

SWEET BRIAR

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The Board of Directors of Sweet Briar College
requests the honor of your presence
at the Inauguration of

Dr. Jo Ellen Parker
as the tenth president of the College

on Saturday, the twenty-sixth of September
two thousand and nine
at three o'clock in the afternoon

Fitness and Athletics Center
Sweet Briar, Virginia

followed by the procession to
Monument Hill to honor the Founders

Celebrate with us at the
Cocktail Buffet and Dance
from seven-thirty to eleven-thirty in the evening

The favor of a reply is requested by September 4, 2009

JOIN US FOR THE INAUGURATION OF OUR NEW PRESIDENT AT HOMECOMING 2009

This is Your Official Invitation and Registration Form

Presidential Inauguration & Homecoming Weekend

Schedule of Events

September 25 – 27, 2009

Sweet Briar College has many reasons to celebrate the arrival of academic year 2009/2010, the most momentous of these being the inauguration of our tenth president, Dr. Jo Ellen Parker. A special ceremony and celebration will be the focus of our annual Homecoming Weekend, and we hope you will be there to join us.

In an effort to be fiscally and environmentally responsible, this magazine cover serves as your invitation and registration form for the Presidential Inauguration/Homecoming Weekend 2009. There will not be a separate mailing. We strongly encourage you to visit the Web site for additional information, event locations, or to register online: www.sbc.edu/alumnae/homecoming.html. Alternatively, you may tear off and mail your registration form and appropriate fee to **Boxwood Alumnae House, PO Box E, Sweet Briar, VA 24595.**

Friday, September 25, 2009

- 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Registration for Inauguration/Homecoming Weekend at the Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center
- 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Alumnae Association Board Meetings*
- 3:00 p.m. Homecoming Tea**
Space available is very limited
- 6:00 p.m. Advisory Councils Dinner and Panel
- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Houston Bistro Gathering*
- 7:30 p.m. Poetry Reading with Deborah Burnham, Poet/Professor, University of Pennsylvania and Sweet Briar College Creative Writing Faculty
- 9:00 – 11:00 p.m. Kick off the weekend with FaSt
Join your favorite campus hand members – Rob Granger, Tom Marcais, Steve Wassell and Adam White. Special guest performer – Rick Manasa.
(Rick performed with Bob Seger and various Motown artists and is the husband of our new president, Dr. Jo Ellen Parker.) *Co-sponsored by the Student Relations and the Young Alumnae Giving Committees*

Saturday, September 26, 2009

- 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration for Homecoming/Inauguration Weekend
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. In-House Horse Show
- 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Annual Giving Volunteer Training
Breakfast provided
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Breakfast roundtable discussion with Wayne Stark, Director of Career Services
- 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. SBC Volleyball Tournament vs. Salem, Mary Washington, and Eastern Mennonite
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Advisory Council Meetings
Business
English and Creative Writing
Government and International Affairs
- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. SBC Tennis Dual Meet
Alumnae tennis match and social to follow
- 10:30 a.m. SBC Soccer vs. Southern Virginia
Alumnae soccer game to follow
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Gold Star Volunteer Panel

- 11:30 a.m. Alumnae Swimming Meet
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 11:30 a.m. Talk by Sherrie Snead McLeRoy '74 on Thomas Munson, "The Grape Man of Texas" *Followed by a grape tasting with Cliff Ambers, owner of Chateau Z Vineyard*
- 12:00 p.m. Keystone Society Luncheon Honoring Dr. Jo Ellen Parker*
- 12:00 p.m. SBC Field Hockey vs. Washington & Lee
- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Paint 'N' Patches 100th Anniversary Celebration and Tours
- 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch and Meeting for the Visiting Committee on Riding*
- 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Open House – The Green Village, new student housing
- 2:00 p.m. Thayer Hockey Field Dedication
- 3:00 p.m. Founders' Day and Inauguration of Dr. Jo Ellen Parker Tenth President of Sweet Briar College
Walk to the Monument
- 7:00 p.m. Dedication of the new Fitness and Athletics Center
- 7:30 – 11:30 p.m. An Evening of Celebration to honor Dr. Jo Ellen Parker
Cocktails, Buffet and Dance
Music by: "The Real Geniuses"
- 8:30 p.m. Induction of new Athletics Hall of Fame Members:
Paul D. Cronin, Professor Emeritus and Director Emeritus of the Sweet Briar College Riding Program; Jennifer Crispen, (dec. 2008) Associate Professor and Chair of Physical Education

Sunday, September 27, 2009

- 10:00 a.m. Interfaith Service
Reception to follow
- 11:00 a.m. Friends of Athletics Steering Committee Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. SBC Field Hockey vs. Wilson

*invitation only
**additional fee

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Dr. [Name] is a [Title] at [Institution]. She is a [Field] expert and has published [Number] articles on [Topic]. She is also a [Role] at [Organization].

Meet Dr. Jo Ellen Parker

Dr. Jo Ellen Parker's impressive résumé and bio paint a highly qualified picture of our tenth college president. Creative, brilliant, and current—we know the College will have a bright future under her leadership. What some of us may not know however, are those things about Dr. Parker that reveal a more personal side—her likes and dislikes, her hobbies and interests, her hopes and inspirations.

The day of my interview with Dr. Parker was one of those spring days at Sweet Briar that alumnae will remember well. The flowering trees were in bloom and the afternoon was breezy and warm. We met in the office lobby, exchanged a happy greeting, and commenced with the interview. As we talked, Jasmine Jones, Class of 2010 and student assistant in the Alumnae Office, sat quietly at a computer station nearby working on some assignments. When I asked Dr. Parker if she planned to host her own version of “Brownies with Betsy,” Jasmine, nearly forgotten in the corner, called out a suggestion for “Petits Fours with Parker.” Dr. Parker laughed, and further culinary hosting ideas—including popcorn balls—were soon shared among us.

I found Dr. Parker to be extremely amiable. Not only was she self-confident and astute, but also friendly and down-to-earth. The only thing missing during our meeting were the petits fours!

Colleen Murray: Do you like pets? Do you own dogs or cats?

Dr. Jo Ellen Parker: My husband Rick and I have three cats. We also had a

wonderful dog who passed away between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We're trying to figure out when to get our next dog. We certainly won't do that until we get down here, and we definitely need a dog that's going to be a good fit for Sweet Briar House and the traffic that comes and goes.

CM: What is your favorite food?

JEP: Everything. I love everything. I do have serious coffee and chocolate habits . . . And a serious ice cream habit. I tend to enjoy Middle Eastern or Indian cuisines where you eat little bits of a lot of different things. Mezza, tapas, small plates, that kind of thing.

CM: What is your least favorite food?

JEP: I've never been good with organ meats like liver, heart, or kidneys. I don't much like foie gras. Once in Kenya I was served ugali and bull's blood in a Maasai community: that might go on the least favorite list too.

CM: What is your favorite novel and why?

JEP: Oh, so many, so many favorite novels. My Ph.D. is in English, and I worked on the 19th-century novel. One that I keep going back to is *Emma*. I just love *Emma*. *Emma* is such a wonderful story about a young woman learning about herself, and much of the way she learns about herself is through “reading” the social world around her. She plays word games. She draws pictures and watches how people react to her pictures. She tries to make sense of herself through symbolic activities

throughout the novel, and it's just fun to watch Emma groping for meaning. She gets it so wrong, but ultimately she gets it right.

CM: What is your favorite everyday music?

JEP: It depends on my mood. I have to drive a lot, and I'm prone to put on the music of my youth and oldies in the car. I have a wonderful CD of The Temptations' Greatest Hits. For hanging around the house, I like jazz, often big band jazz. Being married to somebody who was once a professional musician is really good; Rick is often playing artists that I would never discover.

CM: What is your favorite vacation spot?

JEP: In the winter, we try to take a week on a beach in Mexico. We like to go to a place that's just outside Tulum on the Yucatan Peninsula. We pack lots of books, and we eat wonderful fish and wonderful fruit, and we read. We also like to do a long weekend a couple of times in the summer in Stratford, Ontario, for the Shakespeare festival. So, we'll go for four or five days and see a play a day.

CM: What are your top three priorities for Sweet Briar?

JEP: I think a Sweet Briar education is a wonderful thing, and I think there are a lot of young women who would benefit from that education. The number one priority is finding more young women from the various regional, ethnic, and religious communities that make up this country and bringing them into the Sweet Briar



This word cloud (www.wordle.com) was made from Dr. Parker's original letter of application to Sweet Briar.

experience. That's the number one priority for me.

Another very important priority is to build the relationships that Sweet Briar has with other institutions and partners. In this day and age, there are a lot of things that no small college can expect to do on its own. Collaborations with other colleges and universities; collaborations with employers to develop internships; collaborations with community organizations for service learning—in all kinds of ways, we need to be looking for partners so that we can expand what we offer to students in the academic areas and the pre-professional areas.

The third priority—based on my background I think it's the one that a lot of people would expect—is making sure that faculty and students at Sweet Briar have all the opportunities they need to incorporate digital resources and tools into their teaching and learning. I think there are a lot more things that could be done on campus, both academically and administratively, with digital technologies. My dream is that Sweet Briar will become recognized for preparing women for success and leadership in the age of digital information.

CM: What are your top three priorities for your life?

JEP: One of the top priorities for my life is to make a positive difference for the people around me. That's a priority in the context of family; in the context of

friendship and community; and of course professionally.

Another top priority is to keep finding interesting things to do. I am very lucky, because every job I've had has given me the opportunity to keep learning. Who would have thought a Ph.D. in Victorian literature like me would end up leading a national technology institute, for example? That's the benefit of a liberal education.

A third priority has to do with health and wellness. I benefit a great deal by being physically active. I'm careful to make sure that my energy and my health are good, and that I have the kind of strength and flexibility—both mental and physical—I need to do the kinds of things I want to do in my life.

CM: How would you address the issue of diversity in the students, faculty and staff?

JEP: I will lead by encouraging the community to engage that issue in a holistic manner. Diversity must be addressed by everyone in the community in different ways, depending on the specific responsibilities and roles that people have. It's my responsibility to make sure people have the resources that they need to strengthen diversity in their respective spheres. Often, diversity initiatives fail when they're not holistic, when you wall them off and assign responsibility for diversity to a few individuals, often individuals of color. So, it's my responsibility to insist

that diversity is on everybody's agenda, and I will do that. Finally, diversity isn't mono-dimensional. Racial diversity is central, but there are many dimensions of diversity. There's socio-economic diversity and there's religious diversity, regional diversity and political diversity, for example. Within racial groups, there are ethnically diverse communities. We want a Sweet Briar community that supports and engages people wherever their personal identities lie along any number of continua. I want to make sure that we're creating an environment where everybody feels that they can contribute and grow . . .

CM: Have you been informed about the various traditions here at Sweet Briar including The Game, Junior Week, The Ring Game, etc.?

JEP: My visit as a candidate happened to be at the time that some of the issues about The Game were really hot. I have two things to say about that, and the first one is: I loved the traditions that I had as an undergraduate at Bryn Mawr. Bryn Mawr had step singing, Bryn Mawr had lanterns. Such things are part of women's college culture. I understand completely how central traditions are to defining a community and people's relationships to their college. I know how they touch your heart.

When I toured campus as a candidate, my husband and I had a student tour guide. She was clearly used to giving tours to people who may not understand traditions culture. We came to one part of the campus where she stopped and said, "Now, this may sound a little odd, but we're a women's college, and we have these traditions—in this place sometimes the students gather on the steps," and I blurted out, "Oh, I know! Step sings and lanterns and class colors!" I chattered away with her about class colors—my class color at Bryn Mawr was green—while my husband stood three feet back, rolling his eyes. Traditions create affirming, positive relationships within the community that help students appreciate each other and appreciate themselves. But if traditions ever operate in a way that they're not helping us appreciate each other and celebrate what's best in ourselves, then they're not fulfilling the purpose that makes us love them. On some occasions it may be necessary to look at the way a particular tradition is being experienced

and introduce changes to make sure the tradition is serving our highest values.

CM: Who would you consider to be a role model of yours?

JEP: Pat McPherson. Mary Patterson McPherson was my dean when I was an undergraduate student at Bryn Mawr. In fact, she taught me Greek philosophy when I was a freshman. She was the president of Bryn Mawr when I worked there. For many years she was a vice president of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and I worked with her closely in that role. Now she's the executive officer at the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. I am deeply honored that Pat has agreed to speak at my inauguration in September.

Pat is a leading figure in liberal arts education. At Bryn Mawr she did wonderful, wonderful work in making the college a more inclusive community; she supported innovative collaborative projects at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation; she has been throughout her career a stalwart supporter of America's liberal arts colleges and of women's leadership in higher education. Basically, my whole life I've wanted to be Pat McPherson when I grow up.

CM: Is there an experience from your undergraduate career as a student at Bryn Mawr that made a lasting impression on you?

JEP: I took a class in poetry from a professor named Sandra Berwind, who may have been the best teacher I ever had, and certainly is the reason I became an English major and got a Ph.D. in English. She once gave me an assignment to write a paper on sestinas—a particular kind of elaborate poetic form.

In a sestina, key words at the end of each line are cycled through the poem in a different order in each stanza. Researching this paper, I found three sestinas by different writers in different historical periods that used the same key words. To this day I can still visualize where I was sitting in the library at Bryn Mawr when I suddenly understood that these three poems were a dialog. This poem was answering that poem, which was answering yet another poem, and the poetic form was the medium of their conversation. It was the first time I understood that literature just didn't come out of people's experience of life, that it came out of the experience of previous

literature. It was the first time I understood the nature of literary tradition.

I still remember bursting into Sandra's office—I must have looked demented—saying "Oh my goodness, about those sestinas, you know what?" Of course she knew, and she had known it for years. That story means many things to me. Mainly, it taught me something I always tried to implement in my own life as a teacher. Sandra didn't teach me that lesson about poetry by showing it to me or telling me about it. She taught me that lesson by setting me off on a path where I would have the opportunity to discover it for myself. And I did. To my mind, that is the essence of teaching in the liberal arts: setting the student off on a path of discovery so that what she learns becomes truly her own.

CM: Do you participate in any kind of social networking . . . Twitter, facebook, MySpace?

JEP: I don't have a facebook presence. In my current organization, we use Twitter a lot to keep in touch as a staff. I have a profile on LinkedIn—but that's not quite the same thing in terms of social networking. I make a lot of professional use of Instant Messaging. I love Instant Messaging. I use a desktop point-to-point video conferencing tool that has been important to me. It combines Chat with video and audio . . . that really makes the communication richer.

CM: What do you do for fun/hobbies?

JEP: I like to cook. I find it refreshing, after working with words all day, to make something with my hands. Theater is another favorite treat. And when I can spend time outside, say in our canoe on the river or on our pontoon boat, I love that!

CM: Do you have ideas for an event or new tradition that will help you connect with the students?

JEP: These things have to be organic. I'm seeking advice from the students about what form of interaction would feel good for them. Clearly they love Brownies with Betsy. Several of them have asked me if I want to continue it, and I keep saying, "Well, wouldn't it be a little weird? I'd have to call myself Betsy." No, that would be strange. We might have to take up Jasmine's idea; how about Pizza with Parker?

The Facts about Dr. Jo Ellen Parker

- Bryn Mawr College Alumna.
- Ph.D. in English literature from the University of Pennsylvania.
- 1984 to 1996—taught Victorian literature, women's literature, and composition at Bryn Mawr.
- 1984 to 1996—served as academic affairs/student life administrator with varied responsibilities, including academic advising and student life programming.
- 1996 to 2004—served as president of the Great Lakes Colleges Association, and focused on pedagogical innovation, diversity programming, and international education.
- Executive director of NITLE, the National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education, a non-profit organization.
- Leadership mantra—"We're building something, not just working somewhere."
- Published on a variety of topics including the novelist George Eliot, teaching composition, and academic collaboration.
- Has broadcast commentaries on higher education for National Public Radio and regularly speaks to diverse audiences on teaching, liberal education, and technology.
- Member of the Forum for the Future of Higher Education.
- Serves on the editorial board of the Association of American Colleges and University's publication *Liberal Education*.
- Trustee of Albion College.
- Married to Richard G. Manasa, former musician who now works in information technology.
- Mother of John Parker, 24, and stepmother of Morgan Manasa, 28.

FROM THE ICE



KELLY HALL '95

Kelly Hall '95 poses next to a pressure ridge, which can be all manner of shapes and sizes when they rise from the ground. This particular one Kelly calls a "whale shard," due to its shape.

1995 graduate Kelly Hall has always yearned for travel and adventure. As a double major in French and history, Kelly says that her love of travel was greatly influenced by her years at Sweet Briar. She was a participant in the 1993–1994 Junior Year in France program, and later earned her MA in medieval studies at the University of York in England. She says that many Sweet Briar professors and staff members encouraged her love of travel and learning, such as Joan Kent and Karl Tamburr (both now sadly deceased), as well as Jeff Key, Christopher Witcombe, Marie-Thérèse Killiam, Angelo Metzidakis, Ron Horwege, Dominique Leveau, Anne Grimm, and Lisa Johnston.

Having taught literature and composition courses for several years, Kelly took a break from teaching to do a job where "there were no papers to grade." She has become Sweet Briar's own "Ice Road Trucker," braving the ice shelf of the frozen continent from the seat of a monstrous vehicle. Fascinated by the test of endurance and the beauty of the unknown wilderness, Kelly embarked last year on a sojourn in Antarctica. What follows is a snapshot of her story as a

vehicle driver and as part of an eclectic community of people all drawn to the challenge of *The Ice*.

Many of you were surprised by the news that I wanted to come here, and lots of people back home have been asking, "Why Antarctica?" For months, my answer has been a long, rambling explanation about how I once read a book about the continent and later an article about working down here. But from now on I'm plagiarizing a new friend's answer to that question: Because I've never been.

You may already know a little bit about Antarctica or "The Ice" as we call it. It's the highest, driest, windiest continent on Earth and the most difficult one to reach. Early explorers tried to conquer it, some with more luck than others. The U.S. Antarctic program has been up and running for over fifty years and the National Science Foundation currently operates three bases on the continent: McMurdo—where I am—at the edge of the continent closest to New Zealand, South Pole in the middle, and Palmer on the South America side.

In winter, McMurdo has about 200 people, but as more flights arrive each day the capacity rises to around 1,000 in the summer time. These include workers, scientists, media, and people from all over the world. Last year, Ann Curry from the *Today Show* came down. This year, there's a BBC filmmaker from England working on a documentary, and Prince Albert of Monaco also came for a visit.

Workers at the station come from all over and range in age from eighteen to seventy-nine, each with an interesting story to tell. I feel a great kinship for the other workers and scientists. They value new experiences. They prize travel and adventure. Family and friends think I've been everywhere, but I can't hold a candle to some of these folks. I make jokes about how it's great to escape America with its politics and bad economy, but I think the main reason people come here is to get an experience they can't get anywhere else.

I arrived on the continent after three years of applications, two months of medical exams, seven different flights, and a great deal of finger-crossing. Before my

“Men wanted for hazardous journey. Low wages. Bitter cold. Long hours of complete darkness. Safe return doubtful. Honour and recognition in event of success.”

—from an advertisement preceding Ernest Shackleton's *Nimrod Expedition to Antarctica*

landing. I was given special cold-weather gear in Christchurch, New Zealand. I've got boots, socks, thermals, fleeces, goggles, hats, gloves, and about four different coats for various conditions. When I'm suited up in the whole shebang, I'm about thirty pounds heavier. I spend a good deal of time getting dressed and undressed. So far, I've been warm—just my fingers and toes feel the cold.

My first day could not have been more perfect. We turned up to the airport at 10:00 p.m. the night before, got dressed in all the gear, had a safety briefing, and boarded the plane for a 1:00 a.m. take off. We rode a C-17, which was more comfortable than I would have thought. It set down at dawn, light as a feather, with the sun just coming up over the horizon.

The doors opened and let in the arctic cold. The temperature was -10°F with a wind chill of about -20°F. The wind felt sharp on my face. I kept my eyes down to get off the plane safely—no easy task when you're wearing twenty pounds of gear and carrying two bags—and then looked up to see the vast ice shelf and snow-covered peaks in the background. The sun was topping the mountains, and the sky was turning blue. My eyes welled up at the harsh beauty. I had waited so long for that moment—it was almost too much.

We were shuttled into vehicles, and my future instructor, “Shuttle Bill,” picked me out of the crowd to ride in the front of the delta. I had the best view as we approached the base.

I learned how to drive the vans around the base that afternoon. If you've ever seen the show on the history channel called *Ice Road Truckers* that's more or less what I'm doing. Sometimes I'm driving a van shuttle service around the base on land and sometimes I'm driving off the base onto the ice shelf, and going out to a field camp or the airstrip to pick up passengers. I drive four different types of wheeled vehicles:

ten-passenger vans, two large transporters called airporters and deltas, and a bus called “Ivan the Terra Bus.” Ivan weighs twenty-eight tons and can carry fifty-six passengers. I thought the hardest part would be reversing the deltas, but it's actually the climb inside. I'm going to have thighs of steel at the end of this job!

Two experienced and patient guys, Shuttle Bill and Geoff, taught me to drive. I was cautious my first day as I learned alongside a twenty-five-year-old named Brandon who had been driving trucks in Alaska for a few years. He instinctively knew where all the gauges and controls were located and already seemed to know his way around the base.

It wasn't long before I felt more confident myself. When it was time to take the delta over the “big hill” to the New Zealander's base, Scott Base, my instructor said: “If you're feeling confident, shift her up to fourth gear.” Yeah baby! I slammed it into fourth and hit the gas. Woo hoo! Queen of the Ice Road! You get up to fifteen mph around here and you're a road warrior. It was two miles to Scott Base and what a drive! As you crest the “big hill,” you get a great view of Mt. Erebus, a live volcano about forty miles in the distance. By evening I was already heading out to the airfield about thirteen miles away to pick up passengers. My training was equivalent to having one driver's education class and being turned loose with my parent's new car.



Ivan the Terra Bus weighs fourteen tons and can hold fifty-six people. There are only seven such vehicles in existence. This bus, Kelly in the driver's seat, is the only one in the southern hemisphere. The other six vehicles are used in the Canadian Arctic.

On base, there are two workout rooms, a gym, chapel, library, computer labs, lounges, three bars, a store, several dorms, and several working buildings. Most of the buildings are made with just plywood and siding, but the views are incomparable. In the dorms, first-timers usually end up with three other roommates, but I lucked out and have only one. Our dorm is the smallest with teeny, tiny rooms, but I'm happy because it's a quiet place. The food here isn't bad, pretty comparable to what I have when I teach for the Navy.

The average temperature is about -5°F, but will warm up to 20°F/ 25°F most days. They say it sometimes climbs to 40°F, at which point I imagine we'll all be outside in bathing suits sipping margaritas! We still have a few hours of “night,” although you could probably still read a book outside. On October 21 we experienced the last sunset, and on October 22 the last sunrise for winter. After that, the sun danced around the horizon, inching ever upward and giving twenty-four hours of full daylight.

This delta is a twenty-eight-year-old Navy vehicle that can transport up to twenty passengers over the ice.



Mount Erebus is an active volcano on Ross Island and one of Kelly's everyday views!



Kelly poses with Prince Albert of Monaco—who is also actress Grace Kelly's son. Prince Albert happened to be visiting on a tour after signing the Antarctic Treaty.



Kelly at snow craft school, or "Happy Camp," with her Scott tent. Scott tents are modeled after the tents explorers used about 100 years ago. Mt. Terror is pictured in the background.

In November, I attended Snow Craft School, also known as "Happy Camp"—a two-day survival course that teaches you how to stay alive if you were stranded in the snow or if you had to set up a field camp. You learn how to operate radios, camp stoves, and tents, and how to build other structures like snow walls and trenches.

We had two instructors, Brian and Dylan. Brian was the more serious of the two and Dylan the cuter and funnier. As we introduced ourselves, we told what sort of cold-weather camping experience we'd had. A few people stood out immediately: me, because I made a joke about having

cross-country skied across Greenland. That was actually my friend Alice. Anyone who knows me knows I couldn't ski across my own backyard: Firefighter Chris, a.k.a. Annoying Chris, who immediately irritated everyone with his over-long, pedantic answers; and Alaskan Phil, who was exactly the sort of experienced person you'd want on your team if you were in a survival situation. He'd been camping in Alaskan temperatures of -30°F. If I had to be sent off to the snow to die, this was the person I wanted to dig my grave.

After a few hours we set out onto the ice shelf on a beautiful sunny day—a little cold, but not much wind. We learned how to set up camp stoves, the classic canvas Scott tents and the modern nylon mountain tents, and the camp kitchen. We learned how to build a snow wall for wind protection and dig sleeping trenches. It was funny to see the gender breakdown when the instructors left us to our own devices. The men carved ice blocks and built the snow wall while the women started setting up the tents and kitchen.

One of the more interesting things we built was a quincy, like a modern igloo. We piled up all the sleeping bag sets together and put a tarp over them. Next, we dug snow to pile on top. We packed down the snow, letting it sit for a while in the sun to harden. After a few hours, we dug out the bags and made a tunnel entrance. I was digging on one side with a young guy named Michael. We were both on our knees shoveling like little badgers and

pulling bags out. Super-shoveler Alaskan Phil was on the other side, doing the even more difficult task of shoveling out the tunnel that people would use for entry and exit. Annoying Chris was standing around watching everyone else shovel and trying to offer what I'm sure he thought were helpful hints. Indeed, they were not. I kept trying to get this guy involved. "Hey Chris, why don't you help us pull these bags out . . ." but he seemed oblivious. He'd pull one bag out and then go back to talking. Finally Phil said, "You know, I see you doing a lot of talking, but not a lot of digging." Oh, I liked Phil right away. It was no surprise when we were choosing where we wanted to sleep that no one chose to share tent or trench with Annoying Chris.

Once we had begun our projects, the instructors left us to die . . . er, survive . . . the snow. The sun was shining full force, but it was getting colder as the evening went on. Phil was trying to build a traditional igloo out of blocks, but gave up the fight after two hours—we used his blocks to build a mini Stonehenge instead. We all had dinner around the kitchen, eating funny-tasting, freeze-dried meals out of foil envelopes. Alas, my fettuccine alfredo did not taste like the Olive Garden. But we also got nuts and fruit and an endless supply of hot drinks. We sat around the kitchen and I quickly earned the nickname "Cruise Director" because I suggested we go around the circle and tell either our most exciting moment, favorite book, or a secret we'd never told anyone. Some of us went sightseeing—and by that I mean we went inside a double quincy. It was one that people had built the week before, and when they were digging the floor out, they opened up a chamber from a quincy that had been built last year. The tunnel was a ten-foot, Shawshank-Redemption-esque crawl that was not for the claustrophobic.

“If Antarctica were music it would be Mozart Art, and it would be Michelangelo. Literature, and it would be Shakespeare. And yet it is something even greater; the only place on earth that is still as it should be. May we never tame it.” —Andrew Denton

After dinner and tea we drifted to our preferred accommodations. I'd heard the Scott tents were the warmest, so I had chosen one of those. I was rooming with a guy named Bill. Only in Antarctica would you be sharing a tent this quickly with someone you just met. I couldn't seem to get warm in my sleeping bag and ended up getting the shakes twice (the first stage of hypothermia)—a miserable, frustrating feeling. We later found out that it was -14°F that night! Alaskan Phil had the good idea to use the spare sleeping kits to provide me a few more layers, and I managed to stop shaking, although I never got “cozy.”

I was bleary-eyed the next morning as we dismantled camp. Annoying Chris went around to wake everyone. I'm sure he meant well, but he went to the people who were sleeping in trenches and banged on the top of their structures, caving in two of the four. One girl was using her pee bottle at this inopportune moment.

That afternoon, we learned how to find someone in a whiteout, how to use the Vietnam-era radios, and how to set up a basic camp in a survival situation. I excelled at tent construction and was not so skilled at radio operation. We finally packed up all the gear and headed back to civilization. I fell into an exhausted, but happy coma for a few hours. Despite the mild hypothermia and sleeplessness, I still had a fun time and recommend Happy Camp to others.

After Happy Camp came Thanksgiving and with that, a trip to the hospital. What started as a scratchy throat became a sore throat so bad that if I tried to swallow or cough, it brought tears to my eyes. I trudged to the hospital and couldn't speak well enough to tell them what was wrong. I had to write it out. The doctor said I had a bad case of the “crud” —the catch-all term for any sort of cold or sinus infection down

here. I was so dehydrated they had to put me on IV fluids before they could draw blood. They gave me a painkiller shot of liquid ibuprofen and, when they came back in a half hour and I still didn't feel any better, they switched to a morphine drip. “What?! You're putting me on morphine?! Who takes morphine for a sore throat?” I croaked out. “You do,” the Doc answered with a face that suggested I should start making my will and saying my prayers. “It's the only thing we've got left.”

I spent the next several hours at the hospital. The morphine made me sleepy and steroids made me jumpy, so I couldn't relax. After several shots of morphine, I still didn't feel much better and still couldn't swallow. The doctor said they were thinking about a medical evacuation to Christchurch, New Zealand. Yikes! I wasn't dead yet and did not want to leave. I flat-out refused. Most people who get medevac-ed are sent home afterward.

I said, “I worked too hard to get here. I don't want to be sent home. Worst-case scenario, bury me in the snow and tell my loved ones I died on some bold Antarctic expedition. Barring that, I promise to get better immediately. Start bringing me the tea.” Having lived in the UK three times, I learned tea is the solution to many problems. After a night in the hospital, I was sent back to my dorm. The other shuttle drivers brought my mail and food and called to check on me. I'd heard they were worried about the possible medevac, but had also started a grocery list of what they wanted brought back from New Zealand.

I barely made it to the Thanksgiving dinner because I still wasn't feeling my best. It was nice to sit with all my shuttle buddies for the big feast. The galley went all-out with the meal. We had all the traditionals—turkey, ham, stuffing, and

cranberry sauce—but also cheese, fruit, and killer desserts.

By Christmas, the weather had warmed up and most of the snow around the station had melted. Temperatures hung around 20°F. We had twenty-four hours of daylight. Sometimes the sky would go for days without showing a cloud. The base looked a little bleak without the snow, but the surrounding scenery was spectacular. The ice shelf had pushed up against the land and created pressure ridges like tall waves of ice. A line of ice shards stuck into the air as high as twenty feet.

The warmer weather meant sports and hiking. The other day I went to Scott Hut, built by explorer R. F. Scott in 1902, just to sit awhile. It was windy and cold on the station side, but when I topped the hill the winds were calm, and I had a beautiful, sunny view of the seals on the sea ice.

Driving the vehicles continued to be a fun and varied job with four main duties: watching the phone/radio in the office on dispatch, doing town taxi, doing regular shuttle service out to the airfields, and taking passengers to and from the planes. I could now reverse Ivan the Terra Bus on a dime.

I took another small hike out to the Scott Hut. You can't get into the hut without the key, but I circled around for photos and then climbed toward Observation Hill behind the station. I looked out on the ice shelf, a vast expanse of white with several small patches of blue, which gave the impression of melting pools, but was really light refraction. The sun was shining and the mountains in the distance looked vast and unconquerable. I first thought it's a shame that more people can't see what I'm seeing. But then I reconsidered. Maybe it's fitting that only a few people get to see all this wondrous beauty. No picture I send will ever be able to do it justice. No description I write will ever be enough. To be here and experience this has been the hardest thing I've ever worked for and the richest reward I may ever receive.

Kelly flew back to the United States in March 2009 and will be returning to The Ice in October. She is currently finishing a Ph.D. in medieval literature and hopes that friends and classmates will contact her at: khall@sbcc.edu.

New Book Focuses on

16th-century Print Publishing & Murder

SUZANNE RAMSEY, STAFF WRITER

A new book by Sweet Briar College art history professor Christopher Witcombe, *Print Publishing in Sixteenth-Century Rome: Growth and Expansion, Rivalry and Murder*, gives readers an overview of the business, personalities, artwork, and scandals surrounding the Roman printmaking industry.

Published in 2008 by Harvey Miller Publishers, the 469-page book contains more than 300 illustrations. It is the result of nearly two decades of research that took Witcombe to archives, libraries, and museums across the United States and Europe, including six months spent in the Vatican's Secret Archives.

"Print publishing," in this case, refers to engravings and etchings—an emerging commercial art form of the period—which often depicted architectural sights or religious subjects.

"Rome had already long been a host to pilgrims," Witcombe explained. "Throughout the Middle Ages, there were people who would come to Rome for that, so they would obviously be customers for religious prints. But in the Renaissance there was also a new type of tourist who came to see the antiquities and in part these print publishers were catering to this new interest."

The publishing companies that produced the prints, and there were perhaps a dozen by the end of the 16th century, were highly competitive. Underhanded practices, up to and including murder, occasionally ensued.

Witcombe originally titled the book, "Print Publishing and Murder in Sixteenth-Century Rome," but said the marketing folks thought it a bit too "Dan Brown-ish." He modified the title, but "murder" remained.

"I wanted to keep murder in the title, because the book hinges on a murder that

occurred which was very clearly due to rivalry between print publishing houses," he said.

The murder to which Witcombe is referring is that of the engraver Gerolamo da Modena, whose drowned body was found in the Tiber River. He writes about the homicide in the book's fourth chapter, "Rivalry and Murder."

During his research, Witcombe read an article that mentioned depositions taken after the homicide, which was largely thought to have been carried out by a rival publishing house or a consortium of shops. He found the transcript of the testimonials in Rome, studied it, and learned a lot about the personalities involved in the printmaking industry, many of whom were rounded up and questioned by local authorities.

"On the assumption that this was a murder that had been committed, many individuals were arrested and interrogated. What this document is is a record of the questions and answers."

From his research, Witcombe already knew the names of many of those who were questioned, but reading the depositions gave him what he calls a "street-level view" of the people and places involved. "What people were doing, who they were related to, where they were living, what restaurants they were going to—all this, I was able to tease out of this document," he said.

That painstaking research is a part of writing Witcombe says he enjoys and it explains his love of archives. "This is the real stuff," he said. For more information about Witcombe and his book, visit his Web site, witcombe.sbc.edu.

About the Author

Christopher L.C.E. Witcombe began his career at the Accademia di Belle Arti in Florence, Italy, where he studied painting,

intending to become a studio artist. He was fascinated by the paintings of the Italian Renaissance, however, and when a friend introduced him to *Janson's History of Art*, his plans for the future began to change. Witcombe describes the book as "a revelation." He soon left Florence for the University of Massachusetts to receive a BA and later an MA in art history. He earned a Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr College in 1981 and has been a professor of art history at Sweet Briar since 1983.

Aside from his extensive knowledge of the Italian Renaissance, Witcombe is well known for his presence on the Web. Ever since the first appearance on campus of the World Wide Web in 1994, he has been excited about using technology to communicate aspects of art history to his students and the world.

"I saw the arrival of the Web as a great opportunity for art history since it merged both text and images," says Witcombe. The Web site "Art History Resources on the Web" he launched in 1995 and still maintains is an excellent resource for anyone interested in art history, and has been the first resource listed in the "art history" Google search for ten years. The site receives around 20,000 page views each day.

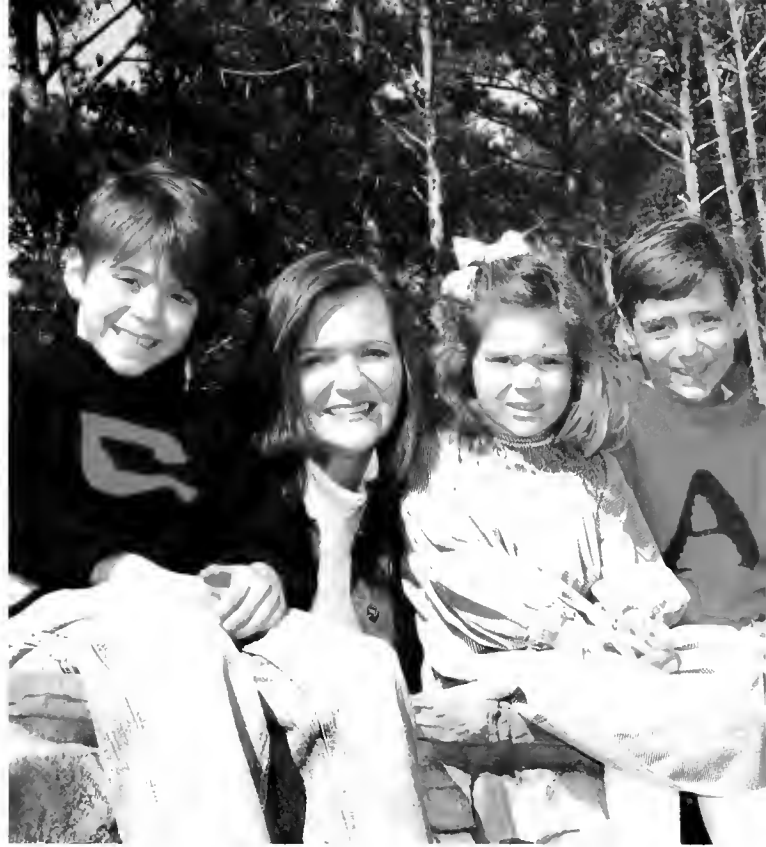
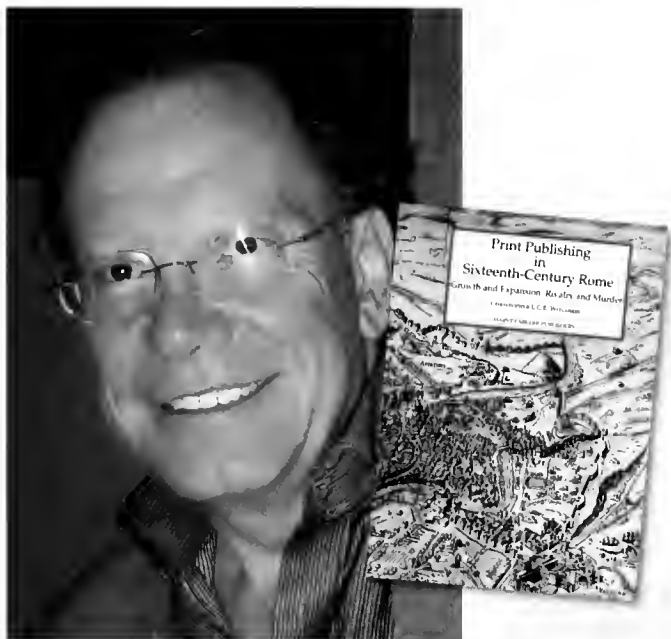
Witcombe has taken merging text and images one step further with his iTunes podcasts, also accessible through his Web site. The series "Art History in Just a Minute," starring Witcombe as narrator, offers entertaining, informative clips about various works of art. With well over 100,000 viewers since it was launched, his podcasts have been in the top twenty-five highest rated in the visual arts on iTunes for nearly two years.

It's not surprising that Witcombe's internet popularity and exceptional scholarship led to him being recruited by cruise lines as a speaker for their guests.

After an interview process, Witcombe began taking trips all over the world, giving lectures on the ships and stopping off at ports to do research along the way. "I've been able to see things I thought I would never see, such as the pyramids in Egypt and the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg," Witcombe says. This summer he will be lecturing on two cruises in Europe and one in Tahiti.

In addition to lecturing on cruise ships, while he is in London this summer between cruises Witcombe's comments on Leonardo da Vinci will be filmed for a documentary on the artist to be aired this fall on the History Channel.

His current venture is a series of books entitled *Eye and Art*. According to Witcombe, the series will examine issues of vision and perception in the history of European visual culture. In the first book *Eye and Art in Ancient Greece* he analyzes how ancient Greeks saw and interpreted the visual culture in which they were immersed. He combines various disciplines including philosophy, science, and history to explore his topic. Second in the series will be *Eye and Art in Ancient Rome and Byzantium*. For more information about Witcombe, his accomplishments, lectures, articles, and books visit his Web site, witcombe.sbc.edu.



Christopher, Kimberley, Katherine, and Alex Euston.

Kimberley McGraw Euston '92 wins

“Working Mother of the Year”

Alumnæ Association Board Member Kimberley McGraw Euston '92 was recently designated as a “Working Mother of the Year” by *Working Mother Magazine*. Euston has twins, Alex and Christopher (8) and Katherine (5) and is currently the director and client relationship executive for PricewaterhouseCoopers—one of the world’s largest professional services firms. According to *Working Mother*, Euston has mastered juggling various careers while managing a growing family, and in fact, she seems to enjoy the challenge. On top of her home and work life, Euston also volunteers for Sweet Briar as Boxwood Circle Giving Chair.

