her work in NYC. Her journal was the most comprehensive and human of the stories we have read. It might interest her and you to know that I live near Gander, Newfoundland with a population of 6,000. In a few short hours we had 30-some planes in Gander with 14,000 people diverted here.

As an American I was desperate to do something because we all felt so helpless and far away. So I was cooking too, but only for a week at our church camp where we had 220 people off a flight destined for Philadelphia from Paris. Every school and church was occupied with stranded passengers and the local people provided bedding, food, and often their homes for these friends. Many close friendships and connections were formed and I often wondered if there was anyone in the area I knew or any SBC alumnae stranded here, but you got to know best the group that was staying where you were working.

Please convey my appreciation to Judy and if possible send me her e-mail or address.

Many thanks,  
—Kathy Tyler Sheldon '59

# In Memoriam

Photo by Robert Martin



HBW as pictured in the Summer 1983 *Alumnae Magazine*

## Harold Bartlett Whiteman, Jr.

It is with tremendous sadness that we report the death of Dr. Harold B. Whiteman, Jr., sixth president of Sweet Briar College. He died May 6, 2002 in Nashville, Tennessee after a long illness.

Dr. Whiteman, born April 22, 1920 in Nashville, served as Sweet Briar's president from July 1971 to June 1983. In addition to his responsibilities as president, he served as professor of history at Sweet Briar beginning in 1973. He also served on the Board for the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA) for many years, having held the office of treasurer in the early '90s.

Dr. Whiteman had an extensive educational background. He attended the Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville from 1930 to 1934; the Taft School in Watertown, Connecticut from 1934 to 1937; Yale University, where

he received his B.A. in 1941, graduating magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa; Vanderbilt University from which he received a master's degree in political science in 1948; and Yale University where he received his Ph.D in 1958 in international relations. Dr. Whiteman was in the U.S. Army as a special services officer of the Air Transport Command in Africa from 1942 to 1946, when he was discharged with the rank of major.

Always the scholar/teacher, he taught mathematics at the Taft School in 1946-47 and served as a teaching fellow at Vanderbilt during 1947-48. From 1948-1964, he was dean of the freshman year and associate dean at Yale University. Named assistant to the president at New York University in 1964, he remained at NYU as vice chancellor for student affairs until his appointment to the Sweet Briar presidency in 1971.

Following the Sweet Briar years, Dr. Whiteman worked in development for the Yale Divinity School (1983-85) and in development for Montgomery Bell Academy (1985-89). A lifelong sports enthusiast, the 1940 captain of the Yale football team was especially fond of sailing and was an avid tennis player.

Lasting tributes were made on the occasion of his retirement by a number of faculty, staff, and alumnae in an article entitled "The Whiteman Years...A Man for All Seasons" in the Summer 1983 *Alumnae Magazine*. He is greatly missed, but we give thanks for his life, for his leadership, and for his devotion to Sweet Briar College.

He is survived by his wife, Edith "Deedie" Uhler Davis Whiteman; three children, Harold Bartlett Whiteman III, Maclin Davis Whiteman, and Priscilla Whiteman Kellert; three grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

A memorial service is planned, to be held during the Fall Alumnae Council meetings in the Sweet Briar Memorial Chapel. For anyone wishing to send a memorial gift, the family asks that gifts be made to The Harold B. Whiteman, Jr. Scholarship Fund at Sweet Briar.

## Helen Hudson McMahan '23 1902 - 2002

Helen McMahan, known fondly as "Helen Mac" by generations of Sweet Briar alumnae, faculty and staff, passed away on August 6th at the Briarwood Home in Amherst, VA.

The eldest of five children, she was raised in Huntington, WV. Shortly after World War I, she entered Sweet Briar, graduating with a major in English.

Helen Mac taught school in

Huntington until 1938, then returned to Sweet Briar to serve as director of the Alumnae Association until 1947. During this time, she became interested in summer camping for girls, and for a number of summers worked at a girls' camp owned by a Sweet Briar professor near White Sulphur Springs, WV. There she learned the basics of camp management.

In 1947, Helen Mac took over management of the Sweet Briar Book Shop, holding this position until retirement in 1971. After World War II, she built a house on campus and purchased a girls' camp near Little Switzerland, NC, which she and Jeanette "Dan" Boone ran for many years. They never had trouble finding camp counselors, as Sweet Briar students eagerly sought summer jobs there.

In 1974, she received the Outstanding Alumna Award. Enumeration of her many contributions included praise for her Book Shop regime, building new quarters while continuing the Book Shop's support of the scholarship program.

As a pillar of the Amherst County Sweet Briar Club, she provided ideas and muscle for everything from bake sales to house tours to buffet lunches. She was called upon to decorate Sweet Briar House and Wailes Center, man booths on Amherst County Day and at the Christmas Bazaar, assist in fire



drills....and she was 1923's fund agent.

Age eventually caught up with Helen Mac; she sold her camp, Glen Laurel, but she and Dan continued to live in their campus home, which was ever welcoming to alumnae and the Sweet Briar community at large. Summers were spent in Little Switzerland and traveling.

During the late '70s, Helen Mac worked closely with Ann Whitley '47 to create the Sweet Briar Museum. Over a long period, she gathered historic materials, kept an office at the Museum, and filled the files with important data that otherwise would have been lost to the College.

In 2001, she was honored with one of our 22 Centennial

Awards, presented during the April Centennial Gala Celebration.

Health considerations forced a move to the Briarwood Home (then Ryan's Nursing Home) at age 89. This past April 23, she celebrated her 100th birthday there.

She is survived by a brother, Joseph McMahon; sister, Catherine McMahon Haegy; niece, Mary Meade Boxley Utt; nephews Charlie Meade, Robert C. Meade, A. Davis Meade; and a number of great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

*By Ann Marshall Whitley '47*

A Memorial Service will be held in the Sweet Briar Chapel, date to be determined.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sweet Briar College Museum.

### Antoinette Nelson

Sweet Briar lost a longtime fond friend with the March 18 death of Antoinette ("Toni") Dalton Nelson, 88, of Lynchburg. She was the widow of Sweet Briar English Professor Lawrence ("Larry") G. Nelson.

Toni, who earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1936, was also a member of the Sweet Briar faculty, teaching Latin in the Classics Department (1961-65). She offered private piano lessons to Sweet Briar students, and worked part-time for many years in the Admissions Office.

interviewing prospective students. She taught at her alma mater, Randolph-Macon Woman's College as well, and was a docent at its Maier Museum of Arts.

Toni was a dedicated member of and contributor to Sweet Briar's Friends of the Library and a member of the Women's Club of Lynchburg, the American Association of University Women, and St. John's Episcopal Church in Lynchburg.

She is survived by one daughter, Judith Nelson of Boston, MA; one son, Lars Nelson, of Glen Allen, VA; one brother, Robert Dalton of New York City; and two granddaughters, Lori Nelson and Jennifer Nelson.

## Recent Deaths

SPEC	Margaret Hom Miss Margaret Hom April 9, 1991	1933	Katherine Le Blond Mrs. Katherine L. Forquhar April 19, 2002	1940	Coralie Kahn Mrs. Michael P. Ferro April 30, 2002	1950	Peachey Lillard Mrs. W. P. Manning, Jr. May 24, 2002
1923	Jane Guignord Mrs. J. G. Curry May 30, 2002	1934	Louise Rogers Mrs. Grady C. Frank April 14, 2002	1942	Elizabeth Duffield Mrs. Wayne D. Fajans Date unknown	1952	Susan Hobson Mrs. Colin W. McCord March 11, 2002
1926	Gertrude Collins Mrs. Eric H. Colnon Date unknown	1935	Virginia Cunningham Mrs. Valentine Brookes February 17, 2002	1943	Corinne Howell Mrs. Charles Nelson, Jr. May 15, 2002	1956	Jane Black Jane Black Clark July 20, 2002
1928	Louise Conklin Mrs. David H. Knowles February 7, 2002	1935	Margaret Glover Mrs. M. G. Paddock January 16, 2002	1943	Patricia Robineau Mrs. John I. B. McCulloch Date unknown	1956	Mary Ann Edens Mrs. Jefferson D. Wingfield, Jr. May 1, 2002
1928	Morion Joyne Mrs. Carlos Berguido, Jr. May 13, 2002	1935	Elizabeth Hamilton Mrs. Madison Hunt September 11, 2001	1944	Dorothy Denny Mrs. F. Edmund Sutton March 22, 2002	1956	Fronces Gilbert Mrs. Herbert H. Browne, Jr. July 19, 2002
1928	Elizabeth Jones Mrs. Courtney Shonds January 27, 2002	1935	Catharine Taylor Mrs. Catharine T. Manning March 20, 1996	1944	Betty Van Dusen Mrs. John S. Samson December 22, 2001	1958	Shirley McCallum Mrs. Shirley M. Davis February 10, 2002
1928	Bonnie Mathews Mrs. John M. Wisdom February 8, 2002	1935	Mary Wynn Mrs. Daniel G. Talbot June 29, 2001	1945	Mary Catherine Waddell Mrs. William P. Spencer November 30, 2001	1961	Sue Sands Mrs. John E. McWilliams September 7, 2001
1928	Virginia Van Winkle Mrs. John B. Morlidge, Jr. March 26, 2002	1937	Eleanor Wright Mrs. William S. R. Beane III May 24, 2002	1947	Susan Durrett Mrs. Frank Ambuhl May 4, 2002	1968	Borbara Johnson Mrs. James E. Prickett April 26, 2002
1929	Sue Brooke Miss Sue H. Brooke June 29, 2002	1938	Cecily Jansen Mrs. Charles R. Kendrick December 4, 2001	1947	Patricia Knapp Mrs. Henry M. Cook Date unknown	1971	Margaret Gilmer Mrs. John C. Kerr Date unknown
1929	Evaline Edmands Mrs. Carl E. Thoma April 18, 2002	1938	Anne Walker Mrs. Blake T. Newton, Jr. May 26, 2002	1949	Grotia Boice Mrs. Grotia B. Smith May 11, 2002	2001	Katherine Leigh Sturtz Miss Katherine Leigh Sturtz June 10, 2002
1931	Virginia Quintard Mrs. Edward L. Bond January 22, 2002	1939	Ann N. B. Parks Miss Ann N. B. Parks June 21, 2002	1949	Mary McKinney Mrs. McKinney Herrick February 12, 2002		<i>If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.</i>
		1940	Margaret Caperton Mrs. William Ronken				

# Spotlight

## The Yale Medal

Awarded to  
Walter H. Brown  
'45W

Many have heeded the call "For God, For Country and for Yale," but few with greater understanding of genuine friendship and the inclusion of all. Through your strength of character and tireless energy, you were able to galvanize the brave but war-disrupted class of 1945W into becoming one of Yale's most unified and notable cohorts of alumni.

As the 50th and 55th Reunion Gift Chair of your class, you combined tenacity with a legendary appetite for personal travel, crossing the country to encourage and motivate your fellow volunteers and classmates. Your leadership has extended beyond your class as Director and President of the Yale Club of Central New Jersey, as Vice Chairman of the Yale Alumni Board and as a member of the Yale Development Board.

We are indeed fortunate to count you as an alumnus of this University, and the AYA is proud to recognize your outstanding commitment by conferring upon you its highest honor, the Yale Medal.

Robert C. Levin  
President of the University

Maureen O. Doran  
Chair of the Association of  
Yale Alumni



Walter Brown; President Levin; Chair of the Association of Yale Alumni Maureen O. Doran

### Walter H. Brown Receives Yale's Highest Award

April 26, 2002, Walter Brown, former chairman of Sweet Briar's Board of Directors, husband of Catherine "Bunny" Barnett Brown '49, and honorary member of the Class of '49, received yet another honor. He was presented with the Yale Medal, the highest award given for "outstanding service to Yale."

At left is the accompanying resolution.

Not to be outdone, the Sweet Briar Alumnae Association Board at its April meeting passed its own resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association, assembled on April 20, 2002, acknowledges with deep pride and approval the honor bestowed upon Walter H. Brown by his alma mater, Yale University. In April 2002, during the Spring Assembly of the Association of Yale Alumni, Walter was the recipient of the Yale Medal, the highest award given by the University, in recognition of "outstanding service to Yale."

The Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association wishes to express warmest congratulations to our Walter

Brown, Honorary Member of the Sweet Briar College Class of 1949, to salute him and to celebrate with him this most recent accolade in his ever-growing record of service and accomplishment. They do so now by way of this Resolution to be recorded in the official Minutes and to be transmitted to him.

*Diane Dalton '67*  
President  
Sweet Briar College  
Alumnae Association

*Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80*  
Director  
Sweet Briar College  
Alumnae Association

Congratulations, Walter!



# 2001 Outstanding Alumna Award To Nannette McBurney Crowdus '57

*Introduction of Honoree at Reunion Convocation, May 18, 2002 by Diane Dalton '67, president of the Alumnae Association*

It is my great privilege, as president of the Alumnae Association, to present the Outstanding Alumna Award, one of Sweet Briar College's most prestigious honors. This annual award recognizes an alumna who has given outstanding volunteer service to Sweet Briar. The winner of the 2001 award is Nannette McBurney Crowdus of the Class of 1957.

We are delighted that many of Nannette's family are here today on this happy occasion. I'd also like to give a special welcome to Nannette's classmates who are here celebrating the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

As a student at Sweet Briar, Nannette was involved in many facets of campus life – the Dance Club; Choreography; Choir; the World Affairs Club; Tau Phi; the *Sweet Briar News*, as editor; the Senior Show, as co-author; the *Briar Patch*, for which she was feature editor; and the May Court. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, she obtained her degree in British History, graduating magna cum laude with highest honors in history. The 1957 *Briar Patch* notes many qualities that are even more evident today: "...conscientious and enthusiastic editor...ingenious way with words... enviable facility for acquiring knowledge...adept organizer... dependable for a job well done... satisfaction is the reward of thoroughness..."

After graduating, Nannette married William Warren

Crowdus II. As the couple raised their two children and moved around the country, Nannette was wife, mother, and volunteer extraordinaire for Sweet Briar and for the Junior League, the American Red Cross, and the Boston and Chicago Symphonies. She also pursued graduate studies at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, Boston College, and Washington University, and built a very impressive professional record. She has been director of public information for the American Red Cross; a director of the McBurney Corporation; a realtor; director of sales and marketing for the National Association of Realtors; a consultant to the real estate industry; and a regional manager for the Worth Collection.

Nannette has demonstrated her devotion to Sweet Briar, from the day she arrived on campus as a student through her years as an alumna. She has been a leader in many areas, from involvement in club activities in the communities in which she has lived, to service on the College's Board of Directors and on the Alumnae Association Board, serving as president from 1989 to 1992. During her tenure, the Alumnae Association developed its first Strategic Plan, which has served as a template for future plans.

Currently in her position as chairman of planned giving on the Alumnae Association Board, she has raised to a new level an understanding of the importance of planned giving to the College. Referring to Sweet Briar's founder, Indiana

## Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association, assembled on April 20, 2002, acknowledges with gratitude the historic contributions that Nannette McBurney Crowdus, Class of 1957, has made to Sweet Briar College. She has served with distinction in positions on the local, regional, and national levels including her leadership as President of the Alumnae Association from 1989-1992. In her present position as Chair of Planned Giving, she has been instrumental in educating alumnae about the importance of planned gifts to the life of the College. The 2001 Outstanding Alumna Award conferred upon Nannette recognizes that her impact upon the College is immeasurable.

The Board of the Alumnae Association wishes to express its deepest appreciation to Nannette for her extraordinary leadership which has led our beloved alma mater forward in the ranks of the leading colleges in the nation. They do so by way of this Resolution to be recorded in the official Minutes and to be transmitted to her.

—Diane Dalton '67

*President, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association*

—Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80

*Director, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association*

Fletcher Williams, who wished to prepare women to be "useful members of society," Nannette noted: "I can think of nothing more useful or responsible than planning for the future of those you love." Nannette has kept Sweet Briar College high on the list of those she loves and to our great pride, was a national spokesperson on behalf of all charitable giving when she spoke from the steps of the U.S. Capitol in October 2001, promoting legislation on charitable donations.

She is one of our chief fundraisers, cheerleaders, organizers, hostesses...in short, as a classmate remarked, "Nannette lives, breathes, and eats Sweet Briar."

By conferring upon her the 2001 Outstanding Alumna

Award, we recognize that Sweet Briar is blessed to be the beneficiary of her dedication.

*Before Nannette came forward to receive her award, President Muhlenfeld stepped to the podium. Indicating a huge vase of roses placed stage right, she said: "Nannette, it is my pleasure to present you with these lovely roses from your classmates. I understand that there are 45 of them – one for each year of service. The card reads: 'Congratulations on an honor well deserved, long overdue – we appreciate your efforts for the College and keeping the Class of 1957 on top. Hugs to you from your Colleague and the Class of 1957.'"*

# Nannette McBurney Crowdus '57 Accepts the 2001 Outstanding Alumna Award

**T**hank you so very much. Betsy, Diane, Louise, everyone – thank you, and my special thanks to the Alumnae Association for this generous recognition and for this memorable day. To share this moment with my classmates in the Fabulous Class of 1957 and other friends present today adds immensely to a joyous occasion, not to mention the pleasure it gives me to be able to acknowledge publicly all the kind words and thoughtful deeds that have come my way since I was named Outstanding Alumna of 2001.

My family is here today also and I want you to meet them, because I am very proud of them. Wisely they decided that it is unlikely that anything this grand will happen to me again any time soon, so they have turned up *en masse*, to my great delight. I am going to embarrass them completely by asking them to stand when I call their names so you can have a good look at them.

First, the Yale graduate who journeyed from Quantico, VA to Washington and Lee to have a blind date with a senior at Sweet Briar in the fall of 1956, my husband of almost 45 years, Bill Crowdus, retired marketing executive and now woodworker, gardener, and chef extraordinaire, who has always been and continues to be, the wind beneath my wings. Without his support and encouragement, I would not be standing here today.

Next, our son Warren, a graduate of Washington and Lee and the Law School of the University of Chicago, now a senior international tax partner with Baker and McKenzie in its Washington, DC office. With him is our daughter-in-law, Barbara Louise Rollinson, who received her B.A. from Wellesley College and her Ph.D in Economics from Duke. Lou is a partner in a firm in DC that handles international tax matters, so if you need some help with

international taxes and regulations, you now have two experienced people to turn to for advice. By the way, on May 4, Lou was named Volunteer Alumna of the Year at National Cathedral School for Girls in Washington. I can't take credit for her genes, but I can be very, very proud of her.

Warren and Lou have brought William Warren Crowdus IV, a student at Concord Hill School in Bethesda, who will be six next month, and Elizabeth Louise Crowdus, four and a half, Class of 2020.

Our daughter Carol Crowdus Barbour earned her B.A. from Colgate, her M.A. from Northwestern and her MBA from the University of Chicago. Currently she is national sales manager and vice president of Endowments and Foundations at J.P. Morgan Chase in New York. You need \$400 million in assets to talk to her. Her husband Jeff Barbour, a graduate of the University of Illinois, is a partner in Berkshire Wine Importers, bringing in wine from all over the world, so if you own a vineyard, he's your man. That's his day job. He is also a professional classical singer. They live in Wilton, CT with Katherine Alice Barbour, now two and a half, Class of 2022. I can take partial credit for Carol's genes, so I am pleased to tell you that she is a former president of the Dana Hall School Alumnae Association.

My sister is here from New York – Olivia McBurney McGregor, Sweet Briar Class of 1965. To those of you in the Classes of 1962 and 1967, she was also known to some as "Wiggie" and was busy with Paint and Patches.

And – from Atlanta, my big brother, Willard McBurney and his wife Darla.

There is a secret I want to share with you: Nobody becomes outstanding by herself. There are so many individuals who have led me to this moment. Teachers, mentors, examples, friends and oh, yes, family. The Alumnae Association has named 45 outstanding alumnae. Just reading the list of names brings images of leaders, pioneers, innovators, and steadfast supporters of everything Sweet Briar exemplifies. I have known and admired 29 of them. Being chosen to join that august group is truly an overwhelming honor. There are two I deeply admire here today:



**Nannette Crowdus accepts Outstanding Alumna Award**

Ann Marshall Whitley, Class of 1947 and Kitchie Roseberry Tolleson, Class of 1952. Also here for 50th Reunion is the Distinguished Alumna of 2001 who was recognized last fall at Alumnae Council, Joanne Holbrook Patton, Class of 1952.

On a Friday morning last summer, Louise Zingaro, director of the Alumnae Association, left a message on our answering machine, saying she wanted to talk with me, but she would call again. We played telephone tag most of the day, and that afternoon, when I was on the phone with my sister, call waiting beeped. Thinking it might be Louise, I put my sister on hold, and answered. Indeed it was Louise, and her first words were "Have you gotten your mail today?" "Yes, we have," I replied. "Well, I guess this can wait till Monday," she said. By this time, I was becoming nervous. Had something so important happened at the College that they are telling me in writing by snail mail? So I said, "Louise, what is going on?" Her reply was pure Louise: "I can't stand it, I have to tell you that you have been named the Outstanding Alumna of 2001 and you will be recognized during your 45th Reunion next May." Surprised? Astonished? Overcome? You bet. When I got back on the line with my sister, I was trying so hard not to cry that the poor thing could hardly understand what I was saying. Then I told Bill about Louise's call—tears again—and from that moment, he has told anyone who would listen.

The journey to this moment began in the spring of my junior year in high school, when my mother and I made the obligatory trip to visit colleges. During that brief visit,

**"I belong to  
Sweet Briar and  
Sweet Briar  
belongs to me."**



**Nannette's family on hand to congratulate her**

I knew that Sweet Briar College was where I belonged. It was an epiphany that many of us acknowledge and express about Sweet Briar. That sense of place I discovered from the beginning has grown and has been a part of my consciousness from that moment. There is a feeling of possession: I belong to Sweet Briar and Sweet Briar belongs to me. Indiana Fletcher Williams' dream of founding a college that offered "an education to prepare young women to be useful members of society" has become incarnate in the magnificent buildings set on these green fields and hills. But more importantly, her vision is realized in the fruit of this college: those who come, who study, who meet new ideas hospitably, who follow paths others have traveled, and who go forth on their own paths to make a difference in this world, leaving footprints for others to follow. This place and our experiences here endure and shape our lives.

I've often said that the only job I have ever held that I was trained for was president of the Alumnae Association and was I trained! The continuum of directors of the Alumnae Association started for me with Elizabeth "Jackie" Bond Wood, Class of 1934, who trained Ann Morrison Reams, Class of 1942, who trained our own Louise Zingaro, Class of 1980. All trained me, at one time or another, starting during my time on the Alumnae Board in the '70s. Also serving as role models and mentors were various presidents of the Association through the years and members of the Alumnae Board. Being president of the Alumnae Association and a member of Sweet Briar's Board of Directors are the high points of my career, volunteer and

professional. There is nothing in my experience to compare with the devotion of all the individuals involved in providing leadership, oversight, and governance for this college. All share the same agenda: whatever is best for Sweet Briar, her mission, and her students. It has indeed been a privilege to serve Sweet Briar with them.

Have I mentioned the Class of 1957? The Fabulous Class of 1957? Now, there are classes among you out there that think they are special, but—the Class of 1957 really is. Let me tell you about a truly outstanding group of women.

There are 137 of us now, and most of us spent four halcyon years together here, learning what we needed to be who we are today. We arrived from all over the world, usually by train, with trunks, not computers and stereos. The culture shock of Eastern prep school versus Southern belles resolved itself, as the trench coats and knee socks group learned about hoop skirts and vice versa. During those years from 1953 to 1957, one of the step-singing songs that was traditionally sung by the seniors praised evolution. Remember that one? One line thanked evolution for having taken "the Class of '57, an embryonic mass, and turned it by a miracle into a senior class."

Well, let me assure you that evolution has continued to do wonderful things for the Class of 1957, because we have evolved into an astonishing array of talents, skills, and successes. We have doctors, both medical and academic; we have published poets, authors, professors and photographers; we have artists who not only paint, but sell their works from gal-

#### Recipients of the Outstanding Alumna Award

- 1968 SBC's first graduates, Class of 1910:  
 Anne Cumnock Miller\*;  
 Eugenia Griffin Burnett\*;  
 Louise Hooper Ewell\*;  
 Frances Murrell Rickards\*;  
 Annie Powell Hodges\*
- 1969 Edna Lee Gilchrist '26\*
- 1970 Gladys Wester Horton '30
- 1971 Mary Huntington Harrison '30\*
- 1972 Phoebe Rowe Peters '31\*
- 1973 Edith Durrell Marshall '21\*
- 1974 Florence Freeman Fowler '19\*  
 and Helen H. McMahon '23\*
- 1975 Elizabeth Prescott Balch '28\*
- 1976 Juliet Halliburton Burnett Davis '35
- 1977 Martha von Briesen '31 and  
 Jacquelyn Strickland Dwelle '35\*
- 1978 Dorothy Nicholson Tate '38\*
- 1979 Martha Lou Lemman Stohman '34
- 1980 Dale Hutter Harris '53
- 1981 Ann Marshall Whitley '47
- 1982 Preston Hodges Hill '49
- 1983 Mary Elizabeth Doucett Neill '41
- 1984 Nancy Dowd Burton '46\* and Jane  
 Roseberry Ewald Tolleson '52
- 1985 Julia Sadler de Coligny '34\*
- 1986 Adelaide Boze Glascock '40 and Sarah  
 Adams Bush '43\*
- 1987 Julia Gray Saunders Michaux '39
- 1988 Evelyn Dillard Granes '45\*
- 1989 Anne Noyes Awtrey Lewis '43 and Catharine  
 Fitzgerald Booker '47\*
- 1990 Margaret Sheffield Martin '48
- 1991 Sara Shallenberger Brown '32
- 1992 Catherine Barnett Brown '49
- 1993 Ann Samford Upchurch '48\*
- 1994 Clare Newman Blanchard '60 and  
 Mildred Newman Thayer '61
- 1995 Helen Murchison Lane '46 and  
 Adeline Jones Voorhees '46
- 1996 Alice Cary Farmer Brown '59
- 1997 Julia Mills Jacobsen '45
- 1998 Elizabeth Trueheart Harris '49
- 1999 Allison Stemmons Simon '63
- 2000 Sara Finnegan Lycett '61
- 2001 Nannette McBurney Crowds '57

\*deceased

eries and shows; we have entrepreneurs who own steamboats, hotels, bed and breakfasts, restaurants, a world class resort and farms; we have lawyers, marketing executives and insurance agents; we have philanthropists and fund-raisers; we have chairmen, presidents and members of just about every kind of volunteer organization. The Class of 1957 has provided eight members of Sweet Briar's Board of Directors: Anna "Chips" Chao Pai (another Distinguished Alumna), Jody Raines Brinkley, Carol McMurtry Fowler, Anne Wilson Rowe and Flo Barclay Winston. Cynthia Wilson Frenzel Ottaway's husband, John Ottaway, served with distinction, as did Jane Pinckney Hanahan's brother, Coates Pinckney. Dr. Aileen Laing is Sweet Briar's professor of art history emerita. Not only are there generations of students who have been led with wit and scholarship through art history by our classmate, but thanks to Ninie, all of us have learned the story of Ralph Adams Cram, one of the most famous American architects, and his design for Sweet Briar. Mary Anne Wilson, who will retire in 2002, has put Sweet Briar's Junior Year in Spain on the radar screen with the finest study programs abroad during her years as director. Nancy Godwin Baldwin has been dean of admissions and is the editor of our *Alumnae Magazine*. To be considered outstanding from such a group is truly a humbling experience, but understand that being among outstanding people enables each to become even more outstanding.

You have honored me today because I have devoted a part of my life to Sweet Briar. Believe me, I have received much more than I have given. The relationships, the experiences, and the challenges I have enjoyed could perhaps have been found in some other endeavors, but I found them by being involved with an institution I love and respect. Sweet Briar has always been "True North" for me, and by that, I mean a destination that is physical, intellectual, and emotional; a compelling idea that demanded my support; and a place which has always rewarded me with a feeling of fulfillment. It is somewhat amazing to be thanked so graciously by all of you for serving this place we hold in our hearts. And you know what? I wouldn't have missed any of it for the world. Thank you so very much.

# Thanks for the Memories!

*Reunion Service of Remembrance  
Sunday, May 19, 2001  
Dr. Guy Brewer, Chaplain,  
Sweet Briar College*

// I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best."  
(Philippians 1:3-6, 9-10)

When Wilfred Brown applied for a janitor's position at Andrew Jackson High School, he ran into a brick wall. Mr. Munson, the principal, was firm and to the point.

"Wilfred, since you can't read and write, we can't use you. We will not have an illiterate person working at Andrew Jackson High School."

Wilfred took the rejection in stride. He went the next day to the local mill and hired on as a laborer. Because he was such a good worker, Wilfred became shift foreman at the mill when his boss was injured and had to retire. Wilfred saved his money, and when the owner of the mill died four years later, he bought the business. To everyone's surprise, Wilfred was a natural entrepreneur and a shrewd manager. He built his mill business into the largest operation in the tri-county area. As other competing mills struggled to keep up, Wilfred bought those businesses, too. Eventually, he owned 10 mills in the area.

A few years later, Wilfred and his family attended the high school graduation ceremony for his oldest daughter. After the ceremony, Mr. Munson, the principal, approached Wilfred.

"Wilfred Brown, look at you! You have become a millionaire, one of the leading businessmen in our state. We are all so proud of you, but you just have to wonder. Where would Wilfred Brown be today if you had learned to read and write?"

Without missing a beat, Wilfred

responded, "I can tell you where I'd be, Mr. Munson. I'd be a janitor at Andrew Jackson High School!"

It's a wonderful thing to be a literate person, but education alone does not ensure success in life. Wilfred Brown succeeded in life despite the handicap of illiteracy. My high school wrestling coach, Joe Drennon, would have said that Wilfred Brown succeeded by practicing the five P's: "Proper preparation prevents poor performance."

St. Paul credits success in life to five P's as well: People, Prayer, Partners, Purpose, and Promises. When Paul writes to his friends at Philippi, he gives thanks to God for the five P's.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." What a remarkable letter from a converted curmudgeon!

In his earlier life, Paul had been the opposite of Wilfred Brown. Instead of illiterate, Saul of Tarsus was one of the most educated men in the ancient world. He was a trained rabbi who had studied under Gamaliel, the premier teacher of Israel. Paul was a Roman citizen and cosmopolitan personality who spoke four languages and was well versed in secular literature and philosophy. And yet, the Scriptures portray him as a bitter, angry person whose aim in life was to persecute people who disagreed with him.

When Paul encountered the risen Christ on the road to Damascus, he discovered a dimension of life that he had never found through his studies. Jesus revealed to him that the significant life depends on God's grace and that we experience grace through the five P's: people, prayer, partners, purpose, and promises. Even in prison, Paul expresses his gratitude for these greatest of gifts. "I thank my God every time I remember you."

Of course, your gratitude for the five P's has drawn you to set aside family and work obligations to attend this Alumnae Reunion weekend. You have returned to Sweet Briar neither to reminisce about papers and tests nor to finally complete an old biology experiment. You have returned

to celebrate the five P's you received in this community.

Paul prayed, "I thank my God every time I remember you." He gave thanks for the first P: the people in his life. When I met Dr. Fred Craddock at Emory University, I wanted to be like Fred. This man was the most amazing preacher I had ever heard. Every time Dr. Craddock preached, I felt my heart stirred and my life motivated. I asked Dr. Craddock, "How do you do it? How do you have such an impact on people?"

His answer was unexpected. "People listen to me because I love and appreciate them. If you want your preaching to have an impact, you must love people." Then Dr. Craddock gave me a gift that I have carried with me ever since. He took my Bible and wrote in the front cover, "Philippians 1:3 . . . 'I thank my God every time I remember you.'" For the past 18 years, I have written those same words in Bibles, cards, notes, and letters to people in my life. It's my way of claiming the first secret of the significant life: thank God for people.

Prayer is the second P of the significant life. Listen again to Paul's prayer: "In all my prayers, I always pray with joy." JOY! What a rare experience in the 21<sup>st</sup> century! In fact, external messages of unhappiness and discontent bombard our everyday lives. The average American watches approximately 15 hours of commercials on television every week. These commercials all have one common message: You are unhappy and discontented! However, if you buy this product or service, then you will be happy.

Rather than seeking happiness in life through possessions, pleasure, or prestige, Paul found joy in prayer. He is writing from a dungeon,

deprived of creature comforts, uncertain whether he will live or die. Paul made the monumental discovery that the significant life hinges more on our internal life than on external circumstances.

Here is a spiritual challenge for you. For the next 30 days, try muting those television commercials and spending the time praying for people in your life. As you pray for each one, God will give you a greater love and appreciation for them. And, you will experience internal joy.

A November, 1988 *Los Angeles Times* story pictured a car hanging by a single wheel from a freeway bridge with the caption, "Hanging By A Thread." According to the story, a 19-year-old woman returning from work at 12:30 a.m. fell asleep at the wheel and drove off a freeway bridge. Half a dozen passersby witnessed the accident and stopped to help. They tied ropes to the rear bumper of the car and held it in place until rescue vehicles could arrive. It took 25 volunteers and emergency personnel two and a half hours to free the woman from her car. The fire captain commented to the reporter, "The passenger kept screaming at us throughout the rescue. She was in a lot of pain and must have been scared to death. She kept repeating the same thing over and over . . . 'Leave me alone! I can do it myself!'"

Clearly, no one could rescue herself from a car suspended from a bridge. And none of us can do life on our own. We all need the third P: Partners. Paul prayed: "In all my prayers, I always pray with joy because of your partnership." There never was a more capable leader than Paul, but he could not do his work without partners.

A Sweet Briar saying celebrates the partnerships in our

lives. We say, "Everybody stands on someone else's shoulders." How true! This is why we have Alumnae Reunions. This is why it is so difficult this morning to read the honor roll of Sweet Briar sisters who have died this past year. This is more than a list of names out of the phone book. These women have been partners to us.

Do you know who a friend is? A friend is someone who brings out the BEST in you. This is the fourth P for which Paul gave thanks: Purpose. "And this is my prayer for you . . . that you will be able to discern what is best." Paul understood that God created each person with a highest and best purpose in mind. However, we all need a community to help us discern our purpose and bring out the best in us. To bring out the best in those who are coming behind us is the most important legacy anyone can leave. We bring out the "BEST" in others by:

Believing in them,  
Encouraging them,  
Supporting them, and  
Trusting them.

This is the reason we have a chaplain at Sweet Briar College. The focus of my work is to ensure that Sweet Briar College brings out the best in every student by helping her clarify her purpose in life.

Finally, Paul thanks God for the fifth P: Promises. He understood that the life of promise is the confident life. "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion." What would life be like if we had no promises on which we could rely? What confidence could we have in the future if we believed God's promises expired 21 centuries ago? The promise you showed as college students 50 years ago, 40 years ago, five years ago, has not

expired. God will bring to completion the good work He began in you as a Sweet Briar student.

Albert Raboteaux relates a story about a runaway slave woman and the power she found in the promises of God. In his book, *Slave Religion: Invisible Institution of the Antebellum South*, Raboteaux recounts the perils of this anonymous slave woman running from her owners and slave chasers in the North Carolina swampy wilderness. The only possession she had with her other than the clothes on her back was a large Bible that someone had given her. She could not read, but this woman clung to her Bible as if her life depended on it. Whenever she became too exhausted, hungry, and frightened to go on, she would sit on a tree stump and frantically leaf through her Bible that she could not read. She was looking for the one word someone had taught her to look for, the letters J-E-S-U-S. Sustained by this single word, the woman found confidence and courage to go on to freedom.

What could this illiterate slave woman have found in the name of Jesus that would sustain an impossible dream? She found the promises of God. She found faith that the promises of God are not limited by color, or education, or slavery, nor anything else in all of creation.

Wilfred Brown succeeded in life despite his own illiteracy. He had a significant life because he appreciated the five P's. And now, he has the resources to hire the best literacy tutor in Alabama. I'm betting that the first thing he learns to write is, "I thank my God every time I remember you."



# 2002 Reunion Scrapbook

*"And when the fire bell rings  
at a quarter to three...  
I'll be back at SBC!"*

Remember that old step-singing song? It came true for Reunion guests at the Florence Elston Inn. The "fire bell" did go off one night—of its own confused volition—more than once. Innocently asked if he slept well, one Elston resident replied: "I was too busy evacuating!" And there was the morning that '87, '92, and '97 awoke in the unseasonably cool weather to no hot water in Meta Glass. As President Muhlenfeld had charged graduates two weeks earlier, "Expect the unexpected!"

As always, Sweet Briarites took it all in stride, "laughing all the way," and enjoyed a weekend of reconnecting, reminiscing, and renewing ties, while marveling at the signs of Today and Tomorrow all over campus. Rejuvenation was not confined to Reuners' exchanges with each other; campus rejuvenation of spirit and commitment was evidenced by restored and refurbished buildings including Faculty Row houses in the designated historic district, and obvious construction.

Most notable: the construction site at the new Student Commons. This put Prothro Dining Room out. Meals were in the Quad or in festive tents at the Florence Elston Inn complex.

In addition to open houses, fly fishing, golf, alumnae colleges, art and authors exhibits, and plain leisure time fun. Reuners could watch the NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Championships being played on our campus – a proud moment for the College. It was a time to celebrate.



**Gordon Beemer H'21, (L), represented late wife Florence Woelfel Elston-Beemer '21 & classmates for 81st Reunion; Natalie Roberts Ross '31 & husband William came for her 71st!**



**1942 celebrated the 60th with 9 alumnae, 4 husbands. Front: Ann Morrison Reams, CP; Betsy Gilmer Tremain; Barbara Ripley Furniss, Sec; Betty Blackmer Childs; Lucy Call Dabney; Rene Mitchell Moore. Back: Bernie Reams; Mike Tremain; Todd Furniss; Mackall Childs; Dougie Woods Sprunt; Debbie Wood Davis. Absent: Mory Moore Rutherford; Ann Reams said, "She was here, but somehow got misplaced!" RG: \$23,199; 31% Part; TG: \$113,899.**



**Cheers to 1947 at the 55th! Front: Judy Burnett Halsey; Douglas Lindsey; Sarah Ann McMullen Lindsey. Back: Liz Ripley Davey; Nan Hart Stone; Carol Blanton McCord, Sec; Ann Marshall Whitley. RG: \$11,024; Part 31%; TG: \$282,415.**



**Joanne Holbrook Patton announced 1952's RG: \$76, 111; 70 % Part; TG: \$76,593.**





1952 marked the Big 5-0 with 55 attendees (36 alumnae). With dazzling gold headbands, they sang two songs, with piano accompaniment, no less—and laughingly commented that their gift to the College should have been “More Railings and Ramps!”



Total elation! Carol McMurtry Fowler, '57 CP, lifts two of three awards skyward, with President Muhlenfeld standing by.

1957, 30-strong for the 45th, walked away with three prizes: the Nancy Dowd Burton Award for the largest RG (\$151,779), the Participation Award for classes celebrating 25th-50th Reunions (78%) and the Award for Total Giving to all funds during the year (\$2,422,996). Classmates also honored Nannette McBurney Crowdus, recipient of the Outstanding Alumna Award at Convocation.



'57 Class Officers: 3rd row, Diane Duffield Wood, Co-Sec; Anne Wilson Rowe, Co-FA; Nannette McBurney Crowdus, Co-RGC. 2nd row: Marjie Whitson Aude, Co-Sec; Cynthia Wilson Ottaway, Co-FA; Charlotte Heuer de Serio, Co-FA; Lee Haskell Mack, Co-Sec. Front: Carol McMurtry Fowler, CP & Co-RGC.



1962 thoroughly enjoyed the 40th, presenting a RG of \$46,732 with 64% Part, & TG of \$670,168.



'62 Class Officers: Adele Vogel Harrell, FA; Nancy Hudler Keuffel, Co-RGC; Parry Ellice Adam, Sec.



'67's special guest: James Q. Bensen, Judi Bensen Stigle's dad, far right next to Judi.



1967, happy to be back at The Patch and looking good for the 35th: RG of \$28,300, 55% Part, \$30,175 TG.



'67 Class Officers: Judi Bensen Stigle, CP & Co-RGC; Diane Dalton, Sec & Co-RGC.



'72 Class Officers: Marion Walker, CP; Carter Frackelton, Co-RGC; Martha Holland, Co-RGC & Co-FA; Susan Snodgrass Wynne, Co-FA.



1972 class members sang "Feelin' Groovy" while class officers took the stage to reminisce that the late Harold Whiteman's first year as SBC's president was their senior year: they "take credit for helping break him in!" RG: \$87,400; 44% part; \$88,000 TG.



'77 Class Officers: Molly Reeb Nissman, Co-RGC; Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn, CP; Rebecca Frost Good, Co-RGC.



1977 spent a lively weekend rejoicing and making the most of the 25th, bringing a RG of \$21,165 from 35% Part; TG equaled \$48,900.



1977 took the stage, singing with gusto to the tune of "A few of my favorite things," concluding "We simply remember our time at The Patch...And then we don't feel so bad!"

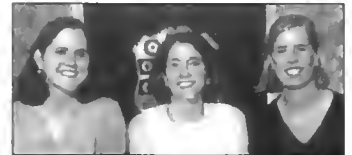


1982 had 21 on hand for the 20th, + 17 children, ranging from age 15 months to 14 years! RG: \$32,453; 26% Part; \$33,820 TG.



'82 Class Officers: Gay Kenney Browne, RGC; Heather Pirney Albert, Co-CP; Elizabeth Sheets Reed, Sec; Ann Morton Young Hablston, Co-FA.

'92 Class Officers: Keeley Sullivan Jurgovan, FA & Co-RGC; Margaret McClellan Driscoll, Co-RGC; Catherine Garnto Freeman, CP.



1987 was a small group but a merry one. Their 15th was a non-stop celebration, day and night—FUN! RG: \$19,450; 24% Part; TG: \$21,000.

'87 Class Officers: Junie Speight Myers, CP; Jean Lewis Guergai, FA; Linda Mae Visocan Gabriel, RGC.



Hurray for 1992 at their 10th! They won the Participation Award for 5th-20th Reunion classes with 32% Part. RG: \$13,638; TG: \$83,040.



Class of 1997, New Kids On The Block just 5 years out, had a wonderful time at their 1st "official" Reunion, quickly getting into the spirit of the festivities. RG: \$5,143; 29% Part; \$5,666 TG.



'97 Class Officers: Ann MacDonald Carter, CP; Kerri Rawlings Burtner, Sec.



Ann Stuart McKie Kling '74, National Reunion Giving Chair, announced that total giving to the Annual Fund, including all Reunion classes, reached \$522,997, with 42% participation; Total giving this year to all funds by all Reunion classes: \$4,943,488.

Note: All names read L-R

**Abbreviations:**

- CP=Class President
- RGC=Reunion Gifts Chair
- FA=Fund Agent
- Sec=Secretary

**Each class made 3 announcements at Convocation:**  
 Reunion Gift to the Annual Fund (RG)

Class Participation(Part)  
 Total Giving (to all funds) for the year(TG)

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# class notes

## 1928

**Bonnie Mathews Wisdom**, widow of the late Judge John Minor Wisdom, died on February 7, 2002 in her sleep. She was 94 years old. The following tribute was sent by her daughter, Kathleen.

[Bonnie] is survived by her two daughters, Kathleen Mathews Wisdom and Penelope Wisdom Tose, and is predeceased by her son John Minor Wisdom, Jr.

Named Charles Stewart Mathews in honor of her father, Mrs. Wisdom was known all of her life as Bonnie, a reference to "Bonnie" Prince Charlie, grandson of King James II.

Mrs. Wisdom was a descendant of George Mathews who served as Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court after the Louisiana Purchase. She was born on Georgia Plantation in Lafourche Parish in 1907 and educated at home for the first ten years of her life. At the age of ten, she began boarding in New Orleans at Miss Lottie Miller's School for Girls in the Garden District, and graduated from Sweet Briar College in 1928.

Mrs. Wisdom was especially proud of her ancestor, Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Mathews. As presiding Justice on the court he issued a landmark civil rights ruling in the 1830s in the appeal of the case of Marie Louise v. Marot, in which the child of a free woman of color was being claimed as a slave. Justice Mathews ruled that the jury was correct to free the child, as he stated that "being free for one moment in France it was not in the power of her former owner to reduce her to slavery."

Reflecting on their marriage, Judge Wisdom was fond of saying, "sixty-seven years of marriage and never a peaceful moment," at which Mrs. Wisdom would note "Peace is boring."

Mrs. Wisdom's interest also widened to include politics, when, before the Judge was named to the Court, they were among the small number of Louisiana Republicans. As she was fond of saying, they were two of fifteen hundred Republicans in the state "half of whom had either died or moved to Texas." She had a deep belief in the two party system, served as a poll watcher during the Huey Long years, and was editor of the best selling Louisiana Republican Women's Cookbook.

Mrs. Wisdom's lifelong scholarship and her interest in both French literature and Shakespeare led her to become a board member of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., and to be cited in a footnote in a history of the U.S. Supreme Court. Her knowledge of literature enabled her to correctly find the source of the quote

used by Justice Harlan in a famous dissent in the Plessy v. Ferguson case which ushered in the age of racial segregation in the late 19th century. Harlan, while quoting Albion Tourgee, attorney in the case, was not only quoting from the brief, but also quoting from a novel by Tourgee when he said that "justice is pictured blind, and her daughter, the Law, ought at least to be color-blind."

Mrs. Wisdom said, "I discovered that Tourgee, like Mozart, was simply repeating himself."

Another deep interest of Mrs. Wisdom's was her garden, especially the one at their Garden District home on First Street, now the home of novelist Anne Rice. She was a member of the New Orleans Town Gardeners.

One of the proudest memories of her work against the proposed Riverfront Expressway: As an active Republican, she was able to convey to Transportation Secretary John Volpe the dissatisfaction of the city over the project. It was subsequently canceled by the Nixon administration.

Her other activities included the *Causeries de Lundi* and the Quarante Club. She was also especially fond of opera, which, as she often said, one "heard" instead of "saw." As a hostess, Mrs. Wisdom was known for her delicious menus, and for the fact that she was perhaps one of the last hostesses in New Orleans in whose home the ladies always withdrew after dinner, leaving the gentlemen to their brandy.

Donations are suggested to Sweet Briar College, P.O. Box E, Sweet Briar, VA 24595, or to the John Minor Wisdom Collection at the Tulane University School of Law.

## 1929

**President and Secretary: Sally Callison Jamison**

And now there are 21! While you are absorbing this interesting statistic I will report on the state of the survivors.

**Dorothea Paddock Seeber's** daughter, the Reverend Sister Lauren Seeber, writes that Dorothea maintains her merry personality despite her blindness and lack of mobility. Her book has now come out in paperback.

**Evaline Edmonds Thoma** admits to slowing down although she has enjoyed traveling to a distant wedding where she saw dozens of relatives that she had never seen before. She still paints and wishes she was still playing golf.

Our '29 class baby **Martha Dabney Jones** marvels that at age 92 she can be the youngest member of any group. She

## ATTENTION, ALUMNAE: NOTICE OF DISCONTINUATION OF CLASS NOTES POSTCARDS:

The double postcards requesting news that have in the past been mailed from the Alumnae Office are being discontinued. Class Notes from all classes can now be published in every issue of the alumnae magazine. Alumnae are encouraged to send news directly to their class secretaries. News, newspaper cuttings, etc. that are received in the Alumnae Office will continue to be forwarded to the secretaries. Starting with the next magazine, the winter issue (December 2002), we will publish the deadlines by which secretaries must receive your news, and we will print the secretary's address and e-mail address at the beginning of each class's notes.

continues to be a good walker, does most of her errands on foot, and walks twice weekly to a school where she has been tutoring for several years. She sends congratulations to those of us who are still walking daily.

**Sue Tucker Yates**, a faithful respondent, sounds as active as ever, traveling. She is about to visit with all four of her children at Christmastime in Ashboro, Charlotte, and Blowing Rock, North Carolina. She continues to enjoy entertaining house guests in her cottage with a wood burning fireplace. Sue still teaches her Bible class of 12 young matrons who meet with her every Monday morning in her home. Almost every weekend she entertains house guests and says that they, as well as the Wall Street Journal, keep her informed about news. She adds that she would love to hear from us 29ers soon and not to wait until next summer.

**Helen Schaumleffel Ferree** recently lost her beloved dog of many years' companionship but is happy to have good friends and fellow club members of 65 years who visit her weekly.

Meredith Smythe Grider ('56) reported that her mother **Ruth Meredith Ferguson Smythe** is in a nursing facility in a retirement home in Louisville, KY.

**Jinny Chaffee Gwynn** who lives in Bentley Village in Naples continues her routine of church, hair salon, and duplicate bridge. Her latest good news is the recent addition of her 13th great grandchild. We had a good chat before I left Naples.

"Whiz", **Margaret Weisiger Proctor** sends greetings from Arlington, Virginia, saying that by God's grace she is in good health, living at home under the loving care of her eldest daughter Page who lives nearby. Twice a year Whiz flies to Michigan where her youngest daughter and her family live. She occasionally goes to her place in Rehoboth Beach, MD. Her children and grandchildren are scattered around the east coast from Massachusetts to Florida and Quito,

Equador.

On February 27th I attended a lovely Sweet Briar alumnae luncheon in Naples, hosted by Patricia Sorensen Ackard '41 and Helen Gwynn Wallace '41. Those present also included Edna Syska Peltier '42, Kay Leroy Wing '50, Margaret-Maggie Degler '54, Rachel Briers Bell '96 and our special guest SBC Alumnae Director Louise Zingaro. Although our ages ranged from the late twenties to the mid nineties, we had a fun and lively time with Sweet Briar as our focus of conversation. Louise Zingaro brought news of the college and we reminisced about some cuties and customs.

During the summer of 2001 I spent some weeks at Torch Lake in Michigan mingling with children, grands, and greats. Included in the group were daughter Jane Messer '59, Bess Smith Stone '58 and Meredith Smythe Grider '56, the latter being the Grande Dame of Alden Michigan.

Later in the summer I enjoyed a mini reunion with family in Lewisburg WV just up the GreenBriar River from my birthplace Hinton.

Now that we have reached the early nineties, good flappers—carry on!  
Sally

## 1932

**Class Secretary: Virginia Squibb Flynn  
Fund Agent: Eleanor Wright Conway**

My dear classmates: Sad to report the death of **Marjorie Ward Cross** January 10th, 2001. She was our fund agent for many years.

Also the deaths of **Theda Sherman Newlin** on May 20, 2001, **Halfie Orr Barton** on December 5th, 2001 and **Emily Maxwell Littlepage** on September 13th 2001. **Cornelia Mathewson Eggers** died March 9, 1999 in Seattle, Washington.

**Anna Gilbert Davy** writes happily



that she moved to a retirement home in Carmel Valley, CA to be near her daughter in Colorado and one great child and a son in Arizona. Gussie still plays golf and travels alone.

**Marge Miller Close** moved ten years ago from Quebec to be near children. Enjoys courses at University of Victoria and a Women's Club. So happy to hear from Sweet Briar.

**Barbara Munter Purdue** writes from Seattle where she has a husband, five children, and nine grandchildren. Seattle is a pleasant place to live. Seventy years since we graduated, hard to believe!

**Eleanor Wright Conway** still lives in The Forum Indianapolis, IN. She has five grandchildren in Alaska.

Jim and I are "hanging in" at Evergreen Woods, North Branford, CT. Keep the news coming!  
Fondly, Ginny Flynn

## 1933

The Alumnae Office received a newspaper cutting about a summer 2000 exhibit at the public library in Amelia, VA, of oil paintings by **Clara West Stark**.

## 1938

**President: Janet MacFarlan Bergmann**  
**Secretary: Frances Bailey Brooke**

With all the lovely weather we are having in the middle of winter, Spring is sure to arrive early. Another event that will soon come is our 65<sup>th</sup> reunion, less than a year away when you read this in August 2002. Please mark the dates on your calendar: May 16-18, 2003 and plan to come back to the Briar Patch, to celebrate together and enjoy our beautiful campus.

A newsy card from **Vesta Murray Haselden** states that she and Ed are "still kicking but not too high". They are happily still in their own home in Columbia, but are not planning any more trips. She often sees her first great-granddaughter who lives in Greenville, SC. Vesta hears from Janet, Dee Armfield, and Moselle at Christmas, and recently had lunch with our charming president Betsy Muhlenfeld.

**Billy Heizer Hickenlooper** and Bo have moved into a great community near their old house in Cincinnati. They are both fine after "62 divine years together" though Billy suffers from arthritis in her hands. They departed in January for several weeks in Florida. She occasionally sees **Dottie Mather Goyert**. They can boast a record number of "greats"—nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren!

Winters in Stuart, Florida and summers in Falmouth, Massachusetts, keep **Barbara Hill Ferguson** young. She is still playing tennis and golf. Her son Stanley Lincoln lives nearby and is commodore of their yacht club. Two granddaughters are neighbors and the other

two live in Texas with two great grandchildren whom she will visit this winter. She and **Janet MacFarlan Bergmann** plan to get together next summer.

**Maud Tucker Drane** has had a sad and difficult year. Her daughter Robbie died last year with complications from lupus, and in May Maud lost her husband Hardy after sixty wonderful years. She was able to join her loving and supportive children and grandchildren in Connecticut for Christmas and will visit them again in Hilton Head in March.

A joyful card from **Macky Fuller Kellogg** said she was enjoying life in Vieques, Puerto Rico with her brother in law and husband of six years swimming, playing tennis, and visiting old friends. Sounds wonderful—must be something special in the air down there!

**Carolyn Staman Ogilvie's** card was full of news. She and Buck are fine. While anticipating the birth of their first great-grandchild, they learned another was due three months later. Then a third grandson announced plans to marry in July. They will be spending some time traveling and celebrating with family.

A long phone call from **Marion Brown Snider** (Brownie) last weekend brought me up to date. She is still living in the same condominium (24 years) in St. Petersburg, Florida, and keeps busy with church work and aqua-cises in spite of some physical difficulties. She broke her ankle in September but gets around well on a walker. Her two sons and two grandsons live near her.

**Janet MacFarlan Bergmann** and Carl are living permanently in Falmouth, Massachusetts. She is recovering well from a stroke but no longer drives. She does some church work part-time. Her son, who lives nearby, is a great help to both Janet and Carl, and she enjoys her two grandchildren. During our delightful telephone conversation a few days ago we agreed that it's time to rally the troops for our 65<sup>th</sup>.

**Shirley Haywood Alexander** is comfortably settled in a retirement community in Raleigh, North Carolina, and keeps busy with bridge, lunches, and many short trips with friends. Her grandson Haywood graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and is living and working in California.

While visiting her brother Bruce on Cape Cod last summer, **Nancy Old Mercer** and her daughter Anne had lunch with **Mary Ann Housel Carr**, who gathered together several classmates for a very happy mini-reunion. Nancy stays busy with bridge and family in Dallas.

It's very sad to report that we have lost three members of our class during 2001. **Molly Talcott Dodson** died May 11th after a severe stroke. Her husband Grif, who had had Alzheimer's disease for several years, died less than a week later. On August 21 **Jo Sutton McCandlish** died at Westminster Canterbury Retirement Home in Winchester, Virginia. A card from Kit Talbert brought word that her mother **Cecily Jansen Kendrick** died in Denver,

Colorado on December 4th after a long illness. Beside Kit there are two other children and four grandchildren. Charlie died several years ago.

George and I had a busy year with two trips in the spring—one in March to Holland to see the tulips (too early!) and one to Japan (too strenuous). We've been trying to recover since! The arrival of our second great-grandchild (a girl) in July was a delight. Another is due this year in July—also to be a girl, so I will have to start recruiting for SBC before long.

**Betty Hopper Turner** says she is happy in a Retirement Home in Providence where they have lived for over 50 years. She tries to keep in contact with **Dottie Gilbert Brown**, **Kitty King Corbett Powell**, and **Sammy Hamilton Schuck**. She has bad vision problems, but the many available services help.

Take care, dear classmates, keep the cards coming and remember the 65<sup>th</sup>.

## 1941

**President: Helen Littleton White**  
**Secretary: Helen Gwinn Wallace**  
**Fund Agent: Margaret Craighill Price**

Eleven stalwart octogenarians returned to college for our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion last May. We were seated in the front row for the Convocation, since we were the oldest returning alumnae (except for one member of the class of 1931), and we didn't have to put on a skit! The campus was at its glorious "May best", and the weather perfect. We missed our absent classmates. Since H.A. was willing to stay on as class president I agreed to be secretary. Last May the deadline of March first seemed far away, but here it is, and I'll do my best to report on the twenty-two responses I received.

Two classmates write that they've had enough traveling up and down the east coast. **Ellie Damgard Firth** and **Swede** no longer spend summers in Hot Springs, Virginia. Ellie plays duplicate bridge three times a week, while Swede plays golf. Their daughter, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters live near them in Florida. The Tuttles (**Charlie Davenport**) are living in Florida year-round now. Charlie said moving was "a horrendous job" but she's glad to stay in one spot. Except for trips, I guess, because they took their family on a cruise from Barcelona to Venice in July.

Several classmates felt the effects of the September 11th tragedy. **Lossie Taylor Noell's** two grandsons were evacuated unhurt from the Trade Center towers. A granddaughter was born to the eldest grandson's wife three days later! **Barbara Nevens Young** was in Basel, Switzerland following a great trip down the Rhine with **Helen Jean Winter Clobridge** and their sisters. The crisis delayed their return to the United States. They're off again in October for a

Panama cruise. **Lin Boyle Richardson** was a victim of poor timing on September 11th. She flew from Maui to Boston in order to take a Delta flight to Holland for an Elderhostel trip. She arrived in Boston at 9:15 a.m., only to have the airport close down after they unloaded her baggage and the trip canceled. So she returned to Maui a week later and that was all for her 2001 trip. Undaunted, she plans to take the Sweet Briar trip to Quito and Galapagos in August!

**Doris Huner Swiech** had to abandon plans for Reunion when her husband had his second stroke. They miss their home in Toxaway, NC but are happy to be closer to family in Indiana.

**Judy Davidson Walker's** husband, Tony, also had a stroke a year ago. As we all do, Judy misses Anita and her "staunch support of '41". Her assistant minister at St. Mary's Portsmouth, is an SBC grad, and she's great—of course!

**Ruth Hemphill DeBuys** says Reunion was "the nicest thing that happened last year". She has a grandson at W and L and three "greats" had birthdays in the fall. What fun! Ruth talked to Lillian and Lossie recently. After the rigors of trying to learn to operate her new computer, she is taking a ten-day cruise to Holland and Belgium with her daughter.

**Janie Loveland Byerts** enjoys keeping up with friends by e-mail (her address: [bema@nettally.com](mailto:bema@nettally.com)). She still volunteers in the hospital as a patient advocate and enjoys her grandchildren, who spend a lot of time with her.

"Butch" **Gurney Betz** says she's not an e-mailer, but she dashed off a note on a yellow pad. She has two great-granddaughters whose names begin with A (more A's than she got in school, she says!) and she plays a little golf "for fun and exercise". At camp in the Adirondacks she sees **Decca Gilmer Frackelton** and **Mary Scully Olney** (who visits Decca there) with their husbands. At Christmas she heard from **Shirley Shaw**, **Mary White**, and **Barbara Nevens Young**. The latter summers in upper New York State, near Butch's camp, but she says they never get to see each other. Typically, Butch signed off with "Let's Go Mets!"

Several of us are enjoying life in retirement homes. "H.A." **Littleton White** keeps busy at Freedom Village playing bridge, going to lectures, and on cruises, such as a recent one in France, cruising the Saone and Rhone on a riverboat through beautiful country all the way to Provence. She sees **Mary White Miller** when she visits her son in Great Falls, Virginia.

**Shirley ("Shirts") Shaw** writes that she "actually likes" her retirement home, Dunwoody Village, in Newtown Square, Pa. and that she often sees a high school friend of mine whom I haven't seen for years! Small world, as she says.

**Emory Hill Rex** and her daughter visited **Margaret (Craigie) Craighill**

Price on her farm in Sperryville, Virginia. At Christmas Emory's family had a family reunion that included five Sweet Briar alumnae and one student, from the classes of 1935 to 2003! This past year Emory has been learning to cope without Dan, her beloved husband of 58 years. Craigie and I get together in the summer, when John and I go back "north". **Katherine Estes** and **Douglas Woods Sprunt** had dinner with Craigie recently. She divides her time between the farm and her retirement home in Washington.

**Evie Cantey Marion** has a new address. No retirement home for her. She's moved back to her family home in Columbia, SC which she's restoring. Her daughter is with her and her son and his wife live just two blocks away. Most of your notes spoke of the joy of families. **Jane Clark Hartrich** keeps busy going to weddings, baptisms, graduations, and family reunions. She has a total of 22 grandchildren and 5 "greats" and the number is still growing.

"**Dowsit**" **Neill** and Jack checked out a new retirement home in Lexington when they stopped by to visit **Libby Lancaster Washburn** on their way to Dowsit's sister's memorial service in Iowa, and thence to Ontario to inspect their cottage. A long trip from Southern Pines!

**Lillian Fowlkes Taylor** and Tyler are still an "item" after sixty years. They have three children and four grandchildren. Lillian's been having trouble with dizziness for several years, so travel is out, although I notice she still manages to get to Florida occasionally with her golfing buddies!

One classmate certainly isn't letting eighty-two years slow her down. **Elizabeth (Libba) Hudson Boba** has a sporty red Toyota and traveled to Europe in September. But she admits that early bedtimes, comfort foods, and quiet visits are becoming increasingly attractive.

John and I still divide our time between our Florida high rise on the Gulf and our Virginia high rise on the Potomac. A big change from the farm! But we do still have a few racehorses—as well as six grandchildren and seven "greats". In Florida I see **Pat Sorenson Ackard**, **Anne Borough O'Connor**, **Angela (Edge) Cardamone O'Donnell**, and **Lucy Parton Miller**. Lucy and I have kept up with each other through the years. She and Laymon live in a lovely retirement home in Ft. Myers, less than an hour away. They are kept busy visiting and being visited by their children and numerous grandchildren

Sadly, I have to report that we lost five classmates during the past year. The ranks are thinning! In Memoriam: **Barbara Searles Parrett**, **Unice Foss Sneed**, **Wilma Cavett Records**, **Marian Atkinson Ryerson**, and **Helen Hamilton Bixby**

Also, **Pat Potter Duncan** wants you to know that Gordon Beemer has a new great-granddaughter, who will probably be in Sweet Briar's class of 2024. Well, dear

classmates, thank you for your cards. Have a happy, healthy year, and take very good care of yourselves.

## 1944

**Class President: Louise Smith Barry**  
**Class Secretary: Connie Budlong Myrick**

**Fund Agent: Sydney Holmes Bales**  
**Mini-Reunion Co-chairs:**  
**Alice Lancaster Buck and Elizabeth Williams Gookin**

Greetings to all '44s! Out of the listed 124 names connected with our group 26 responses have arrived at my mailbox. If prizes were being awarded for pure legibility, they would run from A+ to Z-. Some of the lower grades result from the Postal Service exceeding zeal for stamping and gluing mysterious paper strips atop written material, unique handwriting the rest to my bifocals. Whee! Here we go. . . . subject matter predominates in the areas of travel, children and assorted degrees of grandchildness.

**Ellie La Motte Trippe** is leading a life she describes as "happily rolling along" as they enjoy three grand daughters and "sedentary" lifestyle, which sounds pretty peppy to me. Interaction with the grands, the dogs, and an ongoing crossword puzzle championship duel plus the round of cultural activities keeps them busy. Ellie sends greetings to all!

**Muriel Abrash Schapiro** is a busy volunteer in Richmond, helping children and seniors to learn "English as a Second Language". She didn't identify the first language, which would be interesting to know. She also keeps up with many cultural activities. Both of her college age grands are graduating this year. Another grand is at Virginia Commonwealth University. The remaining one is doing environmental studies in Samoa and Costa Rica. The two youngest girls are on the threshold of eighth grade.

**Sally Skinner Behnke** wrote from her winter home in Sun Valley where she is relishing the wonderful snow and good skiing. Her grands are pretty well grown up. She counts two in college, one in high school, and one busy being a career girl. Her top excitement for last year was "Mysteries of the Earth". This involved a by-plane trip around the world! She tells us that it was rewarding, strenuous, and the most fascinating place for her was Easter Island.

**Marty Falk Vallery** had a busy summer while she and Norma Bradley Arnold had a stimulating journey to Helsinki, then on to Russia via boat. All went well until their home-bound flight became a horror of cancellations, missed connections, and delayed arrivals. After finally getting home, she decided to put off her planned trip to Spain and Portugal because of the dire effects of 9/11/01. She is staying active with volunteering, golfing, bridge, and

interacting with friends.

**Nancy Ann Eagles O'Bannon** was humming along, ready to take a month in the Florida sunshine as she wrote her postcard. After that they will be at home until July, when they will leave for a trip to Iceland. She often talks with former roommates Sally Skinner Behnke and Kay Mensing Teitgen. I was lucky to have a catch-up phone call with her the other day.

**Libby Vaughan Bishop** feared that her news would be uninteresting in comparison with other '44 exploits. I assure her that she is blessed with her "lovely husband, aged Yorkie, and an equally aged cockatiel". Her days rock along with symphony, opera, judging flower shows, all blessedly normal and unharrowing. A pleasure for her is having the daughter of a cousin at SBC. She sends love to all '44s.

**Frances Longino Schroder** is a busy one! Volunteering takes up time and keeps her on her toes. She didn't identify her activity, but I'll bet it's not ballet. She has four daughters, and was blest to have all of them plus three husbands and three of the grands with her during the period from 12/3 to 12/24, she admitted that the time was perfectly wonderful and pretty hectic. I admire her stamina! She sees Betty Haverty Smith pretty frequently and keeps in touch with Marty Falk Vallery and Hazel Fellner Tuttle. Longe and her sister in law are planning to attend the SBC Alumnae College this June.

A sad postcard came from Omaha, Nebraska. It announced the death on 12/22/01 of **Betty Van Dusen Samson** (Mrs. John S.). There was no other name on the card, but I know we all send our loving sympathy to her family.

**Martha Lee Hoffman McCoy** has let us know that she and Harry have sold their home in Norfolk, and are now living in a condo overlooking the harbor in downtown Norfolk. They winter in Florida at 400 Century Drive, Marco Island, Florida, 34145. Their summer address is 303 Brooke Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia, 23570.

**Murrell (Rickey) Rickards Werth** enclosed a lovely picture of herself and husband Matt on their wedding day last year. They live in her Ghent townhouse in Norfolk. Trips on their agenda include Princeton, New Jersey for his reunion in June. July will find them in Woodstock, Vermont, then on to Lake George and Hotel Sagamore, which her son now manages. Venice is their fall objective. Whew! I can see how she writes, "My life is too busy."

**Pat Whitaker Waters** reports that all is well with her family. One of their grands was married last summer; another is a senior at Virginia Tech; while a third is a freshman at William and Mary. The next is a sophomore at the University of Maryland. One of the younger ones is a senior in high school. The youngest are eight and ten years of age. That pretty well runs the gamut from grades to grads! Next on the

menu, Pat is planning a trip to London with her son, who will be a guest of the British Broadcasting Company.

**Kay Mensing Teitgen** and husband Bud are about to trade Milwaukee winter for a Florida stay which will last until May. Their future plans are in 2003 to move to a retirement home now under construction. Kay knows that the BIG MOVE to smaller quarters will be a "tremendous job of downsizing" with over 40 years of accumulated living.

**Carlisle Morrissett Branch** has a wonderful announcement. She is great-grandmother to her namesake, Carlisle Rose Hickey, born 7/18/01. Carlisle Rose lives in St. Petersburg, Florida. Carlisle the first gets to see both Peggy Gordon Seiler and Paulett Long Taggart whenever they come to Richmond. (I feel as though nobody ever comes to Memphis. If you do, please call me!)

**Tea Tift Porter** had sad news about the 12/19/01 death of her husband of 51 years, James T. Porter. They had been friends since childhood as neighbors. Tea, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

**Anita Lippett Clay** takes several prizes in this issue. First from the point of view of your elderly bifocaled correspondent. Her postcard gets an A++ for total legibility! Big enough to see easily—plain enough to be read without eyestrain or the need to know how to decipher exotic languages. Bless you, Anita. She continues to play her accordion with the Savannah Crabettes and again will be marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade with the group. Her additional good news is that their son Henry and his family are back home after 17 years in Buenos Aires as missionaries.

**Doty Beuttell Blakeman** mentions that not much is going on in her life, then adds that "Sometimes that is better". She says that Chat's son who is stationed in Islamabad loves his work there, even though his wife and daughter are back in Washington. Chat's daughter is also doing well, as are Dottie's four. She has had to give up golfing because of bursitis.

**Norma (Brad) Bradley Arnold** is in Florida for the winter. She also mentioned her trip to Helsinki, then on to Russia. Brad especially enjoyed the fascinating cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow. She recently returned from a short trip to the Western Caribbean.

**Ellen Boyd Duval Miller** and husband Bill are happily settled in their retirement facility. They have their own little house, and value the knowledge that if they need assistance, it is nearby.

**Emily Ann Wilkins Mason** also gets a legibility A++. Her family is involved in a variety of careers. Son Tom, an actor, has a small but interesting part in a film that won't be out until winter. The film, *Gods and Generals*, was shot at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Son-in-law Joe Malloy remains on the library staff at Sweet Briar. Em reported on the recent visit by SBC President Betsy Muhlenfeld to Roanoke. The gathering was hosted



by Edie Page Breakell '45, Alice Trout Hagan '48, and the Masons. President Betsy gave an enthusiastic detailing of big plans for Sweet Briar in the future.

**Jean Blanton Stein** and husband Chuck have the best of two worlds with their respective alum connections—Sweet Briar and Stanford! They live in Woodbridge, Virginia, near to all offspring. Summer sees them in their Hatteras cottage. A lot of their travels result from events at their colleges. The SBC '01 Centennial College was a superb high spot, where Louise Smith Barry did an outstanding job as '44 Class President. Another stellar event was the gathering in December at the lovely home of Betty (Fence) Williams and husband Richard Gookin in Warrenton. More about this later.

**Peggy Gordon Seiler** and husband Bob are in good health. He is still on the staff of the St. James church, and is busy nearly every day visiting shut-ins. They enjoyed the SBC centennial—renewing old ties. Peggy also had her 50<sup>th</sup> reunion at UVA. Law school. I loved her closing paragraph, and will quote it for you all—"We send fond wishes and prayers for peace and justice in this scary time—all too reminiscent of 1941, Pearl Harbor, and the ensuing conflict."

**Betty (Fence Williams) Gookin** detailed the exciting celebration at the Gookins' home "The Oaks" on Sweet Briar Day. The party was intended to revive the Hunt Country Alumnae Club and made an excellent move in this direction. Sweet Briar President Betsy Muhlenfeld was present to speak, and to show the alumnae centennial quilt to the more than sixty assembled. In addition to this entertainment feat, Betty has had fun with Alice Lancaster Buck as they played tennis with their grandsons. The next thing on the Gookins' agenda was an SBC-sponsored trip to Cuba.

**Helen Cantey Woodbridge** and West have done some globe covering with their trip to Vienna, Prague, and Budapest. Later they did a coast-to-coast sweep, first visiting their son in California, then going to the East Coast. There they were with their daughter in New York during the 9/11 tragedy time. Daughter Penny was downtown and witnessed the event, but returned home safely. Helen keeps up through a Foreign Affairs Forum, a study group and on a lighter side—Colonial Dames, a bridge club and other entertainment "etc's".

**Betty Farinholt Cockrill** tells us of things romantic—plus a few more prosaic. Their second granddaughter had a "storybook wedding" in November. December brought a welcome to the new grandson born on Christmas morning. January brought Betty and Jim an outstanding example of togetherness when they had same day hip replacements! Their recovery period was under the loving care of daughters and granddaughters. The Cockrills are now busy with June and July wedding plans for two additional granddaughters!

**Louise Smith Barry**, Mme. President

of '44, told of a great second Center for Civic Renewal Symposium during the Centennial Alumnae College at Sweet Briar. Among the many visitors welcomed were those from our class, who came from Iowa, Massachusetts, New York, Georgia, and Virginia. This group included eleven class members, seven spouses, and one grandchild—a total of nineteen reuners: Marion Shanley Jacobs; Paulett Long and Ganson Taggart; Sydney Holmes Bales; Louise Smith Barry; Peggy Gordon and Bob Seiler; Ellen Boyd and Bill Miller; Alice Lancaster and Pete Buck; Fence Williams and Richard Gookin; and Jean Blanton and Chuck Stein. The entire group plans to attend the gathering this year. On a personal level, Louise had visited Alice Johnson Fessenden in Las Vegas, and had seen Helen Cantey and West Woodbridge on an East Coast visit.

**Connie Sue Budlong Myrick** is now a member of a multiple-family household and loving it. "My daughter Jeanne, her husband Chuck, and my youngest granddaughter Julia are the characters (!) of this ongoing drama. We have been in our new home for a little over a year, and are facing an influx of accumulated possessions from at least three households. It is stimulating to be living with a bright, busy seventeen-year-old, and wonderful not to be alone. One of the exciting future prospects is to become a great grandmother. My oldest granddaughter, Christie, is due this summer. I thank you all for your input, and wish you the blessings of good health, contentment, and happiness."

*Addendum:* The daughters of **Barbara Duncombe Stolp**, Mary and Lindsey, wrote to the Alumnae Office with news of Barbara who suffers from Alzheimer's disease and is still in an assisted living facility. They wrote: "It she were able, we know she would want to tell you all about her children and grandchildren, and so we will do it for her: Mary and her husband, Charlie Trageser, live in Newton, MA. Mary is an artist and photographer, her daughter Claire is a freshman at Reed College, where she is thriving, and her son David is a junior at Newton North H.S. and plays the guitar constantly. Lindsey and her husband, Tom Kline, live in Bethesda, MD; Lindsey is an attorney, her son Andrew is a freshman at Walt Whitman H.S., a musician and an athlete; Emily is a 7th grader, a swimmer, and a typical teenager; and Daniel is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, into sports and computer games. We wish that she could enjoy her grandchildren and be involved in their lives because we know how proud of them she would be. We also know how much she valued her friendships, from all stages of her life. So this is our effort to keep her friends connected to her. Please let us know if your address has changed or if you have an email address, so that as her life and circumstances change, we can let you know." Mary's email address is [MSLang@smith.alumnae.net](mailto:MSLang@smith.alumnae.net) and

Lindsey's is [LindsLang@aol.com](mailto:LindsLang@aol.com).

## 1947

**President: Ginger Barron Summer**  
**Secretary: Carol Blanton McCord**  
**Fund Agent: Meredith Slane Person**

**Cindy Converse Ash** sent me a wonderful pack of color photos from our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, which are too good not to share with you all at our 55<sup>th</sup> in May. Cindy and Al have made plans to go to Mexico in March, Canada in July, and Maine in Aug. 2002. With their 4 children and 4 grandchildren living in San Diego, Tampa/ White Plains, St. Petersburg and Conn., they have lots of other good places to visit. "The rest of the time Al will be playing his cello with two groups and I will be at our local hospital gift shop once a week and working at the church in one way or another..."

When **Jean Old** gets asked when she expects to retire from brokering, she says, "what's retire?" She went to Iceland and Greenland in Sept. '01 "with a gentleman friend, but traveling companions who can keep up are getting harder to find". When she returned she had a total shoulder replacement and is "now fit to travel to the Sea of Okhotsk, North Eastern Siberia, in May. We are the first tourists to that area". Jean still sees **Martha Smith** and **Margie Redtern** in Norfolk; Martha is now living in a retirement home there.

**Kay "Wizzie" Weisiger Osborne** had a book of her poems published and will do a reading at Catawba College. She still writes columns for the Life Plus section of the Salisbury Post. Her daughter and granddaughter still live in Alaska, but get down at least twice a year for a visit.

**Sara Ann McMullen Lindsey** and Doug plan to attend Reunion this coming May. Sam is still a Regent at Gunston Hall. They put a statue of George Mason between Jefferson and Roosevelt on the Tidal Basin on April 9, 2002. She and Doug visited cousins in FL, Jan. 2002.

"After 42 interesting, never boring years together", **Evie White Spearman's** husband, Allan died very suddenly on Hallowe'en while she was having Hallowe'en in Kennesaw, GA with their 8 year old grandchild, Vivian Spearman. Last summer Evie had a lovely visit with **Peggy Robertson Christian** and "Punkie", whom Evie dubs "The Cincinnati Kids", in Richmond while on a visit to Gaithersburg, MD to visit her daughter, Lyn.

"Wash" **Ferrier Ramsay** wrote from Chapel Hill that all's well despite having had heart surgery in Sept., '01.

**Aimee DesPland McGirt**, also living in NC, is still teaching part-time at Richmond County Community Coll. and likes it so well she hopes never to have to quit. She had all her family together for a December 28th Christmas. Her younger daughter brought her a Jack

Russell puppy, and when in bad weather she has to keep him inside. "it's like having a new baby!"

Last Summer's visit to Martha's Vineyard afforded **Ann Colston Leonard** and Ed a chance to spend time with **Sue Van Cleve Riehl** and Bud, and also with daughter Chris (also SBC) who was starting a special program at Harvard. Ann says, "3 new grandchildren expected this spring, two of them in tandem. This brings our total to a modest 6". Ed retired a year ago, so they are able now to stay longer at the Vineyard. Ann continues her pottery, "standing rather than sitting at the wheel in deference to my back". From California, **Anne Webb Moses** wrote that she and George had a BIG Christmas gathering with family from far. (Italy, R.I., MA), and nearby, which was made even more joyful by both of them feeling well at the same time! Anne enjoys gardening, book discussions, yoga, volunteering, dance, and genealogy; "doing less now but enjoying it more".