Senior Makes *Sweet* Product

BY HEIDI GARDNER, STAFF WRITER

Some might say Sweet Briar College, with its pink-and-green color scheme and Vixen mascot, is sugary enough, but Micaela Weiss '09 is trying to make the all-woman's college and the world a little sweeter still.

Soon, the 22-year-old business management major from Portsmouth, Virginia, will begin marketing Free and Sweet, an all-natural sweetener she developed that's derived from the stevia plant, a shrub that grows in South America.

The product will be packaged in pink and green with a daisy flower logo—an homage to Daisy Williams, daughter of the College's founder.

It all started several years ago when Weiss was just trying to be a good big sister.

On Weiss' sixteenth birthday in October 2003, she and her family were out to dinner when her younger sister, Natasha, suddenly fell ill. Thinking it was a migraine, they took Natasha home. They couldn't have been more wrong.

"For the next six months, she would fight for her life and go undiagnosed repeatedly," Weiss recalled. "Halloween night, we thought for sure we were going to lose her. The doctors had prepared us that she probably was not going to live. She could not walk [or] eat, and could barely speak. She was on so many medications she was hallucinating.

"That night my father, who is a physician, had flown to New Orleans for an important conference. My mom and I sat Natasha up to watch Charlie Brown's 'It's the Great Pumpkin,' as was tradition, when my sister turned purple and swelled twice her body size."

“I started doing some research and came across stevia, an all-natural [sweetener] with no calories, no carbohydrates and no fat.”

Throughout the night, Weiss and her mother kept vigil, moving Natasha to and from the garage, hoping the colder temperature would reduce the swelling and slow her heart rate. Believing his daughter was dying, her father telephoned, saying, “Be strong. She is going to a better place.”

But Natasha didn't die that night or any night following. After massive amounts of intravenous antibiotics, many nights in the hospital and lots of prayer, Natasha, who Weiss calls her “best friend” and “ying to my yang,” survived. She is now a sophomore at Sweet Briar studying engineering.

However, the disease, which Weiss and her family suspects was the deadly dengue fever carried by mosquitoes brought in with a recent hurricane, left Natasha with rheumatoid arthritis and new food allergies, including one to artificial sweeteners.

“Talk about tough,” Weiss said. “You almost die your freshmen year [of high school] and now you cannot eat anything fake as far as sugar. Moreover, you cannot exercise because you are constantly in pain and now have rheumatoid arthritis.

“I started doing some research and came across stevia, an all-natural [sweetener] with no calories, no carbohydrates and no fat. It was a complete shot in the dark but I ordered some in from China for her to try. It was a success. She had no problems with it whatsoever.”

Over the next two years, Weiss experimented and added natural fibers to the powdered stevia to make it fit into a one-gram sweetener packet. Otherwise, she said, “it is just so sweet that either a sugar packet would have only a tiny amount

of stevia or, at one gram of stevia [per package], a person would have to save the packet for future use.”

She also tested it on friends and other family members, with rave reviews. “Plenty of my own friends have dietary problems and they had no adverse effects, and all the research shows diabetics can use it,” Weiss said.

During her junior year at Sweet Briar, she decided to produce and market the product herself. Weiss, who said she's “in charge of everything from Web site to ordering to insurance and sales,” is in the process of getting a patent. She has formed a limited liability company, Free and Sweet will soon be a registered trademark, and she's hoping the product will be certified both organic and kosher in the next six months.

She also worked on the Free and Sweet business plan this year for senior seminar. It was a timely project, according to associate professor Tom Scott, who taught the class. “As the business department begins to move toward its vision of creating entrepreneurial women, Micaela's budding business provided an excellent opportunity to jump start this process,” he said.

For the first batch of 100,000 packets, Weiss mixed the Free and Sweet at her dad's Virginia Beach doctor's office and then shipped it in bulk to a manufacturing company in Washington State for packaging. The manufacturer, First Priority, is packaging the Free and Sweet and will mail it back to Weiss for distribution.

Her plan is to eventually have everything, from mixing the raw products to shipping, done in Washington State. Although the



Free and Sweet's logo, with its pink and green color scheme and daisy graphic pays homage to Sweet Briar and Daisy Williams, daughter of the College's founder.

immediate plan is to market one-gram packets in fifty-count boxes, her three-year plan includes offering the product in one-pound bags for cooking and baking.

Weiss recently launched a Web site and began accepting pre-orders for shipment in mid-February. She plans to market the product to hair salons and spas where coffee is served, and health food stores and other places that serve people with special dietary needs. Sweet Briar College, with its catering and dining services, also is on her target list.

“The company is just getting started officially and although it has been a challenge, it has become a great learning lesson,” she said. “The reason I bring all of this up is that Coca-Cola and Pepsi have synthesized stevia and have created a new product. They are beginning to produce it in their soft drinks, as well as in separate individual packages.”

Another stevia product, Truvia, also recently started advertising on television, but Weiss isn't worried about the competition. “There is, of course, room in the market for more than one company and I just want people to know they have options,” she said.

“Stevia could change the way Americans eat, because now they have a healthy and safe alternative to artificial sweeteners. Free and Sweet is based on family, and although we are the little guys we have big hearts.”

Career Services, Leading Students Through Tough Times

WAYNE STARK, CAREER SERVICES DIRECTOR



As we all know, our graduates will encounter an economy in the throes of a recession as they graduate. My staff and I are keenly aware of this exigency, and we are regularly reviewing the research and current reporting on how the economy is playing out vis a vis employers and their hiring decisions.

Current news media and report sources portray a gloomy job market scenario. In order to mitigate the impact of this reality, we continue to rely on and emphasize our tried and true mixture of collaborative programming, strong array of resources, and intensive, individualized, and highly responsive student and alumnae service. As usual, these options were offered to help students realize their career goals and dreams. The Sweet Briar Career Services team is continuing the hard work that has landed them in the top ten of the *Princeton Review's* Best Career/Job Placement Services rankings the past couple of years. These events, programs, services, and resources can be viewed at www.ccl.sbc.edu/csc.

All of our students, seniors in particular, have been provided with opportunities to connect with employers and alumnae. A new career fair, *Career Premier*, was recently added to the lineup of our usual Challenge Job and Internship Fair, Government/International Careers Event, Natural Sciences/Environment Careers Event, the Tri-College Education Career Fair, Commerce Careers Event, the *College 2 Career Fair* in Richmond, and other collaborative events with the Development Office, Alumnae Office, our Co-Curricular Life colleagues, and other Virginia colleges and universities. My staff and I also strongly emphasize the importance of

working closely with Career Services and recommend that students avail themselves of all the individuals, programs, and resources around them.

This past year the Career Services Center added a new *E-Recruiting Experience* database that provides students with hundreds of internship and full-time employment opportunities to an already strong bank of job and internship locating resources developed to compliment our programs. I conduct regular workshops on job searching in a tough economy advertised around campus with the slogan: "the economy is tough but so are you." I encourage students to use action to cure fear. Along with these workshops, we have added a "job search strategies for tough economic times" link on our Web site. Also, the staff and I participated in a national audio conference devoted to sharing with Career Services practitioners' advice and strategies for working with students' career development during a recession. Couple this with regular emails devoted to advice on navigating tough times and a new office goal for next academic year to examine all that we do in Career Services in light of the tough economic realities, I feel that our students are being well served.

At last glance, the majority of the seniors have visited the Career Services Center at least once. Many of them make it a regular part of their semester routine. The class of 2009 is motivated and positive. The students that put in the effort will find that hard work, persistence, and taking advantage of the substantive resources around them will pay off. As of March 2009, the Career Services Center's usage numbers are in line with the "well above average" numbers posted in the 2007–2008 annual report. As

far as predicting senior outcomes at this point, I feel that like previous classes, the Class of 2009 will outperform its peers.

I would like to thank the many alumnae who have participated in our career events, and worked with or assisted our students in the past with internships, full-time employment, or shared good advice. I would also like to thank the Alumnae Office and their staff who partner with us on many fronts. We are able to do our jobs better because of Louise and her crew.

All alumnae are welcome to peruse our Web site, come to our events and programs, and email or call Career Services for one-on-one advice and assistance. It is your Center as well. Kristin Ewing, Carolyn Brazill, and myself work with alumnae almost every day. We help alumnae with their résumés, cover letters, graduate/professional school applications, job search strategies, and more. Our assistance coupled with the strong alumnae network offers you a powerful package of resources to help weather the economic storm, or work on your personal career development. You can access the online alumnae directory, *Banner Self Service*, by going to: https://www2.sbc.edu/alumnae/banner_self_service.html. Happy networking!

Remember that "the economy is tough but so are you!" Feel free to give your Career Services staff a call at 434-381-6151, or email us at careerservices@sbcedu.

Sweet Briar Creative Writing Conference

KATHERINE BEACH '12

On March 5–8, Sweet Briar hosted its first annual creative writing conference for undergraduate students. Though intense, residential writing retreats and conferences exist for high school students, graduate students, and independent writers, very few, if any, exist for college students. John Casteen, visiting assistant professor of creative writing at Sweet Briar, founded and organized the conference. In his closing remarks, Casteen explained, “All over the state, and probably all over the country, there are talented students and committed teachers doing very similar kinds of work. All of you—all of us—are sustaining literature, carrying the tradition of those who love and aspire to the power of the written word. It’s like an archipelago, with people on all the different islands all trying to reinvent the wheel. Better to gather our strengths in one place, both to teach and to celebrate.”

Sixty top undergraduate creative writers nominated by their own faculty from Sweet Briar, University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, Virginia Commonwealth University, Hampden-Sydney College, Washington

and Lee University, Liberty University, Lynchburg College, and Randolph College participated in the conference. The conference gave students a brief, MFA-type experience in which they could surround themselves with other people also working to improve their fiction, non-fiction, or poetry writing. Jess Quinlan, a fourth year student at Lynchburg College said, “Going to a small school myself, it is so nice to see perspectives outside of what you normally get from your own faculty and fellow peers.” Visiting students and faculty stayed at the Elston Inn and ate in Prothro Dining Hall. Most of the scheduled events took place in the Conference Center, although the warm, early spring days also pulled a couple of workshops outside.

The schedule allotted time for writing and reflection, between structured events. At 10:30 each morning “craft talks” were given by both Sweet Briar and visiting faculty. Topics ranged from “The Problem of Happiness,” a discussion of writing about joy led by SBC’s Carrie Brown, to “From Religious to Ecstatic Poetry” by U.Va’s Joe Chapman. After lunch, students broke into

“... I felt that all the students in my workshop responded well to this, were open to receiving criticism and encouragement from a relative stranger, and to sharing ideas with each other--to help each other.”



JOHN WATERS

Performs at Sweet Briar

On April 22, filmmaker, actor, and writer John Waters made his second visit to Sweet Briar's campus. The first time he stepped foot inside the Pink Bubble was in 1991 to speak on his celebrity experience. This time, he delivered his one-man show, *This Filthy World, Filthier and Trashier* to the campus community.

Waters is the creative mind behind such movies as the 1972 cult classic *Pink Flamingos* and the more mainstream, *Hairspray*. His quirky characters and penchant for scenes that test the strongest of gag reflexes have earned him the nicknames "Pope of Trash" and "Prince of Puke." Needless to say, these nicknames have not hindered his popularity as tickets were sold out for the Sweet Briar event.

Waters has a special connection to Sweet Briar with several alumnae in his family, including his mother, two sisters, and cousin.

their assigned workshop groups of about ten people each to meet and discuss one another's work. Julia Hansen, one of the visiting faculty members from U.Va and leader of a poetry workshop noted, "To share your writing with strangers takes courage, and to comment on strangers' or just-met-writers' work takes courage, and I was impressed and encouraged by how trusting my workshop students were of each other and of me. Because we were only going to work together for three days, I felt a sense of urgency to maximize our workshop time, not to tiptoe around a problem in a poem but to address it directly, and nearly immediately—and I felt that all the students in my workshop responded well to this, were open to receiving criticism and encouragement from a relative stranger, and to sharing ideas with each other—to help each other."

During the evenings, all conference attendees went to and participated in events such as a panel discussion on "The Writing Life," and student and faculty readings. Jessica Baker '09 commented, "I was most impressed by the student reading because people read things that they wrote this weekend. Everybody was really enthusiastic just to be here. It really exemplified how happy they were that this conference was happening." Indeed, the overall atmosphere throughout the weekend was one of support, challenge, and open-mindedness. The accessible faculty not only served as mentors and leaders, but they shared their own experiences and advice over meals and during unstructured time. Walter Kovacs, a fiction student from Virginia Tech, elucidated that the conference was, "a weekend of literary and cultural debauchery not seen since the Roman times."

In addition to serving as an incredible learning opportunity for emerging writers, the conference has and will continue to put Sweet Briar at the forefront of academic innovation. The conference was free for Sweet Briar students and visiting students paid only \$100 towards their instruction, lodging, and food. The conference, made possible by Sweet Briar's obtainment of a feasibility grant from the Jessie Ball DuPont Foundation, has given visiting students and faculty a taste of Sweet Briar's vibrant program and Sweet Briar students the chance to broaden and strengthen their own writing community. The conference, though, did not only teach, it showed that Sweet Briar has a lot of offer not only its own students, but to the greater writing and education circles.

Katherine Beach '09, frequent writer for the Alumnae Magazine, graduated this May with an honors degree in English and creative writing, a business minor, and an equine studies certificate. She thought that the creative writing conference was "one of the best things I've done during my time at Sweet Briar, and I'm so thankful I was able to be a part of it."



Julia Kudravetz attended the conference from Johns Hopkins University to instruct one of the fiction workshops. She is pictured here with one of the attendees, Joey Pickert, from the University of Virginia.



Writers conference attendees gather in front of the Conference Center.



What's New on Campus



20 Pink Bikes.

Sweet Briar now owns twenty bubble-gum pink bikes, available for anyone to sign out at Daisy's Café and ride around campus. The bikes are part of the effort to make our campus as eco-friendly as possible, in keeping with the Presidents Climate Commitment. President Muhlenfeld signed onto this commitment as one of almost 600 college presidents who are resolved to make college campuses climate neutral. On your

next visit, you'll see pink bikes studding the campus, a visible sign of our commitment to physical and environmental health. Helmets are required.

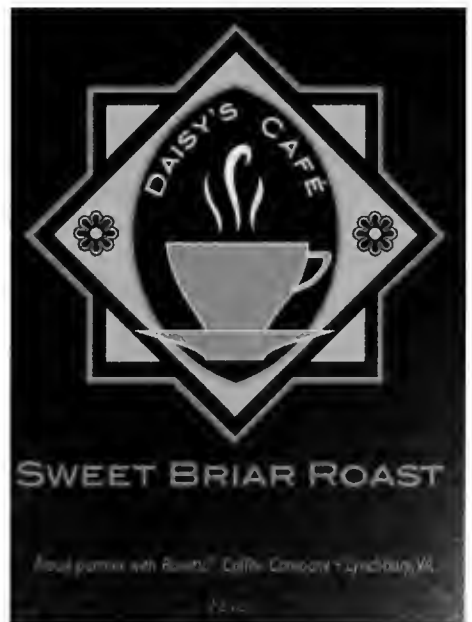
Daisy's Café.

Sweet Briar's Bookshop Café has been given a makeover. Reimagined and renovated over the winter break, it is now called Daisy's Café—a quaint little shop offering Boarshead deli sandwiches, better

quality espresso drinks, a new coffee brew, and other delicious goodies.

Our Own Coffee.

In partnership with the Rosetta Coffee Company of Lynchburg, Virginia, Sweet Briar now serves a special coffee roast found only on our campus at Daisy's Café. The Sweet Briar Roast comes from the famous Blue Mountains of India where it is grown on a plantation owned by a woman.





The decaf blend is an Arabica, which comes to Rosetta through a Peruvian company that, according to Rosetta, supports women's issues in their local community.

Fitness and Athletics Center.

The Fitness and Athletics Center is scheduled to open in the fall of 2009. The approximately 53,000-square-foot, \$10.5 million building includes a racquetball and squash court, an elevated running track and a state-of-the-art floor that provides multi-use space for regulation sports as well as college functions, concerts, and events. In addition to meeting the needs of the athletics department and serving as a wellness center for the entire Sweet Briar community, the facility also will be a place to gather to study, dine in the bistro, watch TV, or catch a film in the brand-new movie theater. Construction of the building incorporates green features including a geothermal heating and cooling system. The metal Energy Star-rated roof will be able to accommodate photovoltaic solar electric panels.

Green Village.

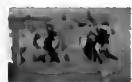
Construction on the first new student housing on campus in more than fifty years should be complete in time for students to take up residence in August 2009. The approximately \$3.5 million complex will house sixty students in five three-unit buildings. Each unit will accommodate four students with full amenities indoors as well as outdoor living spaces. Two apartment units will be designated for handicapped

residents. Some of the "green" features—which give the Village its name—include Structural Insulated Panels (SIP's) that are 40- to 50-percent more efficient than stick-built buildings. Energy Star appliances, low-flow showers and toilets, maximum insulation and high R-value windows. The metal Energy Star-rated roofs will be able to accommodate photovoltaic solar electric panels.



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Alumnae



Brain-Compatible Dance Education, Anne Green Gilbert '69, National Dance Association 2006.

Recent scientific research supports the important role movement plays in developing the brain. This highly anticipated text reviews this research and describes how to effectively present holistic dance lessons (using the 5-part lesson plan) to engage learners "to think as well as to move." This book explores innovative teaching methods for infants through seniors. It includes the "BrainDance," conceptual explorations and improvisations, movement combinations and folk dances, dance making and dance talking, reflection and assessment. A must for all interested in brain-compatible teaching—from the novice to the experienced dance educator. For teachers of all ages, abilities, dance styles, and techniques.



James Castle, A Retrospective, Ann Percy '62, Philadelphia Museum of Art 2008. James Castle (1899–1977) never learned to speak, read, or write—

nor did he ever leave his native state of Idaho—and yet he created a wide range of extraordinary works that resonate with much of 20th-century art. This book offers the first critical exploration of the many creative genres of this self-taught artist, who first came to notice in the 1950s and 1960s but has only recently been recognized by major museums.

This book examines Castle's drawings, color-wash works, idiosyncratic cardboard and paper constructions, and work, sign, and symbol pieces. As a child he developed his favorite medium and method of working, mixing stove soot with saliva and applying this "ink" with sharpened sticks and cotton wads to such found materials as product packaging and discarded paper. These everyday materials have given his works a

singular, immediate, and appealing natural quality.

This engaging volume considers Castle's remarkable art from a variety of perspectives, examining his life, modes of depiction, working methods and materials, and the "visual poetry" of his text works. *James Castle* is available at: www.philamuseum.org.



"There Can Never Come a Second Home Half So Sacred: Selected Documents of Miami University, 1873-1931, Betsy Butler '91, Miami University Libraries 2008.

This is the second in a series of publications highlighting correspondence and documents of those who shaped Miami University and made contributions to American history and culture. The book includes letters written by Miami alumnus and United States President Benjamin Harrison, Booker T. Washington, and Woodrow Wilson, as well as excerpts from reports and meeting minutes of Miami's board of trustees. Several items document the construction of Miami's Alumni Library (a Carnegie library) from 1899 to 1910.



Introduction to the Law for Paralegals, Deborah Benton '79, Career Education 2006.

Law for Paralegals is an innovative and engaging textbook written for the student who is just starting a paralegal degree program. It provides simple and concise explanations of legal concepts and topics, encouraging students to develop critical thinking skills by applying the legal principles to numerous problems and exercises contained in each chapter. Stimulate your discussions with fun, motivating, and current exercises. Integrated real-world applications in each chapter teach students the practical skills needed

for a thriving career in the field. A common vocabulary among all McGraw-Hill titles ensures consistency in learning. With a thorough set of ancillaries and dedicated publisher support, these texts will facilitate active learning in the classroom and give students the skills sets desired by employers. –Courtesy of McGraw-Hill



Encyclopedia of Women in the Renaissance, Diana Robin '57, Anne R. Larsen, and Carole Levin, editors. ©2007. All rights reserved. Reproduced with permission of ABC-CLIO INC., Santa

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Thirty years ago, the historian Joan Kelly asked the question "Did Women Have a Renaissance?"—and answered herself with a resounding "no." That provocative thesis sparked a surge of research interest into the achievements of women in an era long assumed to be an age of "great men" only. A product of current studies on early modern women, *Encyclopedia of Women in the Renaissance: Italy, France, and England* offers over 135 revealing biographies of women artists, leaders, scientists, doctors, writers, religious and philosophical thinkers, and more.

Encyclopedia of Women in the Renaissance provides vivid portraits of famous women such as Catherine of Siena, Elizabeth I, and Christine de Pisan, and those less well known like Elena Lucrezia Cornaro, the first woman in history to receive a doctorate, and Louise Boursier, author of medical textbooks and midwife to Marie de Médicis. Based on the latest research and enhanced with thematic essays on witchcraft, women writers and salons, masculinity, women and power, and more, this groundbreaking work casts our understanding of women's lives and roles in Renaissance history and culture in a provocative new light.



Mount Airy, Liz Jarvis '76, Arcadia Publishers 2008.

After authoring two photographic history books on Chestnut Hill, *Chestnut Hill in 2002* with coauthor Thomas Keels and *Chestnut Hill Revisited* in 2004, Liz Jarvis has assembled 223 vintage photographs of Mt. Airy for publication as part of the Arcadia Publishing series of local history books. This book contains many never before published images from family albums and historical archives, showing the area as it once was, and how it grew to become one of the few neighborhoods in America celebrated for its racial integration.



A Model American, Elsie Burch Donald '60, Black Swan 2008. A literary novel set in Cambodia just prior to the triumph of the Khmer Rouge. It is a powerful portrayal of a clash of values.

It is 1969, and businessman Bill Bolton decides to surprise his wife with a birthday trip to the ancient temples of Angkor Wat in Cambodia. They will be the first American tourists there since Jackie Kennedy. Getting a visa to a country that borders war-torn Vietnam requires milking some very high-level connections in Washington. Accompanied by a female English guide, a draft-dodging young pilot and an elderly French passenger, their daytrip turns to disaster when their small plane crashes and they are stranded like castaways in the jungle.

A Model American is a story in which an American abroad tries to "improve" a primitive culture through the introduction of capitalist ideas. It is a multi-dimensional parable of the clash between East and West, and American foreign policy.—From the hardcover edition



From Idea to Funded Project, Grant Proposals for the Digital Age, 5th Edition, Julia M. Jacobsen '45 and Jan Kay Kress, Praeger Paperback 2007.

Ideas are products of individual human

minds. Some of the ideas that emerge in educational, cultural, health-related, community, service, and faith-based organizations are potentially as important to the institutions as their endowments. These ideas are the concern of this guidebook: how to encourage their articulation, how to muster the cooperation necessary to turn them into formal blueprints, and how to secure whatever support is needed to see them materialize as projects serving the interests of the originators and their institutions. Designed for grant seekers in the digital age, this book helps readers make sense of the various printed and Web-based resources that are available to improve the quality of proposals and find successful funding. The chapters cover origins and early development of an idea, drawing up a proposal, finding funding sources, submitting a proposal, evaluation of a project, grant administration, and basic resources.



Pathways to History: Charles County Maryland, 1658 – 2008, Julia King, Christine Arnold-Lourie, and Susan Shaffer, Smallwood Foundation, Inc. 2008.

Pathways is this year's recipient of the Heritage Book Award of the Maryland Historical Trust. The handsome 336-page volume, produced by Ann Compton and edited by Kathryn Harris '70, offers fresh perspectives on a county that is relatively unknown, despite its proximity to the nation's capital and its founding twenty-four years after the first landing of English settlers on Maryland soil. More than 370 illustrations accompany the text written by three historians and five additional contributors. The book, ambitious in scope, ranges from the Paleo-Indian period to the plantation society that controlled the county well into the 20th century, and concludes with the unexpectedly swift demise of tobacco, a crop that defined Charles County until the 21st century.



Ghost Stories of Venice Old & New, Kim Cool '62, Historic Venice Press 2008.

The OTHER history of Venice by IPPY Award-winning Venice historian

Kim Cool This is the fifth in her series of Florida Ghost Stories and her second look at the ghosts of the Venice area. Some of the stories are continuations and/or updates of stories from Ghost Stories of Venice, although most are new ghosts who have been dying to be heard since Cool's first book of Florida-based ghost stories appeared in print.



Find a Great Guy, Now and Forever, Kristin Kuhns Alexandre '68, Runnymede Press 2008. Two failed marriages sparked Alexandre to do some hands-on field research regarding the

"perfect gentleman" and how to avoid men who might have money but are cads underneath. She's learned the difference, found the love of her life and set down all the essential lessons to help you do the same.

Singles who are looking for great guys and married women who want to nurture classy traits in their husbands will find this bible an essential part of their quest. All women will enjoy the insider tips in this candid and witty self-help book, which offered every ordinary girl the chance for true love.



Josephine Crawford, An Artist's Vision, Louise C. Hoffman '61, The Historic New Orleans Collection 2009.

In *Josephine Crawford: An Artist's Vision*, author Louise C. Hoffman skillfully recreates the Parisian and New Orleans art worlds in the first half of the 20th century. Featuring more than 70 paintings and drawings by the prolific artist and works by André Lhote, *Josephine Crawford: An Artist's Vision* marks the third entry in the Louisiana Artist Biography Series established by The Historic New Orleans Collection in 2003 and funded by The Collection's Laussat Society.



Muraqqa: Imperial Mughal Albums from the Chester Beatty Library, Dublin, authored Dr. Elaine Wright; Curator of the Islamic Collections, the Chester

Beatty Library; Dr. Susan Stronge, Senior Curator, Asian Department, Victoria and Albert Museum; Prof. Wheeler M. Thackston, former Professor of the Practice of Persian and other Near Eastern Languages, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University; Dr. Steven Cohen, textile specialist and independent scholar and author; London; and, also from the Chester Beatty Library, Charles Horton, Curator of Western Collections, and Rachael Smith in association with Jessica Baldwin, both Conservators. Hardcover distributed by the University Press of New England 2008. *Muraqqá* won Best in Show in the Washington Publishers Association. *The Art Newspaper* recently ranked the attendance at the exhibition's initial venue—the Sackler Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington—as the ninth most highly attended Asian Art exhibition for 2008! Lynn Rogerson Lewis '76 is director of Art Services International (ASI) and helps to produce and select the projects for catalogue.



Beyond 2020: Envisioning the Future of Universities in America, Mary Landon Darden '74, American Council on Education and Rowman & Littlefield Publishers 2008.

In a world progressing with dizzying acceleration from the Machine Age to the Information Age, the slow, measured, even plodding approach of the traditional university can place administrator, faculty member, and student alike at a potentially fatal disadvantage.

To move into this brave new world, the academic animal needs additional tools—or weapons. What's ahead? Forewarned, of course, is forearmed. Armed with knowledge, the future stands not as another barrier, but an unparalleled opportunity.

Co-published with the American Council on Education (ACE) and Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, *Beyond 2020: Envisioning the Future of Universities in America* is that tool. Experts in a host of fields that directly and irrevocably impact academia will project into the future and paint a picture—as clearly as possible—of the future university. Together, nearly two

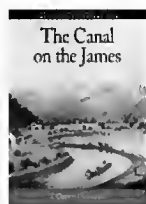
dozen scholars including James Duderstadt and Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, provide the most detailed roadmap yet to the perils and promise of the Information Age—as it directly applies to academia—20 years hence.

This is a collection of refreshingly frank opinions and observations from forward-thinking experts on the front lines with the best views on how to prepare the healthiest possible institution of tomorrow. It is something akin to an academic prophesy.



Frankly, My Dear: Gone with the Wind Revisited, Molly Haskell '61, Yale University Press 2009.

The film *Gone with the Wind* premiered in Atlanta in December 1939, and this year's 70th anniversary is sparking a raft of revivals. It's a perfect moment for Molly Haskell's *Frankly, My Dear: Gone with the Wind Revisited*—a reappraisal of Margaret Mitchell's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel and David O. Selznick's Depression-era blockbuster. Molly Haskell, originally from Richmond, Virginia, is a writer and film critic in New York City. Her work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Esquire*, *Vogue*, and *Town & Country*. She has lectured widely on women in film and is author of the classic *From Reverence to Rape: The Treatment of Women in the Movies*. *Frankly, My Dear*, just published on February 24, is receiving rave reviews.



The Canal on the James: An Illustrated Guide to the James River and Kanawha Canal, Nancy Blackwell Marion '74, Blackwell Press 2005.

Graphic designer, columnist, and publisher Nancy Blackwell Marion '74 is at her creative best when given the opportunity to apply her experience toward book-length projects. In 2002, she took on the challenge of wrangling the scattered lectures of the late T. Gibson Hobbs, Jr. into a delightfully readable and useful compilation of his research on Virginia's once-bustling canal system.

For adventurous alumnae *The Canal on the James: An Illustrated Guide to the James*

River and Kanawha Canal provides the perfect excuse to venture out and explore “the hidden relics of Virginia's greatest engineering adventure.” The book is filled with annotated topographical maps with inset photos illustrating the canal works to guide the reader to the sites. For those more inclined to wade into a good read, *The Canal on the James* offers a satisfying peek into the perpetual rivalries, natural disasters, and financial booms and busts that threatened the canal's success at every turn.

As an engineer himself, Gibson Hobbs (1917-2005) had special insight into the difficulties faced by the men on the ground, including the slaves and immigrants recruited to complete sections of the project. And, as a native of Lynchburg, Virginia, he was exquisitely tuned into the local hostilities and local romances sparked by the “Yankee engineers” who invaded people's property and plowed through their best lowlands.

Hobbs did not live to see his work in finished form, so this guidebook serves as a memorial to “a true friend of the James River.”



Hollister Ranch, Its History, Preservation and People, Nancy Ward '46, Hollister Ranch Conservancy 2004.

Rare, limited first edition printing (limited distribution). The complete history of the Hollister Ranch with color plates showing paintings of the Ranch and maps and lots of older photos of people, land, and buildings over the years. Various chapters written by Ranch owners and employees. Great stories of the formation of the Ranch and land deals that have shaped the development and character studies of the people who have owned and used the Ranch. Preface by David Hill., introduction by Nancy Ward, with epilogue by Andy Mills. A true collector's item to be cherished and passed on the generations. —www.hollisterranch.com



Plantations of St. Bartholomew's Parish, South Carolina, Nina Burke '64, Turner Publishing Company 2005.

Between Charleston and Beaufort, in the South Carolina Lowcountry, lies Colleton County, formerly St. Bartholomew's Parish. Rich in history and blessed with landscapes of inspiring beauty, the plantations of St. Bartholomew's Parish have for centuries maintained a lifestyle unique to the Lowcountry. Possibly numbering more than any other single county in South Carolina, these plantations form the heart of the famous ACE basin, named for the Ashepoo, Combahee, and Edisto Rivers. The legacy of the rice planting era, combined with a tradition of stewardship, has led to the preservation, conservation, and restoration of these properties. The plantations date to the eighteenth century, with an array of houses ranging from the nineteenth to the 21st century, and representing an exciting diversity of styles.

Snow Over the Ossipees, Page Coulter '57, Top of the World Press 2008.



Page Coulter's splendid new collection, *Snow Over the Ossipees*, is a just-about total immersion in Nature.

We move with her carefully shaped poems through the seasons, surrounded everywhere by vivid and passionate descriptions of wildlife and wilderness: falling oak leaves, turtles, snow, wind, water, a Zen rowboat. . . There's a brilliant homage to Wallace Steven's ("Persephone's Harp"), the carpe diem of "This is the day" which is "happening in a pistachio nut, on a /snow-covered rock, and to a boy in Afghanistan." In "Chopin Etudes" music mixes with trees and sparrows. "Earth breathes morning pink as suet" in the wonderfully visualized felt and titled "Red Teapot on a Black Stove." And Coulter's "Ode to Max, Golden Dog from Seattle" is the best variation on Christopher Smart's "Jubilate Agno" ("For I Will Consider My Cat Geoffrey") I've ever read. *Snow Over the Ossipees* is a truly full celebration of New Hampshire as it stands for all of Earth's teeming life.

—Dick Allen, Author of *Ode to the Cold War: Poems New and Selected*

Forget the Poe-biz and read this book. The lyric beauty alone will take your breath away. Imagine the imagistic clarity of Jane Kenyon and the sensuous philosophizing of Wallace Stevens and you have Page Coulter—just as heartbreaking as the former—just as wry and intelligent as the latter. Working for a lifetime at her craft, Coulter gives us poems that matter and mountains that think. —Ralph Savarese, Author and Poet



CultureShock! France, Sally Adamson Taylor '70, Marshall Cavendish 2009.

With over three million copies in print, *CultureShock!* is a bestselling series of culture and etiquette guides covering countless destinations around the world. For anyone at risk of culture shock, whether a tourist, business traveler, or long-term resident, these handy guides provide a sympathetic and fun-filled crash course on the do's and don'ts in foreign cultures. Packed with useful details, *CultureShock! France* enlightens and informs across topics such as language, food and entertaining, social customs, festivals, relationships, and tips for business. The book is available worldwide.



The Green Museum, Sarah S. Brophy '83 and Elizabeth Wylie, AltaMira Press 2008.

AltaMira Press has published *The Green Museum*, a primer on environmental practice, written by Sarah S. Brophy and Elizabeth Wylie. Environmentally friendly practices are crucial to the mission of our museums, and as learning institutions of all types, museums are uniquely suited to modeling green behavior. In *The Green Museum*, authors Sarah Brophy and Elizabeth Wylie, acclaimed across the country for bringing green to the museum, offer a complete handbook to guide museum staff in incorporating green design into new construction and day-to-day operations. Sustainable practices can save on operating

costs and even make museums attractive to new fundraising sources, as Brophy and Wylie show in case studies of museums that have already taken steps to become green. In this easy-to-read book, they demystify the process of going green, including detailed explanations of, for example, the basics of recycling, options for environmentally friendly exhibit design, and how to conduct energy audits. *The Green Museum* is full of practical information for museums of any size and a vital resource for every museum that wants to remain relevant in an increasingly green world.



Moon Croatia and Slovenia, Shann Fountain Culo '96, Avalon Travel Publishing 2009.

Travel writer and Croatian local Shann Fountain Culo shares her love of the locale from the wooden village houses, folk festivals, and wineries of Croatia to the rafting, skiing, and cave-exploring opportunities that abound in Slovenia. Shann includes unique itineraries such as the 14-Day Best of Croatia and Slovenia, A Culinary Tour of Istria and Dalmatia, and Sailing the Croatian Islands. *Moon Croatia and Slovenia* is packed with information on the best dining, transportation, and accommodations. Complete with expert advice on when to explore the city sans tourists, participate in the grape harvest season or ski in the Julian Alps, *Moon Croatia and Slovenia* gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.



From a Colonial Garden, Susan Hight Rountree '59, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation 2004.

Colonial Williamsburg's renowned gardens have always played a major role in the life of the town, and their beauty and bounty inspired this book. The author harvests a wealth of clearly written and illustrated entertaining and decorating how-tos and recipes from those famous gardens. With its myriad of ideas, this book deserves a special place on the bookshelf of any host, hostess, or gardener.

Yellow Ribbon Program



Sweet Briar has just received official notification from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that we have been accepted as a partner in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

The Yellow Ribbon Program is a provision of the Post-9/11 GI Bill signed into law in 2008 that allows colleges to enter into an agreement with VA to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. Sweet Briar's agreement effectively allows a qualifying veteran or their dependent to live on campus and attend Sweet Briar full time at no cost to the beneficiary. Final language outlining College participation was announced April 8. Sweet Briar's agreement was submitted April 21, and we received our signed acceptance May 1.

Our interest in participating with the Department of Veterans Affairs in this program was a "no-brainer." This is a win-win for all involved—the qualifying veteran or her/his dependent receives a free Sweet Briar education while the College enjoys the opportunity to enroll students while sharing the cost of that education with VA. We're thrilled to be able to show our support for military professionals in this way. Participating colleges will be listed on the VA's Web site on June 1, 2009. The Yellow Ribbon Program officially takes effect August 1, 2009.

For more information about whether you might qualify for this benefit, please visit www.gibill.va.gov. For information on this program at Sweet Briar College, please contact the Admissions Office.

Faculty



"The Supremes": An Introduction to the U.S. Supreme Court Justices, 2nd ed. Sweet Briar College Carter Glass Professor of Government Barbara A. Perry, Peter Lang Publishers 2009.

This second edition of *"The Supremes"* introduces readers to the Supreme Court's newest members, Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, with vivid biographical sketches and riveting accounts of how they successfully navigated the politics inherent in judicial appointments. Compelling portraits of all nine justices are completely updated with clear explanations of their votes and opinions in landmark cases involving free speech, religion, capital punishment, gun control, affirmative action, privacy, abortion, and terrorism. Never has the Supreme Court's story been so lively or so relevant!

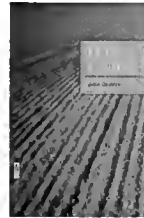


Figuring the Future, Globalization and the Temporalities of Children and Youth, edited by Sweet Briar professor of anthropology Deborah Durham and Jennifer Cole.

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Child laborers in South Asia, child soldiers in Sierra Leone and Uganda, Chinese youth playing computer games to earn virtual gold, youth involved in sex trafficking in the former Soviet republics and Thailand: these are just some of the young people featured in the news of late. The idea that young people are more malleable and the truisms that "youth are the future" or "children are our hope for the future" give news stories and scholarly accounts added meaning. To address how and why youth and children have come to seem so important to globalization, the contributors to this book look at the both the spatial relations and the temporal dimensions of globalization in places as far apart as Oakland, California, and Tamatave, Madagascar, in situations as disparate as the idealization of childhood innocence and the

brutal lives of street children. Discourses of and practices by, youth and children, from the design of toys to political mobilization, are critical sites through which people everywhere conceive of, produce, contest, and naturalize the new futures.



Free Union, visiting assistant professor of English John Casteen, University of Georgia Press 2009.


"John Casteen is a craftsman in his life and in his poems. Just as any good carpenter understands the wood upon his lathe, down to its xylem and its phloem, its roots, its weathered bark and leaves, Casteen knows language at its most cellular level; and he makes poems that are durable and elegant, solid not just for their construction but for the sense of stewardship that he brings to the task of writing. In the deepest sense, these poems are true; he does not shy away from the ethical problems of his age, nor does he reduce their complexities. What does it mean to sharpen tools, to hew and saw, to hunt, to take from the bountiful world? 'I owe a debt I don't know how to repay.' But these poems are a most generous repayment, a fine new forest upon the land, one that will endure." —D. A. Powell, author of *Cocktails*




In The Differentiated School (ASCD 2008), authors Carol Ann Tomlinson, Sweet Briar Associate Professor of Education Kay Brimijoin,

and Lane Narvaez have combined years of expertise and research on differentiation to show how an elementary school in Missouri and a high school in Vermont have undergone second order change with dramatic and positive results for students and teachers. *The Differentiated School* provides specific examples of how knowledge, understanding, and skills in effective differentiation develop over time. The authors offer suggestions for professional development, coaching, and leadership that are intended to nurture and sustain continued growth and improvement as schools seek to appropriately challenge and engage all learners.

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Caroline Byrd '08 married Blake Dozier • November 1, 2008 • Gloucester, Virginia
Sweet Briar bridesmaids included: Natalie Batman Barton '08, Sarah McMomore '08, Lindsay Rice '08, Ellie Donahue '08, Ginny Moncure '08, Kate Skafidas '09, Sarah Ross Stewart '08, and Virginia Edahl '10.

Charis Lease-Trevathan '06 married Chris Chase • June 21, 2008

2006 Classmates Alex Blair, Nicole Bergeron, Joelle Andrews, Jessica Mercier, and Jenny Jones Collins attended the wedding.



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Brook Tucker '02 married James "Trey" Buck June 28, 2008 • Raleigh, North Carolina

Pictured L-R: Jenaire Terry '01, Denise Gentry '02, Victoria Tucker, Brook Tucker Buck '02, Lori Smith Nilan '02, Maria Thacker '02.



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Beth Glaser Morchower '67 married Dr. Edward R. Isaacs • November 8, 2008



Nancy White '79 married John T. Feldtmose • May 10, 2009 • At their home in Larchmont, New York.