**Jane Warner Williams'** husband died in October and her brother in August, 2001. She is still working, but at a lesser pace. Trying to catch up on her traveling, she accompanied her son and his family to Charlottesville, where her grandson had an interview at UVA. She drove down to SBC on her own for the day and caught Kenneth Starr's speech to the symposium on Election 2000. Jane said she had "forgotten how beautiful SBC is—and on a blue and gold October day it was AWESOME".

**Julia Holt Coyle** and "Chook" go to Venice, FL every April where he enjoys the fishing, so she'll miss Reunion in May, 2002. She often reflects on how our class and SBC have enriched her life.

Just back from a "wild, wonderful joyous Christmas in Barnstable where [son]" Tuck "had 8 services in 3 days—but lots of Ho- Ho- Ho's in between", **Maria Tucker Bowerfind's** exuberance had still not cooled down. "My favorite Christmas carol was a 2 yr. old's who announced "I think I need a nap", and another 2 yr old piped up, "Right, I'm all stressed out!" My thoughts exactly! A lovely lady came up in church and introduced herself: Alice Reese's sister-in-law! Heard from 3 of Bozzie's 5 girls—4 more grandchildren born since she died". Maria and her husband hope to come to Baltimore in mid-March for the arrival of their 7th grandchild.

**Saravette Royster Trotter** and Jim celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Iceland "on the theory that it wouldn't be crowded and would be cool. It was both and lots of fun."

**Jane Arthur Etheridge Hamlin** went to Bryn Mawr for the graduation of her oldest granddaughter who is currently in grad school at Univ. Texas, Austin, a six-year program. She hopes to be a college prof. Jane Arthur added, "If I make it to my youngest grandchild's graduation, it may be in a wheelchair. He was a year old this October".

**Carol Blanton McCord:** My husband,

Mac, died last October just one week before our 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I'm still living in the same house we built in 1950 near Baltimore, but considering other options. Our five children are living in: Baltimore, (1) Ct.(1),Mass..(2), NC(1); of our 8 grandchildren, the eldest is still a part time student, his sister is in grad school at UVA and also teaching there; two others at U Colorado and UVA. I plan to return to NH in summer; stay busy reading, writing, walking, nature study, music, and keeping in touch with friends and relations. Hope to see you all at Reunion!

## 1950

**President: Edith Shepherd Brooke Robertson**  
**Secretary: Elisabeth (Betty-"B.G.") Elmore Gilleland**  
**Fund Agent: Mary Dame Stubbs Broad**

Many thanks to all of you who responded with news! Next time we hope that more of you will "stay in touch". Your communications showed your main interests and concerns are FAMILY, VOLUNTEER WORK and/or CAREERS, TRAVEL, and 9/11.

The daughter of former class secretary, **Lola Steele Shepherd**, moved to Seattle from France so Lola and Deedee have "stayed put" except for two trips to Seattle to visit her and their granddaughter. They attended the memorial service in San Diego for Bo Shepherd, Deedee's brother, and husband of **Diane Dietrich Shepherd**, who was in our class for two years before going to England with her family and later graduating from G.W. in DC. Dee has two sons, one a lawyer in D.C., the other working in L.A., and a daughter in Lexington, KY who has two daughters. Lola sees **Edie Brook Robertson**, **Frances Martin Lindsay**, and **Jane Lewis Zollicoffer** in Norfolk. In Richmond she spotted **Mary Waller Berkeley Ferguson** and her husband taking their evening "constitutional". Lola had a temporary setback with a broken collarbone due to an unaccompanied leap with her horse over a log on an overnight trail ride, but is recovering nicely. She was looking forward to attending the Winter Forums to hear SBC professors discussing terrorism.

Our class president, **Edie Brook Robertson**, relates that they had just arrived in Denver, having passed through Pittsburgh on 9/10/01 and were concerned about their daughter in NYC and their son in Alexandria. Anxious time until they determined that all were fine. Their annual Colorado vacation took a "nose dive" as Peyton couldn't finish the Colorado trail, nor could Edie complete a watercolor of the golden aspens. She and son Brooke attended a wedding in Santa Fe, but half the people couldn't get there. Edie ran a centennial in Norfolk for a cultural organization to benefit a museum. She was busy writing a paper for presentation at her book club. A big

event was the surprise 75<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Peyton in the DC area. **Dolly Clark Rasmussen** and **Lola** and their spouses helped celebrate.

Fund Agent **Mary Dame Stubbs Broad** would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Alumnae Fund—through any means! She and Doug had a great trip in November on the "Nieuw Amsterdam" from Norfolk through the Panama Canal. In the Spring they plan to go to Cornwall, England to search for Doug's "roots" and then to Holland "with probably millions of other tourists" to attend the "Floriade". They continue to enjoy family skiing outings in Virginia.

Our most avid skiers may be **Betsy Sawyer Hodges** and **Allen** who, with their offspring, welcomed in the New Year in their North Carolina home. They returned briefly to port St. Lucie, Florida, and they took off for Snowmass, Colorado to ski. In March with their children and grandchildren they accompanied students from Jupiter, Florida on a mission trip to Antigua, Guatemala. Betsy helped with physical therapy for children with cerebral palsy and took care of babies who were malnourished or had harelips or cleft palates. They left with a respect for the people of Guatemala and an appreciation of how much the U.S. has been blessed. In May their granddaughter graduated from college and went with a mission to Nepal. After a relaxing summer in North Carolina, they enjoyed a trip to New England, returning to Florida in time for Thanksgiving.

Speaking of returning to Florida, we have many classmates to do just that. **Mim Wyse Linsky** heads to southern climates this winter. But this year she was wishing the weather would warm up in Vero Beach! She is making good recovery from back surgery in November. Big family news is that their eldest son, Ned (44) is engaged! Mim recently heard from **Judy Campbell Campbell** who was planning to come to Sebastian, Florida for her annual vacation. In the small world department: while shopping at Walgreen's, Mim ran into Lou Moore who was visiting friends in the same condo complex!

Another Florida visitor was **Fanchon Lewis Jackson**. Her husband, a pediatric radiologist, retired last June and they were visiting old medical school friends in Florida and North Carolina and later planning to attend Joe's 45<sup>th</sup> Duke Medical School reunion and visit grandchildren in California and Virginia.

**Jane Munnerlyn Carter** has nine grandchildren ranging in age from one month to 22 years! She said she likes the wide spectrum as it keeps one's mind and heart jumping in all directions! Danie travels to Ponte Vedra Beach, Jacksonville, Florida to visit **Muffet Murchison Corse** who moved to Jacksonville, but still travels back to Virginia.

Now the really "smart" classmates are the ones who have established residency in Florida (I am a little biased!).

**Nancy Storey White** has been a Florida resident for a LONG time. She sent a Happy New Year letter from North Carolina where she was visiting family. Nancy is a resident of the Plymouth Harbor retirement home in Sarasota. She is much stronger now thanks to a personal trainer, but says he doesn't cook like Oprah's trainer! Her New Year's resolution: to fight all terrorists she finds at Plymouth Harbor. She adds that she still makes resolutions because they give her a goal for the year, but that she doesn't necessarily keep them past January!

A native Floridian, **Nell Greening Keen**, is moving from Anna Maria Island near Sarasota back to Tampa. She welcomes the move because she will be closer to her daughter, Elinor, and her two-year-old daughter and eight month old son. Nell's youngest son, Hampton, lives in West Palm Beach and has left the practice of law to work for a money company. Our daughter and Hampton were attorneys in the same building, but in spite of our efforts, they never met! Nell enjoyed seeing **Fran Cone Kirkpatrick** and her husband on the way to the Keys where they winter. They are proud grandparents of a baby girl, their second daughter's child.

**Marianne Delacorte Holland** and her husband, longtime residents of Connecticut, moved to Winter Park, Florida. Having their son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren nearby was a big incentive.

Our best wishes go to **Peachey Lillard Manning** who, after a fall in Naples, Florida, found that she had a brain tumor, which was removed. She spent two weeks in rehabilitation and was starting radiation, but says she is feeling great. She had a wonderful Christmas gathering of 16 family members where she "sat like a Queen!" Her four daughters continue to be a blessing!

We are very sorry to tell you that **Jean Probeck Wiant's** husband, Rick, passed away in September. He had fought a long battle with lymphoma and actually did well for a long time, but died suddenly of a massive bacterial infection. Jean says that the good news is that he went quickly and did not suffer and lived with a good deal of dignity until the last week of his life. He seemed like a member of our class since he attended so many of our reunions. We will miss him!

It appears that many of you may never retire! A prime example is **Lucy Kreisler Carey** who has been a widow for almost four years and finds that working makes her happier. She is teaching Russian part time at a Berlitz Language Center and will soon start teaching Polish. She volunteers for the Red Cross using her knowledge of foreign languages. Last summer she visited the Scandinavian countries and next summer plans to go to Holland and Belgium. Periodically, she returns to Poland to see friends. Her only child,

David, is a lawyer and president of the City Council in Bel Air, Maryland.

**Barbara Favill Marshall** is also a very busy person! She has been involved as a volunteer with the Chicago Symphony for over 50 years! Her talents range from playing cello in a spring quartet to playing tennis. Fitness walking is also on her agenda. She and her husband love to travel, but plan to stay in the US or Canada. On 9/11/01 they were on a cruise ship with the English Chamber Orchestra off the coast of Turkey. They spend the winters in their home in Carefree, Arizona, and summers in Illinois and visiting their daughters and three grandchildren in Massachusetts. A son and his wife live in Colorado.

**Virginia Mann York** has not done as much writing in 2001 while seeing her husband through cancer surgery. She has completed a manuscript of verse, "The Compass", and its companion volume of essays in "An Aquarian Thesis" is near completion. Warmer temperatures in Sarasota and Charleston lure them south, but they will return home to New York in April for Poetry Month readings.

Another talented classmate, **Beverly Benson Seamans**, is working on a commission for the Marblehead High School of a five foot figure of a Revolutionary Drummer Boy, which will be dedicated in June. She and her husband enjoyed a walking tour of Tuscany from Siena to Montepulciano last spring—a total of 85 miles in about a week! They plan a repeat performance this year! A trip to Bali was cancelled because of 9/11. In the summer they enjoy life in Maine and Marblehead, with sailing being a favorite pastime. She says that they are blessed with two children and three grandchildren.

An email from **Cora Jane Morningstar Spiller's** daughter, Helen Spiller Petersen, saying that **Alicia Iznaga Mazzeo**, Cora Jane's former SBC roommate, had asked her to write about her mother's accomplishments and contributions to the Alumnae news. This is Helen's lovely tribute to her mother:

"**Cora Jane Morningstar Spiller** is alive and well and enjoying life in her hometown of Bowling Green, Kentucky. Actually, she is ensuring that everyone in town is enjoying life. After traveling the world as the wife of an Army officer, Cora Jane and her husband Bob moved back to Bowling Green where they met and both graduated from Western KY U. in 1950. In 1980 they should have begun their retirement, but this is when life got exciting. The Sweet Briar alumna busied herself with EVERYTHING. She was president of the Arts Alliance, worked at the theatre thrift store, called families in emergency situations for the ARC, held top positions in the local chapter of DAR, organized and hosted receptions for citizens after the swearing in ceremonies at the Federal Courthouse, and spearheaded a campaign to raise

over \$1 million for the local Salvation Army. And she still teaches Sunday School classes, is a member of the board of the Human Rights Commission, an ombudsman for the county, a historian and volunteer genealogist for the DAR, a member of PTO and works on committees of the Colonial Dames of KY. But she finds time to go to Florida once a year to visit her roommate, **Alicia Iznaga Mazzeo**. Now there's friendship!

A very nice email came from Alicia's husband, Bias, who said that Alicia graduated from the University of Havana majoring in History, Geography, and Philosophy. She married Bias, an MIT engineer, and they lived in Boston, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, and now Parkland, Florida. They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last year and have five children and 11 grandchildren. Alicia traveled in Europe, the Soviet Union, and South America, but unfortunately had a brain tumor ten years ago which has limited her ability to walk and travel. She has helped many Cuban immigrants and taught English to groups of Catholic nuns arriving in the US. Presently she is translating books on religion into Spanish. Alicia said that she corresponds with Ileana Garcia Carr ('48) in Puerto Rico. Also, she writes of Worden Willis ('75) who lives near her in Parkland, Florida. Worden works full time as a broker and volunteers more than 20 hours each week to rescue, care for, and place dogs in good homes.

**Ann Belser Asher** is still thinking of all the fun we had at our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. Her life has "quieted down" to Flower Guild work at the church, associate trustee of Sulgrave Manor (ancestral home of George Washington in England) and Conservation Chairperson for the Nantucket Garden Club. She and Norm celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They live in DC and summer in Nantucket.

**Maggie Craig Sander's** card arrived a bit too late for our last class notes. She is busy with volunteer work, going to "old lady" club meetings and grandparenting. Three of her granddaughters live in Charlottesville. Maggie had a mini-reunion with **Elsie Landram Layton** when she was visiting in New Orleans. She said that Elsie is still as attractive as ever and they had great fun catching up.

Another active classmate, **Dorothy Barney Hoover**, is back in the "social swim" after the death of her husband in 1999. Her days are busy with tennis, needlepoint (working on a church kneeler with 20 other women), Hispanic ministry and training to become a Stephen minister in her church. Six grandchildren (ages 14-19) are doing well. The eldest is a Junior at Hilton Head Prep and was elected to the National Honor Society. Two others are honor students.

**Merry Moore Lynn** sent a great end-of-the-year letter. She is still working part time for her brother. She and Jim have taken several trips to visit family in Virginia and included a visit to SBC.

Merry had not been back in 50 years and was very impressed with the many changes and the lovely campus. Roommate, **Diana Dent**, had a wonderful cruise down the Columbia and Snake rivers following the route of Lewis and Clark. She is planning an auto trip to Nova Scotia and a summer course at Dartmouth to brush up on her Spanish. She is still volunteering as an ESL tutor. When **Dorothy Montague Choinoky** is not in Scottsdale, Arizona, she and Diana meet for fitness walking.

The class of 1950 includes many seasoned travelers. **Bonnie Loyd Crane's** Christmas card featured a photo of an onion dome in Moscow's Red Square. 2001 included trips to Russia and Berlin to visit her daughter, Melinda, and her two children. All the family came to her house in Wellesley for the holidays. Bonnie and I are both blessed, as our mothers are 98 years old and are still doing well. A recent card from Bonnie tells of an upcoming trip to Central Mexico to see the Monarch butterflies before they migrate to New England and a visit to Puerto Vallarta to observe humpback whales—an interesting contrast from some of the smallest creatures to the biggest! When she isn't traveling, Bonnie's art gallery occupies most of her time.

A Sweet Briar trip to Sorrento, Italy, attracted **Carolyn Tynes Cowan** and **Edith Tanner Broughton**, but Edith's children vetoed her going because of 9/11. Only 22 of the 49 who signed up made the trip, but Carolyn reports that they missed a fabulous time! This was her second SBC trip and she is looking forward to another one!

**Pat Owens Purvis** and husband took their children and grands to Disney World and then on a Disney Cruise. She adds that not having to cook on Christmas Day was wonderful beyond belief! Loyal Anglophiles, they returned to Britain for the twenty-something time this past summer. Daughter Lianne (SBC '78) was with them in Wales and they are looking forward to another trip there.

Experienced traveler **Pat Halloran Salvadori** has plans for a spring trip to Italy with daughter Margaret, her husband, and their two children. Margaret was in Barcelona representing Cook County at its trade meeting. Another daughter, Sharon, came home for Christmas after being away two years and was preparing for orals at NYU. Pat has recovered from a fall where she broke her nose. Now she wouldn't let that stay in the way of traveling! In July she is joining a SBC group for a trip to Ireland and hopes that other class members will sign up.

**Betsy Markgraf Waring** gave rave reviews to the April '01 centennial Sally Ride Lectures at SBC which she and Jim attended. They also highly recommend a trip on a small boat to Alaska, where one day they saw 30 whales! Because of 9/11 they reluctantly cancelled an Elderhostel trip to Paris and St

Petersburg, but hope to reschedule.

Interesting news from **Ginger Luscombe Rogers**, who in February attended a swearing in ceremony in DC conducted by Colin Powell for a friend who is the new US Ambassador to Norway. Afterwards, she visited her daughter Sarah who lives near Annapolis. Ginger is still serving on the Architectural and Historical Board of Review, but is trying to find younger people to take over. Her daughter, Larkin, and her four-year-old grandson have moved back to Hudson after eight years in England. Ginger is playing tennis and golf, but hasn't ridden (horseback) in over a year. Her travels have taken her to Guatemala and Belize where she enjoyed snorkeling and touring impressive Mayan ruins.

Guy and I had a fascinating visit last spring to Oman to visit New Zealand friends who live there and then on to Jordan and Syria (Israel was cancelled). The well-preserved Roman ruins and Petra were highlights. We were stranded in Detroit 9/11 where we were visiting our daughter and family. Finally back to Florida four days later, but we delayed a flight to London a few days. Spent a week in a cozy cottage in Wales, visited friends in the Cotswolds, ferried to Quimper, Brittany, to the International Conference on Quimper Faience (pottery which I collect)—topped off with visits to Paris and London. No more big trips planned—just Elderhostels in the US!

Family is always foremost in our class news, particularly our roles as parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. **Anne Green Pangel's** daughter and her husband adopted an adorable one-year-old boy from Romania and she says that Ian is the sunshine in their sky. Anne and her husband visited **Trish Denning Love** and her husband in Hilton Head, South Carolina and had a wonderful time catching up on each other's families, solving the world's problems and dining at good restaurants. **Deborah Freeman Cooper** is moving to a smaller home in a life-care community this spring. Their youngest son and his wife will be living with them until their son finishes his anesthesia residency at Penn—and they are "expecting" so Debbie will have fun being a "hands-on" grandmother!

**Joan Teetor Marder** and Steve are well and thriving in Tucson, Arizona. They were looking forward to a visit from son Ray, his wife and three daughters and a spring visit from daughter Emily and her twins. We are still enjoying the COs recorded by Emily (Saxe) especially the tunes of the 40s and 50s (ah! Nostalgia!).

**Dolly Clark Rasmussen** cherishes Thanksgiving and Christmas family reunions and sent photographs of their attractive clan. A record was made by their three grandsons who peeled ten pounds of potatoes in 15 minutes! Many of you write about the events of 9/11. Dolly was playing golf with a friend when the friend's husband came to tell

them that their daughter-in-law, a flight attendant, was on the plane that hit the Pentagon. Dolly attended the moving service where there were over 300 uniformed pilots and flight attendants and concludes, "We have been concentrating even more than usual on family and friends".

Chicago's Sweet Briar Day in December was enjoyed by **Kay Leroy Wing** and **Pat Halloran Salvadori**. Kay proudly reports that she will be a great grandmother in July. No doubt many of us can identify with her comment—"That's ridiculous—we just graduated a few years ago, didn't we???"! **Kata Edwards Crain** emailed that she is mostly in the "grandmotherly stage" where she loves visiting grandchildren in Dallas and Houston. She sums it up, "Everyone thinks their grandchildren are precious but mine REALLY ARE!!"

**Bill Bailey Fritzing** comments that they don't lead a very exciting life, so consequently not very much news, but we know she and Fritz have a full and busy life managing their farm.

**Mary Waller Berkeley Fergusson** expressed what several of you have communicated—that you would write something for our class notes if it wasn't just "same old same old" In answer to this, please do not feel that you have to come up with anything spectacular. Most of us are at the stage of our lives where great events or accomplishments are not everyday happenings. We've "been there, done that" and now we are enjoying work and/or retirement, grown children, precious grandchildren and maybe a few trips for some excitement. So PLEASE send your "same old same old" so we'll know you're still out there "kicking"! If you have email addresses that I do not have, please email them to me at [BettyGuy@aol.com](mailto:BettyGuy@aol.com). November 1st is the deadline for the spring issue. Postcards will only be sent for the February 15th deadline for the summer issue.

Last, but definitely not least, **Sally Bianchi Foster** and Bob continue to be involved with their community serving on various committees and volunteering in the nursing area of their retirement village. They also allow time for just sitting and relaxing! The activities of their children and grands are an integral part of their lives. Real family loyalty was tested by their viewing of 700+ slides their granddaughter took in Europe! Bianchi's and Bob's holiday letter has some positive thoughts that I would like to share with you: "One of the highlights of 2001, a highlight carved out of tragedy, was a loving, supportive letter from our Down Under friends. It arrived soon after 9/11 and confirmed our belief that our country would indeed survive and flourish, thanks in part to loyal and caring supporters around the world. In our own way, we reaffirmed this belief by planting 150 bulbs around our home. It was bad on our backs, but good for our morale. If the deer permit, we shall have a colorful spring".

# 1952

The following tribute was written by Mary John Ford Gilchrist:

With deep regret we have learned that one of our class of '52, **Susan Hobson McCord**, died in March after suffering years with rheumatoid arthritis, which was of late complicated with cancer.

Susan was active in many ways during her four years at Sweet Briar and as a senior was both President of Student Government and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. After college she pursued a career in education in New York City and abroad.

While raising three children, Susan and her husband, Coke, a heart surgeon, who later specialized in international health care delivery, spent much of their life in Bangladesh and Mozambique. He taught and worked in the medical field as she did the same in the educational field. In Bangladesh Susan served as the Principal of the American International School at Dakka and later represented the American Friends Service Committee, founding a library on development issues that has since expanded across Bangladesh. In Mozambique Susan worked for the Ministry of Education to establish an adult literacy program. Upon her return to New York she worked for the literacy volunteers of New York City and was its director of education at the time of her retirement.

At the time of her death Susan had substantially completed a biography of Natha Singh, a man who though born to a lowly caste, became a teacher in Punjab, India. She wrote in collaboration with Mr. Singh's son, Sewa. Susan had a deep love for Bangladesh and its people and made many trips back.

The class of '52 stands proud to have had one among us, who lived a life of such dedication to the education and well-being of others less fortunate.

# 1953

**President: Dale Hutter Harris (The Hon.)**  
**Secretary: Mary Ann (M.A.) Mellen**  
**Root**  
**Fund Agents: Mary Kimball Grier,**  
**Eleanor Johnson Ashby**

Ladies;

'Tis time again to share our news. Sorry about the wrong email address listed on the postcard. The Alumnae Office doesn't know how, or where, they got it and neither do I. Whomever "Fritz" is, he must have been astonished at some of the mail he received (we're so interesting that I am sure he wants to meet us all!). Anyway, thank you to all of you who persevered and resorted to the old fashioned way of communicating. I loved getting your letters.

The big moves among us are **Cinnie Moorhead McNair** and Norm who have departed from San Antonio and relocat-

ed to Charleston, South Carolina. They are delighted to be closer to their sons, seven grands, and one great, plus being able to catch up with the East Coasters of '53.

**Nan Locke Rosa** and Frank moved to a townhouse in Montgomery, Alabama after 35 years in a large house. They can talk about "throw out decisions" with **Sug Cantey Patton** and Pat who moved around the corner to smaller quarters in Atlanta after inhabiting the same abode for 43 years. In between packing and unpacking, the Rosas managed to fit in a tour of the Greek Isles, a Caribbean cruise, and a trip to Ireland. Nan may have given up the travel business, but she still seems to be bitten by the bug. The rendezvoused with **Anne Elliott Caskie** and Challen in Charleston in January.

Other travelers include **Kay Vennard Le Blanc** and Joe who toured Spain. Kay says she's planning to come to our 50<sup>th</sup>—as I hope you all are. It will be her first trip back and she asks, "Is the Amherst County Room still there?"

**Ginger Timmons Ludwick** and Dave continue exploring the world. They sent a wonderful picture taken in Norway. Unfair, Ginger never ages!

**Joan Arey Harrison** and Chuck said they are also doing lots of traveling but she neglected to mention any destinations.

**Nan O'Keefe** had a super trip to Sicily last spring and was headed for England this summer.

**Mary Kimball Grier** and Bos went to Ireland last year. They continue to make their annual February trip to the Grand Canyon. What a delightful way to escape the winter.

**Katzy Bailey Nager** and C.J. toured England (including the Wimbledon matches) last summer and then "house swapped" with a family in Ireland, a most successful venture for both couples. The Nagers joined **Maggie Graves McClung** and David, and **Kitty Guerrant Fields** at the SBC Centennial Celebration in Spring 2001 and said that it was "FABULOUS!" The McClungs are still happily splitting their time between Smith Mountain Lake and Roanoke. Kitty Fields and daughter Fran spent a week at the Greenhouse Spa in Texas and loved every pampering moment. Kitty passed her usual summer days with friends in Michigan and welcomed in 2002 in Edenton, a charming historic town in North Carolina. She is planning a glorious gathering for family and friends at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond in April 2002.

**Eleanor Johnson Ashby** and Garnett made three trips to Europe, mostly the United Kingdom, but branched out to include a cruise to Scandinavia and the Low Countries. **Nancy McDonald** often joins them on their travels.

**Dale Hutter Harris** and Ted spent last Christmas in England with their daughter and her family. They have two grandsons in England and two granddaughters in Arizona.

**Isabel Grayson Parish** and Hav say they love life in Pinehurst (Mah Jong, bridge, golf, theatre, church), but they managed to break away for trips to Florida, South Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, New York, Louisiana, and Georgia. As a pilot, musician, and physician, Hav has many interests, including the "windjammers", a group dedicated to preserving the music of 20th century Circus Bands. Sounds energising and loud. Their "Painting Preacher" son had an art show at a gallery in the French Quarter this year, congratulations.

**Anne (Kim) Green Stone** and John have been busy showing their champion Arabian Stallion, who is among the top ten in the US and Canada. Kim and John have served on the many Arabian sport horse boards, both domestic and international. They also welcomed two new grandchildren. That makes a total of eight in five years.

**Nancy Bomar Andrews** and David continue to live in lovely Alpine, New Jersey. Nancy is chairwoman of the Horticulture Committee of the Garden Club of America, and would love to welcome any '53ers to their offices in New York City. Dr. Dave will retire in June 2002.

**Jane Perry Liles** and George hosted a mini-reunion (McClung, McLaughlin, Fields, Nager, Harris, Root, Pickett) at their Grandfather Mountain getaway in June 2001. "A grand time was had by all."

**Connie Werly Wakelee** and Dave are contemplating a move to Hanover, New Hampshire area, not far from **Dickie Wellborn Hopper**. Happy House Hunting!

**June Arata Pickeft** and Bob sometimes stop by Hilton Head on their way north.

**Dolly Wallace McLaughlin** and Kemp were also visitors last summer. I love company so "come on down".

**Jackie Lowe Young** and Dick are spending more time at their house on Hilton Head. It's great having them around. Their latest Atlanta grandchild had his first birthday in February. The Youngs cruised down the coast of Italy last year and loved it.

**Kirk Tucker Clarkson** and Jack have sold their big boat and opted for a smaller bateau and property on the Eastern shore of Virginia. In June 2001, they went to France to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kirk's Junior Year in France with her Paris roommate and her husband. Then on to England for a reunion with her WWII pen pal, a very special trip indeed. Kirk reported that she and **Katty Turner Mears** were recently at Sweet Briar with the Garden Club of Virginia Restoration Committee and the committee voted to give the college a new landscaping plan for Sweet Briar House!

We have two classmates who live in Mexico; **Barbara Buxton Waugh** and **Sallie Gayle Beck**. Sallie reports that she leaves Merida in the winter and travels to explore Mayan ruins in Mexico

and Central America. Her goal is to see them ALL.

The dreaded bug 70<sup>th</sup> hits most of us this year. **Liz Gibson Brooke** and George celebrated with their immediate family in NYC this fall. Then she and George went to London, Wales, and the Cotswolds. Their children come from California and Texas to join them for Christmas in Connecticut. Liz and I both have sons in Dallas and hope to coordinate our visits sometime.

**Jane Dawson Mudwilder's** children surprised her with a huge gathering of family friends to usher in the new decade. She says she's still in shock—and she loved it.

In April 2002 **Midge Chase Powell** and Bill and their entire family (16 in all) will go to Cancun to ring in her big day. Midge is still selling real estate in Winnetka when she isn't involved with their eight grandchildren. The Powells sent a wonderful picture of themselves with their golden retriever in the front yard of their house with a HUGE flag hanging in the yard. God Bless America.

**Eddie Norman Wombwell's** three sons surprised her in Denver with a fancy dinner, corsage, the works for her 70<sup>th</sup>. She and George spend eight months in their Colorado home near Aspen, and four months a year in Louisville. They are going on a windjammer cruise with children and grandchildren this summer. My kids also surprised with woop-de-doo. Such fun. I'm dragging the whole thing out by going to Ireland with my daughter, Francie ('80) on the SBC trip in July. One last fling in my 70<sup>th</sup> year.

We lost one more class member in December when **Elizabeth Enteman Hearn**s died. Our sympathy to her family.

I expect to see all the rest of you at SBC in May 2003!

# 1956

**President: Kay Smith Schauer**  
**Secretary: Betsy Meade Hastings**

Our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion (also Sweet Briar's Centennial Year) was really fabulous, and the thirty or so of us who were there had a wonderful time! None of us has aged in looks in the past five years. So all of you had better be here in 2006 so we can say the same about you!! This is **Betsy Meade Hastings**, your Class News editor for the next five years, leading up to our Golden 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2006! Thirty of us had a fabulous time at the 45<sup>th</sup> on May 11-13, 2001: **Kay Smith** (our new class president leading up to the 50<sup>th</sup>), **Nancie Howe Entenmann**, **Ann Train Ross**, **Louisa Hunt Coker** and **Mac, Peggy Anne Rogers, Joan Broman Wright** and **Jim, Marty Fields Fite, Ann Stevens Allen**, and me (your new class secretary). **Mimi Thornton Oppenheimer, Lou Galleher Coldwell**, and **Ginny Echols Orgain** came over for the Saturday luncheon, and **Jane Slack Sigloh** and **Mary Ann Hicklin**



**Willingham** and her attractive groom were waiting for us Friday evening for drinks and a picnic at tables in the Quadrangle. (Can you imagine being served cocktails by white-coated waiters from the liquor tent on the Quadrangle?) Our 45<sup>th</sup> in May 2001 elected **Kay Smith** as Class President and me as Secretary. Our collective job is to inspire ALL of you to come to the 50<sup>th</sup> in May 2006 as guests of Sweet Briar and celebrate our accomplishments and the College.

Last May the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class ('51) numbered 39 alumnae and 13 husbands and presented to Sweet Briar a check for \$90,906! But '56 raised \$30,920 and we were proud . . . I'll bet we can match the class of '51 by our 50<sup>th</sup>. By now our husbands realize what riches they received in us, the products of a Sweet Briar education, and so many have provided that education for our daughters. So they and we can express our appreciation by making our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion gift the largest yet! Please start talking this up among your classmates now.

Starting farthest away, **Ann Train Ross** takes the prize for most miles traveled. After last May's Reunion, they had "a most magical trip" to Mexico, the Everglades, and to see their son Richard, Fiona, and Malachi in San Francisco. Back in the UK, John had the operation to straighten out the Dupuykoen's contracture in his hand. In July they had an enjoyable trip to Wales to try out their new motorhome; then in September '01 they set off for 6½ weeks' tour through Germany, Austria, Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia, Italy, and France—sightseeing and visiting friends along the way. In November they visited her parents in Cape Town and over the holidays they had Richard and family from SF and Tish and family from Bath to visit them (Harefield, Middlesex) and all went to visit Ali and family in the Lake District. She hopes for a huge gathering at the 50<sup>th</sup>.

From **Kay Smith Schauer** in CA: "It's time for Bob and me to be quiet. He's had a recurrence of non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and I have a potential refina problem. But we are happily tucked at home enjoying sunshine and our bird feeders. We hope to be out soon, traveling and visiting our grandchildren in MA."

In Dallas, **Van Hartman Ellis** is busy with St. Michael's Altar Guild and book shop, and trying to keep track of her family, all moving through the calendar at a furious pace. In the Christmas picture she looks as young as her two lovely daughters (and 3 grandchildren).

In Houston, **Betty Pierce Bradshaw** and Jack are both retired and remaining there, but building a beach house in Galveston's West Bay. Their three kids and two grandchildren are likely to stay in Houston, so they will not move to Pawley's Island as they had planned. Betty is active in an Alzheimer help group at church, and closely following the Anglican Mission in the U.S. as it

expands. They're proud of George W., loyal Texans that they are!

In San Antonio, **Eleanor Russell** is delighted to have moved from house to condo, with no concern for yard or larger home. She doubts seriously that she'll make the 50<sup>th</sup>, but we'll hope to see her, otherwise give her a full report.

**Peggy Pattillo Beckham** writes from Abilene that their "baby" is running for Congress against a 24-year incumbent, Charles Stenholm, who has served the 17th District in Texas. Rob is running unopposed on the Republican ticket, but it will be a hard fight to unseat Stenholm. "In the meantime," says Peggy, "I'm trying to grow a thick skin."

**Jeannie Applequist** is still in CO at Trollhagen Tree Ranch, growing beautiful large trees for landscaping in the mountains surrounded by lots of wildlife. Her recent activity was a 3-week work stint with the Red Cross at Ground Zero over Christmas and New Year's . . . "An amazing experience that stretched me in every direction, physically, mentally, and emotionally. I did one-on-one case work with victims affected by the disaster. The stories were horrendous, and I felt very blessed to be there and help with the grieving process. . . another life-changing experience. You are all welcome to visit when in the Wild West. We're 100 miles from both Aspen and Telluride in a very small ranching community. Love to all . . . I miss singing with you!"

**Anne Willis Hettlage** retired from Washington University in St. Louis in July 2000 after 20 years of a great job! She also added a third grandchild that summer. So now she has time to enjoy the little people, travel, and volunteer at the St. Louis Art Museum.

And now from our just retired Class President, **Nancie Howe Entenmann**, in Toledo, OH. The smoothness of our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion was due in large part to Nancie's efforts over the past five years. She and Dick are still involved in vestry, choir, and as unofficial Senior greeters to Newcomers. Dick's choral group Masterworks Chorale is singing around OH. Re: travels, great Gauguin-Van Gogh exhibit in Chicago, and family trips to: Madison, WI — son Dirk and Shari + 2 (baby Walter Howe (ahem), 5 mo.); El Paso, TX (daughter Becky and John +2). They are dreaming about a trip in 2002 to Australia and New Zealand! Dick is a yearlong gardener and Nancie keeps thinking about being a clown . . . (I think she'd make a perfect clown . . . Go for it, Nancie!)

**Mary Koonz Gynn** is not sure we're old enough to be having a 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion yet, and most of us would agree! She has a new granddaughter born to her daughter Shelly, and her son Barry has two boys 3 and 5. Her activities still include farming, which she truly enjoys, and also golf, tennis, weight lifting, and biking to stay in shape.

Our previous News Editor **Meredith Smythe Grider** knew the feeling and was the very first to return her card! She has gone from having no grandchildren to

having two sets of late-in-life babies. Her two oldest girls have had boy-girl twins, both by invitro. So how lucky can I be? One family is in Chicago and one in Louisville, so she gets to be a hands-on grandmother. "Youngest daughter Meredith has been living with me since quitting her job in DC and is anxious to find a new job and move out! It's great having a kid in the house again. She loved her trip to Thailand and Cambodia in fall 2001."

**Peggy Anne Rogers** is happy in her own cottage at Alexian Village on Signal Mountain, TN. They have a travel club — Natchez, Myrtle Beach, the Greenbriar — and she went with her cousins on a cruise Jan. 23-Feb. 3 to Venezuela. She hopes to spend this summer in England again. Retirement is great — time to read lots of books and perhaps take some to the Sweet Briar Library Board. She's still active in Deaf projects; they have about 30 Hard of Hearing who meet monthly in Chattanooga and she collects articles and books for their Library on the Deaf. She also enjoys photography.

**Rose Montgomery Johnston** definitely plans to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> and hopes we have a crowd! She's still a practicing psychologist in Memphis. Their four daughters live in NC, SC, GA, and MT. We have 11 marvelous grandchildren! I travel as often as I can; have enjoyed mini-reunions with SBC classmates (**Carolyn Dickinson Tynes, Mary Ann Hicklin Willingham, Frances Shannonhouse Clardy, Nancy Salisbury Spencer, and Ann Stevens Allen**). I also keep up with **Norma Davis Owen, Beejee Smith Abse, and Bet Forbes Rayburn**.

**Joyce Lenz Young** wrote from Weston, MA: Thanks to Meredith and Macie—you were great! She was so sorry to miss the 45<sup>th</sup>; her news is mostly grandbabies! After many years of none, they now have 3 with 1 on the way . . . all boys so far—no SBC prospects. The latest was born on Christmas Day, 9 lbs. 9 oz., with not even an aspirin! She and Hugh continue to plug along in New England. He's retired but does a great deal of consulting. "Our lives are pretty mild compared to what I read of others. Travels are mostly to the West Coast or WV to visit children. This year we all gathered to celebrate Hugh's 70<sup>th</sup> in Santa Barbara. "Think YOUNG" was our logo. I do hope anyone who journeys our way will get in touch with us—we're only a few miles from Boston, although I don't suppose Logan Airport is high on anyone's list these days!"

Our cosmopolite **Dr. Harriet Y. Cooper** is still living on E. 81st in New York City. Her news is dominated by how all New Yorkers have been affected by WTC disaster and how it has changed the city. "Some of the Louisville girls may know of Fred Algy Management and its CEO, David Algy—all lost. We are closer to our firemen (our station, so far uptown, lost 8 of its 13 men) and admire our 'Bravest' as well as our

'Finest.' I'd just returned from CO and the Telluride Film Festival, a wonderful event, especially meeting Roger Ebert and Jim Ivory in June 2001. I gave a paper at the International D. H. Lawrence Conference in Naples, held in a magnificent palazzo—great art and food. Then visited old friends in Capri (much changed since '85) and Rome, and stayed in Tarymia and Viterbo to study my beloved Etruscans further. Classmates, please call me when in NYC: 212-737-8473."

**Iris Potteiger Hinchman** in Sea Bright, NJ says the trip to Nice and Paris was wonderful except it came one week after 9/11 with all those concerns. "It was hard living at the Shore when I could see the smoke and knew people who had perished. When I have gone to New York for shows or museums I don't venture down to the World Trade area — I am not ready. Before going to Nice I visited my son and daughter-in-law in San Francisco, my favorite city, and on the way back stopped to go Halloweening with my grandchildren Catherine and Jack, outside Dallas in Irving. I attended a lovely wedding in Newport, RI, in the Ashley Croft Mansion, a beautiful site. Enjoyed a North NJ Alumnae Meeting because President Muhlendorf was there, and the video shown made me very connected and proud. In the Poconos, Carol Duncan '57 and I have discovered each other."

January '02 finds **Parkie Carroll Mulholland** and Jack at their condo in S. Ft. Myers, FL, where they will be until April, playing lots of golf and having lots of visitors. She's on the committee to help run a charity tournament for the local Hope Hospice. She is still involved in judging Horticulture, but less so since she's not in Baltimore as much. "We also spend time at our VA mountain house, so we have a different style of life now and love it. Much excitement as we have last child's wedding in June — son David to Amy from Salem, VA. I see **Brucie Bordley Gibbs** now and then. She's in new house on her farm and her daughter and husband live in old spot. No world-shaking news from my department—just graying gracefully and happy as can be. I love having my retired spouse Jack around all the time. We have a great time together!"

**Janeé Monroe Schumann** writes from Clarksville, MD: "Life stays busy, if not hectic, with full-time job as Director of Development at the School of Engineering at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. We are entering a \$2 billion plus campaign. I have two grand-children, Jaime 5 and Sophie 3. Paula in Washington, DC, running our business and other interior design work. Look forward to 2006!"

**Bunny Burwell Nesbit** "I have decided to sell the family home in Upperville, VA and move to Sarasota, FL. I cannot drive due to poor eyesight so I'm pretty stuck here. I will be moving into a new Senior Community where I

will have everything I want or need. Sarasota has the opera, ballet, symphony, theater, and museums that I have missed for so long, not to mention weather, beach, restaurants, and shops, so I'm very excited about this move. I stay busy these days trying to unload everything I've collected during my life that will not move to FL. Ugh! What a time-consuming job! I'll send my new address when I move."

**Helen Turner Murphy:** "I have two pieces of important news:

1. We have an adorable grandson, Blake Woodson Douglas, born 2/8/01. 2. Our new (VA) Governor, Mark Warner, has named Tayloe a member of his Cabinet as Secretary of Natural Resources. The appointment has received universal praise and I am quite proud. We shall be spending most of our time in Richmond but that is where our daughter lives so we don't mind!"

From **Jane Slack Sigloh:** "Life is full—still teaching, preaching, and writing, but taking lots of time off to enjoy fourteen grandchildren (yes, that's 14!) and the garden (we have planted a small vineyard so we're literally laborers therein). My Minnesota man Denny has adopted the UVA Wahoons, so Charlottesville is definitely hometown USA."

**Joan Broman Wright** and Jim loved being with everyone at our 45th! They spent Christmas 2001 in FL with daughter Elise ('83) and her family and son Jim from Raleigh, NC. She visited **Marty Field Fite** in Vero Beach, FL, and her sister ('51) and husband in Stuart, FL, with a wonderful time at The Cloister enroute.

And now for the annual February Event in Richmond, VA most fully described by **Mimi Thornton**

**Oppenheimer:** For many Februaries, when **Helen Turner Murphy** was in Richmond with Tayloe for the state legislature, the late **Prince Trimmer Knox** gave a luncheon for her and all SBC '56ers in the Richmond neighborhood — and sometimes beyond. It was a wonderful getting-together of old friends, very much enjoyed by all. After Prince's death we decided to continue our meeting and dining in her memory, adding Prince's husband Joe to our group. This year 2002 was a particularly special occasion because Joe hosted our group in his very charming new house! There were 8 of us, 6 from Richmond—**Betsy Parker Paul**, **Ginny Echols Orgain**, **Leezie Parrish Loughlin**, **Lou Galleher Coldwell**, **Louisa Hunt Coker**, and **Mimi Thornton Oppenheimer**—and two who came from afar—**Joan Broman Wright** drove over from Charlottesville and **Nancy St. Clair Talley** from Winchester. Other details: **Joan Broman Wright**, "Yesterday was the best fun at Joe Knox' where he gathered together "the flowers of S.B. '56", Joe's words on the printed invitation —music from the Sr. Show was after lunch entertainment!"

**Ginny Echols Orgain:** "Joe told us last Feb. he wanted to be the host, not a

guest, in '02. I didn't think he was serious! He created his own invitations and is providing Sally Bell box lunches. I know Prince will be hovering over us, and we will remember all the wonderful lunches she did."

**Louisa Hunt Coker:** "We had a grand gathering with wine and song and listened to an old tape of our Sr. Show—you remember 'We open in Venice. . . ' We had a marvelous lunch and Joe outdid himself!"

Mimi adds her biggest news: a new grandson. She now has four grandsons and one granddaughter. **Helen Wolfe Evans** and **Murphy** have eight grandchildren: four boys and four girls!

This from a 2001 postcard (In the meantime we caught up at the 45th, when she was in great spirits): **Marty Field Fite's** life was full and blessed in 2000-2001. Great 3-week trip to Kenya '01 visiting missionary friend and teaching 3-5 year-olds in The Little Angels School, followed by 2-day Kilimanjaro safari. Before and after the trip, grandchildren visits in Ocean City, MD summer home. Three plus friends = 5 teenagers for ten-day visit—a challenge, but fun. In Fall she baby-sat in Tulsa with 4 grandchildren twice for a week each, visited her Sacramento, CA family over Thanksgiving, her Tulsa family over Christmas, and took 2 courses at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. "Enjoyed being in my FL home for all of Feb. '01 and looking forward to cruise on the Mississippi with Joan Broman Wright and Jim in March 01, and visits in FL with 8 of 16 grandchildren in April. In May, planning on seeing all of you at SB 45th, after visiting the Wrights in Charlottesville, VA." No word this year.

**Frances Gilbert Browne** and Herb are loving their new house, a renovated '40s ranch in town. We had a great time (11 months) renovating and have been here since Hallowe'en — 232 Middleton Dr, Charlotte 28207. Downsizing has been quite a challenge—cleaning an attic after 30 years is a daunting prospect, but we feel like new people now it's over. Room upstairs for our boys and grandchildren, all here for a happy Christmas. Paul and Anne had a son last fall (now we're at 5 little boys)—what fun! Frances missed the 45th—in the hospital with viral pneumonia—but she's okay now. She has a chronic lung infection which she'll always have to live with, but which doesn't hold her back.

**Jane Black Clark**, wasn't at the 45th, because of her long battle against cancer. After many healthy years, her cancer resumed in 2001. In spite of that, she sent out a beautiful Christmas letter of praise to the Lord and gratitude for all the years of love, joy, close family (3 beautiful happily married daughters and grandchildren), and friends, especially her devoted David, "the ultimate caregiver." She first had cancer in 1956 soon after their marriage in 1955.

**Nancy Ettinger Minor's** husband Raleigh "went to be with his Lord and

Saviour" on Feb. 7, '02 after a struggle with cancer.

They live at The Landings on Skidaway Island near Savannah, which she says is so warm and supportive it's like returning to the womb. You can send your sympathy to her: 1 Spartina Lane, Savannah, GA 31411 or [r\\_minor@aol.com](mailto:r_minor@aol.com)

**Evelyn (Evie) Christison Gregory** died on August 1, 2001. The Alumnae Office has her last address: 4 Dwyer Street, #1, Madison, NJ 07940, but no mention of her husband's or family's names or present addresses. Mail to the above address from the Alumnae Office was returned. Please send any address or contact number or info you may have to the Alumnae Office: E-mail: [alumnae@sbc.edu](mailto:alumnae@sbc.edu)

## 1959

**Secretary: Judy Nevins LeHardy**  
**Fund Agents: Ann Young Bloom; Betsy Smith White**

One of our own, **Mary Ballou Handy Ballentine**, reigned as Richmond Christmas Mother for the year 2001. The Christmas Mother Fund, created in 1935 by Richmond Newspapers Inc., provides needy children and families with toys, clothing, food, and other necessities during the holidays. She felt highly honored and found it tremendously rewarding to assist in a campaign that raised nearly \$250,000. We subscribers to the Richmond Paper were treated to many pictures of her in action, and an especially lovely one of her with two of her three grandchildren. Nice going, Mary Ballou!

**Jane Moore Banks** says: "Middle age is fast fading, though I don't feel any older than I did 20 years ago." She still plays tennis and paddle tennis as often as she can. Still working full time, she's turned over most of the business to her two older children, who have been working with her for 20 years. Her four children and six grandchildren are her "pride and joy".

**Courtney Gibson Pelley** continues with lots of volunteer work.

This year their travel money went into work being done on their Arlington house and beach house.

From **Cathy Tyler Shelton** in Canada comes the news that John retired at the end of last March '01, and they had a wonderful 6 weeks in Europe on a Eurail Pass with friends and family, visiting a German friend in Dresden and Meissen, spending time in Spain at John's sister's house, and ten days in Greece. John then sailed across the North Atlantic on a 37' boat. They are enjoying cross-country skiing and spending time with their four grandchildren.

**Isa Mary Lowe Ziegler** is excited because her suite mates are finally coming to California to visit her. **Sally Beattie Sinkler**, **Vivian Butler Scott** and **Jim**, and **Virginia MacKethan**

**Kitchin** and **Lee** have planned the trip for May '02.

**Reed Price Carne** retired in April '01, but in the fall went back to First Union to work on part-time projects, and was still there as of Feb. Home improvements, golf, and church projects fill the rest of her time. She also travels, mostly in California, but had a wonderful train trip to Portland and Seattle.

**Fleming Parker Rutledge** has a third book coming out this month (The Undoing of Death, Eerdmans Publishing). It is a collection of 25 years of Holy Week and Easter sermons, and will include a lot of art. She enjoyed "seeing Rhett Ball ('60) in Montgomery when I was preaching there, and spent some very special time with **Vivian Butler Scott** and her very attractive husband **Jim** just prior to her trip to Boston for grueling cancer treatment. Spoke to her on the phone a few days ago and discovered that after a year of courageous battling she is in remission and beginning to enjoy life again. Her attitude is admirable." Preaching trips this year will include Columbus GA, Kerrville TX, Oberlin, Germantown TN, and Lafayette LA. She enjoys seeing SBC people wherever she goes.

To **Ali Wood Thompson**, 2001 seemed to be a year of traveling. She hopes it calms down this year. "Being that Travis is the Republican National Committeeman from Hawaii, he has 4 meetings around the U.S. annually. So I have tagged along, going to Boston, Austin, TX (and also saw our son who lives nearby) and to Portland. In June, Trav and I thought it would be great to try a photo safari, so we joined friends and went to Zimbabwe and to Botswana. What a marvelous experience that was! On the way home, we stopped in Ireland for a week — that was a real contrast from Africa! Then in November, I joined some of my classmates and husbands from school and had a mini-reunion down in Guatemala with our Guatemalan classmate. Otherwise, I'm still running our little Hawaiian band (with about 16 members in their 70s and young 80s) and playing at the nursing homes and up country at the geriatric hospital. Aloha to you all...."

**Suzanne Haier Hambrick** reports the birth of a new granddaughter, Catherine Glaze, born Jan. 11, '02. They now have two grandsons and two granddaughters, and feel fortunate that they all live nearby in Hickory, NC.

**Elizabeth Johnston Lipscomb** writes, "I am enjoying my first year of retirement very much, especially the extra time to visit our two small grandsons in Florida. We've also appreciated being introduced to the beauties of New Mexico by son Bill, who lives in Los Alamos."

A cutting from the March 2002 edition of *Episcopal Life* tells us that the husband of **Barbara Sampson Borsch**, Frederick H. Borsch, retired bishop of Los Angeles, has been appointed interim dean of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale



and associate dean of Yale University Divinity School.

From **Gay Hart Gaines**: "I continue to work hard for the Republican Party..... Last April 1st Stanley and I hosted a "Patriotic, Red White and Blue" party around our pool to raise money for the Palm Beach County Republicans and it was not only a financial success, but great fun. We sang lots of patriotic songs and by the end of the evening, there wasn't a dry eye.....that was five months before 9/11. I am the Vice Regent for Florida for Mount Vernon and working hard to raise money for this most visited historic home in America. The Mount Vernon Ladies Association is the oldest preservation board in America. We are a not-for-profit organization devoted to preserving and restoring George Washington's home and educating visitors about the life and legacy of courage and character of our first and greatest President. We now have eight precious grandchildren, ranging in age from 16 years to 5 months. Our entire family was with us in Palm Beach for Thanksgiving, eight adults and eight children for eight days. Stanley and I have restored his family home in West Virginia, where he was born and grew up. We plan to spend about five or six weeks there a year, and our children love it. Last summer we drove to Charlottesville and to Sweet Briar. It was a nostalgic and happy trip and Sweet Briar looked beautiful. I appreciate the boxwood a lot more now than I did as a student! It is truly magnificent!"

**Virginia Ramsey Crawford** writes: "I continue to sing in the Fairfield County Chorale, and to paint (watercolors). I volunteer at the Norwalk Hospital, and Mac and I do "Meals on Wheels".....Ever the librarian, I participate in a book discussion group. We have instituted a policy of traveling with each of our 8 grandchildren in order to get to know them better. This year's granddaughter (Rebecca, 13) wanted to go overnight on a train, so we'll be going to Charleston, S.C. soon. We are looking forward to another summer at our second home at Chautauqua, NY"

From **Penny Fisher Duncklee**: "We have moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico. Turns out this is the tenth state I have lived in. Our house is a 125 year old fixed up adobe.....More big news is that a bilingual children's book (Spanish/English) for which John wrote the words and I painted 14 watercolor illustrations has just come out, *Manchado and His Friends/Manchado y Sus Amigos*. Recently I participated in a city-wide Open Studio tour as part of Love of Art month. Sold a painting, too. The kids are healthy and happy as are John and I".

**Jane Jameson Messer** enjoyed the southern hospitality of **Snowdon Durham Byron** and **Jamie** in Sheperdstown, WV for a couple of days last year after she walked in the Race for the Cure in Washington, DC. In July she spent her usual 3 weeks at Torch Lake,

MI, where **Karen McKenzie Smith**, her roommate senior year, spent one week with her. There was a mini-reunion of sorts with her mother, Sara Jameson, '29, herself, Karen, and **Linda Knickerbocker Ford** at Linda's summer home in Harbor Springs, MI.

**Judy Sorley Chalmers** writes: "My news since our last magazine has entirely to do with my work at Ground Zero in New York. I began on September 12th and have worked nightly, or daily, for nearly four months since then..... The organization we formed has become known as GZFS - Ground Zero Food Services, and we have procured the food for, and cooked and served and delivered over 250,000 meals since September 11th.—to policemen, firemen, rescue workers, National Guard, ETC. We are now becoming a national disaster relief organization to provide similar services should the need arise again anywhere in the country." She has posted an essay about this on the Internet: check on "full text" when you go to

<http://judithchalmersgroundzero.info/> (Also see the article in the last edition (spring 2002) of the alumnae magazine.)

From **Polly Space Dunn** comes the news that she and her husband spent ten glorious days skiing in Vail last winter and enjoyed a delightful dinner with **Betsy Colwill Wieggers** and **George**. Back in Savannah she plays lots of golf and tennis, and still enjoys painting. One daughter, unmarried, lives just outside of Savannah, and the other lives in Rumson, NJ with her husband and "precious" 1 1/2 year old girl. The Duns love their summers spent in the NC mountains.

**Val Stoddard Loring** had a chance to tour the SBC campus while visiting her husband's cousin, Ann Withington, in Lynchburg last year. They had lunch with Ann's aunt, Mabel Shipley, who was the assistant treasurer at SBC while our class was there. Val enclosed a snapshot of herself, Ann, her sister-in-law Carol Kimberly Loring (both of whom attended SBC), and Anne Willis Hetlage '56, all on a great Lindblad tour of the Galapagos Islands in Jan. 2002.

The year 2001 was an eventful year for **Dede Ulf Mayer**. Her first grandson, Liam Hunter Mayer, was born to her son, Tom and his wife, Laura. She spent a huge amount of time in the summer and fall in Western PA (Tidioute), trying to empty the old family homestead built by her great-grandfather in 1875. It had been the storehouse for family history and the gathering members and friends for all these years, but the time had come to let it go! Finally, she states that in Oct. she and Hank ended their marriage of 36 years. She is happy to be living in Charlottesville.

**Sorrell Mackall McElroy** writes that they love living in the country outside of Richmond—a great place for all 14 grandchildren, who are 8 and under. They had a really sad shock last year—the loss of a two-year-old granddaugh-

ter. I know we all send them our heartfelt condolences

In January Ward and I spent a month in Australia and New Zealand—while there we especially enjoyed visiting with 5 couples from our cruising days. We stay busy with volunteer work, and give occasional slide presentations about our sailboat trip around the world, which is fast becoming past history! Our 10 grandchildren range in age from 1 to 21 and keep us on our toes. Thanks for all the cards and e-mail- let's have even more next time!

## 1962

**President: Jocelyn Palmer Connors**  
**Class Secretary: Parry Ellice Adam**  
**Fund Agent: Adele Vogel Harrell**

It doesn't seem possible that we have forged our fortieth. Of course, that is just a matter of record. We haven't changed...or aged. If you have any doubts, read on about our lively ladies.

**Anne Allen Symonds** and **Taft** are new first-time grandparents to **Jonathan Taft Symonds III**, born 9/11/01 in California. Older son **Allen** is in Aspen and youngest, **David**, in Jacksonville. She also reports that **Betsy Pearson Griffin** is the new Director of the Museum of Printing History. **Betsy** went on the SBC Cuba trip in January 2002 and loved it. **Ray Henley Thompson** is newly elected Vice President of the Garden Club of America.

**Martha Baum Hartmann** loves life in sunny south Florida, playing her banjo with as many bluegrass musicians as possible. She went to Belize in February for mountain biking and snorkeling. Last March she spent three weeks in Japan visiting her son who is a lawyer in Tokyo. She took her banjo and played with several Japanese Bluegrass groups!

**Ginger Borah Slaughter** is moving from Atlanta on May 1st to Highlands, North Carolina. She begins her new residence in the community with rehearsals for "The Sound of Music" as one of the singing nuns.

**Laura Connerat Lawton** is back teaching science at Windsor Forest High School after successful open-heart surgery in December 2001. **Rosalie Smithy Bradham** drove over from Charleston to cook a gourmet dinner for her which sped her recovery.

**Douglas Dockery Thomas** and her husband shared a wonderful evening at the Metropolitan Opera with **Adele Vogel Harrell** and **Parker**, and **Nancy Hudler Keuffel** and **Gerd**. The Keuffels have an apartment near Lincoln Center. She has enjoyed seeing SBC friends on Garden Conservatory trips—**Anne Allen Symonds** and **Taft** as well as **Betsy Pearson Griffin** and **Buzzy** on a recent Houston trip. **Douglas** is the proud grandmother of **Isabel Douglas Porteous** born in New York on September 4th. Her daughter **Keith** also lives in New York and works for the World Monuments Fund.

From Scotland, **Louise Durham Purvis** remarked at how sympathetic the British were concerning 9/11. Husband **John** is still very busy representing all of Scotland in the European parliament. They have six grandchildren and **Emily** is expecting their seventh in March. **Louise** sends her love to all, especially at our reunion.

**Linda Emery Miller** is still working for the Iowa Department of Education. Although she and **Clark** are looking forward to retirement, her job frequently takes her to Washington DC, where their daughter **Jocelyn** lives and works.

**Elizabeth Farmer Owen** and **Douglas** welcomed another grandson (their fourth) on Thanksgiving Day. Each of their children, a son and daughter, has two sons and they love to baby sit for them.

**Mig Garrity Sturr** says that her travel agent career is hopping once again. This summer she will return to a Tuscany Manor home with the USNA Alumnae Association for an in-depth study of the region. Then she will go on to Brussels where youngest daughter **Dara-Lynn** will marry **Pascal Van Peé** on August 10th. She plans to tour with wedding guests to **Bruges**, **Ghent**, and **Antwerp**.

**Brooke Hamilton MacKinnon** reports that **Katherine** married in Flagstaff summer of 2000. **Virginia** was married on the beach in South Carolina, summer of 2001. **Hunter** is in Birmingham and **Luther** is in Colorado. **Brooke** and **Gilli's** plan is to build outside **Cashiers**, North Carolina and move there permanently. For now, Atlanta is a great place to call home.

**Peggy Johnson Laney** and **Jim** went to the Galapagos Islands and on to Machu-Picchu, Peru. While there, a pair of fellow tourists asked **Jim** to take their picture...for the SBC newsletter! They turned out to be **Pat Warren** and **Simone Aubry**, both '61. **Peggy** sent a wonderful photo of all three of them. Small world.

**Jocelyn Palmer Connors** and **Tom** are moving back to Lynchburg to "retire". Daughter **Kaky '86** and husband **Garland** live in Charlotte with **Jocelyn (12)** and **Stuart (7)**. **Dede '87** and **Charlie** are in Martinsville, Virginia with **Agnes (5)** and **Robert Connors King**, born 9/31/01. Son **Mark** and his wife live in Norfolk. **Jocelyn's** parents, in their 90s, still live in Charlotte. **Jocelyn** started playing golf six years ago and loves it.

**Anne Parker Schmalz** and **Bob** have moved from New Haven (after 40 years) to **Dorchester**, Massachusetts, to be near her parents, their son, and his family, and their Cape Cod cottage. **Fran Early** and **Betsy Shure Gross** have been helpful in getting them involved in the Boston area. They had 16 children and grandchildren at their new home for Christmas.

**Barbara Pearsall Muir** spent the month following 9/11 with a trained therapy dog at the Pentagon Family Assistance Center. They earned the honor of sitting with family members at the Pentagon memorial service. All else is well with them.

**Ann Ritchey Baruch** has built a house on Spring Island, South Carolina near Hilton Head in the beautiful "Low Country", a new area for her. **Rosalie Smithy Bradham** and **Alice Allen Smyth** have visited several times.

**Caroline Coleman Stautberg** lives with second husband Jerry on a beautiful farm in Monkton, Maryland, just north of Baltimore. They raise thoroughbred horses to sell and race themselves. They are expecting 18 foals this year.

**Mary Jane Schroder Oliver Hubbard** is thoroughly enjoying her new life with James in Roanoke, and being so close to Sweet Briar. Even when she will probably leave the area again, she will keep connected through her membership in the Friends of Art, of which she is on the Board. She enjoyed the buying trip to NYC in the Fall of '01. She writes, "The arts are truly coming into a finer focus than ever at Sweet Briar. Join the FOA so that you can be a part of the excitement."

**Julia Shields** loves her retirement which affords her trips to England with her church choir, to Ocracoke with family, and to Massachusetts to an Elderhostel. Julia says that **Marcia Armstrong Scholl** has also retired. She and Bern live in Paris and love seeing their daughter Anna and grandchildren who live in the USA.

**Mary Steketee MacDonald** reports her regime: ski when she can, travel when she can, taxes January-April, and Saratoga race track in the summer. This includes hiking in the Catskills and the Adirondacks.

**Adele Vogel Harrell** continues as director of the Urban Institute's Justice Policy Center. Parker still travels the world for Korn-Ferry. Their daughter Glenn expects her fifth momentarily. They spent a week with her on Fire Island, New York, last summer. Daughter Logan has Conrad (1) and has bought a house 1 mile from them, so it is handy to baby- and dog-sit. They thoroughly enjoyed the New York weekend with the Keuffels and Thomases.

**Gwen Weiner Neff** and Charlie live between Incline Village, Nevada; Seattle; and Tucson. During the last 24 years she has run the family business in Texas. She is also involved in interior design and has her own paint studio. Charlie is a writer and jazz trumpet player with a Ph.D in international relations. They have four children and nine grandchildren in Seattle, California, and New York.

**Macon Winfree Hilton** and Bob went to Kenya and Tanzania late February into March, which was quite an adventure. Last July their son and his wife had a boy, Ryan Walker Hilton.

The Adam family continues to expand. Gladden ('87) and Phil had their second, James, on May 30th. Happily, they moved closer to us one month later. Aubrey ('86) and Jim welcomed Eva on October 27th in Boston. We had a wonderful week in Wales last February.

Thank you all for your contributions. Next report should be a great reunion review.

# 1965

**President: Whitney Jester Ranstrom**  
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**Dana Reinschmidt Tompkins, Alice Perry Park**

Salutations, Class of '65! What fun it was to hear from so many of you, from Scotland to California. As I write this column in Feb., 2002, I am hoping all the postcards you sent actually arrived. The DC Postal Service is still recovering from the anthrax attacks, and we received a Christmas card postmarked Dec. 19 in mid-February! But I shall report on everything I've received, so please let me know if you sent news that does not appear in this issue. And forgive me if I seem to have taken a creative approach to the spelling of your family's names; deciphering handwriting is about as challenging as my all-but-futile foray into physics back in 1961. (Shudder!)

Well, let's begin across the Atlantic. How nice it was to hear from our exchange student **Jean Murray McDermid**. She sends to all of us greetings from Stechill, Scotland, and says she enjoys reading alumnae news and "connecting names to faces and friendships from so long ago." Jean and her husband are still teaching, and their two children "are grown up and graduated from university."

On this side of the Atlantic, I had two cards from Massachusetts. **Judy Howe Behn** writes that she and Bob are happy to be back in the Cambridge/Boston area, just five minutes from her parents' home. Their son Mark will receive his Ph.D. from MIT in geophysics in June, 2002, and then continue with two years of postgraduate work before becoming a college teacher. Says Judy, "Education seems to go on forever!" Judy had a nice visit in June with **Pat Markle Dresden**, whose husband is the new headmaster of Concord Academy, Judy's *alma mater*.

From Shelburne Falls, MA, **Bunny Sutton Healy** writes that she is still "a country mouse/city mouse:" sometimes in Boston, sometimes in the Berkshires. Her husband Jon is Commissioner of Food and Agriculture in Massachusetts, their daughter Elizabeth is a junior at Tabor Academy, and Eben is headed for Haverford College in the fall. Bunny works part-time at The Park School, and she is also working hard on her golf game and on learning to play the piano.

Two classmates sent news from New York. **Katy Weinrich Van Geel** writes from Rochester that she is "happily occupied with professional work as a CPA and CFP." She also enjoys volunteer work, aerobics, and church activities. Tylil, her husband of 36 years, continues teaching law courses at the U. of Rochester, and (every mother's dream!): "both children are gainfully employed in the Boston area."

From NYC, **Magda Salvosen** writes

that she is teaching history of art at The New School, and history of garden design at the N.Y. Botanical Garden, and "flitting around giving single lectures." In her capacity as "compiler," she has just sent in to Merrell Publishers all the material for the Jon Schueler monograph, which comes out this fall.

**Dabney Williams McCoy** had lots of news to report from Richmond, VA. In May her son Chris graduated from law school and moved to Charlotte, NC, with his wife and son, her daughter Catherine graduated from UNC, and her son Tim and his wife presented the McCoy's with their second grandson. Tim works for an investment firm in Richmond, and Catherine moved to NYC a week before Sept. 11. Job hunting was a challenge, but she now works for a hedge fund with **Jane Merkle Borden's** older son. Dabney says that Catherine loves her apartment and her job, and Dabney loves being able to visit! She and husband Tim enjoy their work (professional and volunteer), enjoy visiting their children and out-of-town friends, and enjoy spending part of the summer in Maine.

I had a number of nice notes from North Carolina. **Alice Mighell Foster** writes that all is well in Winston-Salem. She is delighted that her son Hails and his wife and 17-month-old daughter Helen live nearby. She is also delighted that her daughter Ashley and her husband, who live in Charlotte, are expecting a baby in July. Alice stays busy with "a small business, grandmothering, and trying to 'relearn' golf and bridge."

From Washington, NC, **Kathleen Watson Taylor** writes, "I am still savoring the wedding of our oldest child, Carney, to 'the love of his life,' Sarah Jane, in Nashville, TN." Kathleen adds, "We are thrilled!" The newlyweds live in nearby Greenville, NC. Kathleen's youngest son Selden is an engineer, living and working in his hometown, and he will be married in June. Kathleen's daughter Anne and her husband live in Raleigh.

**Blair Both** writes that she is presently enjoying Wilson ("tobacco-land"), NC, and being interim rector of St. Timothy's (for the last 16 months). Blair asks, "Does anyone know of a good Episcopal parish searching for a rector? I'm starting to look in earnest." Blair adds that she and her dog love seeing **Linda Schwaab Hodges** and her many animals in Kinston, and she also enjoys her visits with **Harriet Wall Martin** in Chapel Hill.

**Brenda Muhlinghaus Barger** e-mailed from Davidson with a rundown on her 4 children. Jack, the oldest, is married and working in Houston. Older daughter Kate will graduate from vet school at NCSU in May and has received a Rotary Ambassador Scholarship to study in Mexico City next year. She will be at the University studying poultry nutrition and hoping to work with poultry producers in the surrounding area. Younger daughter Emily is working in Atlanta, and Sam, the youngest, will graduate (from Wake Forest) the same weekend as Kate. Brenda says, "Best

news is that we get the checkbook back! We will have no one in college or grad school! Hooray!"

Several classmates sent news from Georgia. **Dryden Childs Murck** writes from Savannah that for 30 years, needlepoint has been her passion. She recently went to Callaway Gardens for "five days of uninterrupted stitching," which she compared to finals and term papers: "utterly exhausting but exhilarating." Dryden recently reconnected with her roommate, the former **Nancy Collier**, via the Internet, and they have a great time trading news about grandchildren. "What a treat," says Dryden. She was also delighted by a surprise Thanksgiving visit from her daughter who lives in L.A. and by "wonderful beads" from her son, "to feed my newest creative addiction." Husband Sandy "has turned into an artist" and sells his acrylic paintings of flowers. "What a wonderful life!" says Dryden.

2001 had both highs and lows for **Aline Rex McEvoy**, who writes from Atlanta. Highlights of the year included trips abroad (Normandy and Paris) and in the U.S., family and school reunions, wonderful weddings, and "being grandparents to Lily." On a very sad note, Aline lost her father suddenly, following knee surgery, and we extend to her and her family our heartfelt sympathy on this poignant and unexpected loss. But on a happy note, Aline and husband Peter are looking forward to becoming grandparents again when son Clay and his wife Kimberly welcome their second child in May. Aline and Kimberly had fun attending the SBC Centennial Gala, where they ran into **Mary K. Lee McDonald**. Aline's daughter Emory continues her adventure in NYC, despite the Sept. 11 tragedy, and she enjoys all the city has to offer.

Also from Atlanta, **Elvira Tate McMillan** e-mailed happy news of the birth of granddaughter Riley Cochrane Dubilier to daughter Minnie in NYC. It was a traumatic time, as Minnie was suffering from liver trouble, and the baby arrived 11 weeks early, but Elvira reports that Riley was able to leave the hospital at 12 weeks and seems to like her new home.

What a treat it was for me when **Laura Haskell Phinizz** recently came from Augusta to Washington, and we took a "road trip" (how's that for nostalgia?) to Annapolis, MD. Laura came to visit her daughter Laura, who lives in DC and teaches at Pyle M.S. in Bethesda, MD. Daughter Laura's husband Keith has been called by the U.S. Naval Reserve to duty in Bahrain as a result of Sept. 11. Laura's next daughter Marion, a nurse, is married and lives on St. Simons Island, and daughter Louise is at home. Laura has been busy! She reports that she finally completed the Graduate Realtor Institute and received her GRT as well as her real estate broker's license. Now she is working as husband Stewart's "assistant."

I had a brief but enthusiastic e-mail from **Scribbie Scribner Euston**, who

lives in Jacksonville, FL. She reports that she and husband Greg had a great gift from a member of the SBC class of '92: daughter-in-law **Kimberley McGraw Euston** gave birth to twin grandsons. Scribbie reports that "they are forcing me to exercise more, when I have a chance to be with them, than any personal trainer would ever dare!"

My husband Dick and I have just returned from New Orleans, with marvelous memories (and an obscene number of excess pounds). We stayed with roommate **Dana Reinschmidt Tompkins** and her husband Bob, a professor in the biology department at Tulane and a chef to rival Emeril! The Tompkins family has opened a second candy store in the French Quarter, both called Southern Candymakers and filled with exquisite delights, made fresh daily. (Call 1-800-344-9773 for a glorious brochure.) We all spent as much time as possible with roommate **Jean McIntosh**, who is an art director for *The Times-Picayune*. She has recently adopted yet another cat, dubbed Amelia Earhart for her trying tendency to take flying leaps at the elegant curtains in Jeannie's beautiful and newly renovated home.

I'm always delighted to hear from **Mibs Sebring Raney**, who calls from Houston, TX, from time to time. She and husband Bev (a pediatric oncologist) survived the terrible floods that assaulted their city, but Mibs says they had water up to the front door! Mibs has restructured her professional nursing life and is now an independent practitioner, with an office at home. And now she works with just the elderly. Her most thrilling news was of the birth of granddaughter Margaret Milbrey Walker to her daughter in Austin, "just two hours and 40 minutes away!" says Mibs.

**Saralyn McAfee Smith** e-mails from Dodge City, KS: "Our lives have changed considerably in the past year." Husband Hamp retired from his position as Director of the Special Education Cooperative last summer, but he enjoys occasional substitute teaching. Their daughter Laura was married in May, 2001, and they enjoy taking care of her two-year-old daughter Sierra while Laura works and attends school. Saralyn's 89-year-old father has come to live with them, and she says, "We are now a multi-generational household and loving it." Saralyn spends all her spare moments on the computer, working on a memorial site for her son Robbie, who tragically passed away in 2000, and providing links and sources for other grieving parents. She invites us to check out her website at: <http://momofrobby.tripod.com/robbysmithmemorial>

She also mentions that she loves to get e-mail and can be reached at: [saralyn@kscable.com](mailto:saralyn@kscable.com)

How extremely sad I am to report that **Jane Merkle Borden's** husband Lew died suddenly and unexpectedly of a massive heart attack in the fall of 2001. Jane writes from Denver that she and her wonderful husband were married a week

after her SBC graduation, and she is thankful for their 36 very memorable and charmed years together. But the mercurial year also brought joy to the Bordens, for younger son Arroll and his wife Tanya blessed Jane and Lew with their first grandchild, a little girl named Maya, in Jan., 2001. I know all our hearts go out to Jane, and we will all keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Her address is: Mrs. Lewis M. Borden, 2830 East 7th Ave., Denver, CO, 80206.

Also from Denver, **Betsy Benoif Hoover** writes that she continues to enjoy her psychotherapy practice. She is on the staff of The Samaritan Counseling Center in Denver. Betsy also reports that daughter Melinda graduated from medical school (U. of Colorado) and began her residency in OB/GYN at the U. of Iowa. Betsy's husband George, a professor of architecture at CU, is on sabbatical this year, working on a book on ancient Greek religion and architecture. In Oct. Betsy and George travelled to Greece, where they spent several glorious weeks visiting archaeological sites. Hours before their departure, on the island of Santorini, George ruptured the quadriceps muscle in his right leg and had to have surgery in Athens. (What a way to extend a trip!) Betsy, of course, was left with the arrangements and the luggage; she says, "I'm still tired!"

Moving on to California, I was happy to hear from **Sally Rasco Thomas**, who lives in San Diego. She is looking forward to a third grandchild, to join older sisters Naja, age six, and Mira, age 2. Sally says, "I do love being a grandmother!" She also mentions that she and **Brooke Patterson Mahlstedt** would love to see classmates who visit San Diego.

It was nice to have news from **Kay Knopf Kaplan**, who lives in San Rafael, CA. Husband Bob is a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley, and Kay has been with Charles Schwab for 10 years. Oldest son Scott and his wife Tanya delighted the Kaplans with a darling grandson, Kyle Benjamin, now age 2. Middle son Dan is a fixed income manager at Seneca Capital, and youngest son Tag (a.k.a., Jim) is the Western sales manager for EA.com. Kay says, "Both younger men (33 and 31!) have wonderful women partners. One is the CEO of her own company, and the other is at The Gap and brings to the mix her darling 3-year-old Bridget." The year's highlight for Kay was her Schwab sabbatical, during which she and son Tag went to South America, where they hiked into Machu Picchu (Peru), "bummed around the beach" in N. Peru, and went to Ecuador and sailed in the Galapagos. Kay says, "Imagine standing high in the Andes at dawn all alone with your son at the Sun Gate looking down thousands of feet into Machu Picchu. Thrilling."

It was great to hear from **Genie Dickey Caldwell**, who e-mailed from San Francisco. She says that she and Peter are enjoying having her godchild Lee Phillips (**Cori Lee Logan Phillips'** daughter and a dot com casualty) live

with them while she looks for a job. She also says that so far her own job with IBM has been spared, though there have been so many layoffs that her morning commute from San Francisco to Silicon Valley is noticeably less crowded. And Genie has taken in other lodgers, as well; she writes: "We sold our macaw to a breeder but ended up taking him back, along with a female to whom he had bonded, when the breeders closed up shop. So we tried to cut down to one parrot but wound up with three parrots! Way too many for a small city house." (One can only speculate about how many conversations transpire simultaneously!)

As for me, I'm still enjoying Washington, and I treasure the time I get to spend with roommate **Janet West Garrett**, who always has so many creative projects in the works that I am left in awe (and frequently in her sawdust!). She is now renovating two houses simultaneously (one, singlehandedly: her country house in Blue Ridge, PA), and she is forever donating her artistic skills to worthwhile causes. The Ambergs and Garretts had a fun evening not long ago with **Leslie Smith**, a DC lawyer, and her husband Joe Goulden, an author of many books on politics.

On a personal note, I was at first reluctant to mention that I spent most of 2001 in treatment for breast cancer. But I decided that if I could persuade even one of you to get annual mammograms, it would be well worth mentioning. I was lucky that the mammogram caught it early, and I'm happy to report that I feel great and the prognosis is excellent. But the year also had its joys! In June, our daughter Elizabeth was married in New Mexico, in a lovely cottonwood grove beside the Rio Grande, at the foot of the Sandia mountains. (And, thank God, it didn't rain!) The next day we all went up in a hot air balloon, (my fantasy since reading the Babar books over 50 years ago!). Our son Rich is in a graduate program in film school at USC, with a focus on screen writing.

Are you asleep yet? Have a wonderful year, take care of yourselves, and please send me your news! Beverly Sharp Amberg, 5012 Tilden St., NW, Washington, DC 20016  
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## 1968

**President: Martha Bennett Pritchett**  
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**Fund Agents: Barbara Johnson Prickett, Anne Peterson Griffin**

**Barbara Baur Dunlap** writes that "Holly is still busy with her shoe company, HollyWould, designing 'preppy with an attitude shoes.' Charlie and I are still busy giving lectures on marriage and the family, most recently in Latin America and Naples. When we're not giving seminars, we're babysitting our dear little one-year-old grandson. Life is still very busy with four unmarried kids. Boots

graduates from U.Va. May 2002. Molly is spending this semester in Florence. Love to all. Barbara."