Ginger Tripp '05 married Judson McAdams • June 28, 2008

Front Row: Judson McAdams (HSC '04) and Ginger Tripp McAdams '05

Middle Row, L-R: Brooke Sagalowsky '05, Ashley Forehand '05, Maria Kitchin '04, Shelly Taylor (former SBC athletic trainer), Grace Turner '01, Maribeth Turner '10, and Caroline Camp '08

Back Row, L-R: Sloan Howell '07, Ellie Donahue '08, Blair Sutton '09, Tory Hankins '06, Tamra Scott '06, and Hilary Cooper Cook '05.



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Grace Farnsworth '04 married Jason Laughhead • November 15, 2008
Sweet Briar Chapel

Sweet Briar attendants included maid of honor Beth Farnsworth '05 and bridesmaids Sheena Belcher Hubbard '05 and Mary Davis Blood '04.



Judy Williams '79 married Dean S. Hawthorne July 2008 • Biddeford Pool, Maine
Classmate Lisa Hagan Kliefoth (right) attended the wedding.



Lindsey Parr '04 married Steve Knick May 3, 2008 • Barboursville, Virginia



Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Frederick Lewis (Lynn Rogerson '76) and Olivia • March 28, 2009
The Princeton Chapel, Princeton University

Hilary Pool '03 married Erik Strickland September 27, 2008 • The Belmont, Elkridge, Maryland

Sarah Lindsey '04 married Stephen Quertermous November 2007 • Bali, Indonesia



Maria Thacker '02 married Matthew Joseph Weiss • May 25, 2008 • Walt Disney World, Florida

Bridesmaids included classmates Kelly Manical, Lari Smith Nilan, Denise McDonald Gentry. Brook Tucker Buck '02 served as a reader.



Natalie Ann Batman '08 married James Edmund Barton • October 4, 2008
Sweet Briar College Memorial Chapel
Natalie and James look forward to a very full life together!



Nicole Crowder '03 married Mike Lowry June 21, 2008 • Powhatan, VA

SBC alumnae in the bridal party were Kelly Hughes Kaufman '03, Sarah Canavaca Poirier '03, Jade Beardman '03, and Michelle Moshier '05. SBC alumnae in attendance were Olevia Neary Carothers '03 and Sheena Belcher Hubbard '05; SBC Chemistry professors Rob and Jill Granger also attended.

“Philanthropy is . . .”

EMILY C. VERMILYA '08, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING

The Annual Fund's Philanthropy Education Program at Sweet Briar, which includes the Senior Class Campaign and SBC Community Philanthropy Week, highlights the way we think about philanthropy and promotes an understanding of its importance as an integral part of a liberal arts education. It educates the community on the power and joy of giving and celebrates the special community that is uniquely Sweet Briar.

The Senior Class Campaign has been in existence for many years serving the purpose of philanthropy education as well as offering programs just for seniors that teach valuable life skills not found in the classroom. The concept of making a special gift in a senior year has morphed into a program that encourages philanthropy beginning in a student's first year. The Philanthropy Education Program culminates with a week-long celebration that includes students, faculty, and staff. It not only emphasizes the importance of giving back to Sweet Briar, but also the giving of time, talents, and finances to a broad spectrum of organizations or causes with which an individual might feel a connection or a passion.

While the Senior Class Campaign is a year-long program, SBC Community Philanthropy Week occurs at the point in the semester where tuition dollars are

exhausted and the College relies on the generous support of individuals like you. This year's campaign, in conjunction with the Annual Fund's Step Up! Challenge, was entitled Philanthropy is . . . It was an educational and fun-filled week that truly made a difference for SBC. Here are some highlights to enjoy.

Philanthropy is . . . **CLASSIC!**

On Monday evening, students came to Josey Dining Room to watch a film featuring famous philanthropist Audrey Hepburn. Students enjoyed faux mimosas, crepes, and cookies. What do giving to the Annual Fund and a little blue box have in common? The joy of giving!

Philanthropy is . . . **FUN!**

The Sweet Spirits braved the cold and snow to participate in the Campus Work Day at the preschool. The mural was designed by studio art major Ashley Winters '11 and features a girl climbing a white picket fence surrounded by sunflowers.

SWEBOP instructors took the lead on the teepee project, assisted by German professor Ron Horwege, SWEBOP director Laura Staman, and grounds superintendent Donna Meeks. The bamboo and grapevines used for the project were harvested from the Sweet Briar campus.





Philanthropy is . . .
POWERFUL!

A philanthropy and non-profit career panel was held in Josey Dining Room, co-sponsored by the Student Relations Committee. Alumnae joined by professionals in education and community service included Chasity Clarke Miller '04, Teresa Pike Tomlinson '87, Melissa Zadell, Bob Dendy Jr., Heidi Hansen McCrory, Kim Shrader '09, James Barton, Cathy Hurley-Foose '78, and Fran McClung Ferguson '80.

Philanthropy is . . .
HEALTHY!

Runners and walkers from the Sweet Briar community converged on the Quad



for the first Annual Fund Run. The event was co-sponsored by the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Teams dressed up in costumes and ran or walked a long course—up to Monument Hill and back—or a short course to and from the traffic circle by the train station. Prizes were given for the most money raised, best team uniform, best team name, and fastest course time. The Swim Team won the award for best team name: The Swim “We Walk on Water” Team.

Philanthropy is . . . **SEXY!**

On Friday, students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to show off their sexy shoes in a Sexy Shoe Contest. The winner of the contest was senior Kathryn Brock '09 with her super stilettos.

The week's events concluded with senior staff serving lunch in Prothro, also wearing their “sexy” shoes. Those on hand to flip burgers and serve food to the masses included Sweet Briar President Betsy Muhlenfeld, Dean Jonathan Green, Dean of Admissions Ken Huus, Dean of Co-Curricular Life Cheryl Steele, and Vice Presidents Paul Davies, Heidi Hansen McCrory, and Linda Shank.



In conjunction with the Annual Fund's Step Up! Challenge, community members were asked, “What does philanthropy mean to you?”

Philanthropy is . . .

“. . . always relevant. There will always be a group that needs help and there's always a way to help.”
—Elizabeth Young '11

“. . . green love.”
—President Elisabeth S. Muhlenfeld

“. . . walking outside as the sun is setting behind the construction of the new gym. I see how beautiful this campus is and how wonderful my experience has been and will be.”
—Ashley Carpenter '12

“. . . the knowledge that your donation (whether it be of time, money, or other means) has the power to touch the life of someone down the street or across the world, a current SBC student or a girl who dreams of becoming one.”
—Martha Schley Kemp '12, winner of the Quote of the Week contest

Community Campaign Stellar Stats

- \$20,000 was raised by students, faculty, staff, and parents during the SBC Community Philanthropy Campaign.
- 10 departments on campus reached 100 percent participation in the Annual Fund during the Community Campaign.
- 30 percent of staff participated in giving to the Annual Fund.
- 15 percent of faculty participated in giving to the Annual Fund.
- Almost \$5,000 was raised by the Class of 2012 (parents and students) representing the most dollars raised by a class outside of the Senior Class Campaign.

In Memoriam

Anne Rowe '57

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Anne Martin Wilson Rowe, seventy-four, died peacefully Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, at her home on Lewis Street in Fredericksburg. She died of lymphoma.

A native and lifelong resident of Fredericksburg, Mrs. Rowe was the daughter of Katherine Stoffregen Wilson and Dr. Fielding Lewis Wilson, a longtime dentist in Fredericksburg. She grew up in the family home on Hawke Street in the very neighborhood she would call home for the rest of her life.



Mrs. Rowe attended public schools in the city and was valedictorian of the class of 1953

at James Monroe High School. Hers was the first class to graduate from the new building on Washington Avenue following the school's move from its former location in what became Maury Elementary School.

She went on to attend Sweet Briar College and she graduated in 1957 from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia, where she majored in English. She married Josiah P. Rowe III in 1956. The



couple made their home on Lewis Street and became the devoted parents of four children.

Mrs. Rowe lived a full, satisfying life centered around family and her beloved hometown. She loved nearly everything about Fredericksburg, and she committed herself early on to personal and public endeavors that would benefit the area and its people. Her gifts of time, talent, hard work and philanthropy will be everlasting. Ever the Southern lady, Mrs. Rowe possessed a gentle demeanor that belied an energetic spirit and great strength of character. Whether chairing a foundation board, donating blood, or taking soup to a sick neighbor, she gave of herself with grace.

As a dedicated volunteer, Mrs. Rowe accomplished much in her seventy-four years. Three awards illustrate the extent of her efforts. In 2003, she was named "Woman of the Year" by the Woman's Club of Fredericksburg, which annually recognizes extraordinary service to the community with its prestigious award. In 2002, she received the Citizen Salute Award given by the Friends of Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra in recognition of her significant contributions to the Fredericksburg area. And in 2004, she received the Women of Distinction award from the Girl Scout Commonwealth Council of Virginia for her lifelong volunteer efforts in the community.

Mrs. Rowe modestly claimed that her long list of accomplishments resulted in part from having stayed in her hometown and having gotten an early start.

Mrs. Rowe served on the board at Sweet Briar for a total of seven years. She was a loyal donor and member of the Keystone society—those alumnae and friends who have given one million dollars or more to the College. She also served on her Reunion Gifts Committee in 2007 and on the Alumnae Board. As a student, Anne was a member of the QVs, a specially selected team that participates in a cherished student club tradition.

Martha Mansfield Clement '48

CHRISTINA RICHARDSON
COURTESY OF ALEXANDRIA TIMES

Martha Mansfield Clement '48 arrived at Sweet Briar College, in the late summer of 1944, beginning a life-long affection for which she was recognized in 2006 with the Outstanding Alumna Award; the same year that her granddaughter Sarah graduated from the College. Clement died on March 1, 2009 at the age of eighty-two surrounded by her children, grandchildren and her priest.

Clement, born in rural Munfordville, Kentucky, was introduced to Sweet Briar by her brother, Paul, who saw her as a



diamond in the rough who needed to go to a smaller school. From the day she arrived she blossomed.

She graduated in 1948. In 1951 she married Army Lt. Col. Wallace Clement and spent the next twenty-six years traveling around the world and raising five children. After their retirement in 1970 she taught seventh-grade English at Flint Hill and Robinson High School in Fairfax. Drawn back to Sweet Briar, she worked in the development office where she was appointed director in 1986, left in 1989, but returned again for



eight months in 1992. She maintained a constant connection with Sweet Briar and served in many volunteer chair capacities. She admired what Sweet Briar represented and the education it offered to young women, "So anytime I was asked to take on a volunteer job I always said yes and did it willingly," Clement said in an interview for the College in 1979. Her daughters, Sarah and Ellen, also graduated from Sweet Briar.

Clement is survived by her daughters, Sarah, Ellen, and Anne; sons, Douglas and David, her brother, Preston Mansfield, and grandchildren, Grace Young, Meredith Buck, Stewart Buck, Sarah Mouri, Cameron Mouri, Sara Clement, and David Clement; nieces Carolyn Clarke, Susan Bartlett and nephew, Paul Mansfeld, her Vietnamese children, and a host of cousins, great-nieces, grand-nephews, Sweet Briar classmates and friends.

Sweet Briar Benefactor Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39 Dies

Sweet Briar alumna and benefactor Elizabeth *Perkins* Prothro died Saturday, May 23, 2009, at her home in Wichita Falls, Texas, at the age of eighty-nine. The College has lost a beloved friend and community member, while all of higher education has lost a respected philanthropist and devoted advocate.

Elizabeth *Perkins* Prothro was born September 7, 1919, in Dallas to Lois Craddock Perkins and Joe J. Perkins of Wichita Falls. She attended Wichita Falls public schools, graduating in 1935 from Wichita Falls High School, and attended Sweet Briar and Southern Methodist University, from which she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1939. She married Charles Nelson Prothro of Wichita Falls in 1938.

Elizabeth and Charles Prothro continued a family tradition, initiated by her parents in Dallas in 1913, of championing higher

education. Major recipients of their generosity include Sweet Briar, SMU in Dallas, and the University of Texas in Austin.

She also made contributions to Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas; Baylor University in Waco, Texas; Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina; and Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. She served on the SMU board of trustees, executive board of Perkins School of Theology at SMU, and MSU board of regents.

At Sweet Briar, her family made possible the Charles and Elizabeth Prothro Natatorium, Prothro Hall in the Student



Commons and one of the College's largest endowed scholarship funds, the Prothro Scholarship.

"Elizabeth Prothro has been one of the keystones of Sweet Briar for generations, and in many ways the very embodiment of the Sweet Briar woman," said President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld. "Her death is a real loss for the College. This weekend would have been her seventieth reunion. To my mind, she was a fabulous woman, gracious and smart and generous, and I am saddened by her death."

Prothro and her family's connection to Sweet Briar began in 1935 when she decided to attend the school, becoming

the first Prothro woman to do so. Her daughter Kathryn *Prothro* Yeager '61 and granddaughters Kathryn Elizabeth *Yeager* Edwards '84, Linda *Yeager* Beltehev '85 and Charlotte Holland *Prothro* Philbin '95 followed her.

Her family has served the College in numerous ways. Her husband, Charles, served on the board for eighteen years and as chairman from 1972 to 1977. Her daughter, Kathryn Yeager, and son Mark Prothro also were board members. Her mother, Lois Perkins, donated the organ in Memorial Chapel in honor of her daughter and granddaughter.

Prothro was an organizer and first chair of the SBC Friends of the Library when it was founded in 1966. She served on the Dallas Campaign Planning Committee in 2003 for *Our Campaign For Her World*. She also was a charter member of the Keystone Society when it was created in 2002 to recognize donors whose lifetime commitments to SBC have totaled more than \$1 million, and she belonged to the Silver Rose Society, having been a College donor for more than twenty-five years.

In 2001, Prothro was one of twenty-two recipients of Sweet Briar's Centennial Award for making a significant impact on the College during its first 100 years, and she received the Distinguished Alumna Award in 2006.

Prothro also was a noted photographer whose work may be found in private collections, educational institutions, commercial settings and publications. Esteemed for her floral photographs, she served on the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Board during the years the first lady was actively involved.

Prothro made possible the Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Photography Gallery at the Harry Ransom Center at the University of Texas and was instrumental in providing the cornerstone gift and subsequent commitments for Ransom Center and the Prothro Theater at UT.

At SMU, Prothro and her family have contributed to endowed scholarships, fellowships and premier facilities. In addition, the university is home to her 485-volume collection of Bibles and related works spanning eight centuries. The collection grew from several volumes presented to Prothro by her husband in 1963 on their twenty-fifth anniversary.

Today, the collection is housed in the Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Galleries, a gift from her husband on their fiftieth anniversary, at Bridwell Library, Perkins School of Theology at SMU. Books from the collection have been exhibited at Sweet Briar, UT, Emory and Henry College, Southwestern University, and Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center.

Her interest in Bibles spawned a broader interest in books and libraries, leading her to serve as president of Friends of SMU Libraries Colophon and chairman of SMU Libraries Executive Board. A member of SMU Press, she served as editor of "SMU Reflections" (SMU Press, 1986) and also contributed photographs to the work.

Prothro was named recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award and honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by SMU, Doctor of Letters by Southwestern University, and

the Award for Philanthropy by the Council of Independent Colleges. Her most recent honor was the naming of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall at Perkins School of Theology at SMU in 2007.

Also a lifelong supporter of First United Methodist Church of Wichita Falls, Prothro was the first woman named chairman of the Official Board, in addition to serving on numerous committees. She held several positions in United Methodist Women, and taught Sunday school. Prothro and her husband were instrumental in construction of the Prothro Family Atrium at the church in 1997, among other contributions.

Other philanthropic interests in her city of residence included Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center, of which she was a founding member; and River Bend Nature Center, home to the Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Pavilion.

Prothro is survived by three children, Joe Prothro and wife, Dale; Kay Yeager and husband, Frank; Mark Prothro and wife, Dianne, all of Wichita Falls; and daughter-in-law, Caren Prothro of Dallas. Other survivors include grandchildren Kathryn R. Prothro, David Prothro and wife, Leslie; Nelson Prothro and wife, Jaclyn; Mary Perkins Prothro, Elizabeth

Yeager, Linda Belchev and husband, Alex; Vincent Prothro, Nita Clark and husband, Cullum; Holly Philbin and husband, Phillip; and Pat Prothro. Great-grandchildren include Reagan Lunn and wife, Ashley; Erica Green-Prothro, Christopher Prothro, and Katie Prothro; Lara Herreid, Yeager Edwards, Nicholas Belchev, and Andrew Belchev; Lillian Clark, Annabel Clark, and Charlotte Clark; Charles Philbin, Luke Philbin, and Mark Philbin. She also is survived by one great-great-grandchild, Parker Lunn.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2001, their son, Charles Vincent (C. Vin) Prothro of Dallas in 2000, a younger sister, Dorothy Jo Perkins in 1926; and her mother and father in 1983 and 1960, respectively.

The family wishes to acknowledge Glenda Ponder, Marilyn Campbell, and Arnita Myles for their longtime dedication and care of Prothro, and the care provided by Lucy Davila, CarePartners and Hospice of Wichita Falls.

Honorary pallbearers are Ralph Bullington, Robert Priddy; nephews James J. Prothro and Charles B. Prothro, and all present and past employees of Perkins-Prothro Company.

Karl Tamburr Memorial Scholarship Fund

Karl Tamburr's friends and former students know of his devotion to the study of English literature in general and to the Virginia Program at Oxford, in particular. He was the Sweet Briar director of this program for many years. Members of the English Department and of the Sweet Briar community wish to announce that gifts given in Karl Tamburr's memory will be applied to scholarship funds to enable students to study in England. We think that such a gift would recognize Karl's passionate engagement with literature, with England, and with Sweet Briar students in the best possible way: by making it possible for more students to study abroad. Gifts to the Tamburr scholarship fund may be sent to Sweet Briar College, Office of Development, Box G, Sweet Briar, VA, 24595 or call 1-888-846-5722.

In Memory of Jennifer Crispin

Jennifer Crispin, field hockey coach for Sweet Briar since 1977, was much beloved by students, alumnae, and many members of the campus community. She encouraged and inspired many young athletes on this campus, and for that reason we wish to announce that gifts made to the College in her memory will be donated to the new Fitness and Athletics Center. This new facility will be part of Coach Crispin's legacy at Sweet Briar—a place where athletes are discovered, team work is fostered, and the campus community is enlivened and connected.

The Conyers Riding Fund

Jon Conyers was dedicated to the art and teaching of riding. Many riding students at Sweet Briar excelled under his instruction. His passion for horses and the show ring was obvious and is memorialized through his legacy, The Conyers Riding Fund. This fund was established by Jon Conyers to benefit Sweet Briar's Riding Program. The fund will be used for an array of projects within the Riding Program with an emphasis on those that support the welfare of the program's horses, such as sheds to provide year-long shelter and improvements to the footing in the outdoor arena.

Missy Gentry Witherow '80

Missy Gentry Witherow '80 has left the Alumnae Office to join the Development Office as Associate Director of Annual Giving. Missy joined the Alumnae Office staff on September 1, 2004 as an assistant director. On July 1, 2007 she was promoted to associate director. While Missy has done an exceptional job in all of her areas of responsibility, she is to be commended for bringing our Homecoming Program to a new level of excellence. While all of us are sad to have her leave the Alumnae House, we are delighted that she is staying at Sweet Briar and look forward to working with Missy in her new role.



Dr. Alix Ingber Retires After 29 Years

RON HORWEGE, PROFESSOR OF GERMAN, CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES

Dr. Alix Ingber retired this spring after working twenty-nine years at Sweet Briar. She grew up in New York City and received her B.A. at CUNY. She received a master's at the University of Illinois and returned to CUNY to earn her Ph.D. After a couple of years employed at Ohio State University, she came to Sweet Briar in 1980 as an assistant professor of Spanish.

Dr. Ingber was promoted to professor of Spanish in the early nineties. During this time, she also served three years as chair of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. In addition to the teaching of elementary and intermediate Spanish, her teaching specialties included Cervantes and

other earlier Spanish writers. She published many articles and presented many talks at professional meetings. One of her more extensive undertakings was the translation of Spanish sonnets into English.

While spreading the messages of Don Quixote and other older works of Spanish literature, she found a new passion in the early eighties with the appearance of Apple Macintosh computers. While most of us were still struggling with the intricacies of simple word processing, she was developing programs for computer assisted language instruction. With the rise of the internet, she was among the first to realize and make use of the new technology. She still continues to be in the technological forefront.

Although she always remained actively involved in the Department of Modern Languages, Dr. Ingber gradually took on administrative responsibilities. After serving for two or three years as an assistant dean, she became the director of advising. In this position she dealt not only with academic issues of the students, but also with many reforms in the advising program, including the recent drastic changes called for under the Sweet Briar Promise instituted by the Shape of the Future Committee. Her innovations in the office of advising will resonate for years to come.

Although Dr. Ingber is giving up her academic and administrative responsibilities, she will continue to be an active member of the Sweet Briar community. In the Sweet Briar Community Garden, among other places, she will still have a chance to apply her energy and expertise.

On behalf of the community and scores of students and alumnae with whom she has worked and whose lives she has touched, I thank Alix for her years of devoted service to the College and for the opportunity to know her and to work with her.



Helen Grose Retires After 21 Years

CELESTE DELGADO-LIBRERO, DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR YEAR IN SPAIN

After 21 years of service to Sweet Briar College, Helen Grose, office manager of Junior Year in Spain, retired on April 30, 2009. Few Sweet Briar alumnae know who Helen is and what she did because her contributions lay mostly outside the confines of the campus: in those 21 years (the longest anyone has worked for Junior Year in Spain), Helen helped, mostly at a distance, via the telephone, fax, snail- and e-mail, more than 1,600 students from more than 110 different U.S. colleges and universities including Sweet Briar. And their families. And their study abroad advisers.

In her work, Helen was meticulous, diligent, discreet, and reliable, but what made her really special and unforgettable to all those students, parents, and advisers, whom she rarely got to meet in person, were her affability, her helpfulness, and the genuine interest she took in their concerns. On the very day she retired, Helen and two friends from the Junior Year in France office went for a last walk around the campus and were approached by two visitors who were there for a board meeting. After a few minutes names were exchanged and, upon hearing that they were "Mr. and Mrs. So-and-so," parents of a Sweet Briar and Junior Year in Spain alumna, Helen said to the woman, "Oh, so you must be Judy! It's so nice to meet you!" You can all imagine the surprise of the couple when they realized that their daughter, who attended Junior Year in Spain in 2003, had not been just one more student to go through the program, just one more number. To Helen, all students were individuals, and she cared about them as such. Very few people are capable of such generosity. We will miss Helen dearly.





President Muhlenfeld with Sydney Turk, daughter of Heidi Turk '85, at the Washington, D.C. farewell reception.



R-L: Sarah Petersan '03, Rachel Roth Allred '02, and Katherine W. Morse '01 in Washington, D.C.



Angelique Milone '02 and Katherine W. Morse '01 on a recent visit to Sweet Briar College.



The Washington, D.C. Alumnae Club hosted a very successful Sweet Briar Day on January 11, 2009 at Top of the Tawn in Arlington, Virginia. L-R: Kris Herzog '70, Arney Walker '02, Sara Coffey '06, Joanna Wood '06, and Alisan Stockdale '00.



Milwaukee alumnae gathered to celebrate Sweet Briar Day on January 10, 2009. Back Row, L-R: Kory Aldrian Faulkner '92, Kathryn Hagist Yunk '91, Gail Ann Zarwell Winkler '76. Front Row, L-R: Diane Dalton '67, Casey Knapp Fleming '05, Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80, Ann Smith '74.



1992 classmates Stephanie Brundage Snasdell (left) and Kathleen Hughes Hartman (right) and their girls Aiden and Ella Snasdell and Amanda Hartman.



Several members of the Class of 1981 celebrated their fiftieth birthdays in Maui, Hawaii. L-R: Nan Dabbs Loftin, Allison Roberts Greene, Jane Terry Feley, Theresa Blane Lange, May Carter Barger.



On December 6, 2008, Sally Mott Freeman hosted a party honoring classmate Cathy Slatinshek and her then fiancé Bill Prillaman. L-R: Paula Brumm Hennessy '77, Sally Mott Freeman '76, Megan Morgan '76, Meg Shields Duke '76, Caroline Bickel McLoughlin '76, Becky Dane Evans '78, Mary Beth Hamlin '76, Cathy "Slats" Slatinshek Prillaman '76, Peggy Weimer Parrish '76, Maggie Shriver '77, Ookie Hays Cooper '76 and Margot Mahoney Budin '76.



L-R: Jane Terry Feley, Theresa Blane Lange, Allison Roberts Greene, Nan Dabbs Loftin, and May Carter Barger.

recent deaths

If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.

1930

Frances Barnett
Mrs. George D. Crosby
Date Unknown

Wilhelmina Rankin
Mrs. Paul E. Teter, Jr.
January 22, 2009

1931

Mary Stewart Kelso
Mrs. Walter J. Treanor
December 17, 2008

1933

Annette Enderly
Mrs. Henry T. Birgel
January 17, 2009

Mary Kate Patton
Mrs. St. Clair Bromfield, Jr.
March 16, 2009

1934

Serena Coe
Mrs. Stuart Hurlbert
Date unknown

Rosemary Frey
Mrs. Rosemary F. Rogers
September 1, 2008

Emily Marsh
Mrs. Emily J. Nichols
March 15, 2009

Charlotte Meyer
Mrs. T. S. Sitterley
March 5, 2009

1935

Harriet Taylor
Mrs. Walter H. Lea
November 9, 2008

1936

Myra Carr
Mrs. Robert F. Baldwin, Jr.
March 5, 2009

Eliza Lewis
Mrs. Russell J. Parham
April 6, 2009

Jane Shelton
Mrs. R. Clayton Bowers
March 21, 2009

1937

Evelynn Little
Mrs. Harry M. McFarland, Jr.
March 13, 2009

May Weston
Mrs. Barton F. Thompson
March 23, 2009

1938

Susan Gibson
Mrs. Stephen R. Davenport
January 12, 2009

Marjorie Thaden
Mrs. Marjorie Thaden Davis
April 3, 2009

1939

Patty Mancure
Mrs. Thomas W. Drewry
January 18, 2009

Lee Montague
Mrs. Grady Watts
December 18, 2008

1940

Dorothy Campbell
Mrs. William P. O'Connor, Jr.
November 30, 2008

Jane Hopkins
Mrs. P. Huber Hanes, Jr.
January 15, 2009

1941

Kathryn Blish
Miss Kathryn E. Blish
February 2, 2009

Helen Gwinn
Mrs. John A. Wallace
March 12, 2009

1943

Isabel Gardner
Mrs. Eric Sellix
January 13, 2008

1944

Wilhelmina Cullen
Wilhelmina Robertson Smith
January 26, 2009

Sydney Holmes
Mrs. William A. Bales
February 21, 2009

Lucy Love
Mrs. Warren P. Elmer, Jr.
Date Unknown

Jane Rice
Mrs. Jane R. McPherson
January 8, 2009

1946

Rosemary Ashby
Mrs. David A. Dashiell, Jr.
January 15, 2009

Mary Taylor
Mrs. William B. Hollowell, Jr.
February 9, 2009

1947

Constance Clevenger
Mrs. F. Christian Berg, Jr.
January 26, 2009

1948

Marion Bower
Mrs. Archibald C. Harrison, Jr.
December 14, 2008

Martha Mansfield
Ms. Martha M. Clement
March 1, 2009

Pamela Terry
Mrs. Pamela Terry
Stautenburgh
December 22, 2008

1949

Anne Bush
Mrs. H. M. Comer Train
December 3, 2008

Nancy Keith
Mrs. Nancy Keith Tenaglia
March 10, 2009

1951

Betty Kellogg
Mrs. F. W. Wilbourn
March 25, 2009

1952

Pride Binger
Mrs. Pride Farney
January 18, 2009

1953

Joan Arey
Mrs. Charles Harrison
November 24, 2008

Patricia Marshall
Mrs. Lloyd A. Meech, Jr.
July 26, 2008

1954

Mary Kay Coffelt
Mrs. Kay Trautschold
April 18, 2007

Margaret Ewart
Mrs. Michael M. Riter
September 16, 2008

Bette-Barron Smith
Mrs. Bette-Barron Stomats
February 11, 2009

Katherine Wilcox
Mrs. William F. Reiland
December 21, 2008

1955

Barbara Babb
Miss Barbara Babb
October 27, 2005

Mary Burgman
Mrs. James H. Winston
January 13, 2009

Nathalie Robertson
Mrs. David E. Fox
December 19, 2007

1956

Helen Wolfe
Ms. Helen Wolfe Evans
April 21, 2009

1957

Anne Wilson
Mrs. Josiah P. Rowe III
January 24, 2009

1958

Catharine Hill
Mrs. Catharine Hill-Loth
January 7, 2009

Nancy Imboden
Mrs. Richard Spears
November 6, 2008

1960

Page Tucker McFall
Mrs. John F. Ziebold
November 28, 2008

1964

Mary Frances Culbertson
Ms. M. Frances Knight
June 2008

Marnie "Mimi" Hellier
Mrs. George B. Dornblaser
January 3, 2009

Claire Hughes
Mrs. Claire H. Knapp
March 29, 2009

Julia Threefoot
Mrs. Joseph A. Craig, Jr.
December 24, 2008

1973

Betsy Buchanan
Mrs. William D. Fishback
January 17, 2009

1977

Anne Tschudy
Ms. Anne Tschudy Jackson
April 20, 2009

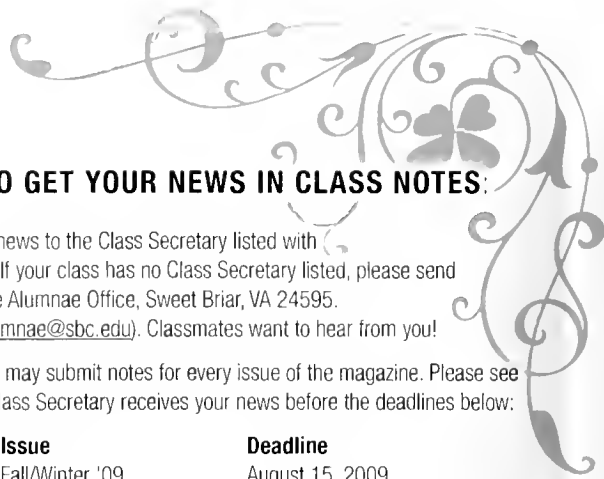
1996

Rachel Elizabeth Virden
Mrs. Rachel Virden Hulscher
February 26, 2009

We received several calls informing us that Lillian West '47 (Mrs. Marion A. Parrott) is very much alive. We apologize for our error in listing her as deceased in the Winter '09 magazine.

The Sweet Briar Alumnae Association appreciates notifications of deaths. Please relay information to the Alumnae Office, P.O. Box E, Sweet Briar, VA 24595 or alumnae@sbc.edu.

class notes



HOW TO GET YOUR NEWS IN CLASS NOTES:

Send your news to the Class Secretary listed with your class. If your class has no Class Secretary listed, please send news to the Alumnae Office, Sweet Briar, VA 24595. (E-mail: alumnae@sbc.edu). Classmates want to hear from you!

Secretaries may submit notes for every issue of the magazine. Please see that your Class Secretary receives your news before the deadlines below:

Issue	Deadline
Fall/Winter '09	August 15, 2009
Spring '10	March 15, 2009

Class Secretaries are volunteers elected by their class and are responsible for the accuracy of the class notes.

Make sure the Alumnae Office has your correct e-mail address!
Please send e-mail addresses to: alumnae@sbc.edu

1930

Woman 200: Jan 21-22, 2009
Wilhelmina Rankin Teter, nearly 101 years old, died 1/22/09 in Orlando, FL, where she has lived for the last 40 yrs I, William R. Dill, her oldest nephew, am notifying you in case you are interested in her life. Please contact the alumnae office if you would like to learn more about Wilhelmina

1942

Ann Morrison Reams
771 Bon Air Circle
Lynchburg, VA. 24503
amrsbc@verizon.net

Spring has arrived! I was on campus last week, and it was like fairyland with the flowering trees, and such gorgeous jonquils, etc. You will be impressed with the amazing new Fitness and Athletics Center! Also, the new apartment housing for seniors is coming along. Both are in the bottom between Reed and the old gym, but haven't marred the view. I was there for a joint meeting of the Friends of the Library and of Art, which is always a lovely affair with wonderful people, a grand program and good drinks and dinner.

Not much news from you good folks. **Betty Blackmer Childs** and Mackall enjoyed a Christmas cruise to the Caribbean with family, but on return Mackall suffered a stroke, damaging an eye which seems to be improving.

Sad news from **Bobbie Engh Croft** Crosswell died 3/21/09. We all send sympathy, and also to **Peggy Gearing Wickham** whose Henry died last fall. She has moved to Westminster-Canterbury in Richmond.

A conversation with Mike Tremain indicated that **Betsy Gilmer Tremain** is in the health care unit at Westminster-Canterbury in Charlottesville, and is getting along all right. He visits with her several times a day.

I'm grateful to say that I'm well and staying busy with the usual activities—bridge, garden club, book club, Bible study, time with family, etc. We welcomed great-grandson, Bernard Lawrence Reams III, in mid-Mar., born in NY weighing in at 10 lbs, 10 oz. I won't see him until he comes to visit this Jun. Like many of your communities, Lynchburg is planning a party for Betsy Muhlenfeld on her retirement as president of SBC. We hate to see her go! The good news is I hear that her replacement is great. Wish I had more news. If you can't write, just send me an e-mail amrsbc@verizon.net. All of us want to hear from each other.

1944

Alice Lancaster Buck
Covenant Hill Farm
9357 Covenant Hill Lane
Marshall, VA 20115
pbbuck1@verizon.net

1934

Martha Lou Lemmon Stohlmann
Pennswood Village D-212
1382 Newtown-Langhorne Rd
Newtown, PA 18940-2401

1935

Woman 200: July 21-22, 2009
Juliet Halliburton Davis, Jr.
Tsuga
2673 Belcher Mountain Rd
Meadows of Dan, VA 24120-9801

1938

Frances Bailey Brooke
405 Jackson Ave
Lexington, VA 24450-1905

1939

Sarah Belk Grambrell
300 Cherokee Road
Charlotte, NC 28207-1908

My mother, **Patty Moncure Drewry**, died peacefully at her home at Westminster-Canterbury in Richmond at the age of 91 on 1/18/09. If anyone from her time at the College wants to contact me, I can be reached at

Ms. Virginia W. Drewry
118 Prince Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
703.548.2810
703.851.5327

My brother can be reached at:
Mr. William S. Drewry II
P.O. Box 658
Williamsburg, VA @3187

1945

Woman 200: July 21-22, 2009
Julia Mills Jacobsen
ljamj@erols.com

Mary Haskins King
501 Kimberly Dr
Greensboro, NC 27408

From **Sadie Gwin Allen Blackburn**: So good to hear from you! I too am now limited in getting around because my husband had a terrible fall in his wheelchair down to the stair landing and is now recovering in the hospital. My activities are restricted to going back and forth to his recovery room. But it's wonderful to hear from the outside world, particularly from you. Keep it coming.

And from **Mary "Perk" Traugott Brown**: I'm taking the easier, faster way via the computer to send what little news I know of classmates. But first, how are you? The last I heard you had slowed down as I am now. **Harriet Willcox Gearhart** amazed me when she traveled to England in Dec. She has had health problems, but daughters Mary and Rosalie got her to England to visit friends she had known when living there. Classmates, hop in a wheelchair and GO! **Dickie Waldrop** and Luke are also travelers; they cruised around the tip of South America. Hope Dickie is reporting on her fabulous trip! I am now a resident of a retirement home overlooking the Chesapeake Bay—quite a view of ships heading into Norfolk. Had a knee replacement in Dec. and am still hobbling on a cane. New address: 3100 Shore Drive, Apt 1017, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. Hope classmates are sending you news. I'm anxious to hear about SBC friends. Healthy wishes, Perk.

facebook.

Does your class have a page on Facebook, LinkedIn, or other web community? Please let us know! The Alumnae Office is compiling a list of class pages for our updated web site. Send an email to Colleen *Karaffa* Murray '06, editor of the Alumnae Magazine, at cmurray@sbc.edu with the link to your class page.

Antoinette LeBris Maynard writes:

Dear Julia, I wonder if I sent the last email I wrote you to tell you I'm back in Chevy Chase, MD, at Classic Residence by Hyatt, 8100 Conn. Ave., apt. 414. I'm not doing too badly, but on a walker and after 2 new hips, and 4 vertebrae out of the spine I'm still ambulating slowly and happy to be back in this area. I love to be here in the spring . . . and hope to hear from you. (I'll be out to see you, Julie).

Jean Riddler Fahrenbach is still in VT with a new email address. (I've been on my way to visit and see my granddaughter for 2 yrs.)

From yours truly **Julia Mills Jacobsen**: I'm going to Houston with my OT friend for the Occupational Therapy conference to see what's new for the "physically challenged." I hope to see anyone in Houston 4/24-27. I'll be at the Hilton. I have lost most of the sight in my left eye and can't see very well out of the other. We're bringing OT students from Howard U. where I'm their Guinea pig. That's all my big news.

1946

Mary Vandeventer Saunders
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How do you go about gathering news from 80-plus-yr-old classmates and put the items into a SBC Alumnae News article to be published this summer? Penny postcards at 27 cents apiece to almost 100 surviving friends? Various short cuts with address stickers on front, a transparency by Fed Ex to stick-on the cards, husband assistance, \$10 each to granddaughters to do the transfers to the cards, pressure of 4/1 deadline to SBC and an anguished phone call from **Audrey Lahman Rossetot** and an email from **Liz Barbour Beggs** from Alexandria, VA, saying Class President **Martha Mansfield Clement** had died! Our hearts shut down and tears flowed, and we quickly scratched the message across the penny cards to many of her friends. A huge crowd gathered at the Episcopal Seminary a few days later for a memorial service at which her daughter read a poem she had written and others paid tribute to this beloved friend. The Clement family have decided to place Martha's ashes in the Columbarium on Monument Hill at our beautiful SBC campus this coming May.

The process of getting together news has been delightful. Notes, cards, and calls have brought a surge of memories and a charge to my inner batteries. I got a charge out of visiting with our exuberant song leader, **Harriotte Bland Coke**, from Kent, OH, where she is active in tri-weekly yoga and Pilates with a home office. She has a daughter in VT who has won awards in field hockey (Do you remember our coach, that fierce lady Mrs. Appleby with her "sticks"?) Upon being pressured Harriotte declares she wears the same dress size as when we were at The Patch, and she also believes in having a dog along always! **Pat Smith Nelson** has residences in Charleston, WV, and in Naples, FL; she flies back and forth on holidays and has seen **Jane Johnson Kent** in airports several times. Pat has 1 son who is a realtor living in Charlottesville with a wife who is a teacher; they have a handicapped child (8). Other offspring live in Union, WV, and Charleston and get to FL for visits. Pat has visited with **Helen Pindar Withers** in Westminster-Canterbury in Irving, VA. Salute to Helen who still teaches

friends to play mah-jongg after 30 yrs! Pat Nelson and I have a unique sharing—we have granddaughters who were chosen at graduation from college by Teach for America to teach in a US public school for 2 yrs, usually in an underprivileged area. Both students found it very challenging. Pat's has finished her commitment, gotten an M.A. along the way and is now in law school. My Anna McCallie has another year after her present assignment and has not yet decided her next career move.