**Martha Bennett Pritchett** "We have a reunion coming up soon! It looks like I will be unmarried by the time you go to print... but I'm not sure. This process has become unbelievably long. My four children, who have been my career, are doing well. Hartwell will graduate from Wake Forest in business in May and wants a job with NASCAR.... Anyone have any connections? He and I were entertained royally by **Ann Banks Herrod** for Hartwell's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday... He wanted to go to Graceland. Leslie Harper is a freshman at Elon University (reminds me of SBC with males), plans to be a math major and models for Nils ski wear. Twins (high school juniors): Elizabeth has been #1 on her high school tennis team for 3 years and on the varsity soccer every year. In January her brother Poston was ranked #1 in the country in the 16-under 50-yard freestyle by the USA Swimming database, and #5 in 100 yard. He will be swimming in Augusta, GA, and Austin, TX, in March and hopefully in Minneapolis. I'm pretty busy still keeping up with them. My sports claim to fame is I was the Croasdale Country Club Ladies Golf Tournament—Net winner for 2001! I still am a real estate broker and am doing some writing on homebuilding, and am contemplating my next career. Come see me!"

**Ann Biggs Jackson** says, "Biggest news of the year was my older daughter's wedding. Cary Lewis married Chris Cosper on Sept. 15, 2001.... Interesting timing. My younger daughter, Win, has left Boston and come back to Maryland to teach riding at Oldfield's School. I'm still busy on the board at Ladew Topiary Gardens as Secretary of the Board. Still active at tennis and gardening, and the steeplechase scene."

**Lesley Bissell Hoopes** sends greetings to all. She and **Lynne Gardner Detmer** meet occasionally in New York when Lynne is in the city attending the Metropolitan Opera. She writes, "The horrific events of Sept. 11th directly affected 3 families in our building alone, as well as numerous dear friends throughout the city. So our family feels extremely fortunate to have celebrated happy occasions in 2001. Daughter, Elliott, graduated from Denison in May and is currently in Washington, D.C., job hunting in the art world. My mother's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated with a family cruise through the Galapagos Islands. Son, Brad, is still enjoying life in southern California as a concierge at Loew's Coronado Bay Resort in San Diego. And Toby and I continue our maritime and museum interests, respectively."

**Susan Bokan** "visited **Bunny Church** in Raleigh, NC, last fall where her green thumb has created a magical garden with her new husband, Jim. Joined **Linda Fite** for a creative class at Omega Institute. Just returned from a special tour of Caribbean gardens on the square rigger 'Sea Cloud.' I go to New York City

monthly to enjoy both the Metropolitan Opera and Museum."

**Stephanie Bredin Speakman** is "busy still at writing, riding and winging it out to Australia in search of El Dorado, i.e. the perfect little cattle station in the mountains. Daughter Tavi Hyland Jones (SBC '96) is about to move to Belize with her husband, Corky, and 2-year-old son, Booker. They plan to teach diving at an eco resort to start with. Hoping Bill will retire at the end of the year and join me on the Australia venture!"

**Kate Buster** "finally made it" to the top of Mt. Rainier called by some climbers the hardest endurance climb in the lower 48 states. Mt. Rainier is the highest mountain in the Cascade Range, the fifth highest peak in the United States, and among the leaders of glacial mountains in the world, containing 27 sheets of ice. "It was the most difficult athletic achievement of my life, especially since I was 'blown off' by 60 mph winds twice before! The crevasses were many and really deep this past Sept., since they had had such a dry summer there in the Northwest. Now, when I look at photos of Mt. Rainier, I am finally at 'peace' with the mountain." Kate plans to go to New Zealand next year... "everyone seems to love it there!" She continues, "be happy, and grateful for all we have on this beautiful earth."

**Katharine Cooley Maher:** "2001 was a big year for us with all three children getting married in three months! Our son, Alexander, married Macye Kinsey in Jackson, WY, in August, and they continue to reside there. Our daughter Maggie married T.J. Wagner in Mobile in September, and they now live in Atlanta. Our son, Colby, married Amy Lambert in Natchez, MS, in October, and they reside in Cincinnati. We are thrilled with our new enlarged family. I am now working in the alumni office at the University of South Alabama and really enjoy it."

**Brenda Darden Kincaid** writes after several years. "I have been married for almost 35 years now to the same man. We have four children and two grandchildren. Our oldest daughter Julia lives in Jacksonville, Florida. She is the mother of Ellie, 5, and Jack, 2. Our daughter Sarah lives in Jersey City, New Jersey with her husband John who is finishing his last two years of medical school. Our youngest child Jed lives in Arlington and works in Washington, D. C. for a law firm, which does consulting for the cell phone industry. Jed is an electrical engineer. Our son Douglas lives with us, and he is recovering from a mental illness. This experience has changed all of our lives and it has taught us a lot about the world of the mentally ill. I sometimes feel this is the last frontier in medical research. We are hopeful that advances will be made at an even greater pace in the next few years. I am the Assistant Headmaster of Nansemond-Suffolk Academy in Suffolk, Virginia. I teach one class of Advanced Placement Calculus and I have been a reader for the Advanced Placement exam for three

years. My husband Doug works for the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Neither of us has any plans for retirement. We enjoy our family and our lives."

**Francie deSaussure Meade** loves "to hear everyone's news. **Marguerita Chandler** wondered about **Coop Prettyman's** tragic death about two years ago, and I meant to track her down to let her know that it was cancer, but I somehow lost my momentum. It was very sad news to hear. Dave retired from the Army 6½ years ago and we live back in Burke, VA, with our 13 year old, Ted, with older children Mary and David now both married and not too far away. Mary and I have a mother-daughter interior design partnership going on (between her babies). It's fun and stimulating. Happy 2002 to all!"

As for me, **Lynne Gardner Detmer:** Jim and I and our blended family have had a wonderful year. ALL thirty of us came to our daughter's wedding to Scott Jones (a wonderful man perfectly suited to her) in Naples, FL, on Aug. 3, 2001. Jim and I took a one month break from our hectic daily lives by taking back-to-back Wind Song cruises from Tahiti to Auckland, N.Z., and then Auckland to Christchurch, where we stayed for four more days. The high seas...and New Zealand were both absolutely fabulous! We came back truly refreshed. The rest of our lives is normal: I continue with Adornings, my jewelry business; and now have half ownership of the family farm in the Adirondacks added to my responsibilities. Actually, I love all the "work" I do. I love creating beautiful things for others to enjoy; and the farm beckons at all times to come, oversee...and enjoy. Jim is happily retired and busier than ever; he is the Williamsburg electronic tiling coordinator for the AARP sponsored Tax Aide program, as well as an active volunteer at his church.

**Sara Granath:** "What is there to tell? I think my life is much the same from year to year."

But, of course, last summer I spent ten days in Sydney for a theatre research congress. That was great fun, though I had to travel 30 hours to get there. Especially I liked visiting the Art Gallery of New South Wales, which I did three times. And of course, I went straight to the opera, where I saw/heard Britten's Peter Grimes. There I also heard people calling my name: David from Great Britain and Janelle from the States. That's part of being in an international organization. I write theatre reviews and I teach. This semester I have (at least) 2 new courses: The Rise of the Novel, for History students, and Creative Writing for 'my own' lit. students. The only creative writing I have studied is at Sweet Briar, for William Smart. Comes in handy now. I am very interested in sports and I watch the Olympics from SLC every day. Thank God for the VCR, when I have to be in the theatre... My brother is actually there, as trainer for a young Swedish

skater (mostly he works as a dentist). I got an e-mail from him yesterday, and he is enjoying himself."

Somehow I mislaid a midsummer (2000) letter from **Tonia Macneil**. Apologies! Tonia wrote, "The fact is that nothing much happened this year. The days went by, I didn't take any big trips or discover any great truths or paths. Well, I suppose that taking 5 months off to try to heal my back was something... Well, there is one thing. Quite by accident, I discovered a series of seminars on philosophy and literature.... Since last February, I have taken a course every semester, reading bits of Plato, Sappho, Rilke, Schopenhauer and Nietzsche, William Blake, Shakespeare and Martin Buber. I even attempted reading the Post-Modernists, because I wanted to understand their point of view. My mind doesn't have the power of retention that it once had, and I am not sitting up in the dorm smoker until all hours arguing the finer points of their arguments, but nevertheless, it seems that my life is richer for these insights. And my fellow seekers are an invariably interesting bunch—ranging from doctors and therapists to computer nerds and bookkeepers... As I look back, I realize that this has been a year of friendships, new and old, ebbing and flowing. As always, there is my evolving life at St. Gregory's, celebrations of births, baptisms, and marriages and lives well lived, the weekly communion of friends, at church, on the phone, on walks. And there is my trust investment club, a group of courageous women who monthly meet, put up with each other, and actually learn a little. In retrospect it has been a good year, physical limitations notwithstanding, and I am grateful for it... May your mind be easy and your sleep sound. May you find trust, generosity and fellowship wherever you go, and may beauty surround you every day of the year."

**Celia Newburg Steingold** is "continuing to enjoy life in DC. I have added another museum to my professional docenting career (in addition to National Gallery for 13 years). Hillwood, with its 18c. French and Russian collections, is lots of fun. Oldest daughter, Marissa, got her Masters from New England Conservatory and has set out for LA to be a jazz vocalist and composer. Alison, 2nd daughter, is a junior at Georgetown and aspires to be a 'Talking Head'... that's what you get for living in D.C.!"

**Penny Oliver Hawkins:** "In 2001, **Lizzy Green, Suzanne Little** and I traveled to San Francisco to celebrate with **John and Libby (Harvey)** at their wedding in Petaluma; Libby was beautiful and glowing; John is terrific. We enjoyed the whole day including the Butter and Eggs parade in which John and Libby were featured. I dare say Libby's close friends in Petaluma would have made OUTSTANDING 'asses' (a la Aints and Asses). The SBC group wore pearls and discussed Libby's genteel good taste at SBC. I saw John and Libby again at our Montana cabin in July. They are very

happy and 'beautiful' people. My personal big news for 2001: I retired from my 'high stress' position after 18 years at U.S. Bank. I traveled for a month and then began working at a smaller local bank. I've added about 2 hours to my active day since I no longer spend life on the freeway to Denver. I love mentoring young bankers! 2002's beginning is wonderful! My daughter is engaged to be married in September. She still commutes to her job in Chicago. My son remains in Durango, CO, in the District Attorney's office. He is the Domestic Violence prosecutor. I wish all a healthy 2002."

**Sarah Paradise Ingber** writes. "Our happiest news is the birth of Lily in Nov. '01 to daughter Katie and Stewart Taylor. We are so delighted with this sweet little girl and looking forward to time spent together; Katie will stay at Stanford for her Residency so we're nearby. One can never completely escape, but I retired last year from tax and 'CPA-dom'; having much more fun playing tennis and golf and trying to learn something about gardening. **Anne Hinshaw Vanderweil** and I both have Dec. birthdays and so exchanged notes. We just want to stay as strong as we were in the Boxwood days when we drank regular coke, ate cinnamon buns and smoked! Anne and Gary have three really great kids... Alex, Shelley and Stefan. We see them every once in awhile. Alex was here at Stanford for his Masters and then work; and then we sometimes get together in Boston when I visit Mother. Anne is an inspiration in so many ways and she has even been taking Italian lessons!"

**Catherine Porter:** "All is well in our family. Our daughter, Terrell, is a junior at Madeira and looking at colleges. My husband, Jim Fuller, continues his law practice at Williams & Connolly. I left the law firm in the fall of 2000 to join Agilent Technologies, a California high tech equipment manufacturer, as their Washington Counsel and Director of Public Policy. It's a great company. Check it out at Agilent.com. A few health issues as we age... had my second hip replacement in fall of 2001 (first one in Feb. 2000), and so I now have a matching pair. So far so good... just too much jogging and tennis. Enjoy reading about what everyone is doing. All the best."

**Pat Skarda** is "still teaching English at Smith College, where I've been since 1973. I love this college and often notice Sweet Briar following Smith's lead. But the weather in VA always seems more attractive than that in MA. Recently I've been working hard for the Catholic Church as a consultant to the Bishops' Committee on Vacations and as a member of the Executive Committee for the Continental Congress on Vacations. I'm the chair of Documentation and have written the Instrumentum Laboris for the Congress. I learned a great deal in the doing, as you'd imagine."

**Susan Somerville Menson** moved... "still in the Avon, CT, area, but I've sold my house which I lived in for 22



years and moved to a nearby condo in a golfing community where I have been a non-resident member for 15 years. Passed a big milestone in 1999 with the death of both my parents within a month of each other. Have spent the better part of two years winding up their affairs, after 8 years commuting to VA to supervise their care. Hope all is well with all."

**Peter and Amy Thompson McCandless** write that they "remain ensconced in the swamps of the Low Country (well, the suburbs of Charleston, anyway), Alastair and Colin in the Southern Piedmont. One of these days Amy will learn to avoid the speed traps on the roads between. Alastair continues to work at the Commerce Club in Greenville and will begin training in their management program in January. In July, Peter traveled to Britain to chair a medical history session in an interdisciplinary and international London conference called "Locating the Victorians." That was followed by trips to Scotland and Barcelona. Peter continues to enjoy teaching the history of medicine and disease as well as modern British history, and is currently working on a study of disease and medicine in early South Carolina (c. 1660-1820) tentatively entitled "Prosperity and Pestilence." He is still an avid tennis player. Amy finished her first year as part-time associate provost in December. Because she taught two classes as well, her life was even more frenetic than usual, and husband, cat, and house were all left suffering from MAD (maternal attention deficit). She continues to research various issues relating to Southern women and higher education. In March she was part of a Symposium on Southern Women in the Twenty-first Century at Converse College, and in October her book, *Past in the Present: Women's Higher Education in the Twentieth Century American South*, won the History of Education Society Book Prize. One of the most enjoyable parts of her job (this is relative; she perversely likes everything about her job) is working as British Studies Coordinator. She advises British exchange students and faculty (taking them to Jistine's for sweet tea and shrimp & grits). Besides a week in Scotland with the students, Amy also flew to Barcelona, Spain, with Peter during the mini-break. Then in September Amy flew back to the U.K. for a conference in Stratford at King Edward VI's Grammar School (the Bard's alma mater). From there she drove to Northampton, camped out, and lectured to the new American Studies students at UCN. It was only two weeks after September 11<sup>th</sup>, and she was touched by the prevalence of Union Jacks—and Stars and Stripes—at half mast."

**Suzanne Weston:** "My life hasn't changed much since last year (other than the major ramifications from 9/11!): I'm still doing rocket flight software testing, Steve sold his renovated Victorian house and his new Victorian house is on the market, our St. Bernard and two cats still rule the house, and our family is doing

well. The only change is that our big motorcycling trip this year was to Oregon for a BMW national rally and to see our daughter and family."

**Connie Williams de Bordenave:** "We are grateful that we and our three children are healthy and happy with their vocations and their friends and families. Our oldest daughter married a fine man this past year. Tad just finished a four-month sabbatical. I am still working as a jeweler and have also taken a part time job as a potter's assistant. Tad and I are returning to India for two weeks this month [February]. Much love to each of you. I wouldn't wish time away, but I am looking forward to our next reunion."

**Cecilia Williamson Grinstead** writes: "Sad news from me this year—my dear Andy went to live with his Lord on the last day of Feb., 2001. He had been diagnosed with inoperable, malignant brain tumors shortly before Christmas, 2000. He became quite incapacitated but retained his personality, humor, and courage. He died in my arms at home. The children and I had a year to say our farewells. They have been saints. Andrews got his MBA in May and he and wife, Julie, are still in Chicago where she has one more year of OBGYN residency. Cece still teaches second grade in Birmingham. Millie graduates from Yale in May. Tere did her first semester in Edinburgh and is a junior back at Davidson. I sold our house and moved back to hometown, Greenville, AL, to help my baby sister, Carol (also an SBC grad) who was diagnosed with breast cancer in July. (She has a precious 7-year-old!) Her prognosis is good, and all the family looks forward to a healthy, cheerful 2002."

**Betsy Wolfe** says that she hasn't "seen any SBC folks this year, and would love to have visitors. Ed and I became grandparents for the first time on 1/2/02—a wonderful little New Year's boy, Conner. I am working full time as Clinical Coordinator and Training Director of UCSF, Infant-Parent Program and love my job. We continue to love skiing and are off to Vail in February, and Zermatt and Val d'Isere for two weeks in March (after skiing Canada over Thanksgiving). We plan to move from one of our houses in Sausalito to another and do some remodeling over the summer in order to have a larger garden. Can't wait to read the news!"

**Marshallyn Yeargin-Allsopp** says: "It was wonderful to be back at Sweet Briar last spring and participate in Centennial festivities. I am still busy with research in developmental disabilities of childhood at CDC. Prior to Sept. 11, I had been traveling a lot, having just returned to Atlanta on Sept. 6 from Germany. Since Sept. 11, as many others, I have traveled less. CDC has, of course, been very affected by all the events of Sept. 11. Ralph continues in private practice. Tim (age 25) received a Ms. degree from the London School of Economics last year; he is doing real estate/mortgage banking in Atlanta. Whitney (21) graduates from

Emory this May, and is headed for graduate school.

And finally, I received a mystery postcard from CT with no signature, no name printed on the outside. I no longer keep the old originals, and so was unable to match up handwriting to guess at the identity. Sorry! In any case, this mystery classmate is restoring an old farm and house circa 1746, and she "finally has an empty nest, but with no spare time." Remember, friends, that e-mail is the best (LGDetmer@aol.com), and always a really legible name (with maiden name too).

## 1971

**President: Carol Remington Foglesong**  
**Secretary: Miriam W. Meglan**

Hello Class of '71! It was wonderful to see those who came to our 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion last May, and it has been great to catch up on everyone's news while compiling the notes. First and foremost, Hola! Hola! to our new class president, **Carol Remington Foglesong**, and many thanks to our outgoing president, the ever-glamorous and always-adventuresome **Jacque Penny**. Many thanks for a job well done!

**Rhoda Allen Brooks** still lives in Cincinnati. She has two grown children: John (26) works in San Francisco; and Lyn (26) lives in Cincinnati at the moment. Rhoda does a lot of community volunteer work in the arts and with Children's Hospital, and she grows roses and plays tennis. She sees **Christine Fox** (73) on trips to Washington, DC for a board of an historic house. On these occasions she's also able to catch up with twin sister Ruth's second son, a student at American University. Husband John is semi-retired; so they have the flexibility to spend time in northern Michigan and travel to see children and parents.

**Frances Barnes Kennamer's** plans to retire this March from the state public health department after 25 years were derailed by a promotion. She loves her work. One of her responsibilities, coordinating Alabama's bio-terrorism preparedness program, has taken on new urgency and importance since September 11<sup>th</sup>.

"At home I try not to think about the awful things and possibilities I have to think about every day at work. I have a new appreciation for our home, my family and just a 'regular' life." Daughter Helen is a high school junior and thinks there is only one college in the world—Auburn. Husband Seabie works at home three days a week, doing research for the Social Security Administration. He loves it and so does their Lab, Abby. "It sure is hard to get up and go to work, knowing they can stay at home!!"

**Mary Bell Parks** (Loveland, CO) missed Reunion because she was escorting her two adult children, Julia (23) and Steve (20) on an eight-day tour of Egypt. "I had lived in Alexandria when I was lit-

tle, and always wanted to see it again. The trip turned out to be very timely re: 9/11, etc. I learned a lot!" The other reason she was m.i.a.? "... Every time I show up at Sweet Briar, it's after having to climb off the wing of a disabled airliner (1996) or getting a broken thermostat fixed in Culpepper!"

**Barbara Brand** (Gettysburg, PA) is this year's recipient of the Give the Class Secretary a Break! Award. She apologizes for having "... nothing to tell my classmates. No kids, no great retirement stories, nothing except my boring research and restoration projects." We who saw her at Reunion think her too modest. Her research and restoration projects are fascinating!

**Judy Brown Fletcher** (Indianapolis, IN) and husband Steve have moved his parents into a retirement community and confiscated and disposed of both their vehicles. "It's now safe to drive on 86th Street!" Judy flew to California twice this fall. First was for a west coast reunion of part of class from Tudor Hall where she, **Deborah Eck**, and three others rented a house at Sea Ranch. "Wow, talk about a beautiful location!" The second was to visit their daughter who lives in Venice Beach and works at an internet company, for Thanksgiving. They were joined there by son Will, a grad student at Texas A & M where he is studying biological oceanography, or as Judy puts it: "fish." On a far more serious note, Steve is recuperating from recent triple by-pass surgery. He went to the doctor after having some arm pain hauling his suitcases on a trip. One test led to another and to the discovery of some serious blockages. Judy is wondering how she is going to help him focus on things other than work for the next two to three months of recuperation.

**Jeannette Bush Miller** still lives in Montclair, NJ, where she works for a small foundation. She handles their financial transactions and reviews grant requests from other non-profits. She offices "... in a historic house surrounded by several acres of gardens that are open to the public—a very pleasant place to work." Older daughter, Sarah, was accepted early decision to Duke. Younger daughter, Liz, is in 8th grade.

**Debbie Chasen Wyatt** (Charlottesville, VA) is "... still plugging away as a trial attorney (going on 24 years), but cutting way back on caseload as my two boys enter hormone hell! Which means ISSUES. Which means, oh, no, this is real." The older, Tom, will be 16 in April, and William just turned 13. Debbie's still married to the same guy and she and husband Rick celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary recently. She is trying to return to some gardening and, "... maybe by NEXT year (always next year), will return to painting." Between trips to Europe, that is. This year it's a bike trip through Normandy with William. Last year, it was a bike trip along the Loire with Tom and for William, an introduction to Europe with a trip to Italy. The year prior, she took Tom to Italy. Debbie

reports having success in getting Rick to travel with her to Rome, but says he is "... more a jungle/river type traveler." She concludes, "Oh, yes, I think about retiring and starting a newspaper in this Falwellian state, but it's probably only a dream. *A bientot!*"

**Cami Crocker Wodehouse** (Jacksonville, FL) sends many thanks to all who so generously donated to the second annual SenioRITAs at Sawgrass tennis tournament. The RITA (Research Is The Answer) Foundation hosts several events in the Jacksonville area and all the proceeds go to benefit breast cancer research. Last year the event alone raised over \$32,000, with much of it going to the Mayo Clinic Jacksonville where there are several very exciting breast cancer initiatives underway. Through Cami's efforts, Sweet Briar College Bosom Buddies raised over \$1,000, enough to make us one of the major tournament sponsors. We even had a sign on center court right up there with Lexus and Merrill Lynch. Please contact her for more information about the event.

**Betty Duson** reports that Houston, TX is still recovering from the terrible floods that tropical storm Allison brought last summer. Her brother and his family, as well as several friends, lost their homes and everything in them and spent the night on rooftops with their small children, waiting to be rescued. Against that backdrop, Betty found the events of September 11th and their aftermath "humbling." Meanwhile, all's well with husband, son, and self. She's sandwiching in time to learn Spanish and flamenco guitar while working, volunteering, and chauffeuring child and parents.

**Deb Eck** has had a travel agency in San Diego for 12 years. Her business has evolved, and she is now doing more group travel and meeting planning than cruises and tour packages. She was married over the weekend of our 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Husband Bobby Pastoral is a manager at UPS. He's younger than Deb and "adorable", an assessment confirmed by **Judy Brown Fletcher**, who describes him as "... a darling husband who can cook and charm." Deb is very active in her industry and several women's groups, including Executive Women International.

All's well with **Michela English** (Washington, DC) who sends "... cheers to all. Life at Discovery Communications continues to be challenging and good, and family is fine. Eleanore (17) is waiting to hear from colleges and most that she applied to (all co-ed, of course) are on the West Coast. I really enjoyed Reunion last May. SBC continues to thrive under President Betsy Muhlenfeld."

**Mimi Fahs** (New York City, NY) had a first-hand view of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. "On September 11, I had just delivered my 10-year-old son, Craig, to school, and climbed up out of the subway to see the first WT tower burning. I was 1 1/2 miles away, with an agonizing view down 7th

Avenue, when the 2nd plane hit. We were all safe. The coming together of New Yorkers has been deeply moving, and we all love New York more than ever." She has a wonderful new loft near NYU. Her architecture practice is thriving. She walks to work through Washington Square to the New School University and Craig plays whatever sport is in season, all season.

**Beryl Bergquist Farris** (Atlanta, GA) and daughters Kristin (SBC '03) and Ariana (17) spent last June backpacking in Portugal, Spain, and Gibraltar. They "... toured in a style the girls had not previously experienced and a style that Mom might not always enjoy. Sitting upright on overnight trains, riding public buses, locating hostels, dining a la market plus peanut butter crackers from home with possibly one meal a day in a non-elegant restaurant..." Husband Marc declined the opportunity and stayed home. More recently, Kristin completed her term at University of Adelaide in Australia and will go on to the University of Otago, South Island, New Zealand for her junior year. With the seasons reversed in that hemisphere, Kristin had three weeks to trek the mountains of Thailand and an extra month to work illegally as a bartender in Australia. Ariana is still college searching. The University of Southern California, SMU, and the University of Miami are on her list. Beryl's doing her best to become a goat farmer/rancher down in central Georgia. "However, the dog packs kill our goats and chase away the protector donkey. We feel so sorry for the goats! Any ideas?" You can e-mail her at [Beryl@greencards.nu](mailto:Beryl@greencards.nu). (I'm afraid to ask.)

**Kathy Garcia Pegues** (Warrenton, VA) describes her recent job change: "Essentially, I've parachuted into hell." In addition to requiring a 90-minute commute, this teaching position is in an urban setting where she has been shocked by the difference between the behavioral and academic expectations from suburban Virginia schools to this one. "About half of my students are recent immigrants to the US and are still acquiring language (so teaching English at the high school level is a challenge while I'm trying to get them to understand Milton, Shakespeare, Emerson, T.S. Eliot, etc.)." Absent a more supportive administration, Kathy will be looking to move again. At home, her "... exceptional husband has taken over all cooking and household affairs and has simply been a prince." Daughter Emily (SBC '00) is an art historian working for another SBC grad, Lynn Rogerson ('86) in nearby Alexandria, VA. Son, Adam is third year at the Naval Academy and just finished a semester exchange program at West Point, where he fell in love with a lady Cadet! He's back in Annapolis now, running up huge phone bills!

**Elizabeth Glassman** (Santa Fe, NM) sends her greetings and is looking forward to reading everyone's news in the summer magazine. "For me, it has been a couple of years of change. I have spent

the last two years in New York and Santa Fe. Now I will keep the Santa Fe portion and move to Chicago where I have been named Executive Vice President of the Terra Foundation for the Arts, and Director of the Terra Museums. One is in Chicago on North Michigan Avenue, and the other, outside Paris, in Giverny, France. Does this mean lots of commuting to Paris? Absolutely!" We all should keep in touch!

**Sioux Greenwald** (Hoboken, NJ) missed Reunion to attend the graduation of Jennifer Smith (look-alike daughter of **Dee Kysor** from William & Mary. **Robi Randolph** was up at Syracuse for Pete's graduation the same weekend.) On the way, Sioux stopped in Richmond where **Val Murphey** and Dick regaled her with a tour of the "Fish of Richmond" (fund-raiser outdoor art). Sioux stays in touch with **Wendy Weiss Smith** via e-mail and has gotten some good book group ideas from her Campus Club book group at Duke. From both Sioux and Val, we have word that **Ann Tippin** was back in the Philadelphia area for a few short visits to deal with the aging parent issues, including the death of her father. She, husband Bob Prestney, and 12-year old daughter Beth, live outside Sydney, Australia, where the recent brush fires swept right over her house but left it unscathed. Sioux hopes to have a longer visit with her this Spring '02 when she plans to stay for a month; in the meantime, she continues to enjoy working in the not-for-profit sector at a local charter school.

**Anne Helms Cooper** (Lynchburg, VA) continues to work as Program Manager for Family Support Services at Central Virginia Community Services (mental health). She will be presenting at a workshop on "Building on Family Strengths" in Portland, OR, at the end of May. She is the grandmother of two grandsons, aged one and three.

**Louise Jackson** (Shreveport, LA) was sorry to miss Reunion, but was participating in an estate-planning seminar that week and couldn't get there. "I'm thriving. My family is all here, most without shouting distance so it is great fun to walk dogs and nieces and nephews (aged 1 to 20) on Sunday afternoons. In this crazy world of bank mergers, a bunch of my buddies from my old bank moved to a smaller more local bank and asked me to start a Trust Department for them about 2 1/2 years ago. We've done great and business is booming—but I'm glad the start-up is over. It's been a fabulous learning experience. Who would have "thunk" this Art History major would be starting a Trust Department? On a more serious note, she reports, "Daddy has been in the hospital for two months and he is really sick and not doing well at all. We are taking it day by day, so it is a hard time."

**Carol Johnson Haigh** (Sudbury, MA) and husband Tim still live in Sudbury, MA. Daughter Jessie graduates from Hampshire College in May. Her sister, Christine, is a sophomore at University of Arizona - Tucson, and is a Tri-Delta

there. Tim's company is in Cambridge and is doing well. Carol sings with the Concord Madrigals with concerts during the holidays and in the spring. "I hope all the women in our class are as happy and delightful as always, and in good health."

**Alison Jones** (Summerland, CA) is this year's recipient of the Most Multi-Media Class Note Award: "My life's in transition now, I have no news this go-round. Next time. Those interested in my photography can go to the following website:

<http://www.alisonjonesphoto.com>." Trust the editor, this site is not to be missed. Alison's photos are breathtaking.

**Carolyn Jones Walthall** moved in February 2001 from Mobile, AL—home for 14 years—to nearby Daphne, AL when husband Julian became pastor of a new congregation. They built a house with the help of Carolyn's contractor/builder brother, Skip, in a bungalow, arts and crafts style on a quiet street with a little bit of woods. She is still working as administrator of Youth Leadership Mobile, a community awareness and leadership development program for high school sophomores and juniors and is helping to start a similar program in Daphne. She enjoys "... gaining more balance in my life: a little yoga, a little red wine, lots of purple and black clothes that are comfortable." Son Claiborne will graduate from Brown in May; son David lives in Italy and gives great tours of Tuscany and Sicily; and husband Julian into cooking and fly-fishing.

By the time these notes are published, **KJ Jones Youell** (Chester, VA) and husband John will have returned rested and tan from their Western Caribbean cruise in late February. Daughter Katie, who graduated from JMU last May, started graduate school this January at the University of Baltimore. Her degree will be in Publication Design. Son Blanton is finishing his undergraduate degree in Parks and Recreation at VCU and is the lead singer of the Buddah Funk Box band.

For **Marilyn Kolb** (Lexington, MA), 2001 was not a great year. She didn't know anyone personally in the 9/11 tragedy in NY, but as with many of us, she had a number of tangential business associates who were impacted. "This is something we will carry with us for quite a while, and it is hard for us in the Northeast to grasp how little this has affected the rest of the country other than in a philosophical context." Under the category of "life goes on", her 15-year-old is lobbying for us to move to Florida where she has figured out she can get her driver's license 3 years earlier than she can in Massachusetts. "My 12-year-old is the classic 12 going on 25, at least in her mind, so we are trying to be good parents about all this." The post 9/11 hassle in airports has decreased Marilyn's travel load, but has crimped vacation planning. "I am increasingly jealous of classmates who are, or who are planning, retirement!"



**Kathy Lamb's** (Atlanta, GA) biggest news is that she and husband Rex have two college graduates (both from W&L), and no more tuitions! "It's like getting a raise!" Eager to Retire, Rex is waiting for a better economy. Kathy works on an on-call basis, volunteers, exercises ("...a lot because I like to eat"), and is learning to play golf, "...the most difficult sport I've ever tried".

On May 25, 2001, **Jean Littleton Knight** (Richmond, VA) became a grandmother. Stephen Christian Littleton Knight was born to son Stephen and his wife, Beth! Jeannie is teaching and directing an aftercare program at a Waldorf school, new in Richmond. She volunteers with Litenet, an organ procurement organization, as a donor Mom. Their son Jamie, murdered in 1997, gave the gift of life to five individuals and enhanced the lives of 30 more through tissue donation.

There have been some major changes in the **Megargee-Sutton** household (Petersburg, VA)! **Amanda's** son started college in August: Film School at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, not too far from home. "He had a great first semester, and I hope it's just the beginning of great things for him." Lucy, the black lab, opted to stay home with Amanda, who is keen on adopting a Corgi, if she can find a suitable adult. Amanda is in her 25<sup>th</sup> year of teaching, her fourth year in kindergarten, and "...I still love to go to work every day."

**Jean Mackenzie Thatcher** (Huntington, NY) is taking her first "sabbatical" in 25 years, and describes it as "wonderful!" She is delighted to be at home with daughter Catherine (Katie) who is in sixth grade and just turned 12. Son, James (23), graduated from Hampden Sydney and is in graduate school at UVA. He is currently teaching in France at University in Lyon. Jean, husband Richard, and Katie have a trip planned over Easter that will include spending some time with him. "In my previous life I headed a medical malpractice captive insurance company for a consortium of large NYC teaching hospitals, and most recently ran the high-risk malpractice pool in NY State. My current goal is to try not to get pulled back into the malpractice world, and to do some of the stuff I have never had a chance to do previously because of work, work, work!" Jean stays in touch with "...a bunch of SBC friends—**Alison Jones, Amanda Thrasher, Honey Hammer, Gale Hull, Karen Harnett** ('70), **Char Reed** ('73), and dear former Dean Catherine Sims who just lost her husband to cancer." She adds that Alison "...has bought back the little stone cottage that her family first owned in Mountainville, NJ, and has completely restored it—wonderful job! We have just formed a venture for publication of various photo-journalistic essays and children's works—**Briar Patch Publications**—more on this later! The rest of my time is spent being Deputy

Mayor/Trustee of our little incorporated Village, Lloyd Harbor, and president of The Caumsett Foundation which is dedicated to preserving the natural environment and historic elements of Caumsett, Marshall Field, III's 1700 acre estate on Long Island's North Shore."

All's well with **Anne Milbank Mell** (Summit, NJ) and family. Daughter Meredith (24) lives in Boston where she markets Fidelity's college tax deferred savings plan funds. She's active in a lacrosse league, is training for the April marathon and is looking for sponsors since she'll be running for the Dana Farber Cancer Research Foundation. John (21), in his third year at UVa will be taking a hiatus from mechanical engineering to study during the spring semester in St. Petersburg and Siberia, Russia. Caitlin (17) has applied to college and is now hoping her parents will let her enjoy what remains of her senior year. John and Anne will celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May with a trip to Italy planned for the fall. Like most of us, she says she can't quite figure out where those years went. Anne's mother passed away last summer, and so she has been spending more time with her dad who doesn't drive because of macular degeneration. "We all miss her but we're also grateful that she had such a long-joyful life."

During Reunion, **Todd Maseley Brown** (Louisville, KY) and husband Bill were a.w.o.l on a month-long driving trip through Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota, etc. Bill retired in January 1999; she followed suit in March 2001. She's doing some consulting and says, "...having flexible time is heavenly!" Todd is dealing with elderly parents—happy to still have both living, and both fairly alert. "Mother is in terrible health and is in a nursing home healthcare wing. She can't even turn over in bed by herself, much less get up and go to the bathroom, so it is a struggle. She hates having no control over anything! Daddy is getting less and less strong mentally and physically." Todd has three wonderful stepsons ranging in age from 24 to 32. The oldest is the Deputy Water Commissioner of an area in CO and is engaged, with the wedding scheduled for September 21 in Breckenridge, CO. The middle son is in Cincinnati and is a fourth year resident in orthopedics. Last April, he was married to medical school classmate whose specialty is OBGYN. The youngest is in language school in Spain. Todd and Bill's travel plans include a cruise in April, a week in Chautauqua with her sister and brother-in-law this summer, and then the wedding in September. "Life is good."

**Liz Mumford Wilson** (Hyannis Port, MA) says that little has changed in the past year. Her son is in eighth grade in a boarding school, and while that is going very well, she's been challenged to get out and find some new, non-PTA volunteer work opportunities. So she has joined the board of the United Way for Cape Cod and the Islands, and is learning

a lot about the various organizations for which the United Way raises money. There are "...tremendous hidden needs in this vacation/resort area that is so beautiful on the surface yet has staggering problems in the shadows". Liz is still painting and "...had a full schedule of shows last year, and three major ones to prepare for this year—one is a solo show, and one is a four person show at the Mystic Seaport Museum gallery, in November." That should keep her out of trouble. She played more golf last summer, but wasn't very meticulous about keeping score!

**Mary Frances Oakey Aiken** (Roanoke, VA) and husband John will have all three children in college or grad school next fall: son Tevis, at William and Mary Law; daughter Claiborne, at VA Tech getting a Masters in Teaching; and youngest Courtney at a yet-to-be-determined college as a freshman. For the first time in nearly 27 years the "nest" will be empty!!! If any one of us is ever in Roanoke, VA or Naples, FL, Mary Frances wants to know!

After 27 years at Fayetteville Technical Community College, **Pamolu Oldham** (Cameron, NC) is retiring to write. Her projects will include a novel for which she received a National Endowment grant several years ago ("It was axed on the last round at a major house...") and "...some short videos and other stuff." Pamolu's daughter Jess and her husband Danny live in the Village in NYC. Jess is in book design with a jacket design on a recent National Book Award winner's book. Danny just finished his M.A. in Irish Studies at NYU. Pamolu stays in touch with **Jacque Penny** ("...my wonderful freshman roommate...") via e-mail. "I'm just so ready to submerge and do my own work."

**Susan O'Malley** (Seattle, WA) still works part-time teaching physical therapy at the University of Washington and is raising daughter Rebecca (11) who thinks it "...cool" to wear my very old SBC sweatshirt around town." Their family vacation last summer in the Tetons sounds as if Chevy Chase had a hand in it. "...in spite of my husband's sprained ankle and Rebecca's lack of interest in camping, I had a ball gawking at the magnificent sites." Last summer when the mobile Vietnam Memorial came to the Seattle area, Susan was able to pay respect to **Judy Brown's** brother. "Some things you never forget."

**Jacque Penny** (Miami Beach, FL) went on a two-week Baltic Cruise in August. "St. Petersburg, Russia was fabulous but honestly each city and country was delightful. That cruise was all history and the one I just returned from was all geography—I sailed for another fortnight from Valparaiso, Chile down around Cape Horn (Patagonia, sea elephants, penguins, whales, etc.) and up the coast to Buenos Aires with grand little stops of beauty and grace all the way. I fell in love with Uruguay—a very elegant little country. Note, that I said in love 'with' not 'in' although I would have preferred the lat-

ter." Jacque continues to try to live each day more completely. "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away".

**Carol Remington Foglesong** writes from Maitland, FL that all is relatively quiet, if not calm. Her divorce was finalized recently. "Not exactly where I expected to be, but life does happen; I'm not the first, nor will I be the last." Youngest son, Chris, 19, is a sophomore at Trinity University in San Antonio, majoring in Engineering ("Have no idea where that came from in this family.") Oldest son, Eric, 24, decided it was time to complete and is enrolled full time at Rollins College with a major in Political Science. Carol is still with the Orange County Comptroller, recording deeds, taking minutes, and managing records. After 11 years, she still loves her job. An appointment to a national electronic recording task force is requiring a lot of travel. The group "...is trying to move deed recorders into the 21st century, probably jumping right over the 20th for many locales!" Carol invites all of us visiting Florida to "...holler and/or stop by..." should any of our travels take us to Florida.

For **Robbin Richardson Falls**, "...life is so good ... living single in Raleigh, NC with my three adult children in the area ... sooooo lucky." Kylie (28) sells medical supplies; Chip (25) works as a building contractor with a development company; and Will (21) is a student at NC State. "I'm selling real estate for my living, painting abstracts for my hobby, and dating a wonderful Frenchman for my passion ... wish I had taken more interest in foreign language in school ... I seem to have a real purpose for it now!"

**Rene Roark Bowditch** (Williamsburg, VA) left her legal practice to be a devoted, full-time mom for her 14-year-old, 6'5" tall, eighth grader, David ("Yes, he loves basketball"), and her precious 11-year-old daughter, Tilden. She is chairing the capital campaign to build a permanent home for her children's Christian school in Williamsburg, VA. Husband, David, has just gone back into the brokerage business after being a small business owner for the last 11 years. So even though the two of them "...are moving ahead in years, we have lots keeping us young! I still bicycle and roller blade with my children, and I'm just coming into the "teenage years" with all the interesting challenges that provides. Never a dull moment here! Life is so good! We all have so much to be thankful for in this country!"

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Martha Roton Terry** (Mobile, AL) who sent heart-breaking news of the loss of her husband, Jack, to cancer this past fall. Their son, Caldwell, is in his third year at the University of Alabama, majoring in business administration (finance and marketing). His favorite pastimes are golf and hunting. Daughter Ann, a junior in high school, is looking at colleges and

is still dancing and competing with her dance company in Mobile. Best friends forever, **Martha and Frances Barnes Kenamer** stay in close touch. Their husbands were close and their daughters are the same age and friends, too. Martha is still working for EDS, doing application design and programming for Bruno's, a supermarket company based in Birmingham, AL. She works from home and says, "...thank heavens for remote access!!" She loves working at her desk in pajamas with her cats and chocolate Lab at her feet.

**Comer Schmoeller Diehl** (Sacramento, CA) missed Reunion because of her daughter Genna's wedding. Genna had moved to Italy and ended up marrying her Italian sweetheart, Matteo Fabiano—what a great name! His family all came to Northern California for combination wedding/vacation. The newlyweds are living in Brussels where she is the Digital Marketing Manager for Levi Strauss, and he is the e-commerce Europe guy for Proctor & Gamble. Son, Justin, is teaching seventh and eighth grade earth science in Mission Viejo in Southern California. Still single, he is starting to look for a more permanent relationship. Comer has been divorced ("...never was very good at picking the right guy") for 11 years. She is the Product Specialist for InsWeb Corp., an internet insurance aggregator. "That means I'm just about the only person in the tech side of the company that knows insurance." She goes on to say, "Life is really good, and I don't think that I've been in a better place emotionally or financially in a very long time. World events are troubling, but I try not to dwell too much on the tragedies. Oh, my latest life-changing event is the impending change of name. I've never liked mine, so by the end of this year I'll officially be Kate Parker Bailey. Guess I'll have to write a novel next!"

**Ann Shipper Dates** (Rochester, NY) and family are well, enjoying a very mild winter in Rochester, NY. Ann is in Investor Relations at Kodak, a position that has presented all kinds of challenges and learning experiences during this last year. Daughter, Alison, (SBC, '99) continues to work for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, and lives in Rochester about 20 minutes from home. Son, T.K.III, lives and works in Tokyo, "...and we do miss seeing him. However, we have a trip planned to Tokyo in late April so are looking forward to the reunion. We had a wonderful trip to Turkey last May, which unfortunately coincided with our reunion last May. Sorry to have missed seeing all. Hope to see you at the 35th."

**Trudy Slade McKnight** thrives still on Bainbridge Island, WA, with occasional ferry commutes into Seattle. She has had a professional resurgence and thoroughly enjoys her new direction as a Life Coach, providing coaching support for people around the country who want to live their vision and navigate change successfully. She's on the web at [www.trudymcknight.com](http://www.trudymcknight.com), if you're curi-

ous. She and husband leave soon for a three-week adventure vacation in Thailand. She toys with the idea of Master's Swimming, and has started swimming laps again. Their elderly pet population has shrunk to three dogs and four cats.

**Susu Smith** (Beaufort, NC) has moved back to the North Carolina coast. This summer she will be "... sailing the Chesapeake Bay following Captain John Smith's 1608 voyage. Looking for sponsors; so far, self-funded. Leaving Jamestown in May, circling the Bay counterclockwise. Grateful for docks, showers along the way."

**Alix Sommer Smith** (Fredericksburg, VA) wrote: "It was really great to see so many members of our class at reunion. It helped get me on the stick to eat right, lose weight, and exercise so that, hopefully, I will be in better shape for our 35th. My husband, Gene, and I took a cruise in the western Caribbean in January. Other than that, not much new to report. If I was contemplating retiring at the end of my thirtieth year with the Stafford Country, Virginia, schools, I rethought that in the economic turndown."

**Lissy Stevenson Bryan** is still in Richmond, VA where she has an annual Christmas cookie "bake-off" with **Susan Ewing** and **May Humphreys Fox** "... and that's about it for the domestic stuff. We also play golf—between injuries. As usual, too much on my plate ... we're trying to finalize plans on an addition and remodel of this house, emptying stuff out of Stewart's father's house, trying to keep our place in the mountains (in Bath County) from falling apart ... then lots of Boards but really fun—downtown-oriented, community development, affordable housing, children. Our dog recently fathered 8 yellow lab pups! So, so cute! Also, saw **Barb Smith**—turns out they own the hottest thoroughbred stud around (horse, that is...)"

**Sarah Thorndike Shepherd** and husband Tony are in Sissonville, WV, where they are still living on their "...200 acre head-of-the-holler hillside farm..." near Charleston. "I'm still running a recycling plant as Executive Director of the County Solid Waste Authority, employing as many of our disadvantaged as possible (rather like a Works Project Administration during the [other] depression). My physical and mental therapy is raising and training horses, as well as a little golf in the summer and squash during the winter. Our oldest daughter, Jane, graduated from Brown in May, married in June, settled in Silver City, NM, is the county's Land Use planner, and will make me a grandmother in July! Son, Chris (EHS '99) and younger daughter, Lida (St. Paul's '01), are taking their times getting through college (Hamilton and UC Berkeley), taking 'semesters off' and doing really fascinating things. How times have changed."

**Sally Uptegrove Lee** (Nashville, TN) reports little new going on in her life. "It has been five years since I had colon cancer and I am doing fine. I am still

teaching at Harpeth Hall School and helping with the bookwork in Bob's masonry company. Our daughter, Rachel, graduated from Trinity University last spring and is now teaching in San Antonio, TX. The advantage of teaching is the long summer vacations. I am attending a technology conference with Rachel and several teachers from Harpeth Hall in San Antonio in June, and am looking forward to a cruise to Alaska this July."

**Beverly Van Zandt** (Shoreacres, TX) spent most of 2001 battling breast cancer and received wonderful notes and prayers from lots of friends, especially **Jacque Penny**. "Am about to finish chemo and all has gone reasonably well. Can't wait to have a calendar without MD Anderson on it. Have two daughters, Beverly and Roberta. Beverly is graduating this spring and I have no idea where she will attend college. Unfortunately, I couldn't talk her into Sweet Briar as she wants to go co-ed. Roberta is a freshman in high school and is my sailor. We just returned from 420 Midwinters in Stuart, FL. I am a partner in a yacht brokerage ([beverly@hsyachts.com](mailto:beverly@hsyachts.com)) and love the chance to be on the water everyday—our offices are floating docks. Its laid back style has been a Godsend this year."

**Ellen Weintraub's** (Miami Beach, FL) plans to attend Reunion were dashed the week prior by a double whammy: her employer of the past six years went out of business, and her mom *finally* agreed to go in for her knee replacement surgery that same weekend "...after putting it off for every reason imaginable for over five years." All's well that ends well: Ellen got a better job, and her mom has become very mobile. At 86, she still drives, and does everything she needs to for herself to be independent.

**Wendy Weiss Smith** (Durham, NC) and husband Gilbert will be hiking around the Southern Island of New Zealand, including the 34-mile Milford Track that involves four hiking days. "What WAS I thinking??? Great Spring!"

**Dorrie Wetzig Brand** reports that she and Skip are still in Elmira, NY ("there was a great special on Mark Twain where Elmira played an important role"). Son JB graduated from Hamilton College in 2000 and is living and working in NYC. He was a block and a half from the WTC when the planes hit, and "...though I've seen the sight, it all still seems unreal." Daughter, Laura, is a senior at Williams College. Dorrie stays busy volunteering for her local historical society, working for a friend who does estate sales, and playing "...this new game I've discovered called golf!"

**Patsy Wheeler Maddox** (Amherst, VA) is still teaching—Amherst Middle—eighth grade learning-disabled students. Her oldest daughter is an attorney with McGuire Woods in Richmond and her youngest is a first year teacher and head varsity softball coach. She's busy planning a July vacation in Great Britain.

Late spring and early summer was a hectic time for **Linda Whitlow Knight** (Nashville, TN), who hated missing

Reunion. Younger daughter, Elizabeth, graduated from SMU with a double-major in Italian Studies and Cinema. Then, older daughter Katherine was married in the Wren Chapel in Williamsburg. (The wedding and related festivities were wonderful.) In early June, she attended her 30th reunion at Vanderbilt. Shortly after that, she concluded her term as President of the Tennessee Lawyers' Association for Women, on whose board she continues to serve. In addition to her legal practice and various Bar Association activities, Linda is still the Secretary of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women. Daughter Elizabeth moved to Rome last summer as a professor's assistant on SMU's Summer in Italy program and recently found a job marketing for an educational software company in Rome. Daughter Katherine is completing her third year at Vanderbilt Law School where she is on the executive boards of both the Journal of International Law and the Moot Court Board. Aside from attending the girls' graduation and wedding, Dick and Linda's traveling last year included attending a friend's wedding in the Bay Area and a long weekend in St. Louis in July to see some relatives and do some historical research. This coming summer, she hopes to visit Elizabeth in Italy.

**Anne Wiglesworth Munoz** (Salt Lake City, UT) writes: "Things are good (and cold) here in Salt Lake. Everybody is Olympics crazy—and I guess that's good but we're not looking forward to driving anywhere near a venue. My daughter got us tree tickets to Dave Mathews Band February 9, so we will venture down (with 20,000 other people) to the Medals Plaza where they will perform. Milton is still teaching fifth grade; Maya (20) is a sophomore at Scripps (planning to go to Spain next fall). Aliria (17) is a junior at Skyline High School, studying and swimming hard. I have been combining my batiks with quilting this past year and even won first prize in my category (non-traditional quilts) in the International Quilt Show going on during the Olympics. Yeah!"

**Nesi Wisell O'Connor** (Longwood, FL) and husband, Jim, traveled quite a bit during the year in Europe, Canada, and the US and were able to share time with friends all over the world. That was the great part of it all. She reports they were hit with some stressful family issues during the year but ended 2001 with a Christmas party (**Carol Remington Foglesong** was there) to celebrate their 15 trees and a new Scottish mural. "It was a beautiful closure. We are praying 2002 is great for everyone. P.S. I enjoyed the reunion immensely."

Contrary to what we may have imagined, **Kate Worobec Story** (Princeton, NJ) is alive and very well despite her business travel to some very dangerous parts of the world. Over the past five years she has averaged about 20 travel days a month "...NO, I am NOT an airline stewardess!!! I develop international wealth management business outside the

US, which takes me to fascinating places—Middle East, Latin America, Continental Europe, UK, the Caribbean, etc. ... you name it, I have probably been there meeting with governments, diplomats, wealthy families and individuals. What a trip this past few years have been ... literally! Yes, I have been caught in riots, robbed, stranded in foreign lands BUT I have also been held over in some of the most beautiful places on the planet and had the pleasure of meeting some of the world's most fascinating and congenial individuals." While risky, her career path has been very satisfying. "Life is much too short ... and much too fun!" On the home front, son Stephen graduated from college with honors last June and is following in her footsteps. "2001 was a tragic year and I am certain that on September 11<sup>th</sup> I was not alone in having lost forever friends and colleagues in the World Trade Center attack. The world is more challenging than ever." In closing, Kate wants everyone to know she is proud every time she reads her roomie's name—**Kathy Garcia Pegues**, who cannot be congratulated enough for her contributions to Sweet Briar. It looks like her daughter might be a 'chip off the old block', too. Bravo!"

Life is good for **Barb Wuehrmann** (East Grand Rapids, MI). She and husband Jim Palazzolo spend their winters in Green Valley, AZ and summers in Michigan. Although she retired from her practice three years ago, she keeps her hand in by helping out at a non-profit clinic that serves the Southern AZ rural community. When back north, she fills in at her old office. Jim works out of their homes as a consultant in material handling. Son Mark has 18 months to go in his OB-GYN residency in Detroit. Son Jim is working for a biomedical tech firm in Silicon Valley. We're all well. "No daughters-in-law or grandkids yet."

**Alisa Yust Rowe** (Houston, TX) reports that youngest daughter, Alison, was married in September. Both daughters are now married—and to really fine young men. Richard and she will celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this spring. This coming year, she intends to spend lots of time with their mothers, polish a novel she's been writing, do a little antiquing, and spend a little time in the country.

As for me, I'm busier than a one-armed paperhanger and having the time of my life with my hedge fund. Vaughn and I continue to work on our house in Frederick, MD, and after 23 years of marriage, he shows signs of having become resigned to my passion for 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century American furniture. We spent a week last summer in Ireland with our 15-year-old nephew, but following a particularly intense business travel schedule this Spring, we're looking forward to the luxury of just "lying low" this summer. I saw **Carol Taylor Thum** (Cleveland, OH) recently. She's still married to the same guy (Dave), working in the same place (The Cleveland Museum of Art), and except for shorter hair, looks

very much the same. She's also started writing again. I've also been keeping up a lively e-mail exchange with **Jan Pridmore** who is an astute businesswoman. Her entry in the "Give the Class Secretary a Break! Contest" read, "I think once every ten years is often enough to submit a note." Many thanks to all of you for taking time from busy schedules to send news. What an interesting, intelligent, engaged, and vibrant group we comprise!

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**President: Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn**  
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**Nina Baker** is a print sales rep. for her family business and is really enjoying her job. Natalie is 12 and loves horses, although she broke her arm this past year when the horse she was riding refused to jump. In mid February Nina and Natalie met up with Dee Hubble Dolan for their annual trip to The Homestead.

**Barb Bernick Peyronnet** says Maggie (12) and Annie (7) keep her and Doug hopping. Maggie is in the honors program at middle school and Annie was in the first grade and loving it. Barb says that last year they headed to Alaska for a wonderful cruise. This year Maggie will go to Toronto for a church mission trip. Barb, Maggie and Annie are taking piano while Doug is in a trio, playing guitar. They have played at benefits and hoped to play at a coffee shop this past Spring.

**Elvira Cash Pecora** began a new job in September, in a French Immersion Montessori Pre-School. She says she is having a great time speaking French to all the children. Their two boys, 13 in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 16 in 10<sup>th</sup>, are still very active in traveling soccer. Husband Chip is now working for a company in San Francisco and he does a great deal of traveling as the Director of Sales. They spent a great spring 2001 at the Grand Canyon.

**Jennifer Collins True** is home taking care of her own 4<sup>th</sup> grader (Hayley) after teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade to other children. She also sends care packages to her college freshman (Parker) at Wabash College. She says they are founders of a non-profit animal rehabilitation organization and they are working hard to get it up and running.

**Laurie Fitzgerald Nowlan** says son Patrick was in his first year at Penn State. Daughter Carly was finishing her senior year at Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Philly, where Laurie is the admissions director. Sons Fitz and Luke were in 9<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades; she and Pat celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 4<sup>th</sup>!

**Linda Guardabassi Michael** said Andrew (who was playing football and thriving) was a freshman in college at Wheaton, one hour outside Chicago. Paul was a sophomore at Christian Academy

of Louisville. Migraines were about to sideline his football participation, but he was looking into basketball, golf and tennis as alternatives. Krista is 11 and "thoroughly in love with horses", competing in dressage and jumping. Linda has been working part-time as assistant teacher of English as a Second Language for foreign adults. She's also involved in her church, doing yoga and water aerobics. Doug continues to work for Trane Commercial/Industrial air conditioning. The whole family enjoyed a trip to Italy during Spring Break 2001

**Debbie Koss McCarthy** still loves directing the Augustine Project (a non-profit that provides free literacy tutors for low-income, dyslexic children and teens). Courtney was graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a degree in Math/Computer Science in May. Alex finished high school in the spring and headed to UVA this fall. Debbie and David say they get choked up just thinking about having an empty nest!

**Phooi Ching Lai** writes from Singapore that she is still associate professor at Nanyang Technological Univ. Phooi, husband Choon Hin and daughters Zhenling (15) and Zhenhua (13), visited Hawaii in November of 2001. They found people somber, due to 9/11, but assume things are recovering there.

**Ebet Little Stevens** says Liz starts college in the Fall (where is still up in the air). Anne will be a high school sophomore and Rob will be in middle school. Ebet is working on starting a consulting business which focuses on contract sales.

**Stephanie Maxson Kenyon** and family discovered (while having recessed lighting put in) that their entire house needed to be rewired. Her travel business dried up after 9/11 so she was looking for something new when she wrote. Jay (9) and Michael (5) are keeping busy with school projects, little league, T-ball and basketball. Hubby Scott was in his 28<sup>th</sup> year as an elementary school teacher and has been cancer-free for five years. Stephanie ran into **Dorothy Lear Mooney** (who looks the same) in the elementary school.

**Becky Mayer Gutierrez** is teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Turners Falls, MA. George was college hunting. Becky and Mere are proud of their boys—17, 14 and 11.

**Molly Reeb Nissman** reported that Nancy was a junior at Mary Washington (VA), majoring in English and Art History. Andrew was 9 and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Matt was 5 and in Kindergarten. Hubby Harvey was still practicing psychiatry in Virginia Beach where Molly is a financial consultant with Paine Webber. She works as a team with sister Jane Reeb Short ('74).

**Kathy Roantree Renken** was home schooling 10<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade when she wrote. She also teaches gymnastics to pre-schoolers. Her SBC activities have become part of her life again: Drama (she's in charge of church dramas), Singing (solos and worship team at church) and teaching. She says Jeff is

still on the road, working for SAP America.

**Fran Scott**, with her 12 year old son, Zach, and two Beagle mixes, is enjoying life back in Nashville. Her communications company, Scott Gardner Group, continues to expand with business and agency clients across the US

**Ellen Sellers McDowell** and family had a busy year, remodeling the house in addition to teaching Sunday School, being a Girl Scout leader and room mother at school. The family had a great time sailing in the British Virgin Islands over Christmas Break—they chartered a 38' catamaran. Rex was the skipper; Emily (16), Ginny (14), Mary Susan (12), Kate (10) and Ellen were the crew.

**Beth Wade Osborne** says she is enjoying life more and more each day, especially with children Ellie (4) and son Noel (1). Beth and John are due to celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October 2002. They are both enjoying their jobs—he as a consultant and she as a sales manager for IBM. They also enjoy weekends at their beach house in Dewey, DE.

**Ellen Wahl Skibiak** writes from North Caldwell, NJ that daughter Allie is now 9 and their pride and joy. She recently won a silver medal in a figure skating competition. Husband Ed keeps going in his dental practice when he's not on the golf course or pursuing his passionate hobby as a gourmet cook! Ellen keeps busy helping out part-time in the family business and volunteering countless hours at school, Girl Scouts, etc.

**Robin Holman Mills** would like you all to change her name to **Robin Holman Grubbs**. Robin Holman was remarried last year to John Grubbs. She has been teaching first grade for 14 years, after finishing her MA + 30 hours at Murray State. Daughter Jordan is at "Ole Miss" and Robin has two stepchildren at home.

For fun, **Tricia Walers** continues to sing with the Alexandria (VA) Choral Society. She uses her arts administrator skills (honed in the museum world) as manager of the same choral group. Husband John Neer ('contractor and dreamboat') and children Lucy (11, jazz dancer/gymnast) and Will (9, artist/author) keep her on her toes. Tricia has caught up with Farnell Cowan who recently relocated to Northern Virginia.

And, I, **Sally Bonham Mohle**, celebrated my 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Pete this year. Our highlight of 2001 was attending the weddings of our niece and nephew in PA and NH, respectively.

**Debby Epperson Sizer** is the general manager of two radio stations in Galax, VA—one is a 100,000 watt FM country station and the other is an AM gospel station. She has two sons, Brian (24) and Steven (20)—they both attend college at the Masters College in Santa Clarita, CA. Debby's daughter, Virginia (17), is being recruited by many colleges to play basketball. Debby's family also includes fiance John Stringer and two dogs, a yellow lab named Bentley and a black lab named Emily, plus one cat, "Miss Kitty".

**Laura Burrell Garden** says there really isn't anything earth shaking in her life. "I am still enjoying being a stay at home mother for Sarah 5 and Lloyd 10. Doing the usual stuff like volunteering in the school and driving the kids around for activities. I have a touch of the Magic School Bus in me as I often take a vanload of kids on "adventures" and nature hikes. We enjoy skiing often in our Colorado Rockies backyard and in the summer we all go dirt bike camping (just like motorcross) to mountain ghost towns near the Continental Divide. This year Sarah got first motorized dirt bike—with training wheels. Amazing how our hobbies interests can change our lives. I never thought I would like motorcycles and now I ride one on dirt trails through the woods. Not bad for 47! Husband Lloyd had a stressful winter with United Airlines as their financial crisis caused our crisis. However, both survived. Please start flying United again. I love hearing from old classmates so please e-mail me at [lgcreates@attbi.com](mailto:lgcreates@attbi.com)."

## 1980

**President: Jeannie Elise Davis Harris**  
**Secretary : Liz Swearingen-Edens**  
**Fund Agents: Eithne Broderick Carlin;**  
**Emily Quinn McDermott, Elizabeth Fletcher Lubin, Kimberly Merin Wood Fuller, Georgia Schley Ritchie**

**Amy Campbell Lamphere's** children (Jake 12/ Sarah 9) are reportedly growing too fast and involved in too many activities (guitar, piano, swimming, Scouts, soccer, basketball...) necessitating the purchase of a huge red minivan. Jim's business — title insurance — continues to grow, while Amy works part-time consulting for regional dance/arts groups. "I love having my hands in the field without the pressures of fundraising — nearly impossible in the non-profit arts after 9/11." Travel, skiing, knee surgery and volunteer work on the Symphony board have also kept Amy busy, but not so busy that she can't find time to e-mail **Mimi Walch Doe** on a regular basis. "I laugh out loud from her notes back" says Amy, who also saw **Catherine Flaherty** at Catherine's sister's wedding last summer. "I'm sad to have missed reunion. Time with friends is one of my mid-life crisis resolutions, so I will NOT miss another chance to catch up, and also to remember."

**Emily Quinn McDermott** has two daughters (Elizabeth 7/Faith 4) and enjoys trying to achieve a balance between work in "the service industry" (that of wife and mom) and her rowing career. When not volunteering in Elizabeth's first-grade classroom or studying the effects of sibling rivalry at home, Emily trains and competes. She says: "Last year I rowed in 8's and 4's, but this year I am 'sculling' (2 oars instead of one, and boats are reeally skinny and tippy). It's time consuming

and a lot of hard work, but a wonderful break from reality!" Husband Ed is a lawyer in the city and except for breaking his hand this winter, is doing great. The McDermotts plan to purchase a gerbil in the near future.

**Anne Secor** had a difficult year with the loss of her dad in May, a three-week evacuation of her NYC home due to the 9/11 attacks, then the disappearance of her great new job at Martha Stewart because of company-wide layoffs. The better news is that she and Steve just bought a "gorgeous" piece of wooded vacation land in the Laurentian Mountains north of Montréal, on a lake complete with babbling brook. Anne is busy making lots of promising job contacts and enjoying the beginning of the new year. Kitties Marley and Farnsworth are fine.

**Ann Connolly Reagan's** daughter Hannah has turned 13 and is an enthusiastic snowboarder/tennis player. Ann continues her work at The Dragon's Nest toy store, and manages to ski and play for the Upper-A tennis team in Newburyport.

**Beth Fletcher Lubin's** husband Marvin has retired from Merrill Lynch after 33 years, and is happy as a clam! Beth writes: "Son Hill is turning 14 (HELP!), and as Marvin said recently, he's not sure who is more hormonal, me or Hill! When the weather warms up, we plan on spending as much time at the beach as possible, as well as any other fun we can come up with."

**Georgia Schley Ritchie** is practicing law again (King and Spalding), but still curates shows of British artists under the guise of her company, Young Masters. Her last show was in October in London and the next will be in March in Atlanta. The children (Addison-9/ India-6½, and Tallulah-2½) are well and Georgia and Diff continue to enjoy Atlanta.

**Susan Smith Kemp's** family is great, children growing up. Michelle is 11, Ford, 9 and Tricia, 7. Susan stays in touch with **Anne Darden Self** and the two couples even had a recent golfing/shopping trip to Pinehurst.

**Lillian Sinks Sweeney** is a slave to the PTA. While her husband is "globetrotting", she's busy on the board of directors for Taylor's old pre-school, which is a lot of fun. Lillian writes: "I hope that as folks read this I'll be in Honduras on a summer Mission trip with our church. I am looking forward to a great experience. All is well, everyone healthy and happy."

At Christmas, **Lisa Faulkner-O'Hara** got the chance to visit **Sally (Gray) Lovejoy**, her husband and parents at their beautiful home in Virginia. At the time, Sally was due to meet President Bush at his upcoming signing of the national Education bill, on which she had devoted much of her 2001 working life on Capitol Hill! Lisa is working within an advertising network building a new marketing research company. This she describes as "hectic, but definitely fun. My husband and I took a great vacation

in California last spring and highly recommend Carmel Heights and Big Sur to anyone who hasn't been there yet. We also made our umpteenth annual summer pilgrimage to Nantucket with our family. My kids (son Bud is 11 and daughter Evan is 7) are doing well and up to the usual soccer, basketball, baseball, lacrosse, dance, Brownies, and piano lessons that comprise a family's weekends."

**Mimi Walch Doe** says "I have cut way back on my travel/talk schedule since 9/11. It's just not worth it to leave my precious family—unless of course they come too and it's an alluring tropical venue." Mimi's big news is that her latest book, *Busy but Balanced* (St. Martin's Press) was just released! Her web site is: <http://www.SpiritualParenting.com>

**Missy Gentry Witherow** and family are happy in Memphis with daughters Somer (8) and Wallace (6). Missy loves keeping up with Susan, Francie, Eithne and Lillian, and says it's wonderful having Francie back in Atlanta and Martha Corretti Coghlan '82 back in Birmingham. "Our girls will go to big girl camp this summer and then we look forward to exploring out west with them. Above all, we are so happy to be blessed with good health."

**Kim Fuller** is still a travel agent 2 days a week because she loves to travel and likes the perks. The remainder of the week, she works with her husband who works at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and is CTO of a new small start-up bio-tech company. Kim says: "it's been fun getting back to lab-bench science and using that degree my parents paid for!! I do everything from experiments to making lotion. The company has discovered a natural anti-aging compound. It not only fights wrinkles but helps those with skin problems like eczema and psoriasis. Also developing a skin lightener for age spots and a tanner. It's pretty exciting. We are getting ready to launch the wrinkle cream—thinking of starting with QVC—but we'll see. Keep your fingers crossed—this could be really big!!" (Kim, hurry and tell us the name of your anti-aging lotion before we can no longer remember that we need some.) She stays in contact via email with **Sally Gray Lovejoy** and **Janel Hughes Wiles**, and met with Sally and Bret in June 2001 for dinner in DC. Kim occasionally sees **Ann Connolly** in Newburyport.

**Randie Mulholland Benedict** is in her twelfth year as Director of Admission at Garrison Forest School in Owings Mills, MD where she and her family live on the campus in a lovely 100 year old home. She and her husband Ben will celebrate their eighteenth wedding anniversary this summer and will have an official teenager in the house when their son Lex turns 13 in July. Ben is in sales with a large manufacturing company and travels throughout the country each week. Daughter Parker is ten in May and has just finished the fourth grade. Her family enjoys gardening, skiing, snowboarding,

lacrosse, tennis, riding and golf. Annual vacations take them to the Delaware shore, Fort Myers, FL and Chautauqua, NY. "Best to all my old SBC friends," says Randi.

**Shannon Thompson Eadon** says 2001 was almost a very good year. Children Logan (11) and Tucker (9) are both healthy and happy in school. The Eadons were able to enjoy several ski trips last year and a family foray to St. Johns for Easter. She loves designing and selling jewelry and Gordie is enjoying investment banking. Shannon writes: "September 11th...both Gordie and my brother Brad work in NYC and were missing for hours (both are fine); but life is not the same. Unfortunately, we lost many friends and our community was hard hit. So, Christmas was a time of healing and reflection...we hope that the new year will bring peace. I have kept up with many Sweet Briar friends via e-mail such as Francie, Susan, Missy, Eithne, Diana, Muffit and Piffin. Yes! Piffin has been found alive and well in England with two boys and husband too. E-mail her at [portz@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:portz@globalnet.co.uk). I am sure she would love to hear from you."

**Carolyn Hallahan Salomon** is happy at home with Thomas (2 3/4) and Meaghan (15 mo), busy "enjoying life through their wonderful little eyes." She has also started up an all-natural pet food supplement business, which is doing well. Husband Robert is eager to recover fully from knee surgery so he can get back on his dirt bike! Carolyn's e-mail is: [chsalam@netzero.net](mailto:chsalam@netzero.net).

**Catherine M. Flaherty** writes (while mid-flight to Denver) that life is hectic as always. She continues to be very much involved with her career as a Senior Sales Manager, and her life at home as Mom (to three very cute little boys, by the way). They're celebrating Spring Break by skiing for one week at Vail, then hitting Florida for one more week of fun and sun with the boys, now 4, 6 and 7.

**Myth Monnich Bayoud** looks forward to Charlie's third birthday and his dinosaur party at the Dallas Museum of Natural History! Upcoming travel destinations include Palm Desert to visit David's parents, and the San Diego Zoo. Myth co-chairs the Halloween-themed auction at Charlie's school in October, and will spearhead with her husband a fundraiser for responsible teenage driving, scheduled for early 2003. She stays in touch with **Susan Boline Thompson**, who with husband Gregg, their daughter and twin boys, lives around the corner! Myth also keeps up with **Brianna Boswell Brown**, **Melanie Bowen Steglich** and **Janel Hughes Wiles**, whose family had a great Christmas ski vacation in Vail. Myth was happy to have heard from **Leslie Ludwick Bires**, **Claire Dennison Griffith**, **Lillian Sweeney** and others over the holidays.

If you glanced at the Wall Street Journal on July 11, 2000, you're sure to have seen the full-page photo of **Frances Root** in Smith Barney's ad for Premier Selections Large Cap Funds! Francie,



focusing on value stocks, is prominently featured as Co-manager.

**Beth Newberry** writes that she and husband Steve are "pulling a "Sarah and Abraham". A third child, Porter Brown Phillips, was born Novembr 30, 2001." Porter shares his name and his birthday with Beth's grandfather!

**Tinsley Place Lockhart** reports that she is no longer married to Hugh Lockhart, but has for four years been with a man called John Lockhart, which she says is handy for the monogrammed towels. Her children (Beau, 16/Esmerelda, 13), described as "huge and wonderful," joined Tinsley for a visit to her mother's home in Scottsville, Virginia last summer. The internet business is still a going concern but Tinsley has also been working toward a law degree at the University of Edinburgh. She wrote to us while she was supposed to be studying for exams and admits to "procrastinating big time. Writing this makes my conscience smart, so I must go hit the statutes, but would love to hear from people...best e-mail: [tinsleylockhart@hotmail.com](mailto:tinsleylockhart@hotmail.com) / best URL: [www.tinsleylockhart.co.uk](http://www.tinsleylockhart.co.uk)

**Jill Steenhuis Ruffato** returned to the states for March/April shows in Jackson, MS, Huntsville, AL, Atlanta and Alexandria, VA. The news grande is that she and Serge have sold their home and are moving six kilometers away (toward Aix) to begin a new restoration project on an old house. Jill also announces that the adults painting workshop she has been promising for years is about to become a reality. She says: "It will focus on Art and Faith...I hope it will be a sort of spiritual retreat (because) to paint is to pray and actively participate in celebrating the gifts of nature..." Two one-week sessions June, 2002, mailings to come. Her boys are thriving and share the soccer ball.

**Dianne Delledera** gave birth to her fifth child on January 1, 2002! Little Ivy joins Robert (14), Dylan (12), Isaac (9) and Autumn (5). Dianne claims that "between scouts, dance, basketball, soccer, work, etc., Ivy will hardly ever see the inside of the house!" Rob is currently working in Lynchburg, life is nutty and all is well.

**Susan Posey Ludeman** is fine and keeping up with Danny, Jr. (17), Allie (15), David (11) and Caroline (8).

**Pam Leuzinger Williams** continues to enjoy her interior design business, has just earned a real estate licence, and manages to play a little tennis, too. Will (16) and Trip (8) are doing well at Trinity and St. Christopher's.

**Mitch Baruch Jeffery** tells us that Jim is busy with his own asset management firm, Charlie (16) is away at school in New Hampshire, and Jane (7) follows in Mom's footsteps at the Chapin School in NYC. Mitch volunteers at Chapin, Lenox Hill Hospital and helps with Red Cross 9/11 relief efforts.

**Catherine Mills Houlahan** is "overjoyed" with the arrival of Rose Evelyn (7 mo) and doesn't even mind the reappearance of diapers and baby bottles. Connor

(7) and Shelby (5) are having great fun with their new sister and daddy John is also a fan.

**Vicki Clarendon Richter** tells us that she has accepted a new job as Senior Development Associate at the National Liberty Museum. The goal is to educate children about the meaning of liberty, the importance of tolerance and acceptance of others. The children (15, 13 and 11) are well; the eldest attending boarding school at Vermont Academy, younger boys at Episcopal Academy. Vicki says "Ah, teenagers! Thank goodness I remember what I was like!"

**LaQuela Scaife Barnett** welcomes another grandniece this year, and practices her role as combination Brownie Mom, Gymnastics Supporter and Basketball Fan to daughter Lexi. Meanwhile, the family business continues to expand, adding a new line of custom CD greeting cards. ([customgreeting-cards.com](http://customgreeting-cards.com)) She sees Jana Joustra once a month and reports that she is with HCA and having a great time in Nashville. LaQuela looks forward to a whale watching expedition to Carmel with her Mom and Lexi. A trip to Mexico is planned for the spring.

MYSTERY-as in didn't sign name - PERSON (possibly **Lisa Sturkie Greenberg?**) has seen Francie Root several times, is still working as an assistant fourth grade teacher at Lovett, is a Team Mom for baseball and makes the soccer scene. Husband Jon is a partner with Greenberg Traurig law firm in Atlanta.

Like everyone else, I (**Liz Swearingen-Edens**) am in perpetual motion. Son Alex (6+) daughter Cary Pippin (4) husband Joe, my graphic design/illustration clients and misc. other activities keep me busy. I recently visited with **Carol Williamson Jenkins**, husband Nick and son William (8, designs robots) on The Ridge in Alabama. House guests, wild tennis matches, etc. provided much entertainment. Carol is well. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this column!

## 1983

**President: Miriam Baker Morris**  
**Secretary: Melissa Bryne Partington**  
**Fund Agent: Tracy Gatewood Lyons**

Everyone seems to be quite busy these days, in the throes of family activities, hobbies, work and the dreaded "Turning 40"!! Our 20" year reunion is right around the corner ladies. I hope to see you all there!!

**Wylie Jameson Small** writes that she has finished her first novel and is working to get it published. She is also busy with volunteer work at Rudy's school and with Rudy's competitive squash activities as well as trying to get some tennis in a few times a week.

**Mason Bennett Rummel** and Rick are very involved with their children. Bennett is approaching high school and Annie is busy with piano and voice and

Emma is finding cheerleading to be awesome! Mason is busy with her work and Rick continues his business selling medical equipment. Mason had the opportunity to visit **Lea Sparks Bennett** last spring in Lynchburg

**Phyllis Feddeler Fejzuli** is living in Palm Bay, Florida with her husband Alen, 7 year old son AJ, 9 month old daughter Doran, and Porter the dalmatian. She enjoys volunteering at her son's school and being a stay-at-home mom.

**Carol Dudley Boswell** and her husband Greg are still in Dayton, Ohio. Greg is working with Pella Window Systems and is enjoying himself. Lucas (7) is having a blast in 1st grade and enjoying participating in sports. Carol has been substitute teaching in their school district and thinking about doing graduate work in the area of educational research. They might be visiting Virginia this summer and hope to stop by Sweet Briar.

**Blair Redd Barnes** is still working as the head trader of Craig Drill Capital. She and Chip are living in Rye, NY and see **Meg Price Bruno** quite often. The biggest news from Blair is that she had a baby in January (she sent her notes just days before it was born). Their daughter, Raleigh was very excited about her new brother or sister. Their son Brandon is a junior at Chapel Hill and Jeb will graduate from Trinity Pawling this year and then head to College of Charleston in the Fall. She is excited about seeing everyone at reunion next year!

**Grayson Harris Lane** completed her Ph.D degree in Art History at Boston University in January 2002. She still lives in Menlo Park, CA, and is raising two children, Campbell (5) and Robert (4). She is also involved with Stanford University's art museum.

**Amy Boyce Osaki** is quite the world traveler with her business, Walking Sottly Adventures, now in its 7th year. She traveled to Europe for five months last year. She stayed with the family she worked for in Paris when she was there on SBC Junior Year in France. Madame also traveled with her—she's taken three of their trips and is quite a hiker! Amy also visited **Marijtje van Duijin** (who went to Sweet Briar for our senior year) and her family in Holland. Heidi, Amy's daughter will turn 2 this year. Amy also spoke to **Desiree Bouchal** who was in the World Trade Center at work on September 11 and got out (on the last elevator out). Amy says **Eleanor Wells Carter** has two cute kids and they trade mommy notes.

**Elizabeth Taylor Seifert** is still Director of Public Policy with GlaxoSmithKline. Her children Catherine (6), Lydia (4) and Peter (2) are growing like the weeds! She says being a mother to 3 is a joy and sometimes a struggle. Mark is busy building a legal practice in Cary, NC. Elizabeth is also looking forward to seeing everyone at our 20".

**Blair Clark Smith** married Calvin William "Billy" Swoope III in January. They are merging two families—her four and his three children! He has twin 8-year-old boys and an 11 year old boy.

Quite a crew! Blair is teaching math at a middle school (after getting her masters) and, of course, running around with the kids. There was a mini-reunion at the wedding with **Leslie Malone Berger**, **Anne Little Woolley** and **Lucy Chapman Millar** and their husbands.