Ruthie Howe Faulkner called from Longmont, CO, to chat; you'll recall she was at SBC for 2 yrs Husband Wilson, a self-made inventor who held several patents, died in '07. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and 3 greats. As this is being written (at the end of Mar.) she's packing to take 15 of her family to Disney World in FL. That will be fun after the snow storms we're seeing in CO. A gentle voice from the deep South—it's **Rosemary Gugert Kennedy** from New Orleans with excitement because this is the day the 17th ed. of her book is coming off the press headed for use in the music programs of CA public schools! There are some details to be worked out on the book, *Bach to Rock*, as the patron saint of music teaching must be removed from the booklet cover before it can be used in CA. We were able to share the sadness of the loss of Rosemary's daughter Wendy (40) 2 yrs ago from malignancy. Rosemary is finding joy in teaching piano in the afternoons and following her ranked tennis player grandchildren. Her historic New Orleans house was badly damaged by Katrina and so Rosie spent time in Atlanta with friend **Martha Davis Barnes** while repairs were made. Another New Orleans classmate is **Eve Godchaux Hirsch** who suffered from Katrina likewise, but managed her theater and museum trips to NY in spite of storms. She reports staying in touch with **Bea Backer Simpson** in Silver Springs, MD, who called for a fun chat. Bea claims to have no real news and that she is in a self-made disaster area. She cannot throw anything away and she finds herself surrounded by stacks of old newspapers, scrapbooks, letters, and pictures which she ends up examining over and over again. Her husband died 2 days before 9/11 so her life became very complicated as we can imagine. She has 2 grandchildren who are gifted musically, playing the flute, piano, and oboe. Someday Bea and I will go to Staples together for scissors, glue, and other scrapbooking supplies as I can't throw anything away either. **Jane Shoesmith Newcomb** called from Wolfeboro, NH, reporting on 2 sons who live nearby. One of them at age 51 is getting married this Apr. for the 1st time. She has 4 grands and all are involved in the music activities of the area. Jane is active in her garden club and library and has had a knee replacement along the way. A trip to Italy was successful.

Beautiful May Queen **Bess Pratt Wallace** from Huntsville, AL, has a daughter who lives at home and brightens her days.

Her card reminisced about beautiful snows we had at SBC since AL was covered with shining snow at that moment. **Frances Robb's** note from Williamsburg, VA, had comments on the loss of our **Meon Bower Harrison** in 12/08 and now our Martha Clement. Robbie comments on the fact that at our age "blessed is monotony because we are all still here." A note along the same theme came from **Marjorie Smith Smithey** from Roanoke who writes that she is "doing well—play doubles tennis 2 or 3 times a week, do my own housework in my own condo and feel great." Cheers for you, **Vi Whithead Morse** makes me feel close to the campus as she sent news of the reception for **Ann Marshall Whitley** who died 9/28 after working for yrs collecting SBC memorabilia and establishing a museum on campus. Vi also reported that she and her husband (89) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and that 2 of their prized cows died of pneumonia. **Betsy Anderson Gorrell** claims to have no new news, but just being around is enough since "days are spent going to lots of funerals." She has 2 grands and 3 great grandchildren who are a joy! **Mary Barrett Robertson** from Augusta uses "snail mail" to communicate and describes it as being sent by "escargot." She reports that her progeny is doing fine and that she still rattles around in her big house which she enjoys when visitors come.

Marguerite Rucker Ellett writes from Westminster Canterbury in Richmond saying she is attending her St. Catherine's reunion in Apr. and joining up with husband Taz to attend his VMI reunion later. They still vacation at Pawley's Island late in summer. **Martha Sue Skinner Logan** got to visit with our retiring SBC president Betsy Muhlenfeld in Tampa. This summer the Logans migrate to Cashiers, NC, where Bob has time for a vegetable garden and she grows flowers. They took a trip on the Mississippi from St. Louis to Minneapolis last fall to finish out the year. Your scribe had the nicest phone call from Little Rock where your secretary from a few yrs ago, **Phyllis Thorpe Miller**, lives. She admits to still having the neatest handwriting ever by a '48er. Phil says she hangs out with the widows and still lives in her original home. Her children live in Denver, Houston, and Little Rock; she visits often. Phil visits **Nancy Moses Eubanks** in a retirement home. Nancy has a son who is a minister in Dallas. A call from **Closey Faulkner Dickey** from a home in ME or NH where she and Whit have gardens, do community service, entertain friends and children, and play duplicate bridge. They're planning a trip to AK where she'll connect with **Mary Vinton** and visit the Dickey daughter whose husband has a job measuring glacier melt. She promised a long letter, but I haven't seen it yet. She keeps in touch with **Indie Lindsay Bilisoli**, Frank, their daughter and 3 sons—all are busy and active Norfolk citizens. **Betsy Plunkett Williams** writes that she has no dramatic goings-on, also from Norfolk. She

sees class of '47 friends **Jean Old**, **Margie Redfern**, and **Martha Smith** frequently and enjoys having son Glyn in residence. They're regulars at Plunkett family reunions. From far away Wichita Falls, TX, **Helen McKemie Riddle** writes from a retirement home that she's busy with its activities and her friends there. Her oldest son is in the Radiology Department at Vanderbilt Med. School. She lost her middle child, a daughter, a few yrs ago, and her grandson lives with his father in Houston. Another daughter and family live in Dallas. Also from TX, **Polly Rollins Sowell** writes: I keep in touch with Liz Barbour and Wayne Stokes and T, but otherwise I'm out of touch with SBC. Personally, I'm fine. Retired from the Governor's office in '05, have become a provocateur and just love it. No accountability! I serve on the TX Commission on the Arts and play bridge. I thank God every day for letting me live in the great days of the USA because I think it is all over.

If you missed news of **Judy Blakey Butler** from York, PA, it's because she spent the month of Dec. traveling with a group of 7 all over India. She went shortly after the Mumbai incident, but was able to see and do much in that vast country of contrasts. We received word from the college Alumnae Office of the death of **Pamela Terry Stoutenburgh** in Washington, D.C., 12/22/08. We send the class sympathy to her family. I had the nicest phone call from Robert Savage in Fort Myers, FL, reporting on his wife **Ann Orr Savage**. He has moved her to a care facility, which adjoins the retirement center where he lives and is able to visit her every day. **Peggy Sheffield Martin** (Scoff) from Atlanta announces with pride that she has 2 great-grandsons—ages 1 and 2. Peggy has had some painful down time in the hospital with kidney stones. She feels fine now. She's concerned that daughter Lisa has rejected a kidney transplant and is under treatment for a lymphoma. Our prayerful thoughts are with Scoff at a difficult time. **Martha Garrison Anness** has a 2-home life style—1 in FL and the other in Cincinnati. She has reason to spend more time in the "North" because her daughter is the mayor of a small town near Cincinnati.

This paragraph is bringing your scribe to the end of her report and I finish with a special message to the Goodwin House ladies, **Audrey Lahman Rossetot**, **Nancy Vaughn Kelly**, and **Liz Barbour Beggs**, who were so close to our Distinguished Alumna and Class President, **Martha Mansfield Clement**. I thank you for keeping all of us informed with your loving communications.

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Sorry to have no news in this issue, classmates, but this spring issue of the alumnae

magazine will appear close to our 60th class Reunion. Many of us, I hope, will be there sharing our news in person! At that time, we will gather lots of items to put in the next issue for those of you who will not be on campus in May. Meanwhile, happy 60th, if you can believe it was that long ago that we graduated from college.

1950

Reunion 2010: May 21-23, 2010
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Betty B.G. Elmore Gilleland celebrated her 80th birthday 3/09. Is she our youngest classmate? Her family surprised her with a party at her sister's home in Jacksonville. Daughter Lynn and husband Guy compiled 2 albums of photos and letters, many of which recorded B.G.'s SBC days. Here are few excerpts: **Bonnie Lloyd Crane** has moved her art gallery to her home in Magnolia, MA, until the economy recovers. She enclosed a photo, looking great, from an art show in Boston; she visits daughter Melinda in Berlin, Germany, frequently. She was there for the grand opening of the new US Embassy. Her daughter was the M.C. for the event. **Sally Ann Bianchi Foster** made an attractive pink and green booklet with photos from each yearbook with our last will and testament included. She also sent quotes from our 50th reunion. One from Lola: "Where else do you come across so many interesting, attractive and intelligent people—and in those surroundings?" Sal celebrated her 80th last May with a home-cooked family dinner. It was "cheffed" by her daughter Kate who runs her own culinary institute in Buffalo; **Betsy Margraf Waring** remembered B.G. and her missing the SBC train station, pulling the emergency bell, collecting their luggage and hiking back to the station! Now, the station has been moved to campus as a relic! Last fall, B.G. and Guy had a great trip to Croatia and Montenegro. Dubrovnik was their favorite place as it was mine. We went when the children were young and Tito was still in power. That "vacation" is part of the Salvadori family lore! In Feb. B.G. attended a lovely SBC farewell luncheon for Pres. Muhlenteld in Winter Park. In Mar. they were off to Atlanta to participate in an Elderhostel program, "The Art and Culture of Atlanta," and also visited a traveling exhibit of the "Terra Cotta Warriors of China."

Lola Steele Shepherd and Deedee are fine—still riding although Deedee has to hoist up the saddle for her. Their grandson is teaching in South Korea (as is our son). Daughter Sallie and granddaughter are going over for a visit after school (Bucknell) is out. Lola spoke with **Jane Lewis Zolicoffer** who has recovered nicely from her long illness.

Edith Brooke Robertson sent a Christmas letter and photo of herself and Peyton on the Continental Divide. They

were in CO celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary. They were stationed there on their honeymoon in 1952. They spent their annual summer vacation at VA Beach fighting Hurricane Bertha—"a challenge for people in their advanced years"! Christmas was spent with family in Newport, RI.

I received photos and a Valentine letter from **Dolly Clark Rasmussen**. Her granddaughter, Lynn, was married in Dallas last May. Daughter Cindy invited them for Thanksgiving in Devon, PA. Husband Jeffrey prepared the turkey for both Thanksgiving and Christmas when Dolly and John entertained 15 at their home in Bethesda. That is a son-in-law to have! They go to Norfolk once a year to visit Dolly's brother David and Edith and Peyton Robertson. Dolly and John celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary last Sept. and a photo shows them as attractive as ever.

Lucy Kreusler Carey enjoyed her trip to Argentina with a group of students and colleagues from the Comm. Coll. of Baltimore County where she teaches Polish and Russian. She continues to live in a nice retirement home in Chariestown, MD. Many activities keep her busy.

Cora Jane Morningstar Spiller stays busy volunteering and emailing her far-flung family: a son in Iraq; daughters in Capetown, South Africa, FL, and NJ; and 8 grandchildren just as scattered. She's also actively engaged with the Colonial Dames.

If you didn't receive an email from me in Mar., it indicates that neither I nor the Alumnae Office have a correct email address. Also, several of you have changed home addresses. I will have 2 more class notes to prepare and would like to pass on an up-to-date list to the new secretary. So please send this info to me or the office. Thanks.

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Thank you to all who have contributed class notes.

Joanne Williams Ray Fraser's faithful son, Max, keeps us informed about his mother. In a Christmas letter he pays tribute to those SBC friends who sent messages to her: **Jane "Tuttie" Kirkpatrick, Anne Sinsheimer, Mary Jane "MJ" Erikson Ertman, Joan Davis Warren, Margaret "Margie" Works Gibbs, Margery Davidson Rucker, Joan McCoy Edmonds '47.** Alzheimer's continues to take its toll, but she's well loved and looked after by family and friends 24/7, by his description. Max's words: "As I was the youngest child, I was around home more than my brothers and sisters (especially with Susan off at SBC) and could always tell when a classmate called. I know many of the names, but of course was and am always still confused

because of nicknames. I began care-giving for my grandmother in 1992 and buried her in 2002, as well as my stepfather, and I buried my brother James W. Ray, III, last Apr. at age 50. A sad update on mother: Last year her Mini-Mental measured 25 at the annual appointment at the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. Last week she had her annual appointment and they are dropping her from the study. She was able to repeat 3 words and score a 3. Anyway, thanks for the email and notes. I value all our family, friends, and classmates as they're always the building blocks for the rest of our life! Max T. Ray, AEP, CLU, FBS, Family Business Associates, 2766 Smyer Circle, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216-1025, <http://www.familybusinessassociates.com/>, (205) 823-1629 Phone, (205) 823-1758 fax, Cell (205) 223-4925. Toll: (800) 250-8134.

Mona Wilson Beard. Very busy times here; the movers come next week. There are boxes, piles, and things all about. My house sold without even being officially on the market and I'm moving to a "cottage" at Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge. This is a wonderful community here in Charlottesville, and I have friends at Westminster. Family promises they will continue to visit. This is sooner than I had ever thought, but it all seems to be moving along. New Address: 250 Pantops Mountain Rd, Box 45, Charlottesville, VA 22911. New Phone: (434) 972-2573. I'd love to have friends visit; there's a guest room. My regards to all.

Susan Taylor Hubbard. I wish I had some news, but alas, have none except that I am mourning the death of my beloved dog Zoe who died very suddenly last Wed. at age 10. She was never sick, but full of energy and fun, my constant companion for 10 yrs. My 7 grandchildren are growing up fast, are all beautiful and above average, like the children of Lake Wobegon.

Jean Graham "Randie" Randolph Bruns: Thanks to your last column, **Joan Hess Michel**, now living in KY, and I are back in touch and planning to get together, here, there or in between. I had a total knee replacement 1/8/09 and spent the winter in rehab. I had a visit in Nov. in Cincinnati with former SBC chaplain Susan Lehman and husband John Dalzell. After retirement she was my neighbor here, then vicar of my church in Highland County, VA. Thanksgiving was a week in NY with 17 or 18 of us at my nephew's in Brooklyn for dinner. This included all 3 children of my sister, the late Beverley Randolph Knight '46. I plan to close the Bed & Breakfast this fall and at some point move to Kendal, a Quaker retirement community in Lexington, VA. I'm looking forward to a visit this spring from Dick and **Patty Lynas Ford**.

Sue Lockley Glad: Not much to report at the moment. We spent Christmas in Tucson visiting our son and his family in their new home and enjoyed the trip and the local history, museums, and scenery. Back to Pasadena in time for the usual

onslaught of west coast family who come to sleep on the floors and couches on New Year's Eve because we live on the very beginning of the Rose Parade route. We go out around 10 or 11 p.m. (champagne in hand) to watch the floats line up, sleep briefly, and then up early to walk up Orange Grove Blvd and find a good place to stand and watch! We're looking forward to the summer in OR, as usual. Hope everyone is having a good year—aside from the stock market of course.

Rosalie "Pinkie" Barringer Wornham. We're in good health, all our kids have good jobs, our grandchildren are healthy and on a good track (Tommy a freshman at Princeton and will be the quarterback next year), Amara waiting to hear from colleges (Stanford is top choice), other 4 guys are stair steps away from college the next 4 yrs. We walk our 3 mi. on the beach every morning; 10-yr-old Lab is raring to go still, thanks to Rimadyl. Wish they made that pill for people. I build my whole life around swimming a 1/2+ mi. every day, Altar Guild at St. James, Meals on Wheels on Tues. with Tom, reading a lot. Each day is a gift. I was interested in SBC's new president—amazing academic and experience "tickets," so that will be a good thing. I'll miss Betsy Muhlenteld, she had it ALL and was here for a west coast "thank you for your support" party. She is/was SO gracious and SO good for SBC. The class of 1951 is/was special.

Lynne McCullough Gush: Forgive, please, my lack of email! I have, however, joined the 21st cent. to the extent of mastering a very fancy digital camera and a dumb cell-phone. All the classmates sound glamorous and dedicated to good works. My fall and winter were consumed with the original 2-piece version of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. We did 5 performances. On 1 occasion the caterer failed to show and 1 of the 30 guests, my Russian friend, Igor, stepped into the breach at the moment we are practicing the tangos of Piazzolla in preparation for a summer concert somewhere. Tomorrow, the younger students are coming here for a "workshop" with cookies. Kensington Dog (3) continues to haunt the Bayou with me twice daily. Ballet class continues. I wear numerous band-aids! Regards to all.

Julie Micou Eastwood: We continue to love living in Rossmoor. Dick spends most of his time reading, 3 to 4 books a week! I can't even begin to keep up with him on that! I'm still active in the camera club print group contributing to shows in 2 galleries in Rossmoor 4-5 times a year. I still print my own photos, but now mostly digitally, it's fun! I still go birding with friends around CA occasionally.

Anne Sinsheimer: I'm still doing the usual here—dog walking, gym, knitting, bridge, concerts. Last Oct., I went on the SBC tour to Cortona, Italy. We were in beautiful areas, but an 8-day trip is too short, coming from CA. The tour group also included alumnae from Northeastern U. who

were very nice traveling companions. On President's Day weekend I was in Yosemite. (Family tries to go up there every other year.) It was fantastically beautiful. I don't remember seeing that much snow there in recent yrs. It didn't prevent us from having good hikes on both days. We stopped early on Sun. when it snowed harder than earlier in the day. Last weekend our library had their annual book sale. We came out very close to last year, which is great, considering the economy.

Janet Broman Dingle: We spent Christmas with my daughter and family in Morgantown, WV, and then traveled to southern WV to visit Larry's daughter and her family and Larry's son and his wife who live nearby. Their oldest son was married last Aug. in Columbus, OH, and we enjoyed the festivities. We stay busy with weekly Kiwanis, a monthly bridge group, and church activities. Our local Meals on Wheels organization isn't what it used to be. About 4 yrs ago the number of recipients began declining; now we serve only 1 or 2 people. Thus, I haven't been delivering meals since 1/08. Several of the long-time recipients have gone into nursing homes, to live with their children, or sadly passed away. How wonderful that Betsy Muhlenfeld came to your Bay Area SBC meeting in Jan. She will be missed at SBC, but Jo Ellen Parker seems well qualified according to the write-up we were sent. About 10 alumnae from the area plus a prospective student and her dad attended our Jan. luncheon. We, the class of 1951, are blessed to be alumnae of a wonderful college that still holds fast to its traditions, but has also progressed with the times by offering computer programs, self-designed majors, pre-professional and graduate programs.

Betty Browder Nibley: I talked to **Ann Klepinger Mueller.** She and Paul are well down there in Moneta, VA. Their children and grands enjoy coming to see them at their lakeside home. **Mary Kraus Pierson** sent greetings at Christmas and hopes to come east sometime for a visit. I hope so! I've been busy going to aerobics twice a week, keeping up with 8 grandchildren and their parents. Took a cruise to Bermuda in Sept. with Class of 1950 West Point Friends. Went to Annapolis and Williamsburg on the way, after which I took a bus to NYC to visit my eldest son and kids and to visit their "escape from the city" home on a lake that borders NJ and NY. We tried restaurants and parks on both sides!

Ann Benet Yellot: The puppy is great. He passed his AKC Good Citizen test to my surprise. He's a good boy, if a little wild. (I had asked her about the puppy. For those of you who are not familiar with this title, it's an honor, not easily obtained and is an achievement for both dog and owner.—PF)

Patty Lynas Ford: We're looking forward to our 2-week cruise to HI in Nov. and really enjoyed the 1st week, seeing friends in Hilo and Honolulu. However, on 11/22 I started to cough, very seriously, not all the time but very loudly. The 2nd week was spent visiting the Medical Center for X-ray,

medication, diagnosis. We almost flew home from Kona, but decided it would be too strenuous to do so. We arrived home on 12/7 and saw our doctor the next day. Diagnosis: bronchitis and pneumonia. Unwelcome souvenirs of unknown origin. Fortunately, I had done a lot of baking before we left, so some of the Christmas gifts were ready, and I had written most of the Christmas letters. All is well now. Our nearby, older CA daughter is renting a harpsichord until her Flemish harpsichord arrives. She still finds time to do calligraphy in addition to working full time. Becca, our younger VA daughter, will be moving from Herndon into a new house in Leesburg on 4/1, her 50th birthday. She's very much involved in the Episcopal church in Herndon. We're looking forward to spending a night with **Jean Graham "Randie" Randolph Bruns** in Apr. before going to SBC for a couple of days. We continue to love living in Healdsburg. We enjoy having lunch with **Julie Micou Eastwood** and Dick a few times a year, either in the Napa Valley or by San Francisco Bay. Thank you all again for writing

1952
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Earlier this year the local SBC Club honored President Muhlenfeld at a reception. We had the opportunity to thank her for her inspiring work guiding the College through difficult yrs and bringing SBC into the 21st cent. It was also an opportunity to see alumnae who live in the Bay Area including **Patty Lynas Ford '51** and **Jane Collins Sjoborg '53.** Patty kept in contact with "our" 1st president **Martha Lucas Pate**, and has many wonderful memories of that remarkable woman.

Among class globetrotters are **Anne Hoagland Kelsey** and Jack, who stayed at the Oberoi Hotel in Mumbai just weeks before the terrorist attack. **Jane Ramsay Olmsted** and I were in Venice at the same time last Oct. I wish that we had known that BEFORE we went, or that we had run into each other enjoying cicchetti, or Renaissance paintings. **Kitchie Roseberry Tolleson** could be counted on for the most ambitious travel program: taking 23 family members to Tuscany for 2 wks and 10 to AK.

Edith Marsh Fonda and significant other plan a trip to sunny FL in Apr. **Anne Hoagland Kelsey** and **Charlotte Snead Stifel** are already there. **Martha Legg Katz** and Bill also plan a trip to FL in Apr. with their extended family, including 7 grandchildren, ages 2 to 14. Others traveling to see family include **Leila Booth Morris**, who went to VA for a grandson's wedding and a granddaughter's graduation. **Harriet "Binji" Thayer Elder**, who maintains a part-time counseling practice, moved back to Nashville, so she no longer

has to travel to see family. **Nancy Trask** lives in Edenton, NC, and has family close by. **Nancy Hamel Clark** paid a family visit to her sister-in-law, who had recently retired to Asheville, NC. While there Nancy talked with **Lyn Lane Fozzard**, who promptly got in touch with Nancy's sister-in-law and made her feel welcome in her new home. Nancy and Blake are moving to another apartment in Greensboro

A number of us have moved to retirement communities. **Leila Booth Morris** loves her community in Columbus, GA, where she swims daily and is chairman of the Food Committee (that means many people, many meals, many complaints). **Carma Lindsay Burton** is at The Cedars in Chapel Hill, where she has taken up croquet and painting. **Kitty Coxie Page** also lives in a retirement community in Columbus, NC. She recently suffered a fall and concussion. I hope that by the time this appears in print she has fully recovered.

I was so pleased to hear from **Nell Dumas Herff**, though saddened to hear that she had lost Augie, her dear husband of 55 yrs. She's adjusting to life on her own, with the support of her daughter and 3 grandsons. Next time I visit my daughter in Austin, I hope to drive down to San Antonio and see Nell.

Sue Judd Wilcox celebrated husband Jack's 80th birthday with multiple children and grandchildren. **Ann Whittingham Smith** participated in a wide range of joyful celebrations: 2 graduations, 2 major birthdays, and 3 family weddings. **Martha Yost Ridenour** didn't get married herself, but she had 2 marriage proposals. Wow! (No, she didn't accept either.)

Not all the news of our class is good news. **Pride Binger Forney** passed away in Jan. Some of us have lost husbands or care for ailing loved ones. And some of us are being cared for. In this difficult economy, some of us find the comfortable retirement we anticipated a little less comfortable, and we are concerned too about our children and grandchildren, whose lives are suddenly less secure.

There's an understandable reluctance to respond to my questionnaires, but I can report on a few responses! Many of us would love to be multilingual. **Gay Maupin Bielenstein** wishes she had learned a Germanic language (in addition to French, Spanish and Latin!) since she married a Swede. **Nancy Hamel Clark**, **Nell Orand Beck**, and I wish we had mastered Spanish. **Martha Yost Ridenour** wishes she had learned to say "No, I can't do that." **Helen Graves Stahlman** wishes she had learned more about machinery. **Binji Thayer Elder** wishes that when she was raising her own children, she had known what she later learned from her grandchildren.

But there is much that we have learned. **Florence Fitch Patton** has learned to appreciate her SBC academic background, which has stood her in good stead as a teacher, principal, and active participant in multiple organizations. **Martha Yost**

Ridenour has learned to treasure friends and faith in God. **Nancy Hamel Clark** has learned patience. **Nell Orand Beck** now knows that "not saying something can be valuable." **Helen Graves Stahlman** has learned that "things don't turn out just as you've planned—so you have to plan again."

Finally, I hope we can all learn to follow **Kitchie's** wise counsel: "to hold life close and live every minute."

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I have sad news to report: In Nov., **Joan Arey Harrison** died suddenly before Thanksgiving. We'll remember Joan for her beautiful smile and wonderful sense of humor. She had attended most of our reunions and was an active member of our class. Husband Charles, their children, and other members of her family have our sincere sympathy.

The SBC Office received word just before publication deadline that **Patricia Marshall Meech** passed away in Littleton, CO, on 7/26/08. Again, on behalf of the class, I express our deepest sympathy to her family.

On a happy note: **Kay Amsden** and her companion, **Mary Lou Fuller**, were joined in a civil union in NH on 2/3/08 after a 28-yr engagement. Congratulations are in order. Chet and I visited them several yrs ago at their comfortable retirement residence in Concord, NH.

Anne Joyce Wyman sent her regrets at not having attended our 55th reunion. Our reunion was a week before she and Joseph left for a 3-week trip to the Baltic. During '08 they made separate trips to London and Toulouse, Switzerland; and Dubai. They have a daughter in England, so that accounts for some of the trips. They'll simply have to plan ahead for our 60th reunion in 2013.

Was anyone in the NY area watching "Jeopardy" on the evening of 1/7 when Alex Trebek asked the name of a college founded by **Daisy Williams** that had the word "sweet" in it? Unfortunately none of the contestants knew the answer.

When I wrote the last column which included mothers, daughters and granddaughters of the Class of '53, I was unaware that **Anne Elliott Caskie** and **Challen's** granddaughter will graduate this Jun.

As we welcome our 10th president, **Jo Ellen Parker**, we say a sad goodbye to our honorary class member, **Betsy Muhlenfeld**. Best wishes for success, Betsy, in whatever paths you may follow in your "retirement."

Received a newsy email from **Patti Tighe Walden** the day after **Edie Norman**

Wombwell and George visited her at her home in Las Vegas. The Wombwells were on their way to CA to visit son Andy. Edie has recovered well from knee replacement surgery. Patti had valve replacement surgery after which she was attacked by MRSA. She is still recovering from that dreadful infection. In spite of that, she has been visiting her children and grandchildren on Long Island, NY, and her sister in Spokane, WA. On the same day as Edie's visit Patti received a telephone call from **Kay Venard Leblanc**, who reported that **Mary Little John Belser** had been in a car accident and is recovering rapidly from a broken pelvis. It seems to be hard to keep some of us down. Edie's report following her visit with Patti: "Patti and I had a great time going through our yearbook and commenting on everyone. I'd have loved to have had a tape of that conversation. Edie and George live 8 mo. in CO, and 4 mo., Apr., May, Nov. and Dec., in Louisville. They have 3 grandchildren via son, David, who is a bank president. Son Van is married, no children, and son Andy works for a Japanese-owned company called Stickham. It makes commercial Web pages. His partner, Alex, is in the music business, writing and filming documentaries. Edie spends her "spare" time on the computer, playing bridge, lunching with friends and volunteering at the Aspen Hospital, while George is busy using his talents helping people with financial disasters—unfortunately a full-time job these days."

Jane Perry Lies and George celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 11/1. The party was hosted by their son and daughter-in-law who now live in what was the family home for 39 yrs. **Dale Hutter Harris** and Ted, **Katzy Bailey Nager** and C.J. and **Maggie McClung** and David celebrated with them. Janie and George's oldest grandson is a senior at NC State, 2nd grandson is a freshman at GA St., and daughter Perry is campaign manager for a candidate for Mayor of Charlotte.

In response to my email **Eleanor Johnson Ashby** reported that son, Linden, is still acting—mostly made-for-TV on Lifetime. He and his wife moved to Alpharetta, GA, much nearer to Eleanor and Garnett than L.A. was. 2 granddaughters, Grace (Linden's daughter) and Olivia (Stuart's daughter), both will graduate from 2nd school in May. As Eleanor reports, Grace is going to the U. of GA, and Olivia is still making up her mind. The Ashbys daughter, Baba, still teaches AP Spanish and is Head of Community Service at the Taft School in CT while her husband is Director of Admissions. Baba and Peter's daughter, Amanda, will graduate from Hamilton this spring and their son, Max, is a junior at Taft (no surprise). In the meantime, the Ashbys are seeing the world—last year they took in London in Feb., New Zealand and Australia in Apr., and a place in the Highlands of Scotland which they have visited 18 times. Sounds like an endorsement.

Nancy McDonald accompanied them on some of their trips. Last Aug. their oldest granddaughter was married in their front yard and plans to live nearby. What is Eleanor doing besides traveling and keeping up with the younger generation? Among some very notable community activities she is a life member of the Board of PACE, a nationally recognized program for at-risk girls. Tennis is a thing of the past, but taking its place is a weekly mah jongg game. Obviously she's a very busy lady.

And I finally heard from a classmate we haven't heard from in a long time—**Jean Felty Kenny**. She retired in 2000 as a Professor Emerita from East Carolina U. where she was in the Department of Pediatrics as an infectious disease specialist. Although she hasn't been to reunions, she hasn't been an inactive alumna. Last summer she and her sister went with the SBC Group on a very interesting trip to Romania and Ukraine. President Muhlenfeld was on that trip and Jean said "She is delightful." She said, "Most of the group were younger graduates, but along with us were Casey Black Underwood '52 and her husband Roger." Jean and Casey recognized one another and, during the course of the trip, they discovered that they had "both gone to the same small girls' high school in Hartford, CT, and had known each other there 60 yrs ago." She further says, "In fact she may have been one of those who influenced me to go to SBC!" When not traveling, Jean spends her time reading, gardening, working out at a gym and volunteering at church and at the hospital.

A note from **Ginger Timmons Ludwick**: She remembers a trip to Morocco she and David took with Kirk and Jack Clarkson 2 yrs ago. She now enjoys their home in Palm Desert (CA, where else?) where "the golf is terrific and the weather even better." She attended a luncheon at the Beverly Hilton in Jan. honoring Betsy Muhlenfeld. She said lots of SBC alumnae reside in CA now. Although only at SBC for her junior yr., she treasures the friendships she made which have lasted these past 55 yrs. She has been to all our 5-yr reunions since the beginning with the 10th. Very few of us can match that record.

Okay, what are the rest of you up to? Call me, write me, or email me.

Editor's Note: In the previous edition of 1953 Class Notes, it should be noted that Shirley Rankin Dumesnil's grandson is attending NJ State U., not NY State.

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These will be hard notes to write. First because several of our class members have died and 2nd because we're about to have

our 55th reunion, but the notes won't be published till after we meet, so they'll seem rather anticlimactic.

We send sympathies and condolences to the families of these classmates of whose deaths we have recently been informed: **Louise "Weezie" Aubrey MacFarland**, our Class President, who died in Nov. of breast cancer; **Judith Catlin**, who passed away last Jun.; **Katherine "Kitty" Willcox Reiland**, who died in Dec.; **Mary Kay Coffelt Trautshold**, whose death 2 yrs ago was just reported; **Bette Baron "BB" Smith Stamats**, who passed away in Feb. after a long battle with uterine cancer; and **Margaret "Peggy" Ewart Ritter**, who died last Sept. These deaths will also be published in the Alumnae Magazine and their names will be read at the Memorial Service up at the Chapel this spring. This is way too many people—very sad!

I was underwhelmed by the 17 reunion forms that were returned to me, out of over a hundred that were sent out. That will make for a very thin notebook at Reunion, but those of us there will enjoy seeing the pictures that people were kind enough to send. I've gotten some nice emails from various gals—that's the best way to contact me.

Sally Gammon Plummer writes that she won't make Reunion, but she has a great excuse. She'll be in Greece! She looks just like she did in college. She's active at church and loves birding, taking classes, and being a docent at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. **Ann Venable Rogers** and I are also into birding, but my docenting is at Botany Bay Plantation, a recently opened Wildlife Management Area. **Anne Brooke** spends a lot of time in the Norfolk Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary and the St. Paul's Butterfly Garden. She still goes back to Wales for several months a year. Also traveling were **Margaret Lotterhos Smith** and Ames—to China last fall. Our intrepid **Jerry Dreisbach Ludeke** will be on a freighter in the South Pacific while we're at reunion. My big trip for the year, besides reunion of course, will be to Costa Rica with some photography friends in Jun.

Ann Henry Wilson and **Beverly Smith Jeans** had planned to come to Reunion together with their new husbands—both were widowed and have happily married old friends. Bev has had to bow out because of grandchildren's graduations, as have **Doreen Booth Hamilton** and **Shirley Poulson Broyles**. They're all still active in their communities and travel.

Jo Nelson Booze, **Jeanne Stoddart Barends**, **Barbara Tompkins Ames**, **Meri Hodges Major**, and **Ruthie Frye Deaton** won't make Reunion this time. They've all had to cut down on their travel for various physical reasons. One of these days we're going to have to admit we're not as young as we think.

I'm hoping that lots of you are at Reunion and I'll write a full report for the magazine that you'll get at Christmas.

Please do send me emails about any news that you have about you and your family or anyone else from the wonderful class of '54 that you hear about.

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Starting at the top this time with a wonderful letter from **Honey Addington Passano** telling of her reception in 10/08 in honor of SBC Pres. Betsy Muhlenfeld during her visit to Baltimore. "About 50 SBC ladies, along with some husbands, gathered to meet & greet each other and to hear an inspiring talk by Betsy of the many exceptional things at the school." Many spoke to Honey afterward about how encouraged they felt about the school.

From **Frances Bell Shepherd** and Jimmy comes a beautiful photo card showing their highlight of '08. On 10/9, the nearly completed James Wylie Shepherd Observatory on the U. of Montevallo campus, was dedicated. Most of the family gathered for the occasion. When last heard from, Frances and Jimmy were preparing to travel to NC for a grandchildren fix.

Sue Bernard Odense is having fun writing her memoirs! She says the clue is to write by subject rather than by year! She is amazed by how much she remembers and by what she remembers. She lives within a couple of hours of her children and 5 granddaughters!

Welcome home to **Ginger Chamblin Greene**! She completed her assignment in South Africa for the Peace Corps and arrived back on U.S. soil 3/12. She's had a great adventure, but is happy to be home again, with central heating and hot water from the tap!

A "pilgrimage" to Wales highlighted **Gail Davidson Bazzarre**'s 2008. A pilgrimage differs from a tour in that the group visits holy places, "wells deep in the forest, primeval, tiny churches perched on cliffs as well as large St. David's Cathedral." She recommends travel to Wales—as the locals say, "the people are friendlier and the air is fresher."

Betty Byrne Giff Ware wrote that their travels this year were within the U.S. and mostly to see children and grandchildren. She is still involved with recycling and scenic preservation. She and Hudnall were among the 8/08 mini-reunion group pictured in the winter issue of the Alumnae Magazine. Also at the Blowing Rock, NC, gathering: **Jane Feltus Welch**, **Newell Bryan Tozzer**, **Phyllis Joyner**, **Diane Hunt Lawrence**, **Camille Williams Yow**, **Anne Williams Manchester** and **Eli**, **Mary Boyd Murray Trussell** and **George**, **Kathleen Peoples Ballou** and **Dennis**, and **Emily Hunter Slingluff**

and attractive friend, Doug (as described by Anne Manchester!) I received this list from both Anne and Kathleen and have checked it against the photos to be sure I didn't leave anyone out. Kathleen wrote from Australia where she and Dennis were spending the winter. They were in Sydney where he teaches GA Tech students who are there for a semester. She enjoys their summer weather and the fact that they like Americans!

In search of a respite from an unusually wicked Yankee winter, **Fritz Merriman Naylor**, **Didi Stoddard**, and **Amanda Kathleen Iodice** and Don made their way to Jekyll Island for a few days of sun and sand. Just so all you travelers know, **Mitzi Streit Halla** still works full time at her travel business. She and Roman are planning their next trip to ME to spend some time with their grandchildren.

Shirley Suttiff Cooper reported that she and **Gretchen Armstrong Redmond** spent the day 3/9 at Mount Vernon exploring "George Washington's Legacy of Leadership" with other SBC alumnae. They both enjoyed it and were impressed with the talks given by Dr. Barbara A. Perry, Carter Glass Professor of Government at SBC.

Sadder news from **Ann Jeffers Hogarty** and Dick who lost their son, Peter, from a heart attack last fall. We send condolences to them both. Unfortunately Ann broke her back last Jun. and is wearing a brace which limits their travels. I have also received news of the deaths of **Nathalie Robertson Fox** in 12/07 and **Mary Burgman Winston** in 1/09. We send our deepest sympathy to their families. And finally, a proud and loving salute to our most distinguished alumna, **Patsy Smith Ticer**, who received the 2008 Distinguished Alumna Award at the Founders' Day Convocation Ceremony on 9/26.

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It would be wonderful if all of the lovely ladies in the class of '56 would keep in touch with us as the Alumnae Office refuses to send out the postcards any more. Send us your Christmas letters, your emails or whatever so we can pass it on. Unfortunately we don't do Facebook or Twitter . . . don't know how and aren't going to learn and it is obvious that snail mail is a thing of the past! So in order to keep in touch you're going to have to make the effort and help us out . . . we appreciate it.

Joan Broman Wright writes: "As many in our class do not have email, I

want to take this opportunity to reach each of you to remind you of the Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund. This Fund was established in Weezie Watson's memory by her Mother who contributed to it annually until her death. Her only specification was that the fund was to be for a scholarship. This fund, awarded annually, is little known, therefore small, needs help, and contributions to benefit a scholarship are worthy of thought. Additions to this fund are always welcome and, if you wish, a contribution may be made in memory of a classmate. This seems a very nice way to honor a classmate and help a deserving student. Memorial contributions will be recognized in the "Honor Roll of Donors List" and a letter sent to the family of the deceased from the college.

Should you wish to make a contribution for other than a scholarship, you would state your wish to the college, in which case it would not be included in the Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund. Give this your consideration and let me know if you have questions." And another request from Joan: a lot of the emails that she sent out requesting information were returned, so would you please send her your new email address. Anyone who hasn't given her an address and would like to do so please get in touch with her at Jameswright3@aol.com

Kay Smith Schauer and Bob have traveled to Antarctica this past year and loved the scenery of snow, ice, water and mountains as well as the penguins and birds. She recommends this beautiful continent for any of you hearty travelers. Bob's health from 2 cancers has improved and he's getting very good health care for which they are grateful. They're preparing for a reunion with Kay's 3 sisters and 42 family members at Bethany Beach, DE in 6/09.

There's not room to print the lengthy news from **Nancy Ettinger Minor** who, as she says, doesn't let any grass grow under her feet! She too loves to travel and went on a river cruise from Nuremberg to Amsterdam and spent 3 wks in China this past fall. Along the way she's made numerous visits to family and friends in the good 'ol USA. She plays duplicate bridge and is 20 points from becoming a life master; also does church work, volunteer work and fund raising in Savannah. Nancy says she's very content in her "little patio home" and will be busy with a container garden this spring/summer.

Fun to hear from **Barbara (Bucky) Brown McFarland** who I think is still a practicing lawyer. She and sister Suzanne Henry travel to Switzerland on a SBC trip this Jun. I loved her comment that she has 2 grandsons who are older than she was when she got married! Oh where does time go? Barbara says all children and grandchildren are happy and well as is she.

From **Janet Schumann Marshall** comes word of many blessings. Daughter **Patty Carr** lives in Ireland with 2 wonderful grandchildren, 12 and 9, who usually spend the summers and Dec. in the states, and

she loves going there to visit. Daughter **Paula** has a successful business in interior design with an art focus in Washington, D.C.; her son does home renovations and repairs in Reading, PA. Henry, the hubby, is well after bouts with heart disease, so they appreciate each day and look forward to warm weather when they can enjoy their 3-acre pond and watch the geese raise their young. She retired from JHU in '06 and soon joined 3 excellent book clubs and a foreign affairs discussion group. Also, she is on the board of the Howard County Historical Society and loves the theatre, lecture and concert offerings in Baltimore. One busy gal, but she wants anyone coming through the area to make contact and have a visit.

It is always nice to hear from **Nancie Howe Entenmann** who continues to be busy.

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Here we are together, one more time around the campfire, although one bright part of the fire is missing, and another came close to being extinguished.

Anne Wilson Rowe died at her Frederickburg, VA, home on 1/24, after giving our ancient and cruel foe, cancer, her best shot (or shots) for several years. Anne attended the annual Washington/Chevy Chase mini-reunion collaboratively designed by **Jackie Ambler Cusick** and **Nannette McBurney Crowder** in Dec. Anne's rapid decline and death was all the more surprising to those who kept close tabs on her, thanks to the indefatigable Nannette. Anne spent 8 yrs on the SBC board, and she and Joe were hugely generous contributors to the college from which 2 of her daughters were graduated. Anne moved quietly though life, but she cast a large shadow over every area in which she was involved—SBC, the Presbyterian Church, garden clubs and historical organizations, and the center of her universe, her family.