**Leslie Malone Berger** loves her field of speech language pathology and continues to work with medically fragile preemies to three year olds, focusing on speech and language as well as feeding and swallowing. Alex (10), Kiernan (8), and Emilie (5), keep her and Kevin busy with homework, lacrosse, baseball and gymnastics and just plain running around!

**Wendy Chapin Albert** and Tolly's two girls Anne (10) and Eleanor (6) are going to the same school and love it. Wendy has started riding again and she has introduced the concept to the girls too! She has enjoyed keeping up with SBC friend **Meg Price Bruno**, who lives in Armonk, NY now, and hopes they can get together this year.

**Nina Pastuhov** is still selling insurance in the greater Ft. Lauderdale area. She spent her 40" birthday with her boyfriend on a two week vacation to Utah for the Olympics.

**Kathy Barrett** is getting married this year. In March she received her certification in "International Business and Corporate Protocol" which allows her to teach adults "Etiquette and Dining" skills. With this certification, she is now qualified to teach etiquette to all ages! She visited **Barb Paulson Goodbarn** in Denver over the Christmas holidays.

**Martha Riggs Lowrey** writes that her husband Ron received a much needed liver and kidney transplant in September 2001. She would like us all to consider signing an organ donor card—as she and Ron were blessed by this wonderful gift from someone else. She also had a nice visit with **Hannah Davis Emig** and her family in late summer.

**Gigi Harsh Mossburg** and her husband were fortunate enough to attend the Centennial Gala at Sweet Briar and she said it was an incredible experience! They saw **Heather Pirnie Albert ('82)**, **Francie Mantho Belliveau ('82)**, **Heidi Slavin ('82)** and their husbands. She also went to Heidi's bridal shower, given by Heather. Gigi hadn't seen these women since 1981 and says it was as if she had seen them just yesterday!

**Lee Anne MacKenzie Chaskes** is busy with her boys Will (14), Robert (11), and Adam (2). Her week is made complete by participating in Bible Study Fellowship (with over 900 classes around the world) and says that studying God's word helps her get through the laundry, schedule and all of her responsibilities with a calm heart and a sane mind.

**Becky Campbell Moravek** and family are doing well. They are busy with their home and their 34" MarineTrader trawler. The family made a trip up the Connecticut coast and over to Long Island. She is also doing lots of volunteer work and carting her children Megan



(11) and Jack (8) to soccer games. Her husband Bob is still at Southern Star Shipping in NYC.

**Barb Paulson Goodbarn** saw **Bridget O'Reilly Holmes** in March 2001 while the Holmes family was in Colorado for a ski trip which looks like it will become an annual event! She enjoyed her visit with **Kalhy Barrett** as well.

**Ellen Clare Gillespie Dreyer** is doing well and says that turning 40 was painless! She is busy with her family, and wants to let everyone know if they come to the DC area to call her.

**Alicia Nygaard Formagus** writes they are busy with their two sons William (13) and Thomas (11). She has been asked to help to reproduce the University Park Children's Park (where she lives) in Tyler, TX. She says they are also being led to develop a Christian Retreat Center on their farm in Northeast Texas.

**Betsy Birckhead Glick's** big news is that they have moved—not out of Hilton Head but to a house with more space! She is still a stay-at-home mom with Kevin (9), and Christopher (4). They stopped by Sweet Briar last summer on their way back from the Greenbrier and were amazed by the construction and all the changes. She is very much looking forward to reunion. As for Robert and I, we are still in Marblehead, MA. Robert is busy with seminary and will finish with dual masters degrees in Divinity and Counseling in the spring of 2004. I am still working full time at IBM. Our two beautiful children, Rachel (4) and Andrew (2.5) are the joys of our lives! If anyone comes up to Boston, please let me know—we'd love to see you! Thank you all so much for keeping in touch. It is hard for me to believe that I have been doing this for almost 15 years (or is it 20?). Looking forward to seeing you next year!

## 1986

**President: Lisa Redd Toliver**  
**Secretary: Charade Bolling Estes**  
**Fund Agent: Shapleigh Donnelly LaPointe**

I couldn't wait to make the trip to the mailbox to see what exciting news awaited. Thanks for the great response! The first postcard arrived from NJ. **Kathryn (Kale) Repetto Erskine** reports that she and husband, Ron are living in Ridgewood.

**Terry Cerrina Davis** and husband were just days away from the birth of their first child. Her excitement "jumped" off the page. Congratulations, Terry!

**Dr. Nancy Palermo Leitz** checks in from Charlotte, NC where she lives with husband, Tim and children Claire (6) and Benton (4). Her specialty is OB/GYN and she says that she is blessed to take care of lots of SBC grads!

**Drusilla Davis Fadus** and Joseph are in Marietta, GA. Their little ones, Margaret (7), Jim (3) and Katherine (17 mos) keep her very busy. "Life as a

full-time mom gets richer with each passing day."

**Kirsten Bailey Atkinson** and Loid are still in Wilmington, NC. She received a Masters in Conflict Resolution and serves as the State Board President for the Mediation Network of NC. Kirsten would like the e-mails of her SBC roomies. Roomies?

**Holly McGovern Barber** and family are enjoying life in Tampa, FL. Holly started her own catering business last year, but still finds time to run in occasional races. She sees **Meme Boulware Hobbs** and family on a regular basis, and is looking forward to seeing **Ashley Simmons Bright** this summer.

**Mary Johnson Ryan** and Kevin are still in West Chester, PA. Mary Grace (2) keeps her very busy but she finds time to work part time as a Certified Financial Planner with Citizens Bank. **Jessica Sinnott** is practicing law at E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. Last Spring she and husband Bill were on campus for the Alumna-in-Residence program. She had nothing but good things to say and encourages others to participate.

In Redding, CT with husband Devin and daughters Emma Jane (5) and Beatrice Ann (1), **Stephanie Hamilton Gregory** is busy undergoing yet another whole house renovation project. She has lost touch with her SBC pals, but her New Year's Resolution is to contact old friends.

After taking a break from teaching art history at Queen's College, **Katherine Redmond Teague** and Jencie have started collecting art. Jencie IV (7) and twins Anne and Redmond (4) keep her very busy.

Looking for property in the Outer Banks of NC? Contact Real Estate Broker **Louanne Pahel Woody!**

**Meme Boulware Hobbs** writes, "All is well in Birmingham, AL. I'm busy with Libby (8) and Whit (6). They play all sorts of sports and we do too much! I see **Elizabeth Cahill Sharmar** ('84) and talk with **Holly McGovern Barber**."

Aloha from sunny Maui. **Tricia Lonick Vergel de Dios** was married in Virginia, July 1, 2000. **Susan Swagler Cowles** was a bridesmaid. Tricia has been working at the Hyatt Regency Maui for 15½ years as the Wildlife Manager, but will begin working with Coldwell Banker Island Properties after the birth of her son—the special delivery is scheduled to arrive on July 10, 2002.

**Shannon "Spunk" Kuehlwein** writes, "Great to see SBC again after so many years. I'm busy buying a house with my partner, so we are decorating, painting, building—basically making a mess. I love my job as a Police Officer and I'm training to be a Defensive Tactics Instructor for our department. My work as a Firefighter has also kept me busy as I am currently working to be certified in NH as well as VT. I find myself being reenergized in these careers since 9/11."

**Deanne Dawson James**, husband David and daughter Teagan (2) are enjoying life in NC. She works for a software

company specializing in data protection and after the events of 9/11 she has been traveling worldwide and working very hard! Her travels have taken her to South Africa, Mexico and Spain.

**Beth Ann Trapold Newton** is expecting her third child in Spring 2002. The baby will be welcomed by Gus (8) and Bonnie (6). Beth Ann writes, "I'm a bit scared about the large age gap, but it'll be nice to have built-in babysitters in a few years!"

**Karen Gonya Nickles** is busy with work, family and friends. She is a soccer mom—coaching her daughter's (8) team and watching her son (11) play. She recently had dinner with Katie Hearn ('85), Loretta Archard ('85) and Anne Martin Gonya ('85).

**Mary Beth Miller Orson** writes, "Carl and I are still in Scottsdale, enjoying the AZ sunshine with our daughter Caroline (3). We went tubing down the Salt River with **Eve Hill** this summer and went on a jeep tour of the red rocks of Sedona with **Jennifer Green Mitchell** and her family a few days before Christmas. I'm still an attorney at Honeywell in Phoenix."

**Rebecca Young Metro** is enjoying life as a stay-at-home mom to Katie (4½) and Andrew (2½) in Arlington, VA.

**Stephanie Jones Renfro** and family moved back to Hickory, NC in April 2001. Husband Jim, a Marketing Manager with Corning Cable Systems, Helen (10), Gavan (7½) and Stephanie are glad to be back and hope to stay.

**Susan Finn Adams** and Michael are still in Williamsburg, VA. They celebrated their tenth anniversary and moved June 2001 into the house his late father built when Michael was born. What a special place for their three children (now 7, 4 and 3). Sue is still working part-time out of their home researching new projects for a book publisher. She hopes to have some mini-reunions soon (Jen/Linda-BNL anyone??).

**Jennifer Green Mitchell** is still living in Arlington, VA with her husband and 4 year old daughter but they travel between their home in Arlington and their weekend place in Madison County. Jennifer is a Senior Analyst at a fundraising consulting firm in DC. She keeps in touch with SBC classmates **Susanne Gonge Bashkin**, **Mary Beth Miller Orson** and **Eve Hill**.

In March 2001, **Mary Jo Biscardi Brown** and husband returned to the U.S. after a 2½ year stay in Copenhagen, Denmark with his company. In August 2001, they made another work-related move from FL to PA. They are slowly settling into their new home and enjoying new surroundings in Bucks County, PA. Mary Jo is looking forward to serving, along with **Lynn Mather Charette**, as Fund Agent for Reunion 2006—our 20<sup>th</sup>!

**Lee Malley-Lowe** still lives in Vienna, VA with husband Bill and 2 children, Jack (6) and Megan (2). They are busy adding another addition onto their home, doing all the work themselves. Lee recently started a new position with CIGNA as Director of Contracting and

really enjoys keeping 2 full time jobs...Mom and professional.

**Corrine Neale** reports from the Jersey shore that she enjoys her job as a clinical social worker at a nursing home and is proud to be a certified EMT.

**Alyson Carey Goods** has had a very busy year with her three children, Jack (6), Avery (4) and Claire (2). Between lacrosse, swimming, skiing, and ballet she's not sure why she is called a stay-at-home mom! Husband Bob is joining a new law firm two years after making partner at his current firm. Alyson hopes to hear from any SBC friends at her email [RRGNEWS@adelphia.net](mailto:RRGNEWS@adelphia.net).

**Jennifer Crossland** checks in from Richmond, VA. She started a new job in October 2001 and says that she is much happier! She sees **Nancy Ray Wilshire** (not as often as she'd like) and **Linda DeVogt** (too much). She sees many SBCers and now keeps in touch with several classmates by email addresses exchanged at reunion.

**Dayna Avery Hulme** still works in medical malpractice litigation in Brentwood, TN and has two daughters, Courtney (9) and Alexandria (4). She keeps busy with third grade and pre-school activities, including piano, dance and Brownie cookie sales and is involved with church choir and Junior League. She tries not to miss her monthly Bunco group where **Jonna Lee Ashwood** ('87) is usually always there. Dayna and her husband had hoped to celebrate their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary in southern France and parts of Italy, but plan on it this summer for their 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Heather Brown** is living in Tulsa, OK working as in-house counsel for the Williams Companies. She manages their litigation across the country and is loving it! She would love to hear from long lost classmates. Her email: [Heather.Brown@Williams.com](mailto:Heather.Brown@Williams.com).

**Sharon Beard Testa** is enjoying her twin daughters Elizabeth and Caroline while trying to find time to work and finish her dissertation for her Psy.D in Counseling Psychology. The twins and **Mary Johnson Ryan's** daughter are pals, so she sees Mary and husband Kevin often. She and husband Scott spent an evening with **Cara Heard Ellicott** and husband Ross. Cara's children were featured in the Christmas Tiffany's catalog. Sharon would love to hear from any classmates who are in the Philadelphia area.

**Lisa Marks** has moved to Morrisville, NC. She writes, "I have been incredibly blessed this past year, in two areas in particular. I was fortunate to do a short term mission trip with my church to the village of Hainomosa in the Dominican Republic. I had mixed emotions about the trip. I wanted to do something for these people and for God, but I felt really inadequate and terrified of failure...I busted a bit of concrete, laid some stairs and such, but the best part of the trip was what those people did for me...My other tremendous blessing was a job opportunity that I love! I have taken a

position as a Marketing Director with a pharmaceutical company in Raleigh, NC. I would love to hear from anyone in the area or anyone passing through.

**Debby Klepac-Gaskill** is living in her hometown of Ventnor, NJ. Debby, husband Greer, children Lillian (7) and William (4) spend their winter holidays in VT and their summers on the beach. Debby has been teaching math in Margate, NJ for 10 years and earned a Masters in Educational Administration from Monmouth U.

**Bella Viguerie Gsell** writes, "Nicole Yvonne Gsell was born August 3, 2001, joining Christopher (5) and Anne Claire (3) in the line up." She had a visit from **Elizabeth Haynie Wainstein** during Christmas holidays 2001 and she sees **Ashley Simmons Bright** all the time. "Everyone seems to be doing great!"

Elizabeth wrote from SBC where she was attending her first board meeting for Friends of Art (FOA). She recommends that all art history majors join Sweet Briar's FOA and "help make a lasting contribution to our school."

When Kansas City had its worst ice storm on January 30, 2001, **Missy Duggins Green's** phone lines were down for 10 days and her home was one of the 250,000 without power. Needless to say it was cold and dark, but she didn't get to experience this natural disaster because she was in Naples, FL for 3 weeks with her children, Miles (3) and Nancy Pippin (2). The power was restored 2 hours before they arrived home. While in FL she ran into **Lynne Higgins Dreyer** while on an outing with the children. Missy writes, "I had a great time seeing everyone last May and look forward to going back to the Patch in 2006."

**McKenzie Reed van Meel** writes from Amsterdam announcing the birth of Cornelis Mercer van Meel. Daughter, Madison (2½) speaks both English and Dutch and translates conversations with Mom into Dutch so her Daddy will understand. McKenzie has started painting pottery again, whenever she gets the chance—actually she dreams about it more than she gets to do it! Being a full-time mommy keeps her busy.

**Suzanne Craft Bailey** and Drew moved to a new house in Charlotte and son, Christopher started 1st grade. Daughter, Elizabeth (2) is doing much better after her 2nd set of ear tubes. Suzanne started riding horses again after 15 plus years out of the saddle, but she says it's just like riding a bike. She is trying to participate in more SBC Charlotte activities.

**Catherine Callender Sauls** and family visited last summer and she keeps in touch with other classmates.

**Robyn Bailey Orchard** broke her arm in five places, and is almost back to normal after an operation and extensive therapy. This minor setback didn't prevent her from being granted tenure, a permanent PA teacher certification, and passing the language and candidacy exam for her Ph.D. in English literature and criticism. She hopes to finish her coursework summer 2002.

**Ashley Simmons Bright** writes, "Edgar & I have 3 children Ella (11), Gordy (9) and Walker (5) who will start kindergarten next year. We're still living in New Orleans but have been spending a lot of time on the Gulf Coast in Mississippi where we have built a home. I've been doing lots of volunteer work and see **Bella Viguerie Gsell** a lot."

**Lisa Ringler Bennett** and daughter, Sydney, moved to a new home on a 100 acre horse farm. She is still with Computer Sciences Corp and loving it. She hasn't had time to ride as much as she would like to, but has tox hunted a few times this winter and just started playing polo. She is looking forward to a trip to Anguilla in April 2002—she says she can't wait to sit on a beach and chill out!

**Desiree Petrus** writes, "In October 2001, I left the PA Senate Transportation Committee where I was Chief Counsel for the Chairman to become Research Counsel on the 'Casey for Governor' (PA) campaign. I am very excited to be part of a history-making, high-profile, statewide campaign and am working very long hours. I look forward to a victorious primary and general election this year. This year will be a whirlwind year because of the campaign so my travel and book plans have been placed on hold until after the fall election. After the election, I will be revising my book, How to Start a Business in Pennsylvania at that time and anticipate my first work of fiction to be published in late 2003. It is my intent to continue in politics either remaining active in statewide campaigns or moving to the national level."

**Elizabeth Lindsey** and Ken, a Presbyterian minister, are still in rural NW Indiana. Still doing freelance from home and always looking for new clients. Does anyone need a good copy editor?

**Mimi Holland Dinsmore** and Tyler (HSC '86) are in Charleston, WV. She's working part-time at an art gallery, managing her church bookstore, but still finds time to be Mac's (8) cub scout den leader. She wished she had paid attention to SWEBOP when she had the chance!

It was great catching up on the news first, but I received an unsigned postcard: A classmate is living in Charlottesville, VA but hopes to get back to the mountains of Colorado soon. She and her husband are expecting a baby boy March 2002 who will join sibling Maggie (2).

As for me, Davis (VMI '85) and I are still living in Stafford, VA. I am the Task Manager for the Technical Library at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency in Arlington, VA. Working full-time, keeping up with Chelsea (13) and Cameron's (8) social calendar leaves little time for anything else. **Lisa Redd Toliver** and I try to get together once a month for lunch or just to chat on the telephone. Everyone take care and I'll see you back at the Patch for our 20<sup>th</sup>!

## 1989

**President: Whitney Bay**  
**Secretary: Emmy Leung**  
**Fund Agent: Kathryn "Kate" Robinson Hillestad**

As usual, it is great to hear from so many of you! I even heard from some classmates that haven't sent news before. Everyone has been keeping so busy! I have received several baby announcements, many of which are girls. We definitely have a large number of potential candidates for the Class of 2023!

Remember **Happy Gilbert**? Well, it's **Allegra Helms** now. After leaving SBC she finished up college in DC at American University, majoring in Economics and minoring in CS and Accounting. She worked for Mobil Oil in Fairfax for about 5 years. She now lives in Lynchburg with husband, Joe, and their two labs, Hannah and Rosie. In December, after several years of running a part-time photography business and working full-time at J Crew, she made the leap to being a full time photographer! Her work has been featured in *The Knot Mid-Atlantic Wedding Pages* and *The Knot Carolinas Wedding Pages*.

**Jill Whittaker Player** is still in Austin Texas and loving it. She is staying busy at home with Josh (4), Grey (2), and is due with her third child 2/02.

**Tracy Carter Warren** and Andy are expecting their third child in 6/02—adding to Caroline (6) and Drew (3), not to mention 2 dogs and 2 cats! Andy commutes to his job as CFO of CNBC and Tracy stays at home with the brood in Ridgefield, CT.

**Dana de Holl Lesesne** has moved to Sewanee, TN. Husband, David, accepted the position of Dean of Admissions for the University of the South (Sewanee). Their twin girls, Madlen and Tess, turned five the day after Christmas and are growing up to be quite the little equestrians (like mother, like daughters). The move has allowed Dana to get back into horses. She got a 3-year old thoroughbred for Christmas. The girls have a pony, also, so they spend most of their time at the barn. A mini reunion was held at their beach house last Spring—**Jill Needham, Christen Anderson Abernethy, Rebecca Hendrix, Lee Letkoviits Dawkins, Amanda Germond, Amy Ottaway Zambelli, Helen Bradley Tarbutton, Nancy Betha Howell, Ailish O'Connor** and **Beth Gottlieb** were all there.

**Clara Green** is living in NYC and happily pursuing a career in the performing arts. She directed her first NY production recently and has appeared in several plays, also modeling in print ads. Despite what has happened, she still thinks this is the best city in the world. On 9/11, she was on the 63rd floor of 30 Rockefeller Plaza, and saw the whole thing. She would like to

thank everyone from SBC who called or emailed to see if she was okay

**Sarah Anderson Stanton** and Murray now have two little boys, Gray (3) and Olav (1½). Both boys ride, and Gray is now skiing. Sarah has 3 horses to keep in shape, and Murray continues to restore antique Harley Davidson motorcycles. He has three, 1923, 1926, and 1927. He also has an array of British bikes to ride for fun. The farm keeps them busy, and they plan to host a Hunter Trials and a Hunter Pace this summer. Sarah is still teaching piano, and Murray has his law practice. They moved into their new house in the summer of 2000, and Murray just moved into his new office, which is located on the farm, a 1/4-mile from the house.

**JoAnn Bogofin** is still in Atlanta, working as a health care actuary at Tillinghast-Towers Perrin. She has 2 dachshunds, Daisy and Posey.

**Sans Good Washington** has had a busy year as assistant treasurer for her Junior League. She and husband Michael are busy shuttling sons, William (9), to Pony Club meetings and riding lessons, and Benjamin (19 months) to what has become grandmother's day out!

**Tish Markey Hutter** and Rob are still living in Mexico with their 3 children, Harrison (7), Katherine (5½), and Anna (2). They are enjoying the warm sunny weather and doing a lot of traveling throughout the country. They will be there for 2-3 more years.

**Stacey Hannan Quinn** will celebrate her 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Siemens Mobile as a Principal Technical Writer in April! Siemens was awarded \$100 Million deal with Cingular Wireless last October so they are all very busy working to fulfill the contract. She has also been busy with the Junior League of Boca Raton and trying to enjoy family life. Courtney Anne turned 2 years old on 9/18/01.

**Whitney Bay Shuck** is still working as a web architect for Maritz Travel. Her new jewelry business is also doing well. She has started lampworking classes, so she can make her own glass beads. Husband, Quin works for AMPS designing a power source for NASA's deep space probe. They will celebrate their second anniversary this year.

**Twig O'Dell Tucker** now lives in Medina/Orono, MN. She has three children, Jack (7), Will (5), and Katie born 2/2/01! **Karen Greer Goss** is Katie's godmother. **Amy Ottaway Zambetti** has moved back to her hometown of Gross Pointe, MI. She has two sons, James (7) and Charlie (5). She visited with **Ici Ollison** during the Christmas holiday.

**Michelle Lennane Gorman** lives in Bozeman, MT, where she enjoys sleigh riding with her horse and sons, James (4) and Thomas (3). Husband, James is remodeling a farmhouse. They ski and play soccer in their "spare time."

**Amy Sanidas** and husband, Daniel, are waiting the arrival of their first child 3/02. They are enjoying life in NYC.

**Elizabeth Fokes Pettys** is a legal secretary with Richter, Head, Shinnall & White, LLP. She will begin paralegal certi-

tication in the spring. She wants to eventually be an attorney. Husband, Richard, also works in the legal field. They live in Atlanta with their 7 cats!

**Anne Caston Gaa** lives in Baltimore, MD and works as a nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She is also working on a dual Masters degree in Public Health and Nursing at Hopkins, and hopes to finish 12/03.

**Jill Needham Franke** and Doug live in Fort Worth, TX. They have a 5-year old son. Jill is working for Organon Pharmaceuticals.

**Shelley Brashear Tomlin**, Edward, Haley (6), Edward-James (4) and John-Francis (1) are living in Dallas, TX. Shelley started her own business, The Live-In Connection, Inc., which provides sitters/companions for the elderly. She keeps in touch with **Betsy Howie** and her daughter Kathryn (1). She also sees her sister, Shannon Brashear Longfield ('92) and her children, Max (3) and Avery (1).

**Deana Catana Lemert** is enjoying life in Pittsburgh, PA. Daughter, Phebe will start Kindergarten in the Fall! Deana and her husband are expecting their second child 5/02.

**Jill Causby Skerlak**, Michael and their daughter, Lauren (2) have relocated to Northern NJ. Jill is happy to be back on the East Coast, which is closer to her family in VA. She is enjoying being a stay-at home mom and is active in the Junior League of Morristown, Moms Club and plays tennis weekly.

**Hildee Williams Wilson** and Alistair welcomed their second child, Ian Alistair 6/7/01. She has decided to stay at home with Ian and Emily (7), after working at the Knight Foundation for 10 years.

**Colleen Bradley Bell** and Bradley are expecting their 4th child 5/02. They have one boy, Chasen, and two girls, Caroline and Charlotte. Colleen is Chairperson for the West Coast Executive Board of Best Buddies International, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

**Andrea Williams Dakes** lives in Staunton, VA with husband Kenneth and their girls, Jaclyn (7) and Alex (6). They are expecting their third child. Andrea works for Cincinnati Insurance Company and serves on the city School Board.

**Sarah Consolino Murphy**, Bill and their 3 children moved to Racine, WI, last August.

**Karen Ashworth Lambert** is living in a suburb of Atlanta. She works as an occupational therapist and manager of a rehab unit. She and husband, Daniel have 2 children, Jack (2) and Sam (1). **Julie Littleton Smith** and Buddy welcomed their 4th son, Mark Joseph, 3/20/01. He weighed in at 8lbs. 12 oz. Their other boys are Harrison (9), Drew (3), and Michael (2). Julie is kept busy with 3rd Grade, baseball and football practices, mother's day out activities, church, etc. She and Buddy have purchased a lake house and are looking forward to a fun summer!

**Pauline Hanson Palm** is living in Fort Worth, TX, and is in her 9th year of

teaching art at Meadowbrook Christian School. She also teaches Bible to Junior High students and is the yearbook coordinator. **Allyson Welch Cain**, Tom and Nicole welcomed a little girl, Natalie Cain, 12/06/01, 10 lb 3 oz, 22-inch long. Ally still works at washingtonpost.com. She has stepped down from manager to become a Senior programmer and will be working part-time, so she can stay home as much as possible with Natalie. Tom works with Mitretek, saving the world from chemical weapons.

**Kim Kline Malone** and David are doing great, and adjusting to the population explosion in the house. Twins, Sarah and Jeffrey will be 1 yr old in May, and their lives have been very busy since their arrival. **Brother Brendan** (4 in Aug) is enjoying his babies, and is very protective.

**Kate Robinson Hillestad** has traded in her classroom of students to stay home with Kathryn Grace born 4/4/01. She still teaches several students and enjoys the rewards of working one-on-one. Katie Grace visits the stable regularly with her mom and had already been to SBC before she was 6 months old.

**Sandy Compton Sellman** hosted a mini reunion on 2/9/02, for daughter Alex's first birthday. Kim Malone, Allyson Cain, Kate Hillestad, Madeleine Corbo and their children were all in attendance. I ran into **Nancy Quinones Chancler** at the VA Bio Conference last Fall! When not traveling, she plays with her 2 greyhounds, 3 cats, and a horse that she is leasing. She is working for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership as a Senior Manager of Business Development.

As for me, I am heading into my 4th year at Wako Chemicals USA. I am the Product Manager for the laboratory chemicals division. I am enjoying the work and the occasional business trip. In my free time, I enjoy trail riding along the James River with my horse, Cadot, and my labs, Sampson and Dillon. Keep the news coming! I can now include notes in all issues of the magazine, not just once a year. Also a quick note that you can now make your contributions to the Alumnae Fund online!

## 1992

**President: Catherine Gornito Freeman**  
**Secretary: Kimberly Olmstead Cathoun**  
**Fund Agents: Keeley Sullivan Jurgovan;**  
**Margaret McClellan Driscoll**

**Stacey Simpson** is living in Unionville, PA, working for Intervet, Inc. as an equine specialist and territory manager for the mid-Atlantic region. She works a lot but still has her horses as a side business. Stacey is keeping in touch with **Marilyn Adams**, **Catherine Gornito Freeman** and **Tracy Loftus Keller** from time to time.

**Jennifer Brodlieb Cacioppo** won't make it to reunion because, it is a few days before her second child is due and

she is hoping to squeeze in a few rounds of golf just before the due date. Jenny has been talking with **Pokey DuPont Schiff** trading baby tips—her first one was born in November and his name is Riker.

**Jacqueline Geets Henry** was just in NC visiting Pokey and playing mother's helper. Pokey plans on introducing Riker to Jenny and **Lisa Grego** when Jackie, Lisa and Pokey come to stay with Jenny in NYC this spring. Along with visiting with friends Jenny is busy at her church and taking care of Annabella (2).

**Amy Dickson Riddell's** biggest news was the addition to their family on 3/29/01. Grace Katherine was born making Lauren and Emily very happy big sisters. Tim is still a Family Practice doctor with Ochsner Clinic in Mandeville and he loves it. He just bought a fishing boat so he is now in fisherman's heaven! Amy is staying busy being a mom, playing in a volleyball league, being a Daisy Scout leader and Co-chairing the Ochsner hospitality club on the Northshore. They are very happy in Louisiana, but will soon grow out of their house so watch for our change of address cards! She cannot wait to see everyone at reunion.

**Tracy Loftus Keller** and her husband, Chris, had a baby girl, Caroline, on 7/31/01. She is still a paralegal and PA realtor.

**Kelly Brown Estes** is keeping busy with her children—Ben (5) who is in kindergarten and Julia Katherine (3). She continues to teach 2nd grade in Washington, VA. She keeps in touch with **Heather Metzler Allen** and **Megan Spadaro Proffitt**. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in May!

**Jen Valentine Van Ness** and her husband, Jim, are still in Richmond and loving it. They have two children—Ashton, who will be 3 in September and Hank who will be 1 in April. Jen is still selling real estate and enjoying that very much.

**Brett Haltiwanger** has been in the bay area for 2½ years now and she thinks it's been great. She started competing in triathlons in the summer of 2000 and despite a serious head injury from a bike fall last year, she is gearing up for the coming race season. Brett recently went to Japan for a meeting (and a little vacation) and found that Japan was spectacular. She only wishes she could have spent more time there after the meeting. Brett is also enjoying her postdoctoral fellowship at Berkeley, but she is playing around with the idea of going to law school in order to become a patent attorney. She would love to hear from some of you and know what is going on with you.

**Janeime Asbury** is living in Atlanta and has two girls—Jaela is 6 and Janelle is 3. Along with her hygiene career they keep her pretty busy. Janieme recently caught up with **Fle Carmouche Hill** before Fle moved to DC from Atlanta. Fle is currently expecting her third child!

**Heather Metzler Allen** has had a

good year. She is now a Branch Manager for Sun Trust Bank and loving it! Her two girls are now 6½ and almost 3. Heather keeps in touch with **Kelly Brown Estes** and **Megan Spadaro Proffitt** and they are hoping to have a mini reunion before the big one in May.

**Elizabeth Roane** took some time off from working and went to France for the summer to take a French immersion course. She returned to NYC just after 9/11 and has had a tough time finding a job since. However she is very positive and feels certain that she will find something soon.

**Jennifer Toomey Driscoll** is enjoying Hagerstown, MD with her husband Charles and Kate (4) and Betsy (1). They had a wonderful holiday visit with **Diana Bradford Walsh** and Nick in NYC. Jen writes, "Diana deserves a gold medal for braving the Barbie Dept. at FAD Schwartz with my daughter Kate!" Also, Jen had a ball spending Christmas in Williamsburg with **Margaret McClellan Driscoll**, her husband, Sean, and their children, McRae and Parker.

**Cathy Driskill Hindman** is looking forward to seeing her old roommate, **Tricia Pheil** and other classmates at reunion. She is busier than ever with her children. Tabitha will turn 10 in February, Jack was 6 in December and Andrew is 2! Cathy works part time as a volunteer coordinator at New Covenant Schools where Tabitha and Jack are in school. In addition to all that she is serving on the Board of her Home Owners Association and she teaches Sunday School for 2 year olds.

**Kyra Meelan Werner** got married on 10/6/01 in NY to Judd Werner.

**Stephanie Brundage Snassdell** was in the wedding while **Kathy Hughes** and **Barbara Baisley** attended. Kyra and her husband just closed on a purchase of 33.5 acres of land and hope to build a house and a horse barn next summer.

**Catherine Gornito Freeman** has a crazy life in the household with 3 little ones—Charlotte (3) and David and Lawrence (2) definitely keep them on the go! And to add to the chaos they recently added a new member to the family—a black lab named Tallulah! Catherine had a wonderful trip to NYC in Dec. and got to visit with **Marilyn Adams** and **Lindsey Jenkins Matthews** and her 3 adorable boys.

**Leise Scheppe Hammer** and her husband, John, saw **Elaine Barksdale Finucane** and her husband, Michael, at their family farm for a duck-hunting trip. Leise has two children Jack (3) and Duff (1). John and Leise will be celebrating their 10-year anniversary this 6/27/02—Congratulations!

**Charlotte Bonini** and Deiss are living in Castine, ME where life is good, but a little hard in the snow. Charlotte made a trip south and had a ball visiting with **Tracy Steele**, **Jennifer Toomey Driscoll** and **Margaret McClellan Driscoll**.

**Jamie Delmonte Galbreath** just had another baby girl, Elizabeth Hadley, on 1/14/02. **Wendy Newman Bragau** ('86)

and **Katey Miller Hennig** are her god-mothers.

**Tracy Steele** and her husband Kevin welcomed Caroline Addison to the world on 1/11/02 and reports that all is well!

**Kristen Liljegren Maurice** has had a crazy year. She had been working on her Ph.D. dissertation and teaching international grad students at the University of Florida. But on 12/8/01 she got married to Andrew Maurice and they are now living in Charleston where he is doing training in the Navy as a submarine officer. They are not going to be in Charleston for long but they are enjoying the city while they are there. Kristen is looking for a job and doing a little teaching while still working on the dissertation.

**Anne Vogel Swan's** exciting news is that her oldest son, Liam, will become a big brother in 4/02, when Anne and her husband are expecting #2.

**Emily Ghiz** moved to Atlanta from Boston in 1/01 and for the last year has been working as a pastry chef consultant for two restaurants in the Atlanta area. Recently Emily has started her own business working with custom designed wedding/specialty cakes and handmade chocolates. She is trying to get used to the southern climate after living in Colorado and New England for years.

**Ginger Marks Collier's** biggest news to share is the birth of their second daughter, Dabney Windrow, on 11/06/01. Ginger is pleased to report that her oldest daughter, Stuart, is adjusting just fine.

**Judy Currie Hellman** got married on 9/8/01 to Robert Hellman and they are currently living in New Canaan, CT. Judy is in school in Manhattan where she is two years into a four-year program studying Spiritual Psychotherapy. In addition she is working as a nutritional and behavioral counselor. Judy frequently sees **Elkin Cushman** and also recently caught up with **Betsy Butler (91)** and **Toi Reynolds** at her wedding.

**Kathleen Davis Willis** has been living in metro-Boston (town of Wayland) for almost two years now with her husband, Dave, and daughter Morgan. It's been great for job security and certainly an intelligent career move for Dave, but it is nothing like the 'mountains of Maine' that they grew to know and love. They are living on a 'gentleman's' cattle farm so they get to experience a fairly rural lifestyle. Feeding cows every other day... assisting with other livestock, etc. Kathleen is still a very satisfied and successful full-time mother who dabbles a bit in freelance public relations projects from time to time. Kathleen returned from a trip to Breckenridge, CO where she stayed with **Harriet Farmer Hofman** and her husband, Scott. Harriet is an art teacher at Summit County High School and is beginning to commission her artwork around town. And, Harriet's athleticism has not changed since college—Scott and Kathleen cheered her on at a co-ed ice hockey game one night. Kathleen was able to see **Holly Hicks**—who lives in nearby Crested Butte, CO—and meet her fiancé, Randall Palmer.

**Margaret McClellan Driscoll** and her family are doing well in Williamsburg, VA. Margaret is busy spending time with McRae (3 1/2), who loves pre-school, and Parker (1), who is a big, sweet boy. Margaret enjoyed seeing **Holly Caswell King** and her son, Caswell and **Keeley Sullivan Jurgovan** and her son, Jack over Thanksgiving.

**Kate Haw** is having a ball as President of Friends of Art. She writes, "It's the most satisfying contribution I've ever been able to make to the College, and it has been a great opportunity to build relationships with alumnae from graduating classes of the last 60 years. I encourage everyone to join the friends and take advantage of what we are all about." Kate is still living in New York and working at the American Federation of Arts.

**Pokey Dupont Schiff** gave birth to a son Riker on 11/12/01.

**Jackie Geels Henry** came to visit Pokey over the holidays.

**Cricket Rabin Katalovsky** sends her greetings from Northern California. She and Kirill are doing great and expecting their first child in 6/02. As for myself—it is always so fun to go to my mailbox and see postcards from you all. I love hearing from you! Everyone who wrote/emailed me mentioned how excited they are to head back to SBC to celebrate 10 years. I am sure it will be a blast! Clay and I are doing well with Lily (2 in May) and getting ready for #2 in late April or early May.

**Holly Caswell King** and I take Lily and Caswell to a music class once a week, which is wonderful. They like to hold hands and talk to each other (in a language only they can understand) as they walk out of class. It is a riot! We are helping each other learn a lot about the thrills and spills of toddler land. If I don't see you at reunion I hope you had a fantastic time! Take care everyone!

## 1995

**President: Jessica Elaine John**  
**Class Secretary: Heather Lynn Reardon**

Dear Friends,

Reading your notes this year, I couldn't help but be amazed at the collection of fabulous women that make up the class of 1995. Listening to the stories of the winding paths of each of your lives brings back such vivid memories of our years at Sweet Briar and the magic that happened there which set us off on our great journeys. I hope that you enjoy the following stories as much as I have.

**Catherine Orr** is working in Africa guiding private horse safaris on a private game reserve in the Lapala Wilderness. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for adventure. There is no electricity or communications at the base camp, so she will have to wait until she gets back to Michigan to begin planning her wedding to high school sweetheart, Jack.

**Jennifer Parker** is a speech therapist

specializing in pediatrics at Pottsville Hospital. She has come to really love her job. On a trip to Atlantis in the Bahamas last March, her boyfriend, Art Raudenbush, proposed to her. They will marry on May 18th, 2002.

**Kimberly Roda Moorhead** and Tim moved to Louisville, Kentucky, after he completed his MBA. Kim still works for the Information Technology Association of America as their VP of Marketing. She recently was honored to become a member of the Kentucky Opera and landed a role in Carmen which made her thankful for the first time ever that she had taken Prof. Leveau's French classes. Mary-Byrd (Schroeder) and Jack Braun plan to visit in the winter.

**Laura Swope Townsend** has returned from Germany to live in North Carolina. She works part-time in the Preschool Department of the church she and her husband attend. Her son, Andrew, turned two in September and continues to bring his parents great joy. They still live in Fayetteville while her husband, who is a Captain in the Army, is stationed at Fort Bragg. Laura keeps in touch with **Lola Bailey** who is still working hard as usual.

**Peter and Maren Howard Leggett** moved to Scottsdale, Arizona last January for Peter's job with Ping Golf Manufacturers. She is teaching English as a second language to her second grade class. She still gets together with her SBC friends for weddings and fun. She keeps in touch with Meredith, Lucy, Eileen, Carson, and Jessica.

**Carson Scheppe** is still working for the Atlanta Mart. She bought a house and is planning to marry Scott Hobby in June. They were engaged in New York in February.