Virginia Marks Paget played down her near brush with death in Feb, saying she had not written because "I'm flat on my back after being hit by a bus in Washington, D.C." **Anna "Chips" Chao Pai** was less laconic. According to Chips, Gina got in the way of a speeding city bus that ran a red light, hitting Gina in the back, but rolling over her body and running over a foot breaking a toe. But the whack in the back causing multiple low vertebrae fractures. Those are the injuries that take so long to heal. Write Gina at 205 Parks Meadow Drive, Yellow Springs, OH 45387, congratulate her narrow escape, and wish her well in her recovery. And urge her to stay out of D.C.

As for the rest of us, Medicare must be moaning, maybe shrieking, while

shelling out big bucks for the various parts of our bodies that are being removed and replaced—knees, hips, shoulders, and cataracts—at a rapid rate. And I'm wondering if the security guard at Gatwick was correct when she asked me: "What is it with you Yanks? Are you all getting new knees or hips?" Lots of us are now members of what I christened "Ding Club," phonetically called after the dread sound emitted when one waltzes through the metal detector in airports.

Back to ace correspondent **Chips**—She and David will be living in a Davidson, NC, retirement community as you read this (new address: The Pines #423, and the zip is 28036). Of course the new location is but a 20-min. drive to Charlotte where son Ben, wife Susan, and their children live. Son Mike and wife Katherine presented the Pai's with a 3rd grandson recently. Chips shouts huzzah that neither she nor David were hospitalized this year after almost 2 yrs of multiple trips for each of them. Golf is still on the agenda and Chips is taking up duplicate bridge.

Anne McGrath Lederer still living near Charlottesville says life is just fine. Excellent news is that her Marine Corps son is back from Iraq after more than one tour and lives in WA State. Word is that Anne is a terrific gardener.

Barbara Tetzlaff, San Francisco, is one of our bionic wonders, adding a new shoulder to a replaced knee. She was in hospital 8—yes, that is 8 hrs, had her own blood transfused into the wound (yes that is the platelet-rich-plasma technique we're all reading about which enhances healing). No stitches for Barbara, they glued her back together. Exercises for recovery and rehab aren't fun, but she was itching to get back to her solo law practice. No Type-A personality here!

Margery Scott Johnson, Raleigh, NC, claims no news. This is hard to believe, given that Margery and Earl are giving to rounding up 3 generations and hitting the road. Tune in for the true word in 2010.

Marje Whitson Aude, continuing in Phelps, NY, joined the Ding Club with a new knee. Marje attended a grand girl's wedding held in the equestrian club in NJ where she is employed. The bride arrived on horseback. "Certainly different," Marje deadpanned. Another grand girl was a h. s. Jeopardy contestant (outcome unknown) in LA. Marje is on a history reading binge, and finally: Yes, Marje, footnotes in a Civil War History book you read that quoted footnotes from the late James Rawley belong to the former SBC prof.

Sydney Graham Brady, Galesburg, IL, is another "no news," respondent, but her Austin daughter told me Sydney was looking forward to helping her mother, who lives in FL, celebrate her 100th birthday. Congrats to you and your Mom, Syndey.

Ninie Laing, in the old family home, Bunree Farm, stays busy with "horses, dogs, (note order) church, garden clubs and gardens, in season." She misses Anne Rowe

terribly, between their close connection to SBC and regular telephone calls. She was one of several from 1957 who made the SBC sponsored trip to the Ukraine and Romania last summer.

Carolyn Westfall Monger, Stamford, CT, had her second hip replaced. Ding! Westie says knees may be next, but she's not rushing to embrace that ordeal. She cautions us to keep our car floor mats clean and debris clear. Westie's mat located next to her accelerator accumulated enough winter sand and dirt that it took control of her car as she was backing out, slamming into the back of a car. No one was hurt, but a good cautionary to share.

Carolyn Swift Fleming, out Omaha way, is heavily involved with her 3 children and 7 grands, playing duplicate bridge (on occasion with the Sage of Omaha himself, and urges all of us to read Buffet's book *Snowball*). In recent months trips to the Netherlands and Switzerland occupied her time, as well as working with her sisters on an exhibit of family items from the Revolutionary War.

Carroll Weitzel Rivers, splits time between her new retirement digs in Charleston and her mountains. Carroll says she lives in the "partyingest" (her word) in the country, which includes senior water polo. With her at 1 Bishop Gadsden Way, C-53, Charleston 29412, are 2 each, cats and dogs. Carroll continues to paint, but has given up riding, following the hunt now by car.

Charlotte Heuer DeSerio, Bryn Mawr and Ft Lauderdale, keeps her travel shoes polished. She was on the SBC Ukraine trip with **Ninie, Nannette, Jody Brinkley Raines** and our classmate and soon to be former SBC president, **Betsy Muhlenfeld**, then she and son Bill sailed aboard Cunard's new *Queen Victoria* down the coast from Rome, into the Greek Isles, Dubrovnik into Venice, where they hopped a plane for Cairo and on to Aswan, an upriver sail to Luxor, taking in Abu Simbel on the side. It's good to report that her MLW (Most Lucky Westie), Bonnie, is fine and when Charlotte is around, gets walked miles daily by her mom.

From Goochland, VA, **Joy Peebles Massie** writes "life is full." No Ding Club membership for Joy who continues to play tennis, enjoy nine of the 10 grands who are in and around Richmond (the 10th grand is teaching in the UK). On occasion she and Jimmie discuss "downsizing," but it's just that, so far.

Carol Turner Crosthwait, is a Waco whirling dervish, taking trips, mastering the Mac, dashing her and there to see family and friends (Natchez where she visited with **Ruth Ellen Green Calhoun** and her sister, **Ethel Green Banta**), continuing her photography and planning an Alaskan cruise with a daughter and 6 grands. Almost forgot—an Elderhostel trip is planned for Iberia (aka Spain). Almost forgot to add that Carol is on Ruth Ellen's Facebook page.

Dagmar Halmagyi Yon, Poway, CA, is on the surgery bandwagon, having a highly successful encounter with cataract surgery,

and is delighted to re-learn how "very bright colors are." She and best bud, Bud, travel only occasionally now and strictly by car as Bud doesn't want to repeat near death illness after almost completing a long trip. **Dagmar** got to say hello/goodbye to **Betsy** at the San Diego SBC Alumnae Club event.

Diana (Dee) Robin, still hanging out and still loving Chicago, (when she is not nestled in archives in Rome, Milan or Paris, continues to gain national prizes (3 in 2008 alone), honors and kudos for the books she writes, with concentration on Italian Renaissance women. However, Harvard University Press is publishing Dee's most current book this fall. *The Lyric Poems of Francesco Filelfo* in Nov (Google the name and you will learn Filelfo was a famed Italian humanist, and that Dee previously published *Filelfo in Milan: Writings 1451-1455*. This book along with at least 3 others is listed by Amazon).

Diane Outfield Wood, for whom Oak Brook, IL, continues to be home, does a bit of wandering herself—Mexico, HI, AZ for golf and is looking forward to Scotland this summer. Duffy was part of the December mini-reunion in Washington and is glad she was there to see **Anne Rowe**.

Chris Smith Lowry, Rutherfordton, SC, like Joy, says "life is good," and had that philosophy underscored when after almost freezing on the beach in FL, learned that the temperature was zero (0) back home. She and **Day Gibson Kerr** were collaborating on a h. s. reunion. Chris likes the fact that she's now reading "all those books," she never had time for as a kid. Britt is hale, well and shooting his age (80) at golf.

Dot Duncan Hodges, Charlotte, NC, has to be the funniest Notes correspondent in the Class of 1957. Were she to live in TX, she'd be the top Yellow Dog Democrat in the Lone Star State. Dot's clever dialogues/diatribes are available to the more or less 6 to 8 fellow Dems in our class. Just mail/email your requests to me. In addition to the intelligent and penetrating observations Dot makes, she forwards droll photos of "lost cat" posters (they're possums, by the by), which her WA State son sends her. Missing all this wit and humor at Reunion inspires me to have her kidnapped to ensure her presence at the 55th Reunion.

Elayne Steele Shults, Amarillo, was part of the "no news" chorale, but I can report she was to join the Ding Club this spring, sings in the local opera and does more volunteer charity work than I can list.

Ruth Ellen Calhoun still wedded to Natchez, first said "no news," but when bullied by email, had a neat piece of info—her oldest grand girl is at W&L and is in some classes with the grandson of **Baba Conway Debicki**. Ruth Ellen is another member of the "life is good, life is full," organization, with family and friends taking highest ranking for her. Ruth Ellen just added me to her Facebook Friends. If you aren't on Facebook, get with it.

Enid Slack, Mile High City Denver, remains in rare form doing Enid things—

conjugating French verbs, reading "racy" French novels in French, snow showing and cross country skiing, and volunteers "extra" time for NPR and the Denver Public Library. Last we heard from Enid several years ago she was deep into Richard Wagner and the Ring cycle.

Flo Barclay Winston, delightful spouse Charles, daughter Marion, son Bob and 3 grands were on hand to see North Carolina whomp Michigan State at the Final Four. Does any one of us question whether Motor City was ready for the contingent from Raleigh? At least the Winston's were better treated this year than last when they made the long haul to the Final Four in San Antonio and went home trophy-less.

Anne Ford Melton, winner of the First Response for Notes Trophy (glory only, Anne, no cash prizes), has thrown over her newspaper job in Chattanooga, and is occupying her time writing poetry and has plans for a children's book: the *Adventures of Frederick the Bear and His Better-Not-Do-That-Book*. Anne sent several poems, which are evocative of ice and snowstorms on Lookout Mountain, sun and sand in South Carolina, and the ocean and freezing hot sands.

Fran Childress Lee, like Willie Nelson, on the road again in the U.S., between the family ranch in FL and the cool summer climes of Jackson, WY, and travel abroad. She particularly enjoyed seeing her 15-year-old climb the Matterhorn, a feat Fran's son accomplished some years ago when he was but 15.

Sandra Stingily Simpson is a bit of a road warrior herself, but gets home to Birmingham, AL, with lots of good sketches and photos, which evolve, into fine paintings. Maine and Mexico and the Caribbean were painting opportunities recently, from which Sandra hopes to mount a major exhibition soon. We hope she has time for another visit with us in ME.

Susan Ragland Abrahamson is still in FL when she isn't in MD or ME, or corralling her family (up to 24 at a time) and trooping off to Scotland or Vienna and points further east. Still Susan continues to paint and sell her paintings and enjoy visits from SBC classmates—Chips and David Pai visited in Mountain Lake, FL, and a **Kay Tilghman Lowe** and Jim were going to see the Abrahamsons in Longboat Key, FL in late Mar. or early Apr. With some luck she and I might end up for a meal and a natter somewhere between Ogunquit, where Susan will be in May and late Aug., and Camden where I will be Jul. to mid-Oct.

Beth McMahan Tolbert, Oklahoma City, offers an excellent reason why we should both contribute to and read Class Notes. From the last edition, Beth had a surprise telephone call from her freshman roommate, Fran Childress. They discovered during the call: each was an only child, each married and remains married to her h. s. sweetheart, each had 4 children—3 boys and a girl—and they both have grand girls named Miranda. This news may not

reverse the market slide; somehow, it's very satisfying to maintain old friendships and bridge gaps of more than 50 yrs standing.

Helene Bauer Magruder, an earlier member of the Ding Club (both hips) is happy with her new spare parts because they allow her and spouse Alan to travel and digitize their trips, making up for lost time when Helene's hip problems kept them grounded in Indianola, IA. They've taken in sights in India, Mexico, Nepal, Tanzania and the Galapagos. When she's at home, Helene retains her long time interest in her bonsai trees.

Jane Campbell Englert is one proud grandmother. Her oldest grand girl is finishing at the U. of Pittsburgh and is heading for a master's in Family Counseling, while grandson is off, come fall, to Davis & Elkins in WV. Jane took off from home in Manorville, PA, to travel in Europe with teachers (retired and active) as well as students, where she did a full year's worth of walking in 2 wks, visiting Barcelona, Paris, Rome and Pompeii. Ouch, Jane! The "streets" of Pompeii have no mercy for feet.

Jane Fitzgerald Treherne-Thomas was not in Sewickley, PA, when the call went out for Notes. Our Queen of the Travel Circuit was in Doha. Oatar with Best Friend Bill, a trustee of Carnegie Mellon University to open CMU's building at Education City (this huge complex located outside Doha and home to other U.S. educational institutes such as Virginia Commonwealth, Cornell Medical School, Texas A&M, and Georgetown). Last summer Jane and Bill were on a Danube cruise and ran into **Janet Pehl Ettele** on travel with a group of friends. A reprise trip on another segment of the Danube was planned for the summer of 2008.

Jane Pinckney deButts and Hunter of Marshall, VA, and Charleston, SC, by now have celebrated their 1st wedding anniversary. Jane and Hunter split their time between both states. They were in Mumbai/Bombay some 10 days before the horrendous assaults on humanity and the venerable Taj hotel last Nov. Jane was a lunch bunch participant in Washington/Chevy Chase in Dec., and like Duffy, was grateful she was present and got to see Anne Rowe one last time.

Jane Rather Thiebaut, Vancouver, WA (yes, Washington, not British Columbia) was fresh in from Geneva when she responded to the request for news. Fluent in French from years spent in this most Protestant of cities (1961-1999); Jane was there when the 500th birthday of John Calvin was celebrated. The city was extremely stimulating. Jane says, with all the "reformers" in town. No academic slouch herself (she completed her Ph.D. at U. of ME a few years back), Jane held her own salon during the month she was there. We may have breakfast again at our old hangout, "Just Plain Barb's" if Jane gets back to ME this summer for a visit.

Janet Pehl Ettele confirms that she ran into Jane Fitzgerald and Best Friend

Bill on the Danube last summer. Alas, Jane won't be back on that river as she is about to become a member of the Ding Club (left knee).

June Heard Wadsworth, Old Lyme, CT, when she and Frank aren't hanging out on splendid Block Island, is stowing her time as volunteer extraordinaire (she's in the Charles Winston school of thought that at a certain age, the generation below us needs to take up the volunteer slack). With their new found freedom, the Wadsworths zip across the country visiting family and friends from MA to CA.

Kay Diane Moore Bowles sent "sort of news," in copying me on an email directed to the Washington/Chevy Chase luncheon group. I keep KD in mind as I have a picture from the 50th reunion with KD and Jackie Ambler front and center, and I wave at you every day, KD.

Jody Raines Brinkley, Richmond, frightened several of us nearly out of our wits when she was poorly for several months last fall. It was finally determined that she is suffering from "ropathy," as in "neuropathy," for which there's no cure other than some happy pills which keep her humming. Jody says. Once we learned Jodes was playing golf once more, a collective sigh of relief was heard from sea to sea. Jody and I are going to Betsy's last hurrah gala at the college May 1.

Judith Ruffin Anderson traded Winchester, VA, for the Outback and a "trip of a lifetime," last fall. She visited good friends who live in Australia and who showed her the sights, starting with Sydney, including the de rigueur concert at the Opera House. They then traveled down the road to New South Wales where her friends live and Judith got to see up close and personal humpbacks cavorting in the water, gray kangaroos and the wily kookaburra, a bevy of them "so tame you could feed them by hand." A trip to Australia's capital, Canberra, rounded out the trip.

Day Gibson Kerr took computer in hand in Shawnee Mission, KS, and wrote on Chips' Facebook Wall. Day accepted a grandson's invitation to be his Facebook Friend; she joined, entered her college's name, and up popped Chips. Like Carol Crosthwait, Day saw Ruth Ellen and sister Ethel on a fairly recent trip to Natchez.

Lou Wallace Wilemon insists we all show up at our 55th, because a last min. illness prevented Lou from coming, and she's still sore about the cancellation. Life in Redondo Beach, CA, is good now, however, and Lou has a New Best Friend named Charles. She and Charles shoot pool and take some short trips together. Lou has 3 daughters and 5 grand girls, whom she says are "very bright." What karma you must have. Lou—3 daughters and 5 grand girls!

Carolyn Scott Arnold, out there in "Paradise," aka Honolulu, HI, passes along the good news that husband Mark is virtually recovered from serious injuries suffered in a fall a couple of years ago. The accident has put paid to the Arnolds'

traveling days, but hey, Scottie says, friends and family are able to tough it out by visiting that far away island.

Baba Conway Debicki took her friends from Lawrence, KN, down to show them the glories of MS, and of course, visited with Ruth Ellen. Why on earth does anyone still believe that all roads lead to Rome? Clearly, clearly the path is straight to Natchez, MS. Baba continues her 10-day trips with an individual grand when the grand reaches the age of 14. The upcoming trip is Greece. And come Dec. Baba is rounding up 19 members of her family and heading off to Machu Picchu, and Baba promises not to fall off the mountain. Hope a llama doesn't bite her. After Peru the family will visit the Galapagos.

Marguerite McDaniel Wood, Montgomery, AL, like Gaul, is divided into several parts—tennis, church, travel, including a thoroughly enjoyable trip to Chicago to study buildings and homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. And, says Marguerite, the weather was so compatible, she and her friends took boat rides on that big lake. A cruise to the Iberian Peninsula, plus the Canaries, was nifty for Marguerite and husband George, while a spring trip with Enid was contemplated for the Spoleto Festival.

Nancy Godwin Baldwin, still keeping SBC on the straight and narrow, points out that there's been "a whole lot of building going on here," with the rapidly rising new Fitness and Athletics Center and the new "Green Village" now under construction to provide extra student housing. Nancy says she "helps out" at the Alumnae Office. Ha! That's modesty for you. She's pleased that a Creative Writing Conference was held on campus in early Mar., attended by 20 creative writing majors and minors from SBC, plus an additional 60 students from 10 VA colleges and universities. One would win a wager that Nancy delighted, nay, reveled, in such a conference.

Nannette McBurney Crowds, the consummate correspondent and the keeper of the flame for our class, was the thread that allowed a number of us to stay connected to Anne Rowe, her ups (and they were vast) and her downs (they happened) and her slipping away from us. The annual Christmas luncheon she and Jackie put together yearly at the Chevy Chase Country Club attracted a good group on 12/11/08—the hostesses, Duffy, Ninie, Judy Anderson, Chips, Anne, Janie Fitz and Jane deButts. The luncheon of the year will be held in the exact same place on 12/12 this year.

Nannette guided those who could attend Anne's funeral with specific directions and followed up with information about how to locate the final story in Joe Rowe's newspaper.

As to Nannette's news, she and Bill had their time in FL, got home at which time Nannette threw herself back into her numerous civic activities and organizing a family party consisting of 10 persons for Bill's 75th birthday. Location of the family do

was Normandy in a renovated chateau (read four bathrooms and a functioning kitchen). Bill's actual birthday is 6/6, the true D-Day

Final word and another sad word from Nannette is that our great friend and class comic, **Lee Haskell Mack** is now living in a private facility offering special care to victims of that other cruel disease, Alzheimer's. Lee's spouse Charlie said cards or notes from us would be a help, so if you want to, drop Lee a card or letter it is: Lee Mack, 83 Bank Street, New Canaan, CT 06840.

Page Phelps Coulter makes it difficult to decide which gives her the greatest joy: publication (and well received) of her fourth volume of poetry, *Snow Over the Ossipees*, or a 10th grand girl appropriately named Margaret Page Coulter. Each of the 4 reviews I read of Page's new volume described the poems as "lyrical." I read 4 of her poems, and while I am much better versed in 17th Century English History than poetry, the poems are lyrical. And while Page isn't charming us with her "word songs," she is shoveling lots and lots of snow, cross country skiing and snow showing. Page is living in Center Sandwich, NH.

Still in Big D is **Patricia Lodewick**, though given the rotten weather that part of TX endured the past 6 mos., she might be considering an alternate (read habitable) location. But an escape from the vagaries of weather was in the offing with a trip to Egypt and Jordan. Bridge is a preferred hobby for Patricia who is working on master points, but says she will not live long enough to reach the Master status.

Priscilla Vermooten, once of Dallas, once of Maui and now of CO and AZ, is splitting time 50/50 between the 2 latter states. She remains dedicated and devoted to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, which named one of the 2 new buildings, which Priscilla helped create, the Priscilla V Baldwin Education Building. The Baldwin Building is now the location for Priscilla's Art Institute. Priscilla and Michael are building a new home in Tucson, which is being designed by the 2 architects who designed the museum buildings. Priscilla did the artwork on a children's book on which she collaborated with her brother Bill. The story line is about a lonely desert rattlesnake that falls in love with a garden hose. Check it out on amazon.com.

Jackie Ambler Cusick splits time and locales with Chevy Chase, MD, Rehoboth Beach, DE, and Upper Captiva, FL, then travel substantially to boot. Their 3 sons live in or near Washington, and middle son Arthur has provided Jackie and Ralph with a grand girl and grand boy. Jackie says the annual mini reunion was better than ever this year, noting it was very special because it was the last time most of those attending got to see Anne Rowe.

Classicist **Elaine Kimball Carleton** offered up a hearty mea culpa for lagging in her response to desperate cries for Notes material. She and Sam are staying put in

Athens, GA, while her NY son moves west to Portland, OR, which will put him mega miles closer to his sister who lives and teaches at UW in Seattle.

Suzanne Gipson Farnham, still in the Baltimore area is co-authoring still another book. This book is the joint effort of Suzanne and an Episcopal priest, and carries the title: *Keeping in Tune with God: Listening Hearts Discernment for Clergy*. No publication date is set.

Mary Webb Miller and husband Tom returned to Houston just in time to welcome Hurricane Ike, which struck the Galveston-Houston area in early 9/08, killing almost 200 persons and almost destroying Galveston. Mary and Tom had spent quality time in the Holy Land and were fascinated by all the Biblical spots, particularly the Garden of Gethsemane. When day broke and the storm furor abated, Mary and Tom got up to find a pine tree had fallen on their roof opening 2 guest rooms to the world. Fortunately their contractor got to work ASAP, but they had no electricity for 13 days. In the commercial areas of Houston the electricity worked just fine, so the Millers ate their meals out and recharged their cell phones over their meals.

Peggy Liebert Dobbins has bought a home in Kilmarnock, VA, with an address of 452 Church Street, zip of 22482. It was not clear to me whether Peggy is keeping her place in Callao, VA.

Mary Stoll Gross hasn't let one tiny blade of grass grow under feet. She raised a lot of money for Barack Obama, held a large exhibit of her photographs at Rutgers in conjunction with an international Byzantine art collection. Additionally Mary continues to audit courses at Princeton, where she serves on the advisory board in Comparative Lit. At the same time Mary participated in the opening of a new campus at the American University of Cairo (yes, as in Egypt), which attracted Suzanne Mubarak, First Lady of Egypt.

Mary Landon Smith Brugh, aka PeeWee, one of the sunniest of our class correspondents, is enjoying her life in Clifford, VA. She continues and very much enjoys the English and art history classes she audits at SBC. PeeWee is almost always off on another Elderhostel trip with her sister, Helen, class of 1954. On one of her rarely sad notes, she laments the deaths of Anne Rowe and several Sweet Briar stalwarts—**Jennifer Crispin**, Karl Tambur, Ann Whitley who created the SBC museum and delightful **Martha Clements**

If the order of participants in this edition of Notes seems totally off the wall, it is because I followed classmates as their email names appear in my address book. Thus by the order dictated by my Windows Outlook, it is totally reasonable for **Margery Johnson** to follow **Barbara Tetzlaff**, whose email address that starts out as btetz, and comes just before Margery's which begins bigearl. . . . So few postal cards are returned it is discouraging to continue sending them.

Dudley Fowler says I have dragged him on the last frostbite trip he is taking, having endured in the last 18 mos polar bears in Canada, fishing in Alaska's Glacier Bay and 10 in Yellowstone watching wolves, bison, elk, beaver, red foxes, and lots and lots of snow. Enough of being a good sport, says he. So other than summers in ME, (in which the cool air of sailing is just fine for Dudley, compared to endless days of 105 in Austin) it looks as if I'll be a travel femme sole. I'm intrigued by a trip to the ice floes to see baby harp seals; then again, the thought of a dress code donning a survival suit when traveling by helicopter does give me pause. At this long in the tooth stage of life I decided to learn all I can about the Allies in World War I, the period 1914-1917 when the Yanks went "over there." History, bridge, gardening, church along with my Almost Best Friend, Breeze and Golden Retriever, keep me fully occupied, that and freezing truly Best Friend Dudley.

After wheedling and whining, I managed to get a 55 per cent participation for this issue of Notes. I would have failed in dentistry, pulling teeth is hard.

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As I write my last "report" for our class, our 50th class reunion is just a few weeks away. Another member of our class will take over in the collecting of news, as "secretary," and I hope that 2 people will work together, as it's more fun that way, and sometimes yields better results. In any event, you'll have a report of our reunion in the next issue, and I hope I will have seen many of you. By then there'll be much to tell. For now, I just have this:

3 members of our class attended the special program held at Mount Vernon in Mar. **Betsy Smith White**, **Patrica Coxo Ware**, and **Barbara Sampson Borsch**. Each contributed a little summary of the event.

"The seminar was hosted by Mt. Vernon and SBC. The theme was "George Washington's Legacy of Leadership." There were about 115 people there from 17 states. The speakers were James C. Rees, executive director of Mt. Vernon, Gen. Suter, Clerk of the Supreme Court, and SBC's own Dr. Barbara Perry, Professor of Government. The lectures were informative, interesting and entertaining. We all had lunch at the Mt. Vernon Inn, then toured the house and grounds."

Bill White, husband of **Betsy Smith White** also attended the seminar and graciously accompanied our threesome, after which the Whites stayed over in Richmond for a gathering hosted by Tricia so they could see classmates and husbands here. Then they hurried back to Charlotte to greet **Fleming Parker Rutledge** who was to be a featured preacher at Christ Church, a role she's filled a number of times. Fleming then came to Richmond for a week to preach in the Lenten Series at St. Paul's Church, another return engagement. Several classmates attended some of the services, and **Tricia Coxo Ware** and **Betsy Duke Seaman** had lunch with Fleming one day. Fleming travels all over the country preaching because she is in such demand. This is her calling which she fulfills magnificently.

You will be as distressed as I was by the news **Gay Hart Gaines** reported of the fire that demolished the Gaineses' family home (for many generations) in WV. Gay wrote that very little was salvageable because what fire didn't damage, water did. How very shocking and heartbreaking! We do so sympathize with their loss. Gay, please extend our sincerest sentiments of sympathy to Stanley, his family, your children and grandchildren.

Please support your new secretary by sending in news, not just of yourself but of any classmates you know anything about. We need to keep in touch.

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Announcements: May 20-22, 2010
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Happy 70th birthday to everyone! Please mark **May 21-23, 2010** on your calendar. Our 50th reunion! Also, notice below that some classmates, as requested, have written of trips they would recommend. If you want more information on these, I can supply email addresses. Here's the latest.

Working through the JHU M.A. of Teaching, **Mary Ellen Dohs Acey** continues to supervise new teachers in Baltimore's public school system. She enjoys getting into the inner city schools where she sees the need for change. From Durham, NC, **Judy Barnes Agnew** writes that her retirement days are spent playing bridge, reading and seeing her 3 grandchildren. At the top of her travel list are Africa, China and Egypt. She and Jim have also visited all of our national parks, which is a great way to see the US and its wildlife. **Jane Allan** continues to enjoy living in Ormond Beach, FL. **Ginger Newman Blanchard** and Bob spend the winter in Vero Beach and headed back north in late Apr. They have literally traveled all over the world and driven across the US 3 times. She would like to return to Argentina, Turkey and Ecuador. She had a visit with **Joyce Cooper Toomey** last fall. I had a

nice conversation with husband Bob who reports that **Ann Smith Bretscher** continues to deal with her mental disease with her typical cheerful and positive attitude; she is always ready to smile and to point out good things like flowers. Bob's greatest pleasure is making their home a place where she is happy. **Isabel Ware Burch** continues to serve on the vestry of Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, VA. She was on the committee that searched for an interim rector when their rector was elected bishop of the diocese. This spring, she was part of a church mission to Gulfport, MS where they helped with Katrina relief. She also volunteers for an organization called Faith in Action. Last winter Isabel saw **Gwen Speel Kaplan** when she came to Williamsburg. I see **Sue Styer Cahill** from time to time when she's not traveling to SC to play golf or UT to ski. **Anne Rienecke Clark** splits her life between Wilton, CT and Venice, FL. She's had several visits with **Gwen Speel Kaplan** as well as lunch with **Sue Cahill** and **Janet Maynard Henderson** when the latter was here from HI. **Jane Ellis Covington** feels fulfilled to have just completed a program called EFM, Education For Ministry. This 4-yr. program, developed by Swannee U. TN, delves deeply into church history and theological thought. **Lee Cullum** hosts an interview program with business leaders called "CEO" on the Dallas-Fort Worth PBS station. She also does commentaries for NPR. Her travel recommendation is South Africa. **Barbara Beam Denison** feels like a bionic woman with a new hip and 2 new knees. She still runs her framing business in a studio at her home in Bethesda, MD and spends a fair amount of time visiting her 8 grandchildren in CA. **Kathy Knox Ennis** retired last Jun. from 10 yrs in the active diaconate in the Episcopal Church of Naples, FL. Since she was ordained as a deacon, she continues to retain the title and work at her church. She touts Spain as a favorite destination and also suggests taking a repositioning cruise (which means a one-way trip on a ship that is relocating for the summer or winter months). My wonderful in-law, **Lucy Martin Gianino**, is more involved in the theater than ever. She is standing by for 2 roles in Roundabout Theater's production of Hedda Gabler and is about to start rehearsals for *Flamingo Court*, in which she starred last summer. Husband Jack is in San Francisco with *Souvent* which he stage-managed on Broadway. Daughter Antonia is #2 stage manager for NYC's *Lion King*, and actor son Gian-Murray just closed a show in NYC and is standing by for one in L.A. Daughter Gemina now lives in Philadelphia with her husband, my son Hoopes, who is Assistant Vice President in charge of Alumni Relations at U. PA. Both Lucy and I dote on their adorable children, Coleman and Adelle. In Richmond, **Anita Perrin Grymes** enjoys her pottery class and volunteer work at the VA Museum of Fine Arts. She visits her children in NC and TN and spends some part of the summer in ME. **Barbara Murphy Hale** is a busy lady! In addition to bush-hogging

a 50-acre meadow on her 220-acre farm in the Chesapeake Bay area, she is President of the League of Women Voters of Mid-Shore and is on the vestry, the altar guild and the worship committee of her church. She is a Master Gardener on the Bay Wise Committee and is very active in a garden club. She highly recommends a Viking Cruise to China. In Sterling, VA, **Carolyn Gough Harding** is still involved in an Adult ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Program even though she retired as a teacher 6 yrs ago. Early this spring, she and her husband returned to Montevideo, Uruguay where they had lived for 3 yrs right after their marriage. They visited Chile and Argentina on the same trip. **Teddy Hill** writes that she and **Liz Few Penfield** are still involved in planning African safaris and are now working with a small conservancy in the Masai Mara in Kenya. They split their time between CO and New Orleans where they were presented with awards for post-Katrina volunteer service in the French Quarter. Their trip suggestion is Argentina, especially the wineries in Mendoza and the lovely city of Buenos Aires. **Jane Halderman Hope** still talks with a smile in her voice. She has worn many hats since SBC; her longest involvement was tutoring U. of Louisville football players in history. Her last job was with the Drug and Alcohol Intervention Service. She loves the challenge of a new job and is determined to keep learning. **Elizabeth Meade Howard** reports that her documentary "Rosalina's Faith in America" was shown at this year's Virginia Film Festival. She had a wonderful early Christmas reunion with **Suzanne Reitz Weinstein** and **Jackie Mabie Humphrey** in NYC. **Heidi Wood Huddleston** and husband Joe travel back and forth between Bowling Green, KY and Hilton Head, SC. They had the misfortune of a water line rupture which destroyed the lower level of their home in Bowling Green. It took 5 grueling months to get the house back into shape. **Mary Ann Claiborne Johnson** spends time in their condo in Denver and their home in the mountains of Summit County. She also visits children and grandchildren in Atlanta and San Francisco. Her favorite trip is on barges navigating along the canals and rivers of France which is a great way to see Burgundy, Alsace/Lorraine and the Bordeaux regions. In Oxford MD, **Carter Nichols Jump** is on the board of a Children's Home Foundation; when we talked, she was in the process of interviewing h.s. seniors for vocational and technical scholarships. She is also involved with a camp program for children whose parents are in prison. **Jane Riddle Lancaster**'s life is greatly enriched by having 10 grandchildren, all living nearby in Dallas. One of them is going to W&L next fall. She and John will spend the summer in the mountains of NC. In a conversation with **Ann Thomas Lasater** I learned that she was a professional runway model for 12 yrs after her last child was born. She continues to live in Houston, TX and has 11 grandchild

dren. **Peggy Cook Lunt** is planning an Apr. reunion with **Ann Weingart Teig** at **Heidi Huddleston's** house on Hilton Head Island. In Santa Fe, NM, she and David assist at a homeless shelter and keep up with their 8 children and 13 grandchildren. **Margot Saur Meyer** and her husband are enjoying a new house they recently built on some land they purchased 33 yrs ago in Gladstone, NJ. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren, with one more on the way. They spend time in the summer on Fishers Island. She is active on the alumnae board of Kent Place School. **Norma Patterson Mills** recently served on the SBC Presidential Search Committee and says that we will be very pleased with the selection of Jo Ellen Parker as the 10th president. **Betsy Buechner Morris** sent a message from aboard the *Salsa* as it took off for the Bahamas from the Keys. When she's not on board a boat, she lives in Marblehead, MA. **Linda Sims Newmark** divides her time between Salem SC, Atlanta and Denver. She keeps up with **Nina Wilkerson Bugg** who lives near Salem and **Ann Crowell Lemmon** when visiting in Atlanta. In early Jan., **Carol Barnard Ottenburg** helped her mother celebrate her 100th birthday in PA. She and Simon took a side trip to NYC and then up along the Hudson to visit the Dia:Beacon Art Museum, where a large collection of modern art is exhibited in an old Nabisco packaging plant. **Patti Powell Pusey** and husband Bill spent 7 wks this winter in Boca Grande where a highlight was dinner with **Ann Gating Honey**. In Atlanta, they also saw **Adrienne Massey Hill** and husband Mal who, in addition to their life of music, also read on the radio for the sight-impaired. **Carolyn King Ratcliffe** writes that she and Clyde met **Susan and Nelson Slayman** and **Becky and Bill McNair** for a 4-day reunion in Orlando. The Ratcliffes then spent 5 wks on Marco Island before going to an Elderhostel program at the Red Sox spring training camp in Fort Myers; each day they watched a game with follow-up talks by team players. In 11/08 in Great Falls, VA, **Robin Ould Rentsch** received the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award for her work in establishing numerous county and regional trails, her advocacy on behalf of parks and her leadership in protecting the environment. She was described as "a role model for all people who care about the natural world and remain committed to the enjoyment, protection and sustinment of all its wonderful attributes." Congratulations, Robin! **Mary Laird Silvia** and her husband are now addicted to cruises. So far they have plowed the waters of the Caribbean, and visited many South Pacific islands, Arabia, and the east coast of Africa. It is nice to hear from **Melinda Moore Sweet** who lives in Sharon, CT after retiring from a career as a lawyer for CBS, Macmillan Publishing Company and most recently for Lever Brothers in NYC as General Counsel. She now heads a nonprofit organization and is a director of the local land trust. More about **Ann We-**

ingart Teig: she lives in Dslo, Norway with her husband who has been very instrumental in the development of cochlear implants and who travels extensively to teach doctors how to perform the surgery. They have a daughter and grandchildren in San Diego; in '04, they tragically lost their 2nd daughter who was an architect in NYC. Ann says, "life has to go on, although not in the same way." **Sally Underhill Viault** enjoyed attending an early spring reception in Charlotte for SBC President Betsy Muhlenfeld, **Becky Towill McNair** was also there. **Jane Tattman Walker** and Frank provide a great watering spot for friends traveling near Sarasota, FL, where they spend the winter. In Feb. they hosted a cocktail reception there for Betsy Muhlenfeld as she took her last jaunt to visit area alumnae. To celebrate their 30th anniversary in Jun., they are taking their daughter and her family on a cruise to AK. They have taken this same trip previously, but think it is worth repeating. In Jefferson, NH, **Winnie Ward** and her husband truly love the outdoors year round, they hike, canoe, snowshoe and ski as well as tend a garden in the summer. She continues to be involved with the Historical Society Conservation Commission. **Gail Hayman Wilson** and husband John took their 1st cruise also in AK and savored the glaciers and wildlife as they wended their way inland to Fairbanks with stops in Denali State and National Parks. They then spent 3 months in Kiawah, SC to escape the harsh upstate NY winter. I'm now at the end of the alphabet and am very sad to report the death of our wonderful friend and classmate **Tucky McFall Ziebold** in 11/08. She waged a long and courageous battle against cancer; her husband John wrote, "she was a SBC girl through and through; she fought with resolve and ended with decorum." One of Tucky's fervent hopes was that enough funds be raised to build a cancer center in Charleston, WV. If anyone would like to make a donation in her name, send it to CAMC Foundation, 3412 Staunton Ave, Charleston, WV 25304. Of course a donation to SBC would be appropriate as well. As for me, I am heavily involved in many projects and committees in my garden club, the Garden Club of America and my church. Best of all I am Nana to 7 grandchildren; my best times are when I am with any or all of them!

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Julie O'Neil Arnheim continues as Princeton's chem. librarian. In Mar., she attended the American Chemical Society's meeting in SLC, taking time to investigate the genealogy library there. Last Jul., her 6th grade class re-connected for the 1st time back in Knoxville. She's still on the advisory board of an international database,

and will meet with them in Cape Town this fall. She boards Amtrak Fri. evenings and wakes up in Charleston, where their retirement home is, on Sat. mornings in time for the farmers' market.

Alicia Laing Salisbury wrestles "with the market's impact on university endowment funds and community foundation assets." Last Apr., "attracted by the venue," she spoke to a women's group in the Napa Valley on "Women in Politics: A Road Less Taken." Yale U. Press, in its "Icons of America" series, has published our film critic, **Molly Haskell Sarris's** latest, *Frankly, My Dear 'Gone With the Wind' Revisited*. The San Francisco Chronicle, for one, praised Molly's intelligence, insights, and writing "with ease and authority." **Margaret Gwathmey**, who spends a couple of months in San Francisco twice a year, sent that review. "Josephine Crawford: An Artist's Vision" by **Lou Chapman Hoffman** has been published in New Orleans, writes **Celia Williams Dunn**. Last fall, Junior Achievement inducted realtor Celia into the Savannah Business Hall of Fame. While attending the SBC Friends of Art meeting last spring, Celia visited with Steve and **Judy Greer Schultz** and **Mary Denny Scott Wray** in Richmond.

Our leader, **Louise Cobb Boggs** (but not John) has a new skill—skydiving. Last Feb., while visiting her son Jay, who's studying real estate development law at the U. of Miami, John took her to an airport. Buoyed by a tandem partnership with the fellow who did stunt skydiving in "Point Blank," Louise "floated gently through the air" and "could see from one coast to the other. Awesome!" At home, she continues yoga, she and John walk 4 mi. almost every day, she serves on a committee designing a new rectory for her church, and keeps up with her 3 grandsons. She says, "Start planning to be at our 50th reunion. It'll be here before we know it, and we need all of us to make it the special occasion we all want it to be." Let's Do That!

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Andrea Denson Wechsler had a lovely visit at her home recently with Betsy Muhlenfeld and Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80 while they were in Vero Beach. Andrea also keeps in touch with Nancy Baldwin '57. Hearing about the future of SBC and connecting with old friends gives her great pleasure.

Mig Garrity Sturr is enjoying her travel agent career. She recently took the Hurliqueeten along the coast of Norway, including a dog sled excursion, and visited Copenhagen, Stockholm and Oslo. Last year she and daughter Dixanne visited India be-

fore the Olympics. Dana-Lynn, her youngest, and family moved back to MD after living in Belgium. Sharon's son Josh will start college this fall in VA

Mina Walker Wood's address has changed a few digits to 1704 Parkland Dr, Lynchburg, which is her late mother's house. It has an apartment for their visiting son and his wife, Mary Catherine Garrison. She is an actress who will be starring on Broadway this spring opposite David Hyde Pierce in "Accent on Youth." The Woods enjoy having their twin grandchildren (boy and girl; 1) right up the street. Mina is busy as emerita member of the Garden Club of VA. Her husband is still practicing law, gardening and golfing.