**Meredith Williams** and Lynden Melmed were engaged on New Year's Eve in Dallas. It was wonderful, romantic, and perfect. Lynden went to UVA for undergrad and law school, so they will hold the wedding in Charlottesville next fall. They are planning a small wedding at Ash Lawn Plantation near Monticello. After, they will honeymoon in South Africa as Lynden was born there and still has many family members there.

**Jessica John Ponce** had a whammy of a year last year as she married Steve on January 6 and had baby son Treat on December 6. She is still living in Vero Beach, Florida, and she is enjoying some time off from work to cuddle the new baby.

**Lucy Deoliveira Bosworth** is a partner in an employment firm in New Orleans and working a crazy schedule.

**Eileen Yates Von Herbulis** and Brian moved to Virginia for his job with the Marine's war lab, working as an interior decorator.

**Theresa Moore Smith** is enjoying both the rewards and challenges of being a stay-at-home mom to daughter Rachel Lynn who celebrated her first birthday on January 23, '02.

**Margaret Bruha** of Lake Bluff, IL vacationed in Rio de Janeiro last year,

and recently returned from a travel adventure in Costa Rica where she visited the Arenal Volcano and Pacific Beaches. Margaret is now training for her first marathon, the Kona Marathon in Hawaii where she will be running for support of the American Diabetes Association.

Speaking of marathons, after a fabulous recovery from her back surgery, **Gwen Hickey-Babcock** and husband Devin completed their first Triathlon in October. They both came in first in their age group. Even more exciting, Gwen's going to be a mom next fall. Her due date is September 17th.

**Kelly Hall** is currently working on a doctorate in Medieval Literature at Florida State University. She spent the summer teaching college level literature classes for the US Navy, living on board the U.S.S. Arctic. She says it was her best summer job ever and she enjoyed the free trips to Ireland, Scotland, Spain, France, Crete, and the Arabian Gulf.

**Holly Prothro Philbin** and Philip had their second child, Luke Holland, in September. He joins his two-year-old brother Charlie.

**Sarah Glenn Stafford Mercado** had a baby girl, Scout, just one day earlier. She and AJ are living in Dale, Texas.

**Beverly Stone** loves her job as a tenth grade teacher in Richmond. Home ownership is still treating her well and she works in the yard to escape the "real" world. Volunteering this year with Junior League has been rewarding for her. She leads a reading program funded for at-risk students. She keeps in touch with **Gwen Hickey-Babcock**. They were both bridesmaids at **Bergen Hall's** wedding last July.

**Anne H. Cho** is living in New York City and selling real estate for Insignia Douglas Elliman and loving it. So if anyone is looking to buy or sell their apartment or townhouse, let her know.

**Willie, Aiko, and Tracie Burroughs** are cavorting in the majestic shadow of the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. Tracie teaches wildlife biology at the local community college and high school science. She passes her summers working for the Division of Wildlife. For R&R, she backpacks the wilderness, which is gracious enough to share its majestic wonders with her, and gallops across the open plains. Just last week, she rescued a snowy Pegasus, invented time travel, dined with Zeus in the heavens, brought peace to the world, shared secrets with a mermaid, and rode the magical Pegasus into the night sky to capture stardust. Life is a never-ending adventure.

**Christine Patten Hunderplund** and husband Jan live in Barcelona, Spain. She has taken a leave of absence from her job with Continental Airlines. She received her English Teaching Certificate and is now teaching English as a second language. For now, she is happy to remain on one continent for a while.

**Robin Hendrickson** is working as an assistant manager at Chanel in Highland Park Village.



**English Griffith** is in Charlotte working for Merrill Lynch and planning a trip to London. She and **Susan Woodward Yeatts** went up to Philadelphia to visit **Cee Cee Valentine's** new house. Snooz and Cee Cee are both well.

**Eugenia Stark** graduated from UVA Law in May of 2001. Congratulations to her on passing the VA Bar exam. She is now working at Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher, LLP in DC and practicing in the area of tax and employee benefits ERISA. She sees **Tina Carlton** and **Sarah Young** often and keeps up with **Cee Cee Valentine** by email.

**Karen Whitby** had a busy summer traveling to Jackson Hole, WY. She is also a new home owner and she has been busy with everything associated with having your own place. She is still working in the President's office at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

**Katie Maxwell Schellhammer** and **Scott** are building a house in Brambleton, VA, which is in the suburbs of DC near the Dulles Airport. Although the commute will be terrible, she is really excited to be a homeowner. Unfortunately, Katie lost her grandmother in October. Her grandma was a SBC Vixen too, class of 1936.

**Heather Aspinwall** is teaching school in Alexandria, VA and is having fun dating, going out with friends, and traveling. In February, she and **Kathy Whitby** went skiing in Colorado.

**Sarah Clifford Weaver** attended the Friends of Art board meeting at SBC this year. She has been a participant since graduation, traveling to Paris, New York, and Boston to purchase art for the Sweet Briar Galleries and making incredible connections with alumnae in high profile art positions. They have a ball and network while creating a traveling exhibition.

**Mary Gordon** married this year and traveled with husband Boyd to England, Scotland, and France on their honeymoon. She is still teaching special education classes and it is going very well.

**Mary Byrd Schroeder Braun** and **Jack** live in Alexandria, VA. They bought a townhouse and are enjoying decorating it.

**Anna Reilly** lives in Arlington, VA and works as Senator John Warner's (R-VA) scheduler on Capitol Hill. It has been a scary time for her and her colleagues with the September 11 attacks and anthrax. Thankfully, she and other Capitol Hill SBCers are safe!

**Liz Dunck Hayes** and **Paul** live in Charlotte, NC. They traveled to DC in the fall as Liz was an attendant in the wedding of James and **Kara Dickey Moore**. Kara and James' wedding was beautiful and full of SBCers. They were on their honeymoon during September, safely out of New York. **Cat Ehlen**, **Gretchen Vida**, and **Catherine Orr** were also bridesmaids in Kara's wedding. Cat lives in Boston and Gretchen lives in Tampa.

**Lee Roman Winn** still lives on base at Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station in Havelock, NC. She does volunteer work around the base and cares for Travis, who will be four, and Taylor, who just turned two. Jason returned from

deployment to Turkey in November '01 and will be leaving for three months to Saudi Arabia in May of '02. He'll be part of Operation Southern Watch over Iraq (as someone has to keep an eye on Sadaam). She's in touch with **Jill Goolsby**, **Eleanor Dickinson**, **Anna Hawthorne Henry** and **Jen Wissman**.

**Eleanor Dickinson** graduated from the Portfolio Center in Atlanta where she specialized in Graphic design. She is now interviewing in NY and DC for a job. She also may have a book published and a lifestyle chair that she designed and had built was entered into I.D. magazine.

**Daniela Ricci** is doing PR work for the national MS society in DC, a leading volunteer organization that does community service. She stays busy playing soccer with a women's team in her area.

**Nancy Weigle** is living up near Boston with her husband Jay Smith (HSC '92). Jay is an architect and Nancy is a family practice physician now halfway done with her residency. She is enjoying her job and working with all ages and getting to use her Spanish. She has delivered over seventy babies so far!

**Kelly Cogshall** is currently writing her PhD dissertation in Biophysical Chemistry and will graduate from UVA in May '02. Then we will be able to call her Dr. Pepper!

**Amy Woods** is to be married this May in Costa Rica. She is engaged to Peter Jarich from Milwaukee, WI. She and Peter met while in grad school at Georgetown University. Amy works with Care International in DC.

**Leah Anderson Tidler** is very busy with three year old son Andrew and one year old daughter Natalie. They moved to Bowie, MD last year, where she and David bought their first home. Since Leah is the "house" manager, she doesn't get very many days off. She sees **Harriette Bayse** a lot and recently spent some time with **Gretchen Vida** in Florida.

**Lucile Page Martin** and **Bud** are doing great in Atlanta. Lucile is in grad school at Emory for anesthesia and working as an ICU nurse. She plans to join **Cathy Cummins**, **Holly Miller**, and **Nancy Weigle** in Toronto for vacation.

I keep in touch with **Heather Bond Grossman** who lives in Manassas, VA with her husband Mike, who is a police officer, and her two children Ashley, who is four, and Michael, who is two. And also with **Heather Elliott** who has moved back to Mt. Airy.

As for myself, my husband Eric and I are building a house and stable on our land in the Redlands, which is south of Miami. We need room for our new baby son Tom and the horses. Tom was born in January '02 and he is my angel. I spent the down time during pregnancy traveling and sleeping which was wise as both activities now seem to be very elusive.

Start planning now for our ten-year reunion. Until next year, stay safe and happy. Holla Holla Holla. **Heather Roll Reardon**

# 1998

**President: Charlotte Rognmoe Gilbar**  
**Secretary: Dawn Everett**  
**Fund Agent: Allison Gerber**

This has been some year! It is amazing how your view of the world can change so quickly. But it is wonderful to see that we have all had joys in our lives too. I got notes long and short, near and far and nearly everyone said they were looking forward to our reunion next year. So save the weekend of May 16-18, 2003 (or so I have been told) for our very first reunion!! I look forward to seeing you all then and hearing more news in the future.

**Mary Ann (Gheen) Bennett** and **Tim** are still living in Amherst. She is in her 4th year teaching at Nelson County Middle School. She saw **Susan Aronhalt** in December for Christmas Vespers and she was living back at home and finishing up her Masters Degree in Social Work. Susan and Mary Ann flew to Nashville this summer and visited with **Nicki (Benson)** for a week. She is teaching 8th grade English at a private school near Nashville. They have a cute house and three crazy cats!

**Melissa Rothwell Pembroke** and **Peter (VMI '98)** are the proud parents of Sarah Elizabeth Pembroke born April 7, 2001. "We are currently living at Fort Hood, TX but hope to be relocating back east in the summer." She closed her piano studio (22 students) after having Sarah. She has traveled back east several times to visit family while her husband's been deployed. I met up with **Anne (Smith) Culver** (and daughter, Beth) and **Heather Cushman '97** in Annapolis right before Christmas. Anne and Brian (VMI '98) bought a house and are living in NC.

**Joanne Hopkins** completed her first (but not last) Ironman! She finished Ironman Florida 2001. **Erikka Sund** went to cheer her on. Joanne and Erikka also attended the baptism of **Erin (Wortley) Valliere's** baby, Genevieve. Erikka is the godmother.

**Jessica Cronin** has been a headhunter in Boston for the past few years. "I just got my CPC Certification—which will help a great deal! I am so lucky, because I love my job, and the people I work with have become great friends. I am looking forward to visiting **Allison Gerber**, **Scarlett Swain**, **Charlotte (Rognmoe) Gilbar**, and **Jayne Calabrese Pomroy** when we get together in DC next month, and I had a trip planned to London in April." **Scarlett** has moved back to North Carolina. She is living and working in Raleigh and is so glad to be back. **Allison** finished Law School at Tulane and sat for and passed the bar in Maryland and is currently living in DC.

**Kathy Carr** avoided the news making events in the city of Houston this past year. She stayed relatively dry during Tropical Storm Allison, and didn't have any financial connections to Enron. She attended Heather Thomas's wedding in

May. **Laura Fitton Pieper** has been working for the Perry Chief newspaper for over a year. She is now a full-time writer/reporter/columnist, after starting as a front desk receptionist. She and **Nathane** have a puppy.

**Gretchen Gravelly** wrote with lots of news from SBC. She is still in the Admissions Office, with many other alumnae. She just completed her first year at Lynchburg College in the MBA program. **Shelley (Shreve) Oliver** still loves her Admissions position too. She and **Jasper** bought a house in Boonsboro. **Christina Cotter** still lives in Amherst and is still teaching in Nelson County. Gretchen also got to see **Amanda (Diamond) Ring** this fall when traveling for work in the Durham area.

**Isabel Jean-Pierre** finished her second year as a law student at Catholic University's Columbus School of Law in DC. She is also interning for a Federal Court Judge in the United States Court of Appeals. She looks forward to graduating and beginning a successful career in the field of law. Thanks, Gretchen!

**Amanda (Diamond) Ring** is in grad school getting her Master's of Education and was promoted to Head Teacher of the Two's and Preschool Programs at her center. **Joelle Jackson** graduated with a Master's Degree in School Psychology in May 2001, and began an internship to finish the Ed. S degree. She has been doing some fieldwork in the schools. She looks forward to working in schools and learning through experience.

**Ashley Grosvenor** wrote with news of **Dame (Fitzgerald) Billingsley** and **Melissa Rickman**. Dame is living in Fredericksburg, VA and Melissa is living in San Diego, CA. Both are doing well. Ashley is in Philadelphia and applying to medical schools.

February 2002 marks **Anne-Claire Wackenhut's** first year of teaching at the Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center. She is taking classes toward her lead certification and hopes to be qualified by the fall. In addition, she was working on her thesis this semester. She planned to finish in April and graduate from Georgetown with an M.A. in Liberal Studies in May! She is still with Steven. We recently saw **Mary Lea (Martin) Harris** and her husband Geoff. She and **Chantel Bartlett** keep in touch and saw "Rent" together. She returned to Sweet Briar this spring to see her sister Sophie graduate. **Chantel Bartlett** attended the Centennial Gala. And was excited to see everyone again! Chantal and **Kim Izquierdo** were bridesmaids for **Bobbie Jo Hedrick** at the end of May 2001. She also visited **Candice (Broughton) Maillard** and her husband, Richard, in Atlanta. She also visited with **Alicia Foster** in Virginia Beach and had dinner with **Amy (Peck) Driscoll '92**. She had dinner with former President and Mrs. Bush, former Prime Minister John Major and former Sec. of State, James Baker all in one night, on 9/10/01 at her firm's annual Investor Conference. Her biggest news is that she bought a house. She



worked hard to fix it up and is very proud to be a homeowner.

**Astrid Liverman** is still at UVA finishing up her coursework for a doctorate in architectural history. She got her master's in May 2001 in architectural history with her thesis on Hector Guimard, the art nouveau architect of the Paris metro. She planned to travel this summer to China and France (to visit with family). She has also seen **Mary Lea (Marin) Harris**, **Britt Sheinbaum**, and **Darelle Pfeiffer**. She also traveled to SBC to introduce her UVA Prof. Richard Guy Wilson at the symposium on Sweet Briar architecture and then again for alumnae-in-residence (young alumnae in the arts).

**Susan Barney** is still living in Richmond, VA working as a District Field Rep. for Congressman Eric Cantor. She spent New Year's Eve in Atlanta with **Lindsay Culp**, **Cady Thomas** and **Emily Busse**. She sees **Marnie (Tokaruk) Bates** in Richmond and keeps in touch with **Tricia (Mohana) Summers**. **Marnie** and husband **Kerry** are living in Richmond, VA and celebrated their 2nd anniversary in December 2001. They bought a second home and have been busy decorating it. She is still working at Fahrenheit Technology. **Tricia** is still living in Virginia Beach. She took some time off from teaching and is working out of her home selling Mary Kay. She has been able to take some time and travel, which is good for her since Brian has been off fighting terrorism since 9/11. She has been to SBC to see her sister, who is a sophomore. She also sees **Sarah Katherine Spangler** and **Susan Brown** often. She hears from **Melinda Brown** who sounds like she is doing awesome. She also has a puppy, Hailey, that keeps her super busy. **Sarah Katherine** is teaching Kindergarten and absolutely loves it! She also designed the web page for her school and manages to not have a free minute! She is also engaged and will be married on December 14, 2002. **Tricia** will be a bridesmaid.

**Cady Thomas** finished her 2nd of 4 years of a JD/MBA program in DC. She sees **Serena Pufegnat**, **Susan Barney**, **Emily Busse**, **Sarah Nolton** and **Lindsay Culp** often. She bought a house. **Serena Pufegnat** graduated from law school in December 2001 and studied for the bar.

**Stephanie (Belk) Loter** and Tom are living in North Carolina in a house they bought in 2000. They have many dogs, cats, a 30-year-old pony and a turtle. Stephanie graduated from NC State Vet School in May 2002 and was looking for an equine vet internship for summer. She and Tom also planned a hike across the Grand Canyon this summer. **Catherine Zahn** graduated from University of Hawaii with an MFA in Dance in the summer of 2001. She moved to Spartanburg, SC and traveled a lot visiting family and friends. She saw many friends at Sarah (Herndon) Snyder's '01 wedding. **Page Darney** is a branch administrator for Ferris, Baker, Watts and a licensed stockbroker. She has two horses and a puppy that she is showing in obedience and

agility. **Diana (Jordan) Avery** wrote to say she and husband Brent have bought a house and enjoyed a ski trip to Jackson Hole, WY in January.

**Cynthia (Bumgardner) Puckett** and husband Darrin are living in Georgia. She received a Masters in English Education from the State University of West Georgia. She has been visiting, and visited by, many classmates and keeps about 30 '98ers in touch through letters.

**Brigitte Laib** has been busy working at Ashland-Drew Marine, where she has started a new position in the Fire Safety Rescue division. Brigitte coordinates the Fire Safety Rescue sales and service for marine vessels in Canada, North America, and South America. She trained in Holland for three weeks to prepare her for the new position. She keeps in touch with **Cynthia Puckett**, **Anna Meres**, and **Candice Maillard**. Brigitte and Anna met up with Cynthia in Daytona Beach, FL for some sun and fun, before they served as Pit Tour Guides for the Pepsi 400 race in July 2001. **Katie Rinehart** is still in Bend, Oregon and got her real estate license in 2001 and works as a Realtor with her mother and her partner, Patty Dempsey. She bought her first house last summer and is really enjoying having her own place as well. **Heather Thomas** got engaged in 2/01 to Jonathan Armbruster and began planning a May 2002 wedding. **Amanda (Kotke) Wilson** and **Natalie (Lindfors) Recupero** will be bridesmaids. In October, she went to the North American Symposium on Bat Research in Victoria, Canada and presented her research. This February HAT and Jon bought a house.

**Alison Burnett** has been the Civil Law staff attorney for the Illinois House Republicans for the last year and a half. This is an election year in Illinois and the races have already turned pretty nasty.

**Candice (Broughton) Maillard** and Richard have bought a house in Jefferson, GA. Richard is partner in a Scandinavian paving stone company, and she is pursuing work in special events/events planning, among other things. In June, she was the wedding coordinator at a friend's wedding. They got an Australian sheppdog and are very happy. **Emily (Virkus) Calle** and Dan bought a condo and Emily's first horse (Cricket). Their new home is in McLean on the same block as her office building. Emily is still ballroom dancing. She has been in competition and Dan finished his training to become a ballroom dance instructor, and he's doing that part-time, in addition to his regular job. By far the furthest news came from **Adair Collins** in Bulgaria. She has been working in the Peace Corps there for the last few years and returned to the VA/DC area this summer. She taught ESL and conducted community/educational development projects.

I have also been working pretty hard for the last year. Tony and I have been planning our August 3, 2002 wedding since 3/01 when we bought the ring. We got engaged in 8/01 after he carried the

ring in his pocket for 2 weeks waiting for the right time. We are planning a small wedding at my home church and reception at our favorite restaurant. We are going to Canada for our honeymoon. I am still teaching in Vernon, now 2 literacy classes and technology every day. We do lots of work on plays and are looking for a new place to live. I look forward to hearing from everyone as our 5<sup>th</sup> year approaches and can't wait to be back at old Sweet Briar!

## 2001

**President: Sarah Houston**  
**Secretary: Jennifer (Jenn) Stringfellow**

Hello Class of 2001! Nearly a year has passed since we graduated (can you believe it?!) and I'm excited to report that our class is doing great!

In July **Alison Brown** moved to Roanoke, VA where she took a job as a Veterans Service Representative with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Elise Burdette** married Michael Paulhus December 29th, 2001 in Greenwood, SC. Her bridesmaids included Emily Black, Meghan Frier, Sarah Houston and Katie Wood. Elise and Paul will continue living in Lexington, VA until he graduates from law school in May, when they will move to South Bend, IN where Paul will assume a federal clerkship. Elise has been keeping busy with volunteering in the Lexington community.

After graduation, **Nathalie Delvoie** toured Europe with Katherine Morse, and is now teaching 5th grade at Fort Belvoir Elementary School in Fairfax County, VA.

**Kyle DuVall** spent 2 months at the University of Ghent in Belgium studying Dutch. In October she married Phil Blonde. Erin Alberda, Shweta Sharma, Christy Holterman, Lori Kovatch, Bethanie Swisher, Laurina Kaatz and Alison Brown, all from our class, as well as Katie McNamara and Salina Woodward from the class of 2002 attended her wedding. Kyle now works for First Union Bank in Greensboro, NC. She and her husband hope to move to Dallas, TX in March or April.

**Sarah Farber** lives in San Diego, CA where she loves working for DC Comics.

**Elizabeth Finch** currently lives in Virginia Beach, VA, and works for Molawk Marketing, a military distributor to all branches of the military in all parts of the world. Beth works as an inventory analyst for Playstation, and PC games, and also helps establish relationships with potential clients.

**Sarah Foley** lives in Washington, DC with Kris Harris '99, and Erin Wright '00, and she works for the lobbying firm, Katz, Kutter, et al. Her immediate supervisor is Patricia Ireland, former president of NOW, and also our graduation speaker. Sarah also keeps busy playing field hockey in the summers.

**Elizabeth Haerberle** ("Lizard") currently attends law school at the University of Kentucky College of Law and will graduate in 2004.

**Sarah Herndon** married Raf Snyder, HSC '01, on December 15th, 2001. They now live in New Jersey, where Sarah enjoys working at a dance school.

**Catherine Holswade** now lives in Richmond, VA where she works full time at Maymont Park as a zoologist.

**Sarah Houston** moved to Philadelphia after graduation, and started working for a pharmaceutical company. In January of this year she began graduate school at La Salle University where she will receive her Master's in Speech Pathology.

**Julia Kientz** moved to Charlottesville, VA in August and began working as an interpreter at Monticello. She was engaged to Robbie Ambersley in the fall, and they have planned an October wedding in Jackson, MS. Her maid of honor will be Sarah Farber, and her bridesmaids will be Beth McGovern, Shelly Steiman, and Emma Kate Payne ('02).

**Lauri Kovatch** moved to New Jersey to work for a biotech company in the microbiology department. She brought her horse with her and hopes to get back into competing again soon. She's excited about the cruise she's going on this summer with Erin Alberda, Alison Brown, Bethanie Swisher, Laurina Kaatz and Tana Malm.

**Katy Kruschwitz** moved to Hoboken, NJ and works in the Diversified Financial Products Group at USB/Painewebber as a programmer/analyst.

In January, **Dawn Martin** graduated from the BB&T banking school of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC. She's back in Lynchburg working as a loan officer for BB&T, and is getting ready to buy her first house.

After graduation, **Amy Mosher** moved to San Diego, CA with her boyfriend, Jered, and now works as a lifeguard in Coronado. She has applied to Cornell, U of R and San Diego schools of law, and will know in the next few months where she will go to law school.

After graduation **Elizabeth McGovern** ("Ebeth") moved to Charlottesville, VA. She is currently enrolled in the Master of Teaching Degree Program at UVA with a concentration in French. She also tutors high school students in math and chemistry, and continues to ride horses and compete when time allows.

**Katherine Morse** moved to Waverly, GA to take a job as an environmental education instructor. Unfortunately the program was canceled, and she eventually took a job with USC Archaeology and Anthropology Institute where she is working on an excavation at a Native American site near New Ellenton, SC at the Savannah River Site.

**Natasha Nicodem** completed an internship at the Salvador Dali Museum in the fall, and now works full time at the Gulf Coast Museum of Art in St. Petersburg, FL, where she now lives.

**Cristina Paolicchi** was accepted into the Nuclear Engineering Program of the U.S. Navy, and is now at Officer Training School in Pensacola, FL. After she graduates in late April she will go to a naval

base in Rhode Island to begin studies in nuclear engineering. After six months she will be assigned to a warship and will eventually learn to command an aircraft carrier.

**Jana Putnam** moved to WA, where she graduated from Western WA U in June of 2001 as the Presidential Scholar of the College of Business and Economics. She originally took a job with the Boeing Company as a logistics specialist, and now has a temporary position as Secretary Senior of the Office of the VP for Student Affairs at Western WA U.

**Emily Reeh** moved to OH to work in entertainment sales for a small company. She continues her education with business and photography classes.

**Ameeka Reeves** now lives in Lynchburg, VA where she is an algebra teacher at E.C. Glass High School. She and her fiancée, Scott Cruz bought a townhouse in January, and have planned a June 15th wedding, which will take place in the SBC Chapel.

**Whitney Smith** now lives in Richmond, VA with two other SBC grad-

uates. She enjoys working in group sales for the Richmond Ballet.

**Leah Solivan** moved back to her hometown, Shirley, MA where she took a job outside of Boston as a software engineer for IBM. She and her fiancée, Kevin Busque, plan on moving into their first house in Lunenburg, MA after their August wedding.

**Shelly Steiman** now lives in Grosse Point, MI where she works in a vet's office. She is also taking classes to go to veterinary school.

This summer **Meredith Taylor** moved to Richmond, VA where she started graduate school at VCU in the Counseling Psychology doctoral program. She will have completed her first year at summer's end, and has begun work on her master's thesis.

**Megan Thomas** moved to Fredericksburg, VA where she works at a research facility called the Naval Surface Warfare Center. She and **Brianne Harvey** ('01) will be bridesmaids in **Kate Talaber's** ('01) wedding in May.

**Brianne Vogler** moved to Washington, DC in July, and started her first year of medical school at GWU.

**Amy Whitney** is keeping busy with 2 jobs—one as the In-House Coordinator for the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Assoc., and the other as the part time event consultant with the Calverton School, a college prep school in Southern MD.

**Arianna Wolyne-Werner**, our Boxwood Circle Fund agent, is enjoying the jazz and blues clubs in Chicago while she's attending the U of Chicago Divinity School in the Ethics program. She will be attending **Nia Fonow's** ('01) wedding on April 12th, and will be a bridesmaid in **Amanda Campbell's** ('01) wedding in April.

**Rami Achterberg** will be moving to Salt Lake City in the summer. She got accepted to the German MA program at the University of Utah, received a tuition waiver and stipend and will work as a TA. She said, "The alumnae in Salt Lake City were so nice and all responded to my email. It's great to have such a good

alumni network. My email address is [sbctrbaum01@aol.com](mailto:sbctrbaum01@aol.com)."

Last, but not least: I moved back to Northern VA, and in June started working full time for a small direct marketing firm, Squire & Heartfield Direct, that I had interned for throughout college. Along with serving as your class secretary, I'm also serving as the VP of my high school Alumni Assoc.

I loved hearing from all of you—thanks to everyone who took a minute to respond. Please stay in touch. I hope these notes find all of you happy and doing well!

## bulletin board

### Support Sweet Briar Online!

For your convenience, gifts to the College and Annual Fund may now be made online at <http://www.giving.sbc.edu>. The site also features a list of employers who will match your gifts, planned giving information, and profiles of students who benefit from your generosity. The extraordinary generosity of alumnae, parents, and friends continues as the College's gift totals as of June 30, 2002 reflect significant giving in several critical areas including the Annual Fund. Our most profound gratitude to all who participated.

### Alumnae with media contacts: please check in!

The SBC Office of College Relations is interested in creating a contact list of alumnae who either work on the editorial side of the media or who have strong media contacts in their areas. Please E-mail Greg Moody at [gmoody@sbc.edu](mailto:gmoody@sbc.edu)

### Sweet Briar NetLetter

Want to keep up with the latest news and upcoming events at SBC? The Sweet Briar NetLetter is published periodically and

distributed via e-mail. To subscribe, go to <http://www.sbc-news.sbc.edu/> and click the subscribe box in the left column.

### Retirements, Transitions

Look for news of faculty/staff retirements and transitions in the Winter (December) issue of the magazine.

### Alumnae Association Launches New Web Site

Sweet Briar alumnae now have a new online "home." With just a click of your mouse, you can recommend a prospective student to admissions, submit a change of address or Class Notes, order a Sweet Briar Centennial Plate while they are still available and send greetings to your classmates via a Sweet Briar e-card. Here, you can also catch up on the latest news, read the magazine and keep up with Alumnae Club events around the world. Come "home" today! Go to <http://www.alumnae.sbc.edu>

The 2001-2002 Honor Roll of Donors will be posted on the new Sweet Briar website in the fall. It will not be printed in magazine form. For their con-

venience, donors will be notified by postcard when the Honor Roll is available on the website.

### Order Keepsake Centennial Magazines!

The Centennial issue of the *Alumnae Magazine* is available with a laminated cover. Cost: \$5 per issue plus \$2 p/h. Send order and check payable to Sweet Briar College to: Alumnae House, Box E, Sweet Briar VA 24595.

### Please Give Us Your Updated Contact Information:

(Name, address, e-mail address, job information). Phone: 434-381-6131; fax: 434-381-6132; e-mail: [alumnae@sbc.edu](mailto:alumnae@sbc.edu) or write Alumnae Office, Box E, Sweet Briar, VA 24595

### Sweet Briar Christmas II

The Sweet Briar College Choir and Chamber Choir Jonathan D. Green, director Allen Huszti, organist Heidi O'Gara, harp

A new CD of music recorded live at the 2000 and 2001 Christmas Vespers Services at Sweet Briar will be available this fall. Works include Benjamin

Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" and the premiere of Green's "Seven Carols for Treble Choir." To order, send check for \$15 (\$12 + \$3 S&H) to: Sweet Briar Christmas II, Book Shop, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA 24595.

### ATTENTION, ALUMNAE: NOTICE OF DISCONTINUATION OF CLASS NOTES POSTCARDS:

The double postcards requesting news that have in the past been mailed from the Alumnae Office are being discontinued. Class Notes from all classes can now be published in every issue of the alumnae magazine. Alumnae are encouraged to send news directly to their class secretaries. News, newspaper cuttings, etc. that are received in the Alumnae Office will continue to be forwarded to the secretaries. Starting with the next magazine, the winter issue (December 2002), we will publish the deadlines by which secretaries must receive your news, and we will print the secretary's address and e-mail address at the beginning of each class's notes.

# Julia Gray Saunders Michaux '39

**J**ulia Gray Saunders Michaux, Class of 1939, has spent the last 63 years of her life involved in the affairs of Sweet Briar College at every level, from president of the Richmond Club and hostess of innumerable Sweet Briar functions (a Richmond friend refers to Julia Gray as "Mrs. Richmond SBC"), to serving on the Board of the Alumnae Association and the Board of Overseers (now Board of Directors) of the College.

She has raised money to build the chapel, sold bulbs to provide funds for scholarships, served for many years on the Boxwood Circle Committee encouraging alumnae to donate at least \$1,000 to the Annual Fund, and was chairman of Reunion for her class. On the Alumnae Board, she represented Region III (Virginia, Washington, DC, and West Virginia) as regional chairman. During her two terms on the Board of Overseers, where she served for eight years, she was a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Future Directions Committee and chair of the Student Affairs Committee and the Planning Committee (Co-Curriculum). A grateful Alumnae Association named Julia Gray its Outstanding Alumna in 1987.

When Julia Gray was elected to the Board of Overseers in 1981, she said, "I feel that the liberal arts education offered by Sweet Briar, with its broad spectrum of subjects, still best prepares the student for participation and leadership in today's complex world. The liberal arts college, however, will be constantly challenged by new technologies and the desires and demands of career-oriented students. The College's curriculum must respond to these challenges if it is to prepare the student for graduate work and the complexities of the real world."

Recently, Julia Gray heartily endorsed her earlier prescient words, saying, "My feelings about Sweet Briar, the importance of a liberal arts education and the needs of its students have not changed one whit. That's why I knew when I wrote my will that a significant bequest would be included so that Sweet Briar is able to continue its fine and vital work. It thrills me to know that my legacy will help to assure the continuing excellence of the college I have served so proudly and with such joy through the years."



Photo and write-up from the 1939 Briar Patch

**Julia Gray Michaux**

**"Julie's' the kind of person who has fun wherever she goes, but she is particularly partial to Virginia Beach as a place to play. Art Shaw's recording of 'Begin the Beguine' is her musical favorite, and Charlie McCarthy possesses a big slice of her affections. She's doubly honored with two presidencies: of Chung Mung and the Spanish Club. As assistant editor of the News, the bane of her existence comes in the form of late news articles. She loves her work on scenery for Paint and Patches, and she labors cheerfully and well for the Orientation Committee, the Studio Club, and the Ateneo." —1939 Briar Patch**

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# NET BRIAR COLLEGE TRAVEL PROGRAM 2002-2003

## "Alumni College Down Under in Australia & New Zealand," November 4- 16, 2002

Notes limited spaces still available for  
trip. Contact Noreen Parker, Alumnae  
Office.

## "At the Crossroads of Cultures In Indochina: Exploring the Treasures of Vietnam and Cambodia" January 6-21, 2003

Indochina: lush, verdant topography, monu-  
mental antiquities, exotic temples and ornate  
palaces combine with a textured past—an unfor-  
gettable experience. Dr. Michael Richards, SBC's  
Hattie Mae Sanford Professor of History, leads  
this adventure.

We begin with 3 nights in Hanoi, explore the  
harrowing beauty of Ha Long Bay and grandness  
of French Indochina, then fly to the former royal  
capital of Hue, to see the mysterious inner sanc-  
tuary of the Forbidden City. We drive along one of  
the world's most beautiful coastal routes, the Hai  
Van Pass, to a stop in Da Nang, and 2 nights in  
Hoi An, an ancient port town beautifully pre-  
served. In Saigon we view the renowned Mekong  
Delta, Cu Chi tunnels and the Reunification  
Palace. Going up the Mekong to Cambodia, we  
visit Phnom Penh and its shimmering Silver  
Pagoda and priceless Southeast Asia artifacts.  
Tour ends with a grand finale—the breathtaking  
ruined Khmer capital, Angkor Wat, rising majesti-  
cally out of a verdant jungle. Accommodations in  
the finest hotels; cuisine reflects fresh, local spe-  
cialties with delectable French nuances.

## "Alumni College in the Loire Valley" May 27-June 4, 2003

An educational week in the legendary Loire  
Valley, based in the historic town of Blois. Enjoy  
the convenience of 7 nights at the first-class hotel  
Mercure-Blois Centre in the heart of the city. This  
tour follows the Alumni College format, with daily  
seminars and excursions. Highlights include: tour  
of picturesque Blois, expedition to the chateaux of  
Cheverny and Chambord, visit to a winery in  
Youvray with dinner in the winery's cellar; a day  
to see the magnificent Chateau de Chenonceau  
and visit Amboise and the Leonardo da Vinci  
Museum; and a tour of Chartres' magnificent  
cathedral and the "old town." A panel discussion  
with local residents is included. Tour offers excel-  
lent value; transatlantic air, 3 meals/day, all semi-  
nars, excursions, and accommodations included  
at reasonable cost.

## "Russia River Cruise on the Tolstoy" July 11-24, 2003

Sweet Briar President Muhlenfeld will accom-  
pany our group on this delightful river cruise from  
Moscow to St. Petersburg, aboard the M.S. Tolstoy.  
The most luxurious cruise ship on Russia's rivers  
and canals, the Tolstoy accommodates 149 pas-  
sengers and crew of 80. Start with 3 nights in  
Moscow: visit the Kremlin, the Kuskova and  
Ostanino palaces and estates; and the Old and  
New Tretyakov Art Galleries of Russian art. Then  
cruise through Uglich, Yaroslavl and Goritsky,  
filled with ancient history, art and architecture  
including the Palace of Tsarevich Dimitry (the slain  
son of Ivan the Terrible) and the monasteries of the  
Transfiguration and Balosersk. See Kizhi Island, its  
fairytale ancient Russian Wooden architecture,  
and the quaint riverside village of Svir Siroy. The  
magnificent conclusion of our cruise: 4 nights  
docked in St. Petersburg, the most beautiful of  
Russian cities founded by Peter the Great in 1703.  
Highlights here: Peterhof Grand Palace and park;  
Oranienbaum's Chinese Palace and the Palace of  
Peter III; Catherine's Palace in Tsarskoye Selo with  
its fabulous Amber Room; Paul's Palace in  
Pavlovsk; the Russian Museum; and an early  
opening of the Hermitage.

## "Alumni College in the Italian Lake District": A Family Tour July 21-28, 2003

Headquarters for this Alumni College tour is  
Baveno on beautiful Lake Maggiore, a 7-night  
stay at the first-class Lido Palace Hotel. Daily semi-  
nars and excursions. Highlights: a visit to Lake  
Orta; a special cruise on Lake Como, visiting  
Como, Bellagio and Tremezzo with lunch en route;  
a boat trip to 3 beautiful Borromean Islands; a  
full-day excursion to Milan; and a private boat  
trip on Lake Maggiore. Enjoy a panel discussion  
with local residents. We travel with alumni from  
the University of Notre Dame.

Children ages 8 and over are welcome. There  
are special activities for them during the day; they  
eat breakfast and dinner with their parents and  
join them for evening activities.

Reasonable price includes transatlantic air, all  
meals, accommodations, lectures and excursions.  
Special family pricing is available.

## "Alumni College in Spain" September 30-October 8, 2003

Spain has more cities designated World  
Heritage Sites by Unesco than any other country  
in the world. Four of these special cities—Avila,

Segovia, Salamanca and Toledo, along with  
Madrid, form the core of this exciting tour. Our  
base is Avila, an ancient city surrounded by 11<sup>th</sup>  
century walls, in the shadow of which stands our  
hotel for 7 nights, the first-class Palacio  
Valdehumbanos Gran Hotel.

Excursions include the ancient city of  
Salamanca; a trip to Madrid to see the Prado  
Museum; a visit to El Escorial; the Valley of the  
Fallen, an underground basilica constructed by  
Franco as a tribute to those who died in the  
Spanish Civil War; Toledo, with its magnificent  
cathedral; and Segovia. Meet Avila residents at a  
panel discussion.

Price includes transatlantic air, meals, accom-  
modations, seminars and excursions.

## "Opera in Prague and Vienna: Composers and Castles of Central Europe" February 28-March 8, 2003

This rich travel program provides music lovers  
a series of special encounters, private recitals, and  
grand musical performances. Tour begins in the  
captivating city of Prague, with 2 outstanding  
opera performances in the National Theater and  
Prague Opera House. Exclusive musical experi-  
ences include a private concert and lecture at the  
Estates Theater; private chamber performance in  
the halls of the Strahov monastery; and special  
performance and luncheon at the lovely  
Nehozavzev Castle, hosted by Prince Lobkowitz.  
The city's unsurpassed skyline unfolds during a  
luncheon cruise on the Vltava River. Lives of great  
composers who worked in Prague—Mozart,  
Dvorak, Smetana—are examined during lectures  
and guided tours. Next stop is Vienna; the high-  
light will be premiere seats for a performance at  
the State Opera House, perhaps the greatest  
mecca in the world for opera buffs. Also featured:  
tours of the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Art  
Nouveau Secessionist Building, St. Stephen's  
Cathedral.

President Muhlenfeld and Dr. Allen Huszti,  
SBC Professor of Music, host this adventure.

All dates and itineraries are subject to change.  
For further information, contact Noreen Parker,  
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