Pat Perkins Wolverton sold her business a couple of years ago and is enjoying retirement. She still does volunteer work, plays cards and gardens. She is president of her church choir and enjoys music activities there. Their granddaughter is attending college at Midwestern State U. in Wichita Falls so they see her often. They seem to have 2 generations of grandchildren – Megan (18), Ross (16); then David (5) and Jack (3). Life is rather simple. David is still head of a large charitable foundation and they find time to travel. Life is good! What a way to end the column!

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So many replied to my request for news by mentioning **Gail Blanke's** new book *Throw Out Fifty Things – Clear the Clutter. Find Your Life* that I thought it was a 'must' to lead off! More information is available on Gail's website: www.throwoutfiftythings.com and the book is available in stores and from Amazon.

Pat Calkins Wilder reminded me that '09 will mark the 50th h.s. reunions of many of us—a little hard to imagine, really! She continued, "Did you know that in '59, AK was admitted as the 49th state? How old does that make you feel?" Pat says that doing something that she's excited about, her photography, helps to overcome that feeling a lot. Her children are thriving—oldest son Chris is the district director of the International Baccalaureate program in Seattle; wife Rayne is the manager for Gary Hill, an internationally known video artist, and their son Ben (10) is a total joy. Daughter Kelley is the director of the M.A. Program for History and Science of Photography at DeMontfort U. in England and is the happy mother of Clara (10 mo.).

Jane Yardley Amos is planning to attend her reunion at Chatham Hall in a month with her daughter and 2 granddaughters (3; 5). She continues to volunteer as a tax preparer through AARP, work on her church bazaar, and hike the CO Trail in

the summer—physically she thinks she's in better shape than she was in college, but mentally, not so sure! In the last year she and John have been to South America and have ridden the train through Copper Canyon, Mexico. They continue to love their life in Santa Fe and wish that all our classmates who visit there would call because they have many insider tips on things to do in the area!

Stevie Fontaine Keown and Mark are headed for reunions on back-to-back weekends: His is at Darlington in Rome, GA, and hers is a destination event for Chatham h. s. (NJ) in the Poconos. Stevie and Mark had a great weekend with the grandchildren and attended the ACC basketball tournament in Atlanta.

Lucetta Gardner Mannion and Ed are going to St. Louis for her reunion at John Burroughs. They enjoy living in the Nashville area as her 2 children live there. They have 4 grandchildren in town and keep busy with them as well as volunteer work—she's the wedding coordinator at their church.

Traveling never seems to lose its appeal for us. **Laura Lee Brown** took a stunning photo trip to Mongolia last fall for their Golden Eagle Festival! She has been to a couple of art fairs buying art with Steve for their museum hotel 21c. She's hosting 6 classmates next fall coming for their Idea Festival, an event that attracts leading creative and highly diverse thinkers from around the world to explore and celebrate innovation, imagination, and ideas. In the meantime she's still painting, gardening, and riding.

Harriet Reese Jensen just returned from her 1st cruise which was through the Panama Canal on the *Seabourn Legend* with some old friends from Wilmington, DE. They started on the Pacific side of Costa Rica and ended up 14 days later in Ft. Lauderdale. In May Harriet is flying to Boston to attend her 50th reunion at Miss Hall's School. She reports that her family is well and her 8 grandchildren a constant delight!

Sailing again this season, **Ann Clute Obenshain** writes from aboard a 41' Morgan sailboat that they spent the winter in the FL Keys after the last 2 seasons in the Bahamas. She and **Judy Kay Alspaugh Harrison** are in touch because she lives near Louisville. **Sallie Yon Williams** spent 2 wks at Christmas with her son Courtney, wife Nazli, grandson Emyr (13 mo.) and Nazli's wonderful family at their home in Istanbul. While Christmas isn't a holiday there, New Year's is, and the Turks have adopted the decorated tree, street lights, and general holiday atmosphere for that celebration. Her son Whit is in NY and she tries to spend as much time every month as she can there with granddaughter Allegra (6).

Lynn Carol Blau and Jeffery were in Aspen, CO, where they celebrated the birth of a new grandson. Daughter Alex and her husband work at the Anderson Ranch Art School. They reported wonderful skiing.

They're planning to visit daughter Elizabeth and her family in Las Vegas.

Katharine Blackford Collins and John are weathering the economic downturn in Mexico; they are converting their home in Comala (state of Colima) to a bed & breakfast. Katharine wrote that she got started a bit too late to do much this year, but has high hopes for next season.

Lyn Gabel-Brett continues to enjoy traveling between CT, where their granddaughter Jasmine Allen-Sengupta celebrated her 1st birthday, and NY where her partner Leslie works at Lambda Legal, and Rochester where her mom, who is almost 98, still lives in her home. She writes that being retired is fun and busy! She and Leslie will celebrate their 30th anniversary this fall.

Both **Lee Kucewicz Parham** and **Mary Ann Utterback Burritt** wrote about their get-together during Super Bowl weekend. Lee and John Parham were in Norfolk for the city's commemoration of the end of segregation in VA and the 17 who integrated Norfolk Public Schools. Lee wrote that she, Stevie, and **Kathy Caldwell Patten** will meet **May Bowers Morris** in ME again this summer. Mary Ann hopes to come to Charleston in late spring.

Volunteering is a major occupation for some members of our class. **Sue Jones Cansler** and Chuck have had a super busy year with multiple volunteer activities on St. Simons Island, GA—for Sue it's the Coast Symphony of GA Society and the Annual Tour of Homes. She enjoyed both but sometimes feel as if she never retired! Sue and Chuck are looking forward to the summer months and time to see their 3 grandchildren—twins (9) and younger sister (7). A different kind of busy!

Ann Knickerbocker McCulloch and Bill went to Damascus, Syria, last fall to work with a church in the old city that is reaching out to an overwhelming number of Iraqi refugees. The church provides food distribution, medical care, and school for the Iraqi children because the Syrian government infrastructure is overtaxed. Their team taught in the school and fell in love with the Iraqi kids from preschool through h. s. They have continued their work with both Iraqi and Iranian refugees since their return to Houston.

Karen Gill Meyer reports that the year started off with a bang with Jim having a 5-way by-pass! He had no symptoms and was lucky that his doctor picked up the problem during a routine physical. Karen and **Allie Stemmons Simon** were in D.C. in late Jan. to interview the finalists for the new SBC president. She says that our new president Dr. Jo Ellen Parker is most impressive and will be terrific for the college. Allie had the opportunity to meet her last fall and was impressed. She and Heinz just returned from Karen's (their oldest daughter) 50th birthday bash on a private island near Andros in the Bahamas; it was a 4-day party for 24 of her friends and the old folks—quite a production! Their younger

daughter Kimberly teaches 2nd grade in Carrollton, TX.

Margaret Millender Holmes wrote that riding at SBC a year ago went to her head! They have moved to VT to be near grandchildren and have promised them they'll have some horses or ponies for them to ride. What a change in their lives! She thanks SBC for trying to keep her young!

Barby Rockefeller Bartlett writes that this year has been one of concentrating on family and friends, joys, and losses. Their younger son Jonathan and his wife Paige are expecting their 3rd child in a few weeks.

After visiting family in Columbia (SC) and friends in Seabrook Island, **Keith Matheson Wood** and Frank were in Charleston for a week-long program "Historic Charleston" sponsored by Elderhostel and based at the Coll. of Charleston. George and I had a chance to have a glass of wine with them and hear about the speakers and the tours; we think they earned a PhD in Charleston!

Many thanks to all who responded to my request for this issue and please keep in touch!

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As this issue of the magazine goes to press, the class of '64 is looking forward to their 45th reunion. Instead of giving you all the news in this issue, we'll do it in the fall issue and have news of those who came and did not come to reunion. We do have some news that can't wait.

Sadly, we report that **Claire Hughes Knapp** died on 3/29 at her home in Phoenix, AZ. She spent her life as a volunteer and professional in non-profit development work. Most recently she worked for the Actor's Theater in Phoenix as Director of Development. She made us laugh and made us sing to the tune of Fever with words that only Claire could write. We will miss her this May—and always.

On a happier note, after over 30 yrs as a widow, **Rosamond Sample Brown** married David Banks in Jan. They maintain 2 homes, one in Dallas, TX and the other in Fayetteville, AR. Congratulations Rosamond!

And, drum roll please, you'll soon have new class officers and a new voice for these notes. I've enjoyed my 2 terms as your Class Secretary very much and know that the new secretary will too. You guys in the NY and D.C. areas take note. I'm keeping East Coast mini reunions on my "fun to do" list.

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Jane Merkle Borden shares a new email address: bordenjmb@msn.com.

Eugenia Dickey Caldwell and husband Peter identified 300 wonderful species of birds in Panama in Jan. At their lovely lodges in the rain forest, the food was good and they were woken up an hour before dawn by Howler Monkeys roaring outside their window. Her work at IBM has increased to 60+ hrs. per week. Peter's job is in jeopardy as the convention business declines.

Scribbie Eusten has nothing glamorous to report; they're just healthy and happy and doing their things.

Nancy MacMeekin and **Vicky Thoma Barrette** embarked on their annual spring skiing adventures in New England and at Tahoe. Nancy stays in touch with **Saralyn McAfee Smith** via email. She's enjoying retirement—the great outdoors, reading, spending time with her brother's extended family. She is involved with church, literacy efforts, and sailing club activities. Nancy recently took courses in paper and digital chart plotting/navigation and celestial navigation, for use on club boats and on sailing trips with friends in the British Virgin Islands.

Mimi Vogt Macht is happy in Hood River, OR, skiing, hiking, and bicycling. She has a grandson (1) in Denver, where she spends a week monthly. She'd love to connect with SBC classmates. She says she's a lucky girl.

Carol Cole Pelzer and Felix welcomed Felix Chisolm Pelzer III last Jul. and love having him in Charleston. **Sally McCrady Hubbard's** niece Allston McCrady was the matchmaker who introduced son Felix to Magda. Son Arthur is engaged to a wonderful girl from Hickory, NC. Cozy says life is good.

Stewart and **Laura Haskell Phinizy** find that real estate is still moving in Augusta in the lower price ranges. They visited Marion and Wes and their boys in Jan. and then went to D.C. to see Laura and Keith and twin grandsons. Family will assemble in Augusta for the Masters weekend at Easter time.

Milbrey Sebring Raney is fine and enjoying retirement in Austin, TX. Granddaughters (7; 3) live nearby. Their grandson (2□) moved with his parents from Houston to Charlotte, meaning more fun travel. Mibs sends special greetings to **Mel Freese Cota** (who needs to write us next time).

Carol Reifsnnyder Rhoads is slowly working toward 100 master points in duplicate bridge. She visited Maryan ruins this winter and is going to London in Jun. to observe the casting of 8 tower bells for her church, St. Mark's! She and Bob are train

ing as change ringers—pulling the ropes and sounding peals. Daughter Jennifer is in Winston-Salem and has 3 boys; son Richard, a psychiatrist in Tucson, adopted 2 boys from Africa, son Ben is unmarried and works in northwest AR as a city planner. They have a 2nd home in CO and enjoy the nice winters in LA.

Since **Chris Kilcullen Thurlow** and Steve's honeymoon 40 yrs ago took them to Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan, it's no wonder that his wanderlust has since added South America, Antarctica, the Baltics, Russia, the Galapagos Islands, the Himalayas; not to mention the plain old Caribbean and Europe. But the excitement in her life involves her 6 little grandmothers (2–5). Their children Kate and Mike and their families live 15 min. away, so laughing, reading, and hugging fill the time. Chris is vice chair of the board of directors of the local skilled nursing facility. She is constructing a dementia garden there—a therapeutic environment for cognitive stimulation with an integrated program of care and recreation. As president of the Connecticut NFL alumni, Steve raises funds for disadvantaged youth. Life is sweet and they are blessed.

Meredith Leslie Welch retired after 20 yrs of publishing in NYC, the last 11 yrs being at *TIME*. After 38 yrs in Greenwich, she and husband Bill Costa moved to Skidaway Island in Savannah, GA. He continues to work; she is slowing down and integrating into their new community, gardening, writing, and improving her golf. They love the historic and artistic side of Savannah—the Flannery O'Connor house reminds Mal of the author's visit to SBC in spring of '63. She and Bill have 8 grandchildren in Boston, Long Island, and Atlanta. Ireland beckons in her 65th year.

Sally McCrady Hubbard is struck this time with how many classmates said "life is good." Turning 65 is good and, for her, marked a conscious letting go of some obligations and angst on many levels. The next generations will figure out life for themselves! Her role as of this birthday involves choosing activities carefully (none by default) and seeking contentment in the issues of each day. Grandson Duncan will visit Sewanee for 3 wks in Jun. for hiking, tennis, reading, TN battlefields, and hugs. Sally, Charles, and 5 relatives will explore Moscow and St. Petersburg and the waterways in between in May. Gather ye Sweet Briar Rosebuds while ye may.

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By the time you read this our 40th will be a happy memory, but as I type there is a flurry of activity among those who plan to attend & are urging others to sign up, too. House 3 leads the pack with many emails back & forth about travel plans, rooming arrangements, pre-party parties, and "correct" dress code for Sat. night. Our Class Scrapbook has six of **Martha Brewer's** Mardi Gras dominatrix outfit which several classmates have already seen & are urging her to wear to Reunion. One wag observed that "Dean Jester won't be there to tell us we're not appropriately dressed." **Claudette Harloe Dalton** responded, "Having lost all the shape in my legs after decades in concrete-floored ORs, I'm wearing slacks."

Martha Brewer (New Orleans): Even though I don't have any kids, we (MB & spouse Susan Landry) now have 2 great nieces: My nephew's baby, Anna Wells Brewer, born in Sept. & my niece's baby, Lillian Rebecca Johnson, in Mar. So now I'm (among other titles) Great Aunt Martha. I can handle that.

Hattie Coons Babbitt (D.C.) and Bruce had travel plans & couldn't attend Reunion, but she was sorry to miss it as "it sounds as if we are a varied & interesting & busy lot!" Hattie's biggest news is that son Chris (& Claire), both lawyers in D.C., are the parents of "the most wonderful Eli Babbitt," born in Feb.

Annie Green Gilbert (Seattle): Creative Dance Center & Kaleidoscope Dance Co. are 28 yrs old! I'm still teaching dance daily, directing my dance co. of young people (8–15) & presenting workshops around the world on BrainDance & Brain-Compatible Dance Education, www.creativedance.org, great for aging SBCers as well as the grandchildren! All of my children are married! Son Huw & Tindley live in NYC with beautiful daughter, Pryor (almost 2). Huw is PR director for Pepsi Co. Bronwen & Eli are traveling South America until May after living in NYC for 2 yrs, & then may come to Seattle to settle down. Bronwen is a photographer. Griffith & Kris live

in Orono, ME, where Grift is getting a Ph.D. in Entomology. They were expecting a baby in Apr. David is still a gastroenterologist & plays piano in a Dixieland band on the side. Life is good now that we have a new president, & to think that VA voted for him! In '64 a black man I waited tables with at the refectory was fired for talking to me. I had a tough time at SBC, & I'm glad those days are over!

Jan Huguenin Assmus wrote, "Gert is fully retired from the Tuck School & we've entered a new phase of life, involved in town matters (Hanover, NH). I continue working on the quality of education in the schools & am fascinated by the process of trying to make education better. I'm also serving on a committee of the Hanover Conservation Council, working to preserve natural areas in the midst of town for citizens to enjoy & learn from. Gert finally became a US citizen in '07 & now serves on the Hanover Zoning Board. He also serves on a committee at the hospital, trying to improve doctor-patient communication. We lead a mundane existence, but love the people we've met in these endeavors as well as old friends with whom we have more time to spend. We get some travel in, visiting our children in OH & NC, & going to Germany & other European spots as well as to our summer cottage in ME. My mother died last year & we made many trips down to TX to close down the house where she & Dad lived for 60 yrs I miss her & realize how spoiled I was to have her for so long. She was always the one I could count on to be interested in even the smallest facts of my life. We have decided to stay put here in Hanover for the foreseeable future. It's a wonderful place to live, although as the snow was flying this morning [11/19], I did wonder about the wisdom of that decision." Jan added that she and Gert also go to the gym, "reluctantly."

Elizabeth Lewis (San Francisco, CA): My life is pleasantly uneventful. David & I spent Christmas holidays in Spain with son Matt (23) who has been living in Barcelona. It was nice traveling with our own tour guide & translator. Matt's supporting himself there teaching English. He's coming back in Jul. & probably will take the LSAT.

Keithley Rose Miller (Palm Beach) wrote that she'd be at Reunion, combining it with a visit to her mother (89) who's in a nursing home in Richmond. Dwight might join her as he's "always game for anything! I went 2 yrs ago to his 40th at Yale & had a ball."

Sharon Singletary Vanzant has been in Columbia, SC "since 1973 & probably will be here forever! Our oldest son is married & has 2 children; our 2nd son is also married & is in the Ph.D. history program at Vanderbilt. Our daughter is in her 3rd yr of med. school & working hard. I'm fortunate to live close to my grandchildren (4, 1), so I see them a lot & they are a joy! My husband & I go to the UVA home football games as often as we can. We both love VA and look forward to being back in the C-ville area for those visits. We did drive into SBC one time & the campus looks wonderful. A girl from Columbia is up there now; she loves

it. My time is spent with family, learning to play golf, & trips to the beach. My work & volunteer days are over, but I enjoyed both immensely when I was involved. Reunion sounds like fun, but it's also our 40th wedding anniversary so we'll be taking some kind of trip with all the children & grandchildren to celebrate. I'll be thinking of y'all. I know it will be very special.

Lisa Smith Taylor (Houston, TX): Life has been good to me since SBC days! Happily married with 3 grown children, the 2 boys not married but with very nice lady friends, & my daughter married with a baby (2)! I keep up with SBC with financial support & through the SBC group here in Houston. I'm not planning to attend Reunion this year. I like to remember you all the way we were!

ATLee Walker (D.C.) couldn't attend Reunion because her niece was getting married that weekend, but she might send news & photos for the Scrapbook. Any news I get from ATLee & the rest of you before 7/1 will be in the fall issue. Please do write!

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We'll start off with some news that might be out of date by now, but came in after the deadline for the Spring '08 Class Notes. Since we didn't get fresh updates from these classmates, we'll go with what they're doing when last heard from: **Alisa Yust Rowe** finished remodeling their Houston house to update it from a previous remodel 25 yrs ago. The year before they did some remodeling at their farm about 90 mi. from Houston. "We're tired of remodeling!" she says. "In the country, near our farm, I've been involved with the board of a small non-profit organization called The Art Guild of Rural Texas. This group is bringing the visual and performing arts to children in 4 counties now. It's worthwhile, but also hard work trying to find funding. This will be my 3rd year to run a fundraiser—a dinner and auction of original art—to help raise those operation funds. I'd never run an event before this, so it's been interesting. I've met some talented artists in the process." Alisa would love to have some of

our talented artist-classmates donate to the auction. How 'bout it, gals? And that's not all Alisa's been up to: "Our Houston SBC Club is becoming more active, it's been fun being involved with that." Alisa also sends regrets that she missed our last reunion: "Though I didn't graduate from SBC, I have the best memories and a great allegiance to it. I have 3 grandchildren now—2 of those are little girls who I hope will one day think about attending SBC." *Let us know if we can help persuade them, Alisa!* ~ L.

Figuring out how to organize these notes is always a challenge. This year Lynne is letting her computer's email function alphabetize half of the class list by sender, but since it uses first names . . . we'll go with it! So we'll start off with **Alison Jones** who sent her own news with a mention of **Jean Mackenzie Thatcher**. She and Jean "followed different paths since leaving SBC: she's a deputy mayor of her village and I'm a conservation photographer. But overlapping patterns in our lives continue. We both had rotator cuff surgery last year, and thus decided on a recovery road trip, a la "Thelma and Louise" across the US Southwest—leaving out the Grand Canyon part! I went to Board and Summit meetings for the North American Nature Photography Association in Albuquerque where Jean joined me. We hit the shops of Santa Fe to support this failing economy as best as we could—which also meant that we needed hot stone massages to help heal our shoulders. While in Santa Fe, we mostly focused on Georgia O'Keeffe's career and presence in Santa Fe, Abiquiu and Ghost Ranch. Without her knowing it, I'd listed Jean as an "expedition researcher" for this somewhat casual No Water No Life expedition (see the project's Feb. calendar details at <http://www.nowaternolife.org/calendar/index.htm>). Thus we headed south, following the Rio Grande and witnessing the sandhill crane migration in Bosque del Apache. We photographed the US border fence at entry points into Mexico en route to visit her cousin in Ajo, AZ, the driest valley in the US which offers both the calm and the drama of the Sonoran Desert. What memories!"

Andrea Bateman sent a quick note saying she'd had a wonderful alumnae lunch with the president and Orlando area alums—**Carol Remington Fogelsohn** and **Denise (Nesi) Wiselt O'Connell**. Then I heard from Carol with details: it was an SBC luncheon hosted by President Betsy Muhlenfeld in Winter Park, FL on 2/20/09. "There were 3 members of '71 present!" Carol reports. "Myself, Nesi, and Dre Bateman. Considering there were about 20 folks total and 3 were from college, we were the best represented class. The best part came when the 3 of us got to sit in the nearby park and talk, catching up on lives and activities; Dre was only able to stay for about 40 min., while Denise and I talked on for over 2 hrs. I'm reminded again what an incredible group of women our class holds." Carol went on to say that "I'm going to SBC in May to escort my mom to her 65th

Reunion. There's a commitment amongst the class to get together again, plus there are willing daughters to drive and escort (And we get to have beds in the Elston Inn instead of the dorms. Works for me!)"

Barbara Brand writes that the last 12 mos. have been a challenge for her and Mike. He's had 2 cancers removed successfully, but in the midst of this Barb had a large tree limb fall on her. "I was just minding my own business having lunch out on the patio!" she reports. Mercifully, Barbara suffered no cuts or breaks, "only" major deep bruising of the lower back. She was forced to forgo virtually all activity for months, and it eventually healed, but she had to watch as her flower beds and vegetable garden suffered from neglect. She finishes by saying, "I anticipate a more successful gardening season in '09."

Beryl V. Bergquist sent word that she has her name back. "Divorce is final; congratulations are in order," she says. "I'm interested to date . . . male, 60s, not married, dead or gay are the basics. I'm still doing visas, green cards, citizenship law. For fun I purchase investment properties, and my daughter Kristin ('03) renovates and manages them. Visited friends at the Grand Canyon North Rim and at Monument Valley and now home in Atlanta." You go, girl!

The recession has caused **Betty Duson** and husband Al to delay their retirement by a few yrs, in order to wait out the recession. "Nonetheless, we are feeling fortunate to be in higher education, which is somewhat insulated from lay-offs," writes Betty. "Our son Andy has taken a semester off from college and is on tour with his band "Chandeliers" this spring. I guess many of us celebrate our 60th this year. Al gifted me with a wonderful party, including serenades and toasts to help ease the passage."

From Houston, **Brooke Thomas Dold** and husband Wylie send greetings. "I'm a paralegal at Johnson Radcliffe Petrov & Bobbitt PLLC, a law firm specializing in municipal and public finance," Brooke reports. "We took an excellent Viking Cruise on the Rhine last Oct./Nov. It was the 1st time in many yrs that I took off for 2 consecutive wks! My kids have left the nest, but make return flights for holidays. I went to a wedding shower 2 wks ago and learned that I was sitting with Carrie Glassman Schumach, the sister of **Liz Glassman**. My godchild, Julia Woodard, daughter of **Liz Clegg Woodard** and Woody Woodard is engaged to be married this Dec. **Cutler Bellows Crockard's** daughter Callie recently gave birth to a baby boy who is the 1st grandchild."

Tricia "Honey" Hammer's national advertising agency, Berry Network, changed owners, from BellSouth to AT&T. "AT&T is a great company," she says, "and very strong in technology and product development, which I feel good about, but there is a definite change in culture and procedures around here, because AT&T is so large. I'm still doing national account sales in a

16-state area, now with an emphasis on interactive, search, free 411, and IPTV advertising as well as print YP's for all publishers. I sell to the medical market—mainly hospitals and health systems." On a more personal note, she adds, "I'm no longer able to ride, due to some arthritis in old injuries to my hip, knee, and back, but I'm still active with horses. I judge shows and events, teach clinics, including for the Miami Valley Pony Club (Cincinnati), and have my own group of students, which I teach and coach at shows and events. I help to run several events for our local foxhunt in Cincinnati." She's also looking forward to seeing all of us at our 2011 reunion—it'll be our 40th! <Shudder! ~ L.>

Mary Frances Okey Aiken reports that "all is well with John and myself except for an unfortunate encounter with a vicious laundry basket in my closet last spring that resulted in a broken knee. It's healed now, and I was able to go on a great trip with my daughter in Aug. with a group of her m.s. students to Paris. Then in Oct. my husband surprised me with an early BIG 6-0 birthday trip on a Mediterranean cruise that was wonderful. (I'm glad he bought the tickets before the market went south)." As I gathered these notes, she was busy planning a wedding for the youngest daughter in May in the Northern Neck of VA, and was fortunate to attend a lovely area alumnae luncheon in Naples, FL with President Muhlenfeld.

Ever heard of a "Laughologist"? Well, that's what **Kathleen Burns Halperin** does. "I'm a Certifiable Laughologist (LIVING LAUGHTER) and my passion has led to end of life transitions. My new company, GOING IN STYLE, will help educate and honor the family, ease the final journey and give the patient an opportunity to participate in the process. SBC didn't offer a Sociology course in this area, and I hope to demystify the dying process and inspire celebration of a life well lived," she writes. "As the economy tanks, the demand for Laughter Workshops has increased tremendously. I'm also in the process of writing a book about the miracles of the laughter work." Kathleen is married to a wonderful doctor who practices acupuncture as well as Internal Medicine. They've gotten grants from the U. FL Deans' office to research the laughter benefits. Their son (17) is "a left handed pitcher who's on the prospects to watch for 2010." Kathleen, **Trixie Hatten Chambers**, and **Cami Crocker Wodehouse** share a Jun. birth month and we're planning a big FL reunion.

Laura Mink Gardner and husband Marvin are trying to retire, but still have 2 to put through college (Tready is a freshman now at Roanoke Coll., Faith a Jr. in h.s.). Marvin will retire from his full-time church job the end of May and has taken on a huge part-time psychology practice. Laura is doing some part-time work as a hearing reporter for the SSA, still singing with the Roanoke Symphony chorus (some

things NEVER change), and about to enter the serious college search with Faith. "She spent a weekend at SBC last fall and loved it!" writes Laura, "especially the new art studio in the old barn." Laura also reports that she finished her 1st marathon in D.C. last weekend (at the ripe old age of 58-1/2)! "My sister, a veteran marathoner and one time Iron Man finisher, invited me last summer to do it with her. Turns out she had some health issues preventing her from running so I did it solo (along with 2,050 others) and finished 5 min. short of my goal. And I'm actually looking forward to training for another one, sometime. What an awesome experience!"

Speaking of busy people, **Lendon Gray** finally dropped an electronic line to say, "My life as a teacher of Dressage riders continues with little change. I'm doing more traveling to teach—going to Barbados soon to help them develop a Dressage team for the next Pan American Games. My students are doing well. 2 Pan American Gold medalists started with me, last year an Olympian and students in adult and Young Rider World Cups. Also working with kids and adult amateurs. I've become the president/CEO of The Dressage Foundation." (*In case you don't know, that's a Very Big Deal in the horse world!* ~ L.)

Linda Whitlow Knight practices law in the areas of insolvency and commercial law with Gullett, Sanford, Robinson & Martin in Nashville. She's still on the TN Ethics Commission, which basically governs lobbying and financial disclosures for state officials in TN. Linda is also a hearing officer for the TN Board of Professional Responsibility, which enforces the Rules of Professional Conduct for lawyers. Husband, Dick, is an arbitrator and is active in historical and genealogical societies. Their older daughter, Katherine Layhew, practices commercial litigation with the Nashville office of Burr & Forman. Their younger daughter, Elizabeth, graduated from Emory Law School in May, passed the TX bar exam, and is with the Dallas office of Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold. They vacationed for a few days at the home of Dick's sister and her family in ME last summer. In Oct., they went to VA for Dick's induction into the Society of Cincinnati.

Louise Jackson and family are well. "It's been a crazy year in the asset management and trust business," she writes, "but my bank is very conservative and didn't have any of the mortgage mess. So we're fine, just trying to weather the storm for our clients. Had a fabulous 2 wks in France in 6/08 with 3 couples of best of friends here. The 1st part was a wine tour, my friend's husband was President of the local Testavin society. He drove us on all of the back roads and arranged private dinners and tastings for us in the Champagne region, Chablis, and the Burgundy region. The 2nd wk was in Provence! Not much else to say except that life is good."

All's well with **Maggie Mather Feldmeier's** clan, too. Jake still runs the

family business and she's still consulting for The Carlisle Collection, which puts her in NYC a wk or 2 each mo. In Mar. she was trying something new to escape the very long Syracuse winters: renting a house in Hilton Head. She can fly to NYC as needed and still have lots of sunshine and a lovely place to enjoy the outdoors. Jake came down for long weekends and their daughter Kate and son-in-law Nate joined them for a spell. They both teach inner city charter school in D.C. and were thrilled to get great seats for Obama's inauguration. "The happy buzz in D.C. with our new president is palpable!" Maggie wrote in Mar. "Youngest daughter Julie is finishing her MBA program at Kellogg (Northwestern)," she adds, "and looks forward to moving to the Philadelphia area where she'll work for ING Direct in marketing—and be close enough to home to visit us on the lake in the summer. We are blessed."

Marilyn Kolb always has a lot going on. "I retired 6/07 and am thinking maybe it was a mite early. My husband is still working, so between his schedule and the market's pounding the last year, we aren't able to travel the way I had always envisioned my retirement working, and it turns out I truly despise going to the gym (not that I don't need it!), even with a friend, so that isn't a good candidate for a new interest. I have taken on a couple of nonprofit board positions, but after so many years of being the manager in charge, it's hard to be one of many and have to wait for consensus. Something to be said for dictatorial manager positions! If I wanted it done, I just said so and it happened. Doesn't work like that, of course, in the "real" world. But it's worked out well in another respect since I've had to spend a great deal of time with my father who is suffering from dementia and the general effects of aging, so I'm grateful to have had the time to do that."

One of Marilyn's daughters was to have graduated in 5/09 from Reed Coll. in OR. A 2nd daughter matriculated to NYU in Sept. and is enjoying NYC. "I'm not so sure she's as excited about college courses as she is about the city itself, but so far she's done all right, so I hope she can keep her focus. I'm a little jealous. The NYU area is so much fun now compared to the truly frightening environment it presented when we were looking at colleges for ourselves. Good to know improvement comes eventually!" Marilyn comments. She had a great visit with **Caroline Tuttle Murray** last fall in NC. Caroline is helping care for her new granddaughter and loving it. Marilyn keeps in touch with **Diana Zeidel**, who was contemplating retirement herself until the market free fall happened, so she may need to reconsider. In Mar. she was caring for her husband who suffered a broken pelvis in a car accident in D.C. around inauguration time. "He's expected to fully recover," Marilyn notes thankfully.

Mimi Fahs wrote in anticipation of lots of transitions just ahead. "We're sitting on pins and needles this month waiting to

hear on my son's college applications," she began. "Then baseball season (Craig is a pitcher and team captain) and lots of h.s. graduation events. Then a big 60th birthday party planned in the summer, with a trip to Paris, southern Spain, and then oysters and fiddle music back home in Orient Village on Long Island. Had a wonderful trip last summer sailing with my niece and her ex-roomie from college, from Long Island to the Vineyard. Fun to hang with 20-yr-olds! Next fall, with the boy gone, we're looking forward to spending long 4-day weekends in our beloved home in Orient, on 5 acres and turning into a lovely nature preserve, and only a 5 min. bike-ride from the Yacht club where I keep my Catalina 34. Seems far away now, with snow still covering the roof-tops I see from my window in NYC, but spring will come! I know everyone comes through NYC at some time or another, so I hope you'll please look me up! We can meet at the Oyster Bar in Grand Central Station!" She sends Big hugs to all of us as we face our 60s.

"**Sioux**" **Greenwald** attended Dee Kyor's daughter Jennifer's wedding in 10/08 in Bryson City, NC. It was a "wonderful time of year and a glorious event," she says. She also caught up with Wendy Weiss Smith & Gil at Maho Bay, St. Johns, VI for a wholesome outdoor eco-friendly vacation. Sioux still tries to visit Alexandria, VA, to see **Robi Randolph** during the year, and shared a house with Kris Herzog '70 at Cape May Point for art, Audubon center and farm stand touring.

Wendy Norton Brown has retired from teaching after 30 yrs to be able to spend more time with her parents. Sadly, her Dad died soon thereafter, but, writes Wendy, "I know he was relieved that I would be there for Mom. Surprisingly we almost lost them both the same week—as he lay dying Mom went into a coma with double pneumonia! We're grateful that she fought hard and is now doing quite well, all things considered!" On a happier note, Wendy's older son David is to be married in 10/09, and their younger son adopted 2 puppies, "so now we have granddogs, too! I know many classmates already have grandchildren, but we are happy to have this news at last!"

Emails bounced back from **Ruth Allen Darlington** and **Terry Helm Haynie**, so if any of you are in touch with them, please ask them to get correct email addresses to us or the Alumnae Assoc., okay?

That's all for my half of the class list. I wanted to thank all of you who sent me messages of sympathy and concern after the loss of my husband of 30 yrs, Bill, on 11/18/08, of pancreatic cancer. He was diagnosed 4 days after I sent out the last Class Notes. We had 8 mos. together post-diagnosis, and most of that time was good. We said everything we needed to, and son Matt and I were with him when he died in our local Hospice, a place where angels wear street clothes. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, where my

father also lies. I'm doing okay, keeping busy with preparing the house for eventual sale, not because I have to but because it's too big and there's too much yard work, something Bill used to take care of. I plan to do some extended traveling once I've off-loaded the house, and am hoping to teach my way across the country, coast to coast and border to border, using my BALIMO™ skills to help riders and their horses. I'll let you know when I start planning my itinerary, because there are many of you I'd like to drop in on for a quick visit. Until then, I'll keep track of y'all through these notes. And now, it's time for news from Gale's half of the roster.

Debbie Chasen Wyatt writes, "Well, all I have to say is, "*Ou sont les neiges d'antari?*" (Dear ole' Villon strain we picked up in French class back during some nice *printemps d'antan -ou!* As parents are aging, with that damned winged chariot thing, I figure I've got about 20 yrs to accomplish it all, so the clock is ticking Hubby Rick (met at UVA while at SBC) and I are still together (Guinness?), 2 boys are doing what 20 year olds do (Tom putting his new U. MI philosophy degree to meaningful use as a mason's assistant in NC, Will mesmerized by NY as he does music stuff at NYU). I've quit law. Had a good run, and once enjoyed it, but now I'm with Dickens (ever read *Bleak House*, anyone—I mean, really read it?). Instead, I'm now painting, painting, painting, have had a few shows of my work, been accepted into a fair number of juried shows recently, but sales, well, it's a good thing Rick has not retired yet. Maybe by next time . . . Ciao to all, Debbie."

Miriam "Mim" Washabaugh Meglan says that "Organ continues to be my main event, and I'm in a race against the clock: there's so much music and so little time! I study with the chairman of the department at the Curtis Institute; practice four hrs. nearly every day; accompany any choir or ensemble that will have me; and, in general, keep growing, performing and learning. I have been dean of our local chapter of the American Guild of Organists for the past year and have been appointed recently to a regional position in the organization. Most exciting has been my work to introduce youngsters to the instrument and support their studies through a scholarship fund and mentoring activities."

Ellen Weintraub says: In May I'll be heading back to SBC for my gorgeous godchild's graduation! I'm so excited and so proud of her! Wendy and Donald have done such a fabulous job bringing up Caroline to be a wonderful, delightful LOVELY human being, inside and out! Recently, my Mom and I had a nice lunch with Elizabeth Muhlenfeld and Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80 here in Miami. Mom is going to be 94 in Jun., and is always so happy to be included in SBC functions. It's a consideration to drive to SBC in Jun., so if anybody is along the route between South FL and SBC, let me know and I'll stop and give you a hug along the way!

Martha Roton Terry writes: **Frances Barnes Kenamer** is coming to Mobile today to stay for 3 days—she has meetings, but will stay with me. We're going to try to meet **Carol Everest** for supper. She grew up with Frances and me in Montgomery and went to SBC her freshman year only. Carol lives in Daphne (over the bay). Frances has finally taken action to retire the end of May. I'm jealous! I talk to **Carol Cooper** every couple of months. She had an awful accident last year (May, I think). She was getting ready for work, taking a shower, and fell, that was on a Mon. No one found her until Thursday! She is very fortunate to be alive! She's back at work now, but has some lasting effects of this accident. Ann [Martha's daughter] is in grad. school in Boston working on her Master's in American Studies. She loves Boston and her classes. She has a teaching assistantship and should finish the end of next year. I expect she'll go on for her Ph.D. Caldwell [Martha's son] tried working in real estate in Huntsville with a friend, but the economy's downturn caused him to come home to search for something with a salary here—no more total commission jobs for him, at least not in the near future. The job market is rough, as we all know. He's still looking, but I'm delighted to have him home with me for a while. I still enjoy my work as IT Quality Assurance Manager at Morrison's and love that it's so close to home. I get to have lunch many days with Hunter (chocolate lab), Tyler (Caldwell's "beagle-?"), and my 2 cats, CC and Shadow. I've been doing a lot of yoga to help keep this young body stretched and limber, and it's great at relieving stress! Frances and I had a fantastic trip to Thailand, Cambodia, and China at the end of Aug.—9/1. What an experience! We went with 2 friends first to Thailand and Cambodia, and then met 6 others in China. The highlight of our stay in China was a 5-day cruise on the Yangtze River. My favorite thing from the entire trip was seeing Angkor Wat in Siem Reap, Cambodia, awesome!

Jill Lowry Wiemer was blessed with a 3rd grandchild in 10/08 and had the last of her 4 daughters complete grad. school. It's the 1st time since '93 that she hasn't had at least 1 and at times 3 children in college, law school or grad. school! Life is good and full of bridge, golf and wonderful friends. She spends 6 mos. in Dade City, FL, and 6 mos. in Highlands, NC, at Wildcat Cliffs CC. She hopes anyone in the area will give her a call. They are the only Wiemers in the phone book in both places.

Jaque Penny saw **Barbara "Barb" Gracy Backer** at an SBC function here for Betsy Muhlenfeld. "She's terrific and beautiful as ever, inside and out! I'm fine—having weird weather but otherwise, FL is good; great to live near my folks; wish I had a man; wish I had money; wish I were thin; wish I lived in France—still, glad to be healthy and relatively happy. AND I bet I'm the only class member whose cat (Teddy) is *turning 21 on 4/1*, and that's no April fool!"

Elizabeth "Libby" Tyree-Taylor wrote in to say, "I'm writing to you from Charlottesville, reminding me of my days at SBC. I still live in San Francisco, but both of my children are in school at UVA, prompting some visits here. My daughter is in law school and my son is a 4th year. Both adore UVA. My husband & I serve on some UVA committees, so we get in several visits here during the year. This weekend is our son's fraternity parent formal—a grand tradition! I'm lucky to be able to travel a great deal. Not only getting to VA regularly, but also NYC—one of my favorite cities! In Feb., I was able to see **Jeannette Bush Miller** in NYC for dinner and to see the Westminster Dog Show, what fun! In Sept., while in Tuscany for 2 wks I saw Jeannette's daughter (a UVA student) while she was studying in Sienna. Paris was in Aug., Oct. was to Whistler, Canada, Nov. was Beijing and Dec. and Jan. were a real highlight. With both kids in school with a long Christmas break, we all went on a bike trip to Vietnam and then went on to Cambodia and then Hong Kong. What an incredible experience as a family vacation. Biking through the villages and countryside of Vietnam, meeting the people, and revisiting the history of the war was so very interesting as well as beautiful. We all were madly reading, discussing and biking. Another trip I so very highly recommend is to Antarctica. It was magical and a bit mystical. The icebergs, whales and the penguins are spectacular. I must admit that with this new economy, I expect to be spin biking while watching travel videos! At least as many as like can join me for the tour and then we can all have take-out from the cuisine from our tour. My husband Barry is in Private Equity, an interesting place to be this year. I have several volunteer commitments, but fewer than in prior yrs because of all of my travel. Nothing lasts forever, but this has been fun! I've been able to see **Anne Milbank Mell**'s children John and Meredith, who live in San Francisco. They're bright and attractive with great careers. And I have been able to see Kathy Cummings Catlin '70 several times. Looking forward to hearing how you all are."

Elizabeth "Liz" Mumford Wilson wrote, "Things are a bit different now, with the economic change. Paintings don't sell in this situation so I've been fortunate to get a teaching position at our local comm. college—intro art history! I'm having so much fun, and it brings back so many memories of SBC where I took the course for the 1st time! I'm using the same text, *Janson*, except in the 8th edition, with lots of color pictures and a special Web site. No more standing in the hall where the extra pictures were pinned up, frantically trying to memorize them. But the kids still fall asleep in class, as we did in that big auditorium, and still can't remember dates. So thank you SBC for making me memorize all that material way back when, it's paying off today!"

Frances Barnes Kenamer says, "I will retire 5/29 after 31 plus yrs in public health. I have some public health-related

irons in the fire, so to speak, to keep my brain active. Mostly I plan to improve my golf game and spend time in Nashville, TN, where our daughter Helen is finishing up her clinical for a M.A. in Speech-Language Pathology. She'll likely make Nashville her home and is job-hunting."

Sally Uptegrove Lee, Jr. wrote in to say, "I'm doing well and things are about the same for me in Nashville. I still teach at Harpeth Hall School and my husband has his masonry company and a company in AL that cuts limestone. Business is currently terrible for both. Our daughter is married and lives in San Antonio, TX. Her husband graduated from law school, passed the bar, and works for a patent firm there. Rachel teaches math and dance. Last summer my dad took my sister and me on our final cruise together, since he doesn't travel easily any more. We started in Greece, but mainly toured Spain and France. Bob and I took an adventure trip rafting down the CO River in the Grand Canyon for a week. I was thankful for a hot shower and flush toilets at the end. Not much else. How did we get to be 60 (or almost) so fast?"

Kathy Garcia Pegues is going to be a Grandma at the end of May! "A first-timer. Very excited here," says Kathy. She further reports, "I'm still teaching, this makes year 30. Our son, Adam, is a jet fighter pilot and scheduled to be deployed for 6 mos. right after his child is born. His wife is an Army helicopter pilot, scheduled to be deployed FOR A YEAR about 3 mos. after their baby is born. How complicated is that? John and I are nearing retirement. We'll spend Spring Break in London on holiday. We mourned the loss of our 2 SBC professor-friends and attended their memorial services on campus: Jennifer Crispen and Karl Tamburr. The services were both lovely with many old SBC friends in attendance. We'll attend a celebration dinner for Betsy Muhlenfeld on 5/1 and will be sad about her departure. I'm anxious to see the progress on the new field house, a colossal structure! It was well underway on my last trip to campus; it must be under roof by now (late Mar.)."

Claire Tate The 4 Tates are doing well. I'm continuing to run a non-profit, the purpose of which is to provide after-school and summer programs for all the students in our county who need them. John is now with Wells Fargo after purchase of Wachovia. Son Austin works for NASCAR doing international licensing. Daughter Bright is in the Peace Corps in Malawi. The 4 of us spent Christmas together on a tiny island in Lake Malawi. Life around us is sad and challenging for many people and we count our blessings every day. Claire, The Tate House, 1431 Biltmore Dr, Charlotte, NC 28207.

Susan Schmidt is glad to be back home in VA, now teaching English and coaching sailing at Christchurch School on the Rappahannock River. She's helping to plan a dynamic new interdisciplinary experiential environmental curriculum called "Great Journeys Begin at the River."

Gale Hull Whetzel (that's me!) wants to let you all know that I'm doing well. I rebelled recently and went on strike from doctors and CT machines. This month will tell if I was wrong! I've been so fortunate that my kidney cancer has been a slow grower and that all the metastases have been in places easily reached by a sure hand and a scalpel or other various instruments! If anyone wants to talk cancer, just let me know. I've found some helpful and accurate places on the internet! Our youngest son, Jamie, and his wife, Beth, moved back to Columbus from Chapel Hill (crazy, huh?) last year, so we now have both children living close by, and it's wonderful! It's especially wonderful to have a girl in the family! Hubby Gene is still working with the OH State Bar Assn. and enjoys what he does. We get to meet so many great people! I'm still at home, taking care of our mini-zoo: 3 parrots, 1 retarded cat, and a rescue lab and a rescue Doberman. Our old Dobie died last month, and I couldn't stand having an "only" dog, so we rescued another one. They're the sweetest dogs! I play bridge, do church stuff, take various classes, and go to doctors. Oh, and we remodeled a little cabin in the woods that tried to self-destruct with the help of a raccoon. VERY GROSS! It's lovely now, so if anyone needs a quiet getaway, please come and stay! We see **Tricia "Honey" Hammer** frequently, in between her work and judging horse-shows and teaching riding. She has several students who are doing well in dressage. She continues to crash on our couch whenever she comes to visit. I think it may be the only time she sleeps!"

Lynne again here: Gale wanted to let y'all know of the death of Betsy Buchanan Fishback '73. She and Honey Hammer went to the visiting hours at the Fishbacks' home in Lexington, and Gale says, "It was just so sad. She was a mover and shaker in the Lexington world of horses (hubby a partner with a large vet practice). She died in Jan. of breast cancer."

We'll try to pull together more Notes again in 6 mos. rather than a year. Please encourage any classmates you see or hear from regularly to ensure SBC has their current email address, so we can gather even more news from more people next time around.

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My dear Lady Friends. I emailed, asking for news on several life fronts: weddings (your own or family), births, achievements and awards with bragging rights allowed. So many of you responded with Ha Ha's, but a few cherished classmates provided some real news. To them, my heartfelt gratitude for sending comments, especially as

requested in 3rd person. To the rest, well, just you wait . . .

Lee Essrig, my 1st responder, wrote that no one would be able to refuse my cries for help! (*She was wrong.*) Great job! (*Obviously, NOT. I'm taking the lack of responses personally.*) Lee's favorite part about getting my emails is seeing that I'm almost as much of a night owl as she is. (*Old term paper habits die hard, don't they, Lee.*) She's going to work on thinking/making up some FL news in the near future.

May May Bryan Gay's oldest daughter Elizabeth was married this past Aug. The rehearsal dinner was at the SBC Boathouse (!) and most of the out-of-town guests stayed at the Elston Inn. The boathouse was magical. They had a bluegrass band on the deck and a full moon. May May's middle daughter, Lucy, was married in '05, and May May is now a proud grandmother to Olivia (16 mos.) One more wedding to go!

Bekki McDowell Cook attended SBC in our Freshman year. She was **Cindy Gaudio**'s roommate in Grammar. She transferred to U. MO, and graduated with a law degree, ultimately marrying a classmate, John. They had 2 children, Hunter and Morgan, now 28 and 26 and never married. She practiced law in Cape Girardeau, MO, 1st with the Limbaugh firm. She was appointed Secretary of State of MO and later elected, holding the position for 6 yrs. She returned to Cape Girardeau and is presently mostly retired, spending a lot of time at the family's home in Santa Fe, NM. She would love to hear from anyone who remembers her at bekcook@hotmail.com. Thanks, Bekki, for taking the time to respond and fill us all in!

Ann Barton Brown is happy and healthy, consulting for museums and non-profit organizations, ranging from the Latino Program at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History to a start-up Underground Railroad Museum in Kennett Square, PA. Work seems to come by word of mouth—so spread the word! To make sure her life is varied, she's just back from a 2-wk combination business and personal trip to Guatemala where she spent the night in the home of an indigenous Mayan weaver and visited upscale art galleries in Antigua looking for work by disabled artists. She enticed them to enter an international juried art exhibition of works of art by artists with disabilities for an American rehabilitation hospital where she is the consultant curator.

Bev Horne Dommerich says she doesn't have much to report, no weddings, no babies. Gratefully her boys are handsome, so there's some hope. Husband John took over the spotlight last year having been appointed by the Governor to a new circuit court position. Sometimes you have to be careful about what you wish for. He ended up with the "D" docket—detentions, divorces, and domestic violence. Bev spends her evenings cheering him up and trying to find bright spots in the day that they can discuss. Their boys will be going

to school this summer and guarding (?) the house while she and John steal away to the San Juan Islands for a wk of biking, hiking and kayaking. Then they'll take a jaunt down to San Francisco and return to FL where hopefully their house will still be standing. (NOTE: *Bev sent '08 Bermuda vacation pictures that I wish could be attached. Hmmm. Then again, maybe not—she's just too thin and too pretty. Drat.*)

The Grapevine reports that **Susan Snodgrass Wynne** is "on the go" with the new grandchild plus another son's wedding. Still, even with family additions, busy husband Dubby, demanding civic activities, plus her own agendas, I can gratefully report that Susan *always* makes time for SBC and connections with classmates.

Carol Cody Herder writes from Cancun (a business trip, really!) that being an empty nester continues to be lots of fun! She and Charlie travel a lot and go biking and kayaking on weekends when they aren't at their ranch in central TX. Daughter Sarah (26) and son-in-law Marc live and work in Austin and get away to the ranch whenever they can, which is a treat for Carol and Charlie. Son Charles (22) is a senior at MIT and will stay there for his M.A. next year. There's a serious girlfriend in the picture, but no news yet. Although the kitchen is being remodeled, the plan to downsize will have to wait. Carol is in the process of completing her application to join the DAR and is interested in family lineage. She's counting her blessings and hopes that all of our classmates are healthy and happy!

With regard to the news, cheeky **Marcia Wittenbrook** writes that since she doesn't have kids, none of them are getting married or having babies; she hasn't had a date in 7 yrs. so she's not getting married; she reads voraciously but doesn't write except for boring contracts and business letters and the wonderful limerick she wrote in 7th grade; she hasn't received any awards, but she did get a beautifully framed color Xerox certificate thanking her for 6 yrs of service on the Board of Trustees for The Old Stone Foundation; she can't draw, but she's great at paint-by-numbers because she stays in the lines; she can't sing (except for in the car and at Church where she thinks she sounds terrific) and she can't dance because she trips on her feet. She has no vacations planned because her job is being eliminated, but she's going to sleeper camp again in Jun. Maybe she'll learn some new crafts there. (NOTE: *I just want to add that Marcia's memory needs a jolt. Years ago when we lived in Washington, D.C., I begged for a pair of her ballet toe shoes. I don't know why... I thought they'd look cool hanging on the wall. I think I still have them. Perhaps an Ebay sale when Marcia is famous? Or maybe, a Reunion auction item? A treasured piece in the '72 Memory Museum?*)

Kathy Keys Graham was thrilled to have so many of her SBC friends attend her son David's wedding the weekend after Christmas in Birmingham. It was quite a

celebration with **Cutler Bellows Crockard** and Doug and **Liz Clegg Woodard** and Woody coming from Houston. **Dale Shelly Graham** and James came from Bethesda, and **Carter Frackelton** and **Ginnie B. Payne Sasser** came from Fredericksburg. **Susan Waller Nading** and Alec and **Margaret Hayes Brunstad** and Jim were wonderful and helped entertain all the out-of-town SBC guests. Son David is working on a M.A. in geotechnical engineering at Auburn U. and his bride, Ruth Ann, is working on her M.A. in secondary foreign language education, also at AU. Keys also reports that Susan is a grandmother again. Her daughter, Murray and husband Marc Bromstad had a 2nd son, Hill Waller Bromstad in Feb. Cutler also became a grandmother a few weeks later! Daughter Callie and husband J.B. became new parents to adorable son Sunny Musselman.

Elise Neeland's younger daughter, Elizabeth, got married in Feb. at a winery and resort just north of Atlanta, Georgia called Chateau Elan. The wedding and reception were so much fun, as it was like a mini-vacation for those who attended with golf, a spa, wine tasting, a hiking trail, and many restaurants available. Elizabeth and her now-husband work in Atlanta, so the location was convenient for their Atlanta friends. Liz is a public relations coordinator for an Atlanta law firm. Elise and David's oldest daughter, Leslie, and husband Thomas were expecting the Neeland's 1st grandchild, a girl, in early Apr. Elise will stay in San Francisco for 2 wks to help with the new baby, followed by David the 2nd wk. David wanted to retire from his Radiology practice, but like so many others in this economy, will need to keep working a while longer. Elise writes that the news of **Mary Phillips Donohue Carerra's** recent wedding was very exciting. Congratulations to Mary from her freshman year suitemate!

Eileen Gebrian sent a photo taken of the big 25th wedding anniversary celebration. She was draped across her husband's hospital bed. Seems that Tim Barberich couldn't wait for that total knee replacement. Or else, he knew he had to take care of it ASAP in order to keep up with Eileen. She spends much time visiting with daughters Sophie (NY) and Lily (Vancouver). No wedding plans yet for those beautiful girls.

Special thanks to all of you who reviewed my spreadsheets and plea for help in locating classmates. If you think you know how to contact one/some of the "lost," please, please contact me, jilljohnson@sisilc.us. If you aren't getting my email requests for news, please let me know. Also, should your email address change, please, please put me at the top of your notification list. For those who prefer snail mail, please, please, please send your news ANY TIME to 2012 Wolftrap Oaks Ct, Vienna, VA 22182. Collect calls accepted only in an absolute, unequivocal, really, really dire emergency.

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Nancy Lenihan Conaty writes, "As I now live in Hilton Head, I'm seeing more SBC friends in Charleston. Attended the Food and Wine Festival earlier this month and saw **Lucinda Young Larson** and Tricia Barnett Greenberg '74. Last week Lucinda and I attended the cocktail reception in honor of President Muhlenfeld and saw 3 "Janes": McFadden, McFadden and Potts, which I think gave '73 the most representatives!"

Anne Billings McDougall's household is preparing for daughter Maggie's and husband Jonathan's baby #2 in Jun. They already enjoy granddaughter Annie (18 mos.) Son Jim will be marrying in Jul. Husband Ed has taken a new job as Director of Church Planting for Central FL Presbytery, a big change from his long time career in Commercial Real Estate related businesses! In Aug. she plans to begin work on a certification in Christian counseling and they have no plans to retire at this time!

Jean Platt Rospondek writes, "I'm still giving golf lessons, which I'm thankful for in this economy. I guess people still need to relax and get exercise, and golf is more relaxing when you play better. Since I do most of my teaching in PA, while living in NJ, I'm also relieved that gas prices have come down from their \$4+ high. My younger daughter Katie moved across the country to Portland, OR last Jul. and likes it so much that she and Jon are house hunting (just in case, they rented to start). Although the \$8000 tax credit is a good incentive for them, the housing market is still pretty high in that area. Jon works for Google and Katie for the city of Portland. My daughter Jessica and her husband Vincent are still in VA, where she teaches 2nd grade and keeps busy with my 2 grandsons, Colin (4) and Grayson (2)." Jean and Stan are golfing as much as possible from FL to HH. SC to Williamsburg and VA Beach and Cancun. From the small world dept; her 2 brothers ran into **Kathy Steele** and her husband Dave at a meeting in Hershey, PA.

Jane Potts reports the SBC group had a fun party in Charleston to say good bye to Betsy Muhlenfeld, and the class of '73 was well represented! "From Charleston, we had **Jane Perry McCutcheon McFadden**, **Jane McFadden** (the REAL Jane McFadden), and **Jane Potts** (Jane must have been a popular name in the 50s!). In addition, **Lucinda Young Larson** was there, who is from Milton, MA, but has a home here in Charleston, and hopes to spend more time here. Also in attendance was **Nancy Lenihan Conaty** with husband, Jay (they have moved to Hilton Head). **Betsy Perry**, **Deborah Ziegler Hopkins** and **Terry Christovich Gay** are

coming to Charleston to visit me for the Spoleto Festival in Jun., so we look forward to that and hope that Lucinda and Nancy can join the Charleston crowd for some Spoleto events. Hey, Mac (**Mac Cuthebert Langley**), where are you?"

Jeanne Schaefer Bingham became a grandmother last year. "While my daughter Stacy works as a CPA, I take nearly full-time care of her son Brody (9 mos.). Who knows, but for my brain injury I might have missed this joy. Even tragedy can bring blessings."

Jane Perry McCutcheon McFadden was also at Helen Pruitt Butler's ('84) lovely party in honor of Betsy Muhlenfeld and enjoyed seeing '73 classmates and other SBC grads. She writes, "2008 was a difficult year for many of us in similar and different ways, but ours ended with the promise and blessing of the next generation: Emmie Wills McFadden was born 12/8/08 in Norfolk, VA. We are delighted and have joined the ranks of photo-toting grandparents."

Christine Eng Leventhal I'm teaching a new forensic science course at Darien H.S., along with genetics and science research. I love it. I still teach 1 or 2 fitness classes a week, and still take ballet. Peter is still running our natural food store, the Wilton Organic Gourmet, doing nutritional counseling, and teaching tai chi. Our oldest, Amy (29) lives in VT, and is a personal trainer and spinning instructor. Nick (26) does carpentry, fishing, painting, and Jon (21) is at U.CO Boulder. We still live in Wilton, TX.

Nan Robertson Clarke Our only news is that my husband Hal has the same job with Wells Fargo's law department that he did with Wachovia before the merger, a deputy general counsel. Anyone following all the bank layoffs knows this was huge for our family, and we are grateful. I would love to follow this with a great accomplishment of my own, but... oh well, maybe next issue! I have discovered that I have an inner "child of the Depression" in me and have been checking out books from the library (no more book stores!) and starting a small Victory garden. My late mother would be stunned!"

Laurie Norris Coccio After retiring as principal of an elem. in '07, I was able to travel with my husband—some of it business, all of it pleasure—all around the world. Some of the countries we visited include Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Eng, NZ, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Spain, China, India, and Turkey. What amazing adventures we have had. Then in 1/08 an opportunity came up for me, and I'm now the director of our town library in Milton, NY. So far, it is less than full-time work, and I can still take time off to travel. I feel very blessed to have the best of everything in my life right now.

Wendy Hoilman Robertson I'm still working for the VA Dept. of Agriculture and, besides the budget, the main news is what pest we'll be surveying next. With the global economy, along with the trade, have come

the exotic pests. It is certainly job security, but it is sad to see what our forests now have to face. I still live just off campus and see those beautiful mountains every day that the clouds haven't swallowed them. It is spring in VA and the early bloomers are in full force. My husband, Jim, continues to teach music lessons, daughter, Lisa, has moved in with us and hopes to both find a job and start some classes this fall. Life moves on. We feel blessed that we have enough at this point to stay where we are and enjoy the wonderful Blue Ridge Mountains and the lovely natural surroundings where we live.

Renee Sterling reported very exciting news. Quite an honor she was just named a "2009 FIVE STAR: Best in Client Satisfaction Wealth Manager" by Texas Monthly Magazine. This is based on consumer research and selection process and the section (with other Wealth Managers and Estate Attorneys) will appear in the 8/09 edition.

"Weezie" Blakeslee Gilpin is in her 2nd yr. as dean of students at The Bishop's School in LaJolla, CA. She writes, "I think I must have been destined to be a southern CA girl—I absolutely love it here. While the east suffers through snowstorms, I enjoy "cold" days in the 50's and the exotic day of rain every 6 weeks or so! Bob is on staff here temporarily filling in for one of our college counselors who had to relocate to Dallas. It is great having him on campus and we get to eat lunch together daily on the school terrace. He continues to run his own business doing educational consulting, so this time of year involves waiting for his clients to hear from colleges. We thought he was done with that after our 3 grew up! We leave this week for a quick trip to Costa Rica for our youngest child, Christopher's wedding. Both he and his fiancé, Allison, are lower school teachers living in NYC. Alexa is living in MD and has finished her long-awaited BA and is working for an online university. Blake turned in his doctoral thesis this week and has won a post-doc fellowship at UNC. Bob, who got his PhD at Duke, is having a hard time with the thought of Blake being in Chapel Hill. Basketball season could get ugly! Blake is getting married to Abbey Kuhe on 6/21 on Martha's Vineyard, so we get to be parents of the groom twice this spring! I went to a conference in New Orleans in early Dec. and had the chance to go to dinner with **Betsie Meric Gambel**, a real bonus. She looks terrific despite having a cold, and it felt as if we were back at SBC. I attended a wonderful SBC event here with outgoing president, Betsy Muhlenfeld. Having missed my 1st reunion, it is nice to stay connected. Please look me up if you are lucky enough to travel to San Diego."

Candace Sheffield Neilson writes, "I'm at work. It is tax season and I work in an accounting firm in New London, CT. We are VERY busy 6 days a week and happy for it! It is a blessing to have a job with the economy the way it is. Life has

been busy with 4 kids. My oldest, Sarah was married last Sept. and lives in NH. My oldest son, Matt (24) works in Norwalk, CT, but lives close enough to see us often. My 2 youngest, Kate, a senior, and John, a freshman, are at the U.C.T. They all are very active young adults and they help to keep me young—at least in my thinking!" In her leisure time Candy pursues what she loves: dancing and singing. She sings with a Sweet Adelines Chorus (4-part harmony, a cappella) out of Providence, RI. They compete internationally and are ranked 4th in the world. "I love the competitions and the performances! My husband, Keith and I enjoy ballroom and swing dancing, and I do tap, jazz and sacred dance. It's a fun way to get exercise in! I loved seeing the pictures from reunion. Everyone looked fabulous! I hope to make the next one. Through the years I have kept in touch with and seen **Betsy Thayer** and **Chris Sherwood Warner**. When we get together it's amazing how the years just melt away! It's a "Fountain of Youth" tonic!"

Lisa Fowler Winslow just got back from a wonderful vacation in Cancun with **Betsie Meric Gambel** and **Jane McFaddin** and Jane's sister Margaret (SBC '75). "We had a great time gabbing by the pool and catching up on our lives. All is going well with me – my kids are great. My son practices law in San Diego, CA; my daughter is in her 1st yr. of law school at UC Hastings in San Francisco. So I guess I'm covered in the legal area! I'm still a law librarian at a large law firm in L.A. and enjoy my work immensely. I'm playing a lot of golf and enjoying that as well."

Anita McVey O'Connor. After leaving the non-profit organization that assisted migrant farm workers and other vulnerable populations, I went to work at a senior center in Kennett Square, PA. It has been an eye-opening experience. I have learned much about the aging process, what my parents can expect in the next few yrs and what my peers and I can expect in the next 20 to 30 yrs. The transitions we (as caregivers) and our loved ones will go through can be traumatic and heart-wrenching, and the more we learn about healthy aging, residential living options, financial security in later life, the better prepared we will be for our families. The transitions can be celebratory, if we are prepared. I urge all my "sisters" from SBC to do their research, so that we can all age gracefully! As for my husband, John, he is still self-employed, but fortunately not traveling as much as he did in the past.

Diane Dale Reiling ends her term on the Alumnae Board and the Board of Directors in Apr. "I served a 3-yr. term as one of 3 Alumnae Board representatives to the Board of Directors. What an amazing 3 yrs, and what fun I have had! This year's Homecoming will showcase the new Fitness and Athletics Center, the new "Green Village"—student housing, and the Tusculum Institute (a resource center for historic preservation), as well as introduce

our 10th President. I'm so honored to have had a voice in all the decisions that led up to these exciting accomplishments and new directions for the College. I advocate being involved with your local Club, and if you are interested in doing more for SBC, please let me know because I would love to "nominate" others from our class. I have convinced my husband, Chuck, to attend my last Board meeting weekend with me in Apr. and attend Betsy Muhlenfeld's last party—maybe we will have our photo in the magazine!"

Trish Githooy O'Neill. I'm at our house in the Cotswolds at the moment. My husband Mike and I still split our time between England and HI. I just got back after taking the roundabout way . . . via Cambodia, Thailand, Bali, Singapore, Qatar and Egypt...the wonders of an around the world ticket!

Betsy Thayer is now a fully-fledged licensed clinical social worker, after a mid-life career change. "There's nothing like a little school work at mid-life to get shaken up and energized a bit! Currently I'm doing community mental health and co-occurring counseling for 2 agencies. It's great fun being an empty-nester (after a little adjusting). Generational and SBC classmate circles have come completely around at one of the agencies where the HR Director is the daughter of a good friend of my freshman roommate, **Emily Garth**. (Emily, the daughter is Charlotte Higgason Gregorie.) I feel like I'm back at SBC when I hear her charming 'southern accent'! Like many northern areas, and even the south today (3/1/09), we've had lots of snow, but most of it pretty and good for snow sports. The thought of a beautiful VA spring soon, however, is a beautiful and warming thought, compared to spring in May for us. Even though my time at our reunion a year ago was brief, it was great to see so many people, and encourage everyone to keep our 40th in mind!"

Ann Major Gibb I recently spent a wonderful weekend in D.C. with **Diane Dale Reiling** who was there interviewing the last 2 candidates for SBC president. We were able to work in a great dinner and a lovely day touring Mt. Vernon. I'm working as a grant writer for Snow Hill, a small town in MD now, in addition to my marketing job for them. An interesting job for these interesting times we live in. Our children are in Richmond, VA and Philadelphia, PA. Fun places to visit.

Kathy Pretzfelder Steele had an eventful year. "Last Sept., our younger daughter, Kelly, who trains the killer whales at Sea World, was married in Orlando. It was a beautiful day all around and we are delighted with our new son-in-law. Our older daughter, Tracy, was maid of honor. She continues her career as an attorney in Chicago. Husband Dave coaches the h. s. swim team who just finished their season with the triple crown, i.e. they won their conference, county and state championships, were voted team of the year, and

Dave was named coach of the year. As for me, I'm AVP of Business Development at the insurance company where I have worked since graduation—that must be some kind of record these days! I like my job and I have a 10-min. Commute, so it's been a good 36 yrs".

Sandra Schwartz Tropper This is my last year as the national chair for the Personal Property discipline for the American Society of Appraisers, but I continue to be very active in the education program of the ASA organization. In addition to my own practice as a fine arts appraiser, I teach Principles of Valuation courses at Pratt U., Northwestern U., the RI School of Design, and for the 1st time this summer, the U.CA at Irvine. I have recently been certified by the Appraisal Qualifications Board to also teach a course for personal property appraisers on The Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

Ginger Woodward Gast. I'm still teaching 1st grade in Fairfax, VA and will continue until youngest Katie (18) graduates from college. At this writing, She's undecided but has been accepted at several places. Katie and I had dinner with Pascal in her lovely home last summer, and it was so much fun to revisit old times. At this writing, I have no weddings, and no grandbabies with the children, but I'm looking forward to those days.

Susan Kirby Peacock just participated in the making of a home in the show Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. "It was a blast—armies of blue-shirted, white hard-hatted people (including me) scurrying around trying to tear down a house and put another one up, complete with furniture, landscaping, and the works, all in 1 week. It is amazing that this can happen. I helped paint wall murals in one of the bedrooms, a room housing 2 teenage girls. The theme of the room was "Sea and Sky," and we had fun painting fish, birds, coral, lighthouses, and lots of clouds. The show will aired on ABC on 4/12."

Peggy Cheesewright Garner completed Master Gardener's Class last spring which she found amazing, challenging and interesting. She's still in Jr. League of Seattle and 2 garden clubs in Seattle. Her husband, John, has had health challenges for 15 mos. but coming through really well. "Our daughter, Whitney, is a freshman at U. OR and really likes it. She's a math and computer whiz like her Dad . . . only 2 ½ hrs. away, so we love that. Off to Mexico for Spring Break. Yippee! I stay in constant communication with **Lisa Fowler Winslow** who says cut backs are even affecting her legal library in her law firm. Whitney and I spent a really fun weekend with her in Pacific Palisades last May. I'm also in email-communication with **Betsie Meric Gambel**, **Jane Tierney**, and **Jane McFaddin**."

Susan Dern Plank writes, "Life continues relatively uneventfully. I continue to be a 'naturalist instructor' at a NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation's education

center teaching such subjects as: exploring nature with toddlers and classes for elem. and m.s. students about insects, animal signs, ponds, streams, snowshoeing, and maple sugaring. We had a normal winter with snow this year, so I was able to go snowshoeing and cross-country skiing with friends on the trails at the center also. David and I spent time on Ambergris Caye in Belize in Nov. with our daughter, Elena, joining us from D.C. for a week; we will be returning there in May. I also serve as secretary and chair of the scholarship committee for another organization. Our association will be holding its spring meeting in conjunction with our counterparts at Union Coll. in Schenectady, NY, in 5/09 as they induct new members into their Phi Beta Kappa chapter. I had a lovely visit with **Laurie Norris Coccio** in mid-Jun. at her charming camp on Galway Lake. We had a great time catching up on news of classmates and our children. We also had friends from my days at St. Andrews visit us in 10/08; their daughter, on a semester exchange program at the RI School of Design, spent a week with us at Thanksgiving. In 1/09, I finally met the delightful SBC senior from my town, Jessica Pisciotta '09, when we belatedly celebrated SBC Day over coffee one evening. She spent her junior yr. in Guanajuato, Mexico, so we had fun comparing notes about our experiences abroad and as students returning to campus. My husband David recently completed his 10th yr. with The Gordian Group, a job order contracting firm, whose headquarters are in Maudlin, SC. In early 3/09, we attended the SBC Symposium at Mt. Vernon on George Washington's leadership and had a most enjoyable day, after spending the weekend with our daughter." She also reports that **Lucinda Young Larson's** younger son graduated from Milton Academy in the spring of '08 and had plans to attend Washington U. in St. Louis, where his studies would have a strong focus on architecture. **Ginger Woodward Gast's** mother-in-law came from IN to live with them in Fairfax, VA for awhile prior to her death at age 96. Lastly, Susan reports that "our frequent flier, **Diane Dale Reiling**, had a hand in selecting SBC's 10th president, Jo Ellen Parker. We thank her immensely for her tireless efforts on behalf of the college, serving on both the Alumnae Board and as the Alumnae Board representative to the Board of Directors for the past several yrs, flying across the country quarterly from her home in Seattle. In addition, through her efforts as president of the Seattle SBC Club, she has encouraged many young women to venture 3,000 mi. from home to attend a small women's college in VA. Hooray for Diane! She does us proud!"

We had sad news last Jan. when **Betsy Buchanan Fishback** passed away after a long battle with breast cancer. She lived in Lexington, KY, with her husband Dave and her youngest daughter Sarah who is a current student at SBC. Her oldest daughter, Leslie, lives in VA Beach with her

husband and 2 children. At SBC she was very active in the riding dept. and continued her dedication to horses throughout her life. She will be missed. I also heard from **Kris Howell** who is in Rocky Point, NC. She sent me a great flyer on her nonprofit, "The Ruffian Foundation, a Feral Cat Sanctuary" designed to help the increasing number of feral cats in the Wilmington area mostly due to rapid economic development and abandoned cats, which is a real problem. And I'm still in the process of moving 2 mi. down the road, a hint that we have not yet sold our farm, but at least we have just rented it and I can slowly discover what junk I don't need to move! Reynolds is still practicing vet. Medicine, but looks forward to slowing down to enjoy our new place. I'm painting as well, and now that spring has begun in VA I'm riding again.

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Becky Wilson McDonough resides in Hopewell and is the director of the commerce. She stays in close contact with **Pat Neal, Nonie Mickley, Missy Briscoe, and Jody Anderson**

Ann Brown Richards: Last year was one of the happiest and saddest yrs with the birth of my 1st grandson and the death of my parents within 7 mos. of each other. Next year will be my last year of teaching and I'm really looking forward to being able to travel with my husband and be a grand-mother! We are planning a spring trip to Sedona, Grand Canyon, etc. and my middle daughter who lives in Southern CA will meet us for part of the trip.

Mary Woodford reports from Washington, D.C. that there are no great changes in her life. Her stepdaughters continue to pursue their interests in grad.

school, international public health and women's American history. One will complete her M.A. this spring, and the other is working away on her Ph. D. Her husband is finding, unsurprisingly, that executive search has slowed down with the economy, and is planning for his retirement. She had 2 sad family events last year: her father-in-law passed away over the holidays at the age of 93. "He was an absolute gem and is greatly missed—still very sharp mentally, and kept involved in all our lives." The other sad event was that she had to put down the last of the 3 pets who greeted her when she married into Jim's family. "Smokey, the cat, was 16, and had learned to control both Jim and me since he had become the last surviving pet a few yrs ago." They are negotiating future pets, but haven't yet acted. Otherwise, they are trying to ignore the economy around them, and will keep themselves amused on the golf course as much as possible. Her aim to break 100 last year was not achieved, but she lives in hope in '09. Mary and Jim were heading off to Vail this weekend to ski for a week, and are hoping for fresh snowfall between now and then.

Lynn Kahler Rogerson is getting married at the end of Mar. in the Chapel at Princeton. They will be honeymooning in Bermuda and Olivia (10) will join Lynn for the last 4 days—she says: "We are going on our honeymoon!" She celebrated with **Maureen O'Hearn Slowinski** and **Sara Brady Gordon** at a tea recently, and **Norris Judd Ferguson** (who will be in New England taking her daughter to visit schools) will be at the wedding. Lynn's wedding colors are pink and green! When she returns she will have her spring trip to Europe to develop new museum exhibitions. At the beginning of the summer the happy family will move into their new home together (actually it was built in 1770), and then Bill and Lynn will take Olivia on a road-trip out West to "see America." It is a busy, but happy time!

Marilyn Moran Goerler reports big news! "In '08, I connected with a lot of family I didn't know I had, including a half-sister Emmy in CO! My son, Chris (13), and I have traveled to meet everyone, and I was so inspired that I wrote 4 books of poetry with corresponding photographs. Several poems and photos were even published in a literary magazine! Very exciting! I'm currently working part time as director of client relations for a law firm, writing press releases, newsletters, ads, and managing their website."

Caroline Bickel McLoughlin is still in D.C., married with 2 kids and enjoying sports: tennis, paddle, and golf. Caroline reports that she is looking at high schools for son Hollis for next fall, daughter Caroline is a junior at Bucknell. She is currently on UVA's program called Semester At Sea and is traveling around the world on a cruise ship of 733 college kids who have classes on board and travel when at port. They will be meeting her ship in Vietnam for their

son's spring break this Mar. Her summers are still spent on Cape Cod at their family home in Hyannis Port where Caroline visits with extended family and enjoys the break from the D.C. heat while sailing, golfing etc.

Susan Verbridge Paulson is still living in Colorado Springs, and loves her work as principal.

Andi Yellott sends a loud "Howdy!" Her son Benet (19) is in his 2nd yr at Goucher Coll., majoring in psychology, looking ahead to grad. school, and loving life and his growing abilities to psycho-analyze his family and friends. "Andrew (16) is in yr #4 of homeschooling (10th grade), looking to graduate a year early, then pursue his dreams of making music, being a sound engineer/recording technician/producer, and becoming a career criminal. He and Benet are in a band together, so our basement rocks. Ben and I still work for JHU/CTY in the Distance Writing Program. I still have McBlarney O'Pony, my Irish Cob, although not much time to ride. We also have Rollick (8), the German Wirehair Pointer, cat Homie (6), and, for reasons that escape me, Brosi Barclay (8 mos.), the Bluetick Coonhound, who is not going to be his obedience class valedictorian, I can assure you. I'm proud that my god-daughter, Sarah Balderston (Workado's kid!) is SBC Class of '09. Her younger sister, Maggie, remains at SBC to carry on the Yellott/Workado tradition of model behavior and high academic achievement. Finally, I must add that Karl Tamburr will be sorely missed by all; he was a gentleman and a scholar, and his wonderful influence both in the classroom and out will live on."

Cathy Slatenscheck's note announced, "I got married!" There is a great pic of the party at **Sally Mott Freeman's** with **Mary Beth Hamlin** and other SBCers. Slats is now living in Weems, VA, near Irvington with husband, Bill "Bo" Prillaman, who's an architect in Irvington, also the tennis pro at the Tides. She works for Rep. Rob Wittman (VA-1) as his outreach coordinator in the Yorktown office and is busy building a new home. Slats and Bo visited **Sally Old Kitchin** in her lovely new home this winter. Sally hosted a lovely evening with Sarah Longstreth Bradley '77, Chic Groves Gall '79, and yours truly, **Ann Kiley Crenshaw**. Needless to say a good time was had by all!

Sally Old Kitchin is pleased with the selection of Jo Ellen Parker to be our 10th president. "She is passionate about women's education and she has the experience to continue the momentum created by the Shape of the Future process and under the leadership of Michela English, Ginger Collier and Betsy Muhlenfeld. We are thankful for Betsy as she helped us turn the century and lead SBC to be a nationally recognized leader among women's colleges. We will miss her!"

Lisa Nelson Robertson's daughter, Elizabeth, was married in 9/08, and her oldest daughter, Laura, and husband Peter are expecting their 1st child—Lisa's 1st grandchild—in May.

Melanie Holland Rice (aka Million Dollar Melanie) advises that her Real Estate business is booming in spite of the headlines. "And both children, Carrington and Tripp, are off into the big world and paying their own bills!"

Ann Works Balderston has been at SBC a fair amount in the last 3 yrs because Sarah and Maggie are both there. "Sarah transferred in and is now a senior (a French major who wonders what job she will be able to get in this economy!), and Maggie is a sophomore, who is considering taking advantage of the opportunity to earn her M.Ed. They both love it!" Biv and Ann have been active in fundraising, and are currently serving as the Chairs of SBC's Parent Steering Committee. "Our son John is a Junior at Allendale Columbia, where I continue to spend a lot of hrs. volunteering. Our love continues to be Jackson, WY" Last year, Ann was out there for 2 mos., which was great! They all hiked and rode a lot. "All in all, we are healthy and happy I stay in touch with **Andie Yellott, Felice Ludington, Dede Alexandre LeComte** and Christy Carter Sauer '77, though not anywhere near as much as I'd like. Hope all is well with you and yours."

Dede Ryan Ale's writes from Houston that life is quiet. Both boys are in college and doing well. "I did a redo on my kitchen last summer so did not have to cook for 4 mos. During the project, Hurricane Ike hit us, so no power for a week." It really was not all that bad, but she was happy to get her air conditioning back. Dede will be at SBC in Sept. for the opening of the new gym and hopes to see a lot of familiar faces.

Ann Kiley Crenshaw My baby is in his 2nd yr at UVA. I continue to enjoy my law practice and life in general. Look forward to seeing many of you at the next Reunion.

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Ebet Little Stevens Still in Durham after 20 yrs. Our oldest daughter, Liz, a civil engineer, married her Vanderbilt classmate, Derek Detring, 2/07. They live in Perth, Australia. The SBC crowd at their wedding included **Sally Bonham Mohle, Debbie Koss McCarthy**, Ainslie Jones UHl '76 and, of course, my sister, Anne Little Woolly '83. Our daughter, Anne, is a senior at Davidson Coll., and son Rob is a junior in h. s. at Andover outside Boston, MA. Bob teaches health care marketing at UNC and Vanderbilt business schools, and I now have a little more time to work on my small sales consulting business.

Sarah Bruce Kelly Husband Frank and I relocated to the SC coast (from Richmond, VA) a couple of yrs ago. I'd

planned to at least semi-retire at that time, but I got drawn back into teaching full time. Now I'm in charge of fine arts and classical studies at a private school; I'm loving it too much to consider retiring soon. Frank, an insurance broker, hasn't retired either, but living by the ocean we feel like we're on a permanent vacation! We recently celebrated our 29th anniversary. Last summer, Frank's insurance sales won us a week-long cruise along the Rhine, from Zurich to Amsterdam. From there we rented a car and drove down to Belgium, where we spent another week touring around and visiting friends. We have 2 children, Frankie (28) and Mary Catherine (22). Frankie, a UVA-graduate, is a rising golf pro and works at a country club in Pawley's Island, SC. Mary Catherine graduated from Longwood U. and teaches Kindergarten at St. Christopher's School in Richmond, VA.

Elvira Cash Pecora Life in Chapel Hill continues. We had a snow storm, all of 3", but everything came to a standstill. My husband still works for NY Life selling annuities, long term health care, and life insurance. I'm taking a break from teaching 4-yr-olds and am now in retail at Talbots. I love leaving my job at my job, and although I miss the children, I don't miss writing lesson plans, progress reports, and dealing with temper tantrums. Our boys are well. Greg (23) works in the career counseling dept. of the 3rd Chapel Hill h. s. and coaches the men's soccer team; he graduated from Denison U. in OH in 5/08; Kent (20) is a sophomore at Dickinson Coll. in PA, studying Physics and running cross-country and track. On my last trip to PA, I stopped in at SBC and was amazed at all the improvements to the campus. I attended a SBC luncheon here in Chapel Hill and met some new folks. I see **Debbie Koss McCarthy** often and hear from **Janet Myers Deans, Peggy Hailey Sheehan, and Marianne Hutton Felch**. As always, the welcome mat is out for those passing through.

Cindy Kendree Thiering Recently, I spent time with Barbara Morgan. She was the #2 teacher for the NASA teacher in space program. Christa McAuliffe was the #1, and she perished in the 1986 Challenger disaster. After the Challenger Disaster, NASA determined that anyone going up on a mission needed to be trained as an astronaut. So Barbara Morgan went through over a 2-yr. astronaut training program, and 8/07 went up to the ISS (International Space Station) where she worked unloading the pay load (supplies for the ISS) and conducted experiments to be shared with students in classrooms back on Earth. As you already know, I have participated in both Space Academy and then last summer in Advanced Space Academy. After only a few weeks of rigorous astronaut training, I would say that being an astronaut is "out of this world." In 2/09 I'm headed to Houston to present at the SEEC (Space Exploration Educators Conference). I'll be teaching teachers how to inspire their students through math, science and tech-

nology curriculum based on the instruction of Space.

Jean Romanske Zaniewski I'm enjoying retirement with husband Ken, son Eric (12), and daughters Iika (9) and Alice (6). The year's highlight was attending the inauguration with my son.

Debbie Koss McCarthy I continue to love my work as Exec. Director of the Augustine Project, a non-profit literacy program serving low-income children and teens throughout the Triangle and now replicated in 6 other cities. David is consulting with UNC-Chapel Hill, and we have fun visiting son, Alex, in Manhattan and daughter, Courtney, and her husband, John, in Atlanta. We had a great vacation in Spain with Courtney and John last summer.

Dee Hubble Dolan I've thrown myself into my company this year and it's going great guns. Dignity Care Services provides companionship and transportation for the senior sector of the population. It is such a rewarding professional adventure! My husband, John, passed away 7/4/08 after only 8 yrs. of marriage. I'll live the rest of my life missing him, but am fortunate for the time we had together. **Nina Baker Neal** and **Barb Bernick Peyronnet** helped me through this sad experience. Now, I have a new home and plenty of loving critters to keep me company. Amy, my stepdaughter in Lexington, VA, is quite busy with Will (2) and Cate (8 mos.). Anyone have a pony to sell for my grandkids? Recently it snowed a foot here in Powhatan, VA, so I hooked up the sleigh to Banner and took a bunch of kids and seniors for a ride. I'll never grow up.

Kate McIlhinny Montgomery I hope to direct another film soon and am meanwhile busy writing 2 new screenplays and trying my hand at a novel. My daughter, Suzanne, will graduate from Kenyon Coll. this spring. She was in Paris all last year with SBC's program, which she loved (and so did I as I managed to visit her twice!) My son Del is a junior in h. s. just starting to look at colleges, including a few on the east coast. My husband Doug is still in real estate investment and cyber security. We just crossed the \$1 million mark in net funds raised for our local Children's Hospital with an annual benefit called "Chase the Blues."

Becky Mayer Gutierrez My family is growing, and I love it. I have 2 grandsons, Gavin (2), and Gauge (1)—Anthony's—and a new grandchild due 3/19—George's. Grandchildren are absolutely the best. My youngest son, Mike, is graduating in Jun. and leaves in Jul. for the Army. It's an honorable thing to do, but scares me a lot. He's going to St. Louis to become an MP. Teaching 5th grade in Greenfield, MA, at the m. s. Have always taught at an elem. before, and this just confirms why I did. I hate being run over by 7th-graders as big or bigger than me. Trying to keep paying the bills like everyone else. Now the MA governor wants to add a 19 cent-tax to a gallon of gas. Let's hope that doesn't happen. Finishing up my M.A., happy and blessed.

Linda Guardabassi Michael 8/08 our middle son Paul married Kimi. They live in Wake Forest, NC, and are getting their M.A. of divinity at the seminary there. When they graduate in '11 they'll be sent somewhere in Southeast Asia as missionaries. Oldest son Andrew got his undergrad degree and is now getting his degree in nursing. Daughter Krista will attend Miami of OH U. in fall and will join their equestrian team. In fall, Doug and I will become empty-nesters and move into a new stage of life. Doug works full time. I'll be figuring out what to do when I grow up. I'm hoping to go on a mission trip with my church to Cuba. I saw Kari Shipley when she visited me in Ft. Lauderdale in Feb. All is well with her and she continues to be an excellent painter.

Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn All is well at the Cohn household. In Jun., our oldest, Clayton (22), will complete his term of service with the U.S. Marine Corps, which included 2 tours to Iraq. It'll be nice to have him close to home when he starts classes at DePaul U. in Sept. A special thanks to all our men and women in the military for their service. Our 2nd son, Cliff (19), is a sophomore at Vanderbilt. He loves the school and is playing club rugby. He spent spring break with other Vanderbilt students on a house-building mission to Uruguay last year. This year they just returned from a similar mission in Rio de Janeiro. He also spent 2 wks in Israel last summer. Our twins, Charlie and Will (14) are h. s. freshmen. They play hockey and lacrosse. We spent winter break in UT skiing. It was a special time for Stuart and me to have all of our boys together. Clay hadn't made this ski trip in 5 yrs because of his deployments or training, and he managed to join us this year while on a 96-hr. leave. I'm still working full time—just marked my 19th anniversary as General Counsel at Chicago Underwriting Group.

Stella Wright Martin I don't remember the last time I relayed news, so let's catch up! The biggest news is that I'm a grandmother! Oldest son Everett and wife Laura had Thomas Everett Martin V (Rett) on 12/1. They live in Tulsa, OK, and all are doing great. I can't believe that we're all old enough for the next generation. In my mind, but obviously not my mirror, I'm still 20-something and will hopefully keep this delusional feeling for many yrs to come! Youngest son George is a junior/senior at U.AL and loving every min.; he's figured out how to squeeze 1 more football season as a student out of life. Tom and I have been married for 27 yrs. and business partners for 6 yrs. We're together all the time and having a ball! We don't make anything that is a necessity of life, but life is good and business is good. I know we're in a recession, but we have decided not to participate and most of our stores are doing the same! We own 2 companies and manufacture and sell gift products to stores all over the country through all the wholesale gift marts. Twice a year I make the rounds of gift marts in Atlanta, Dallas, Boston, Chicago,

L.A., Seattle and NY, and twice a year I go to China and Hong Kong to develop more products. I never know what time of year or even what year it is—I'm currently working on spring '10, just finishing the designs for Holiday '09. I'd love to visit with anyone and everyone in these points around the globe! Now for a little shameless promotion. . . the brands are Fine Whines, Bellemonde, Noble Initials and Gerard Puvis Collection. Fine Whines is a whimsical, yet sophisticated (if I say so myself) line of products poking fun at life through acronyms (P.M.S.: Punishing My Spouse). Somehow a lot of them do have a festive cocktail theme (r.i.c.h.: Relax It's Cocktail Hour), and our new acknowledgement of the current state of the economy, p.o.o.r. (Proudly Only Offering Rot-Gut). My research and development department is the corner wine store! The creative juices do flow with the aid of wine, and I do believe I developed this skill in the wee morning hours after the parties had ended in The Pit! Bellemonde is predominately a luggage line, good prices and good-looking, and our Gerard Puvis line is all about entertaining with a French flair, our trays and plates feature the intoxicating sculptures of this famous French wine artist. End of advertisement! Ya just can't get rid of the salesman—I love to sell! We're working harder than we have ever worked, and as a friend in the biz said, I'd love to cut down to half days—7 a.m. to 7 p.m.! The joys of having your own business! We still live in Atlanta, and when not on the road for biz or pleasure we love to travel home to AL. Eventually it's our plan to move to AL—no retirement in sight, just move to AL and keep traveling the globe as much as possible. I'd like to keep my bags packed and on the go all the time.

Stephanie Maxson Kenyon: The Maxson-Kenyon household continues at its hectic pace. The oldest son made the varsity baseball team and has had multiple (fortunately relatively minor) injuries this year to keep us on a 1st-name-basis with the folks at Urgent Care. The youngest is enjoying m. s. while I continue teaching 6th grade, and my husband is working as a full-time substitute in 2nd grade. We're off to the spring baseball tournament in Charleston in Apr. and, as always, looking forward to summering in ME.

Barb Bernick Peyronnet: We're well. Maggie (19) is enjoying her freshman yr. at W&M and Annie (14) will start h. s. in the fall. Doug and I just try to keep up! I'm still snow-skiing and golfing. In May, I celebrate 5 yrs. cancer-free; last Oct. my 9-hole group raised \$39,000 for VCU Massey Cancer Center, and I'm walking in the Ukrops 10k 3/28 to raise money for cancer research.

Libby White Drbal: All is fine here, with Drew (18) loving college life at Elon U. outside of Greenville, NC. He joined a fraternity, so is not hurting for a social life. Tyler (16) is experiencing the "only-child-syndrome" and is missing his big bro. As

a sophomore, he's busy with lacrosse this season and Boy Scouts and continues pursuing his interest in acting. I enjoy working part time at a saddler, dabbling in the horse world again and easing out of running the Boy Scout Troop, finally. Doug travels quite a bit out West with Pfizer Animal Health and is active in Boy Scouts as a scoutmaster. An 80 lb Golden Retriever "puppy" (11 mos.) is keeping us "young." It was great to catch up with Meg Richards Weiderseim '78 in New Hope, PA, for lunch. Hoping to see **Maggie Shriver, Jo Jo Scott Busey, Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn**—all '77 grads, Addie Eshbach Donnolly and Meg Weiderseim '78 and Keedie Grones Leonard '76 in a lakeside cabin this Jul. We're workin' on it.

And I, **Sally Bonham Mohle**, am making another change: by the time you get this, Pete and I will have moved to the Richmond, VA area, to another 55+ community, courtesy of the recession. Our niece lives there; we're looking forward to seeing her and her family more often. If you didn't get an email from me soliciting your notes, then I don't have your current email address. Please email it to me at the address shown above. Also, I have created a group for our class to reconnect on Facebook and we have 20+ members. Please join us if you're on Facebook.

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Life continues to be busy for all of us with holidays, celebrations, and all the day-to-day activities and challenges that come with it.

Lee Corollo Boyes was thrilled to have gotten a clean bill of health after her 2nd round of chemotherapy for breast cancer and continues with teaching h. s. chemistry. She also does a little consulting on the side with a company called Clean Air Challenge, helping teachers implement new "green" curricula. She is about 50 mi. north of San Francisco, but her son, who lived and taught in San Diego, was about to move to WI. "Culture and weather shock!" Her husband sells promotional products for conferences.

Cathy Mellow Golterman was at the "decision making" time with her h. s. seniors, twins Catherine and Christen. Catherine chose Westminster in Fulton, MO, while Christen was still undecided between Westminster and Ole Miss. Their graduation present came a little early in the form of a Western Caribbean cruise for the whole family, a long time in the making! Woody was finishing up his sophomore yr in h. s., playing a lot of tennis. They'll all be working at Burr-Dak Camp as counselors (Cathy as assistant director) this summer, then go up to Minocqua, WI "for summer skiing, sailing, bar-b-queing, shopping and family bonding." *Lee, have your son get in touch with Cathy. Her WI sounds pretty nice! (Don't know*

about the winters though.)

After living further south for many yrs, **Carey Johnson Fleming** was "desperate for winter to end," but was in the throes of the NY State Hockey Championships. Ian, a junior in h. s., is quite a player and his team was on to the Nationals if they won! Ian had been accepted into the Summer Session at the Naval Academy in late May to have a taste of the "plebe" experience. He'd like to study aeronautical engineering there, but they all realized the long process that lies ahead with the application. (Is there anyone that might be able to help with the nomination end of things?) Ian's other interest is golf. Carey's and David's older son, David, is a firefighter in Charleston, SC, and just bought a house. Carey was hoping that he would continue with his education. He was studying for his entrance exam, with interest in getting his M.A. in Public Administration. Carey was excited about her jobs that had developed. She works 20 hrs a week consulting with a group that handles drug and alcohol prevention programs, and she also works 10 hrs a week at the Therapeutic Riding Center. "It's perfect!" She and David were able to fit in a trip to Mt. Vernon to attend the SBC event, where they met up with **Paula Brown Kelley**

Donna Mihalik J. G. Lee wrote in: "I was a featured reader at the *Poetic Voices Without Borders 2* and Small Press Month celebration at the New York Center for Independent Publishing, Mar. My poems "Blue Dusk" and "The Women" appear in the anthology. I'll be a featured reader at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in the Princeton (NJ) MarketFair on 9/14/09. My poem "A Life of Blood" appears in the anthology *Women. Period*. My poem "Country" appears in the journal *genre: arrivals and departures* (<http://www.csulb.edu/colleges/cla/departments/complit-classics/genre/index.htm>). My husband's poem "I'm Dennis" is online (spring 2009 issue of *Umbrella: A Journal of Poetry and Kindred Prose*): <http://www.umbrel-lajournal.com/>; click on *Wondrous Strange*. Dennis's poem "My Jesus" appears in *sub-Terrain* magazine, Canada.

Lura "Lu" Litton Griffin wrote in: "Things are busy here with Sarah's senior year! She decided on NC State U. in Raleigh. Her plans at this point are to major in biological sciences with a concentration in human biology and then apply to pharmacy school. Everything we've seen at NCSU has appealed to her. She wants to study abroad one semester and become fully bilingual in Spanish before she enters pharmacy school. NCSU emphasizes that they're a big school with a small school feel. Though I'm not a fan of large schools, they are doing everything right for her! She's doing great in h. s. and will graduate in the top few of her class. She's considering applying for a special research job at NCSU this summer for lab experience, but also thinking about working in a local pharmacy.

Ivey is so tall you wouldn't know him! About 6 ft! He loves 9th grade and all the social things. He's in a public h. s. that just

opened this year about 5 min. from our house. He's adjusted well moving from his 80 student K-8 private school. He swims for a USA team year round and in addition lettered in cross country and swimming for his school. His swim team went to the state meet and came in 4th across the whole state! He's on the track team now and doing well on it also! He made the A honor roll so we have no complaints. He's training for a triathlon on 4/4 and getting ready to start his Eagle project in Boy Scouts. He's a great drummer and plays daily.

Alan is doing well and has recovered fairly well from his fall a year ago. Still has some issues with his teeth that they're working on. Business is slow, slow, slow. Know anyone who needs a multimillion dollar house built in Linville, NC?

I'm working now and then when there is work. Not too much money available to write grants for right now. Most foundations/donors have pulled back after 10/08, not knowing what to do with their principles decreased by 25%+. It's wait and see for most. There's lots of mom support work to do for Sarah as she applies for scholarships and such. Driving Ivey here and there. Keeping our home lives sane. Alan is continuing to work very long hours.

Deb Davison Klein is enjoying being an empty-nester with husband Terry (skiing a lot, a trip to Sun Valley) and is still in Real Estate. Her passion is still riding and showing hunters and jumpers on the CA A Circuit, but she and a friend had each written a book last summer, the first 2 in a series of books they have in their heads ("about divorce and the crazy life it entails; I can't tell the title yet, but it is hysterical. It's funny and sad and a *great* survival guide"). They were looking for an editor to help with rewrites, and then a publisher. ("Anyone in the publishing business?") Deb's son Peter is attending the Kimberton School in PA, near his Dad, and "is definitely my East Coast Child, loving the lifestyle of the easterners as opposed to Californians." After spending half of his junior yr in Laguna Beach, he decided to head east in Jan. Deb's older son, Bo, lives nearby in Newport Beach, CA. She and Terry get to see him "when he is desperate for a home-cooked meal, and doesn't have any parties to attend." Daughter Whitney graduated from CO U. in Boulder and decided to stay there to look for work. She was seeing a boy from Atlanta, "so who knows where Whitney will end up!"

With all of the economic upheaval, **Lenore Cox** was happy to have been transferred by her company, Genworth Financial, to Richmond. There were 1000 people laid off, and only 30 transferred. She was thankful to be among the 30! Lenore was in the process of planning a brief escape next Aug. to the beach, to get away "from all of the grim financial news." Hope it is better by now!

Betsy Hurley admitted that she was at the stage of life where "no news is good news," but had just gotten back from a

Patrick's Day with family "Beautiful, warm weather never gets old . . . I could get used to that climate!"

Edie Baird became a great-aunt! Her oldest nephew and wife had a boy this past Mar. She's learning to knit in a mission group at her church. "I enjoy it and it gave me a creative outlet in the cold weather! Now that spring is here, I'm back in the yard gardening. It's always good to have those kinds of 'outlets,' although I'd consider it more like 'therapy' sometimes! Other 'outlets' include getting together with friends, old and new, catching up and sharing life's experiences. **Lauren Place Young** and **Chris** are doing an incredible job on their 1880s house in VT. A Valentine's visit proved to be chilly outside with lots of snow but toasty inside! The views were spectacular. **Julie Pfautz Bodenstab**, **Mimi Borst Quillman** and I were able to finally get together for a fun evening in Apr., commiserating over the many challenges and joys of raising boys! The Limoncello was a nice treat too!

With all classes allowed to include information in all issues of the Alumnae News, I'll continue to send out electronic reminders for the Class Notes periodically. However, I will send out a "snail mail" note once a year in late summer, so that everyone will have an opportunity to submit their news. Email addresses change, as do physical addresses. Please let me, or the school, know if yours have changed. I know that many of you didn't receive the most recent email. Many apologies. If you could please send me a short note from your current email address, with SBC '78 in the subject line, that would help me verify my information. Hope you have all enjoyed your spring, and have lots to tell next time! Be well.

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Elizabeth Connor Kelly wrote in to the Alumnae Office: Although I have managed to be in Louisville, KY, for the 135th Derby plus celebrate my father's 80th birthday, I must return to New Zealand before our 30th reunion. I'm sad to miss returning to SBC. I'm still dancing and performing. A small group of us performed a contemporary dance piece in our park's Festival of Lights in Jan., plus I've done improvising for young children celebrating their school's birthday. I also work privately as a dance/movement therapist. Steve is a child/adolescent family psychologist at the hospital in our town New Plymouth, New Zealand. Our son Patrick (17) won the 200- and 100-meter butterfly at the NZ division swim meet. Next year he'll swim at the division I meet (national age groups). He's

attending a global young leader's congress in Washington, D. C. and NY in Jul. with mates from his school (New Plymouth Boy H. S.) Then he goes to Houston to attend the International Space School as the 1 boy (there's also 1 girl) from NZ. This has been his dream since he was 3 (loved *Apollo 13*). He wants to return to the USA to study aeronautical and space engineering. Teague (12) won his intermediate school debating trophy last year and also does sudo and swimming and just started playing bassoon. Patrick plays violin. Life is good in Aetearoa (land of the long white cloud). I'm grateful for all my blessings.

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Toni Santangelo Archibald writes: All is well here in NY. I'm still working as the director of alumnae relations and special events at my h. s., School of the Holy Child, in Rye working part time 3 days a week. It's a great job for me. Eldest son Johnny graduates from U.CO Boulder in Dec. majoring in civil engineering, son Franny is a freshman at the U.S. Naval Academy playing football, and daughter Sara is a junior at Rye h. s. I enjoy connecting with many SBC classmates on Facebook, so much fun! Chip and I enjoy playing golf and are traveling to Annapolis for football games.

Randie Benedict will be leaving Garrison Forest School after 19 yrs of being the Director of Admission and Financial Aid and will become the Head of School at The Ellis School in Pittsburgh, an all-girls PK-12 day school. The family will move in Jun., so if you're in Pittsburgh, please look us up. We'll have a guest room for visitors! Parker will be a senior in 9/10—the Centennial Class at Garrison Forest—and was elected Student Body President, very exciting. She's been living in the dorm for the 2nd semester this year, as she is enrolled in our coordinate program with JHU and is studying with an environmental engineer. Lex has taken some time off this year and is now back in school trying to decide what he would like to concentrate on going forward and Ben is busy with his manufacturing job which has him traveling all over the U.S., and he's cooking up some "green" ideas as well. Randie looks forward to catching up with you this fall, I hope.

Silky Hart writes: I got married in Oct. to Tom Michero! We 1st met 29 yrs ago, crossed paths again 3 yrs ago and finally had our 1st date 1 ½ yrs ago. I'm VERY HAPPY! We bought a darling house in the historic district of McKinney, TX. Recently, I received a small business development grant to relaunch my business, Expressive Hart. I'm transitioning from working with an agency (A.R.T.S. for People) as an expres-

sive arts therapist to setting up my own shop. Also, it has been so much fun to reconnect with SBC classmates on Facebook!

Pam Koehler Elmets writes: Hi from CA. The twins are in college, **Andrew** at USC and **Lauren** at Santa Clara. Both are happy, which reminds me of my great 4 yrs at SBC. **Caroline** is in 7th grade and has a new puppy! In Jul. **Doug** and I will have been married for 25 yrs! I had the pleasure of visiting the Elmets clan in SF last Apr.—whata treat to meet **Caroline** and here about their goings on

Anne Secor still lives in the woods north of Montréal with twin girls **Romy** and **Naia** (going on 3) and husband **Steve**. Been doing Web design for US and CA clients, and **Steve** is consulting with an agency that services the airlines. Enjoying precious time with the girls. They bring so much joy.

Jeanne Davis Harris writes: Big year for the class of 1980 with 50th birthday celebrations! Celebrated with classmates in **Mary Esther**, FL & VA Beach with classmates **Fanny**, **Lillian**, **Catherine**, **True**, **Barbera**, **Carole**, **Lisa**, **Liz**, **Georgia** & **Ginny**. Lots of laughing . . . and drinking! Went to Paris with my sister last spring, traveled to Aix en Provence and stayed with **Jill Steenhuis** and her family. Extremely memorable trip! Saw **Jill** again this past summer in the Highlands, NC. I continue to be active with the NJ SBC Alumnae Club and fundraising. My daughter **Leigh** is going to **Furman** fall of '09. If you know of anyone going there, let me know: jharr@nac.net.

Susie Smith Kemp **Brad** and I are doing great. We hosted an art show with **Kim Fuller** last fall for **Jill Steenhuis**. It was fun seeing her again. Saw her last summer in France. **Michelle** (18) graduates from **Casady** this year. 1st one to leave the nest. She hasn't decided where she'll be attending college.

Beth Fletcher Lubin **Lilian**, you are a trooper to do this job again. Thank you! **Marvin**, **Hill**, and I are all good. **Hill** turned 21 on 2/29, which we didn't have this year, but he's legal nonetheless. We celebrated 25 yrs of bliss last summer and will hopefully make it to 26! We see **Georgia** and her brood regularly, which we love. Just rocking along, much poorer, like most of the world. Oh well, things just have to get better. We all have soon-to-be college graduates looking for employment! Love to you and yours. Take care.

Allison Becker Chapman still lives in Austin with husband **Ronnie**, daughter **Sara** (11), and Boston Terrier **Mia**. Loves working in the Intensive Care Unit and planning to enter an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program in the fall.

Lind Robinson Bussey writes she has taken up the game of golf at 50—not very pretty! "But even more so, can you believe we're all 50! Our daughter is in the world of the employed for now (yeah!) and has a serious boyfriend. Both sons seem to be taking a very long time to complete their Ole Miss college educations. **John** and I are enjoying life and having fun!"

Here is my update—I got together with **Sally Gray Lovejoy**, **Janel Hughes Wiles** and **Lisa Falkner D'Hara** in Sept. We all met at Sally's condo in Kiawah, SC. The weather was perfect and we had a great time catching up.

Kim Wood helped **Susie Smith Kemp** host an art show for **Jill Steenhuis Ruffato** in Oct.—a huge success. "Susie's house was perfect for the event and we all had a great time. Life is super busy for me working 7 days a wk. I still work as a travel agent 3 days a wk and then I spend the rest of the time at **Therapeutics** working with my husband **Bryan**. I'm hoping all our hard work will pay off someday. Anyone looking for great anti-aging products should visit our Web site at www.therapeutics.com. We also have products that treat **Eczema**, **Rosacea**, **Psoriasis**, and **Radiation Dermatitis**. We are hopeful that '09 will be a big year for us and that our products become nationally known. We did manage 3 quick get-a-ways, all in Mexico: **Play Del Carmen** in Apr. to celebrate my 50th, **Puerto Vallarta** for Thanksgiving, and **Cozumel** in Dec. to celebrate our 21st wedding anniversary. Looking forward to seeing everyone next May (2010) at the 30th Reunion!"

Carson Freemon Meinen keeps waiting for life to slow down a little bit, but so far no such luck. "Our son **Burk** graduated from TX A&M last May, so we are halfway there. **Caroline** is due to graduate from A&M next May, so we're on the downhill slope. **Ed** and I are looking forward to a cruise of the Greek Isles this Aug. Work continues to occupy most of my time that isn't taken up with my new Golden Retriever puppy. **Ed** says I needed something to fill my empty nest. Hope all is well with you. **Caroline** still talks about how much fun she had when she came to our 25th Reunion. I can't wait until the next one."

Nancy Bade Fuller **Caroline** (26) married in Aug. to a wonderful boy she met at Vanderbilt. He's an officer in the Marines and heads to Afghanistan in May. **Elizabeth** (23) graduated from GA and is living in Austin. **Craig** (16) is at Woodberry Forest in Orange, VA, so we spend a lot of time in VA. **Drew** and I are still in San Antonio, trying to get used to the empty nest. Call if you come to town.

Lisa Heisterkamp Davis had that "milestone" birthday and intends to "celebrate all year. A trip to Aruba with a girlfriend was my 1st indulgence. We had drinks with umbrellas in them and laughed a lot. **Augusta** is a freshman at **Hobart** and **William Smith Coll.** Every time she tells me it's cold, I don't say "I told you so!" She will, once again, work with **Mary Gearhart '78** at **Raquette Lake** this summer. **Dash**, a junior at **Cambridge School of Weston**, is livin' that sweet 16 life. **Josh** is using the business downturn to devote himself to physical fitness and have some of the fun he didn't have when he was working so hard the last 20 yrs! I'm finally a grad. student in a M.A. program in **Clinical Mental Health** at **Lesley U.** in **Cambridge, MA**. I just asked for my

1st extension on a paper! Try that if you want to feel young. Regards to all.

Sandra Rapaccioli Padilla This past year I had to do lots of traveling since my husband Max was assigned the office in Montevideo, Uruguay. He traveled back and forth from Managua to Uruguay from Apr.–Dec., and I went to see him a few times. This year his is going only once a month. I was able to visit with **Toni Santangelo** and **Francie Root** in May in NYC. In Jun. we went to Chile, Argentina and Uruguay. It was fun for the 3 young ones, since they had not seen snow. We went to the skiing area in Santiago. Max and I took Max Carlos and Jorge during their college spring break to Peru, to see the Machu Picchu ruins. It is breathtaking, a trip that I recommend to everyone!

Kate Sharp (Belle): Kate works as a legal aid attorney and loves it. Daughter graduating from college and going to China for a year. Son is going into senior yr in h. s. and is quite the hockey player. Kate joined Facebook recently . . . "what a 'hoot'!" (katebelle@comcast.net or katesharplaw@comcast.net)

Elizabeth Thorsey aka Beth Purdy: Britt (19) returned home from a year working in Paris and London and is now officially a 1st-yr. at UVA and has pledged the Kappa Kappa Gamma (KAPPA) house. Katherine (16) is a sophomore in h. s. busy with soccer, friends and, above all else, music. I still run my search firm and riding every chance I get. I hope to be competing at I-1 this spring. Just survived a kitchen remodel which I *think* was worth the stress. Rich and I are busy with work supporting all of us. Best wishes to all!

Missy Gentry Witherow: I'm here and waiting for each of you to return for our 30th Reunion! We are living in Charlottesville, VA, and are busy with family and work and watching our girls grow up too fast!

Susan Gentry Taylor is still with British Airways (19 yrs in Apr.). Still married to the same fellow (30 yrs last 9/24) "His name is Patrick Taylor. No kids of our own, we borrow nieces and nephews and their kids! In our minds, we're grandparents 6 times over! Still traveling as much as possible. Next is a big family trip to the Mayan Riviera in May. I'm also starting to plan a group trip to Oberammergau, Germany, next year to see the Passion Play, which only happens every 10 yrs. That should be a *great* one! Another trip I'm planning is to see my "Glass" dorm-mate, **Sandra Rapaccioli Padilla**, in her native Nicaragua where she now lives with her husband and 5 kids! By the way, Gentry is my maiden name, and Taylor is my married name, and my name is *only* hyphenated in British Airways. Everywhere else, Gentry is my middle name now."

Phyllis Watt Jordan still works at the *Washington Post* as MD editor. These are tough times for newspapers, between the economic downturn and the migration of readers and advertising to the Web. But

the *Post* is a good place to weather the storm. She lives with her husband, a Navy JAG, and kids in northwest D.C. Miranda (11) shows real talent as a writer and artist. Jake (10) loves history, science, and science fiction.

Pam Leuzinger Williams I live in the Richmond area where I spend most of my time selling houses, playing tennis/hanging out with the girls, learning golf (a good midlife crisis/50+ sport) or running around for my boys. Trip attends St. Christopher's; Will is finishing up at U.A.L. A big hello/smooches to Quela, Susie, Rube, Cammie, Nancy, Anne, Cackie, Lisa & Mary!

Georgia Schley Ritchie is General Counsel for a real estate developer and hanging in there! "Son Addison turned 16 in Sept., and India is 13, but still proud to be able to say I have 1 child under 10—Tallulah is 9! Tallulah and I just returned from a *fun* weekend in NYC with Francie Root. Looking forward to reunion #30 in 2010!

True Dow Datillo The yrs have flown by, haven't they? 30th reunion is looming, OMG My work here at Phillips Exeter is the same, unlike my 2 boys (16 and 17) who are moving through adolescence too quickly for my liking. I relish the time my SBC buddies and I've been able to be together this past year, especially VA Beach walks and the life-line of emailed photos & updates afterwards. Barby, Lil, Schneids, Jay, Ginny-sue, Carol billy b-bisquit, Catherine,Fanois, Georgia, Liiiiiz, and those unable to be at 2 places at once . . . I love you all! 50 is a wonderful time to be alive. Oh, was in Ireland seeing to my aunt Martha Fehsenfeld's book signing, getting rave reviews already, about Samuel Beckett's Letters. Am on my way to Italy to celebrate husband Lou's big birthday in his family's hometown, Guilianova. How cool will that be! Jet-setting yayas, move over.

Tish Longest Tyler. I'm coming up on my 25-yr anniversary with the Attorney General's office in Richmond. I still greatly enjoy my work. I traveled to France with some friends in 9/08 and spent 1 wk at a language school and the 2nd wk touring the Loire Valley, ending in Paris. I traveled to Paris in 2/09 for vacation—the highlight of this trip was taking a fun (and delicious) pastry course with a French pastry chef! I chat and visit with **Carolyn Birbick Thomason** (Wilmington, NC) frequently.

Fran McClung Ferguson. After spending the winter as an unemployment statistic, I'm starting a new job on 4/1 as the director of development at the VA Museum of Transportation here in Roanoke—trains, planes, and automobiles! Husband Norman works at VT. Son Robert is a sophomore at Lenoir-Rhyne U. in Hickory, NC, studying to become a m. s. science teacher. Daughter Carol is a freshman at SBC this year, and my niece Julia McClung graduates this spring. They are the 4th generation in my family at SBC. It's wonderful to have the college that meant so much when we were there still be so wonderful

today, and it's been gratifying to get to go back and watch the new gym finally rising, that our class worked so hard to bring about. Viva the pink and green! I can't wait for our next reunion! Thanks for all you do!

Thanks to all of those who emailed me, and to those of you who did not, make sure SBC has your current email address, so I can include you in the magazine. As for moi, **Lillian Sinks Sweeney** aka Muffit: Still living in Pgh—I'm now Educational Coordinator at Family Hospice and Palliative Care. An exciting "big" job to keep all staff in compliance and competent to take care of the dying. Son, Taylor (16) is thankfully too busy to get the old driving license! He's very involved in musical theater and rifle team. Yes, they give loaded 22's to teenage boys and girls! Husband John is still an evangelist for new technology in the printing industry. I hope everyone will be thinking of our next reunion; it's always a ball!

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In spite of her busy life, **Heather Pirnie-Albert** was the 1st to share her news; thank you Heather! She and the family relocated 15 mi. outside of Nashville, TN, where they enjoy their brand new home where "everything works properly and is under warranty." Heather is in her 2nd tax season with Direct Tax Services and likes the challenge of building a business from the ground up. Now based in the greater Nashville and Tampa areas, the main focus of this expanding business is auto insurance (located in the southeast area). Husband Michael is finishing his teaching certification, student teaching in fall, and will become fully certified. He hopes to teach either m. s. or h. s. in early 2010. Daughter Rebecca (24) is in Atlanta, working as a case assistant at a major law firm while sister Samantha (19) is a freshman at Sewanee: The U. of the South. She made Dean's list her 1st semester and is enjoying college life. Last summer, the family took a Caribbean cruise, followed by a trip to Williamsburg, VA, to celebrate Heather's parents' 50th anniversary. She and Mike celebrated 26 yrs of wedded bliss in Mar. and will mark the occasion with their own family cruise this May. The celebration will continue in CT for Mike's parents' 50th anniversary celebration in Jun.

A true NJ girl **Deborah Price-Bowman** enjoyed seeing Bon Jovi and

Bruce Springsteen both in NJ in '08. When not rocking & rolling, she and the family took a beach vacation in the Mayan Riviera in Mexico for winter break. Deborah writes that children, husband, and dog are all doing well.

Surviving a cold winter and looking forward to spring, **Liz Hoskinson** writes from Bronxville, NY. Liz thrives on teaching, writing, and riding which has been minimally impacted by the poor economy. Liz hopes fellow classmates are as fortunate as she has been and are surviving the downturn. She achieved certification in equine sports massage therapy, thoroughly enjoys doing energy work clinics, and working with "just about anything with a pulse."

Gracie Tredwell-Schild sends her greetings from cold and snowy Mossingen, Germany, where she enjoys teaching English part time and bird watching. On Fri 3/13, Gracie's lucky day, she was fortunate to see a troop of Bohemian Waxwings. She enjoys quilting and knitting. Her husband's biography of Lincoln debuted and was covered in the papers and radio for Lincoln's birthday celebration. She also appeared in the paper as one of the many Americans celebrating President Obama's election in Nov. Gracie writes that her son makes decent grades in school "without breaking a sweat" and is sure other mothers can sympathize with the frustration of seeing a "possibly great mind slouching around in a (pre-) teen body." She has been assured that he'll pull himself together in his own good time and therefore tries not to become too stressed; he's not even 11.

As always, it was delightful seeing **Marie Engel-Earnhart** in Jan. to celebrate **Nancy Dougherty-Davidson** and **Molly Finney-Grenn's** 50th birthdays. **Briana Boswell-Brown** and **Alice Dixon** were also on hand to enjoy the hospitality of **Jean Von Schrader-Bryan** at her parents' wonderful home in Alexandria, VA. When not teaching history and doing volunteer tutoring on the weekends, Marie and her lovely and very bright daughter, Mary Whitney, are touring college campuses, as she will start college in the fall 2010.

Danielle E.M. Bielenstein is the Budget Officer, FIC, the international arm of the National Institute of Health. She writes that the center is caught, just like everyone else, in the perfect storm of uncertainty—as they have no current year spending bill, have not yet submitted the reams of paper for funding FY 2010, and are therefore in unknown territory with regards to the Stimulus package. On the bright side, SBC invited Danielle to come in mid-Mar. as part of a panel on women in science in government. She will stay over, have breakfast in the Refectory and host an informal breakfast for any students who have remaining questions. This will be Danielle's 1st time back to SBC since graduation, she therefore looks forward to it, and we look forward to reading about her visit.

Ready for spring, **Monika Kaiser-**

emotional roller coaster. Daughter Alexa (18) graduated from h. s. and is now studying Musical Theater/English at the U of Miami's Frost School of Music. Son Julius (13) excels in school and will start h. s. in the fall. Husband Richard still works and often on business travel in the Caribbean. Last Jun. Monika went to Germany with Julius to visit her family and father who was very ill. Less than 2 wks upon her return to the U.S., her father passed away, and she traveled back to Germany for his funeral services. In Aug the whole family went back to Europe to visit Richard's family in France and her family in Germany. Always an active participant, Monika helped register voters and canvassed for the Obama presidential campaign. Our sincere condolences to Monika and her family. May the memories of her father bring them much happiness.

Life in Washington continues to amaze and entertain **Monty Tripp** who writes from D.C. The new administration has brought fresh energy to the lobbying business and she still enjoys her work with Wexler&Walker. Husband Don and Monty looked forward to a great '09 when they'll celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary and her 50th birthday. She hasn't seen anyone from SBC in quite some time, but welcomes the chance to catch up with anyone coming to D.C.

2009 has been a busy one for **Cathy Miller**. Daughter Madeline (16) is in the final process of getting her driver's license. As a sophomore, she is busy with a select volleyball team going to tournaments. Daughter Alii (14) is involved with performing in plays at her h. s., husband David is on their church vestry as the Junior Warden, while Cathy is busy with work and recovering from back surgery. Fortunately she and David look forward to a cruise to the inland waterways of AK in May. Cathy hopes all is well with our classmates and would love to hear from them.

Joan Vetter Ehrenberg continues to find joy in daughter Kate's (11) interest in musical theatre. Kate achieved her 1st role with lines after 3 yrs. She was so excited, she came home and counted out her 19 lines, thrilled to have lines and a song with the local theatre company. She also takes voice, plays piano and loves the theatre. Joan won the judges award for the state PTA Reflections contest for literature, her other passion. She volunteers, either for the theatre company or for the Democratic Party and "is thankful for our new president, one for all Americans" and looks "for a more united America."

Same job, same husband, same kids, same car, and even the same pets, **Martha Tisdale-Cordell** writes from OK that time is stretched thin juggling between 2 teenagers and aging parents. Gracious as ever, she feels blessed to have a nice life when so many are being affected by the economy. Son Ryan, a junior, and family are headed to VA and NC to look at schools

Martha hopes he'll consider W&L, but at the end of the day, he may want to go to OU and admits that at least OU has a great football team! Daughter Mary Louise is a freshman with the intention to go to a school in the Northeast, preferably NYC. Martha will return to her previous position as Dean of Students this summer; she had reduced her hrs this past year to take care of some issues with her parents, and believes she is happier and more productive when she is working full time. Unfortunately, Martha claims she never sees anyone from SBC and decided that OK is not a destination for the class of '82. If anyone ever travels Route 66, please do make Martha happy and give her a call!

It's been quite a year for **Anne Goebel Bain**, she sold her import business to her ex-partner who is taking it to China as a domestic company. Anne is now a senior investment consultant at American Century Investments and much happier to not have the daily stress of running her own business. She does miss the travel—many trips a year to China and Vietnam along with visiting customers in the U.S. She still has vacation time; her next jaunt is a quick trip to the silver towns of colonial Mexico to celebrate her 15th wedding anniversary. She is avidly studying Spanish, especially the "bus station" words. Anne still lives in Palo Alto (Silicon Valley), enjoys working on jewelry, trying to remain fit, which she says is "an endless battle."

From Athens, GA, **Frances Ruth Fowler-Bauerle** retired from her ophthalmology assisting position, but still works with a cornea specialist one day a month. Ever the jack-of-all-trades, Ruth juggles several ventures: a personal assistant to a retired artist, an occasional receptionist at a very fun salon, but most importantly taking her 2 sons (17; 11) to tennis tournaments, and cheering on husband Jack's swimmers at U.GA and abroad. She is on Facebook. Busier than ever, but the payoff comes when Ruth heads 30 min. east to the family farm where she enjoys gardening, carpentry, and entertaining.

Since moving 2 yrs ago, **Rosemary Hardy** remodeled her kitchen and the fireplace. For nearly a week, she had a crew of workers in the house from early morning until evening, but the end product is worth it. In Jun., Rosemary will go to Chicago for her eldest nephew's wedding (1st of 13 nephews and nieces to marry). Her nephew asked her to be a part of the wedding party, and she's amazed that a young man in his mid-20s would think his middle-aged aunt is "cool enough" to be included in the festivities. After the wedding, Rosemary will make a trip to VA to visit Rebecca Coggin Hubert '83.

Jennifer Rae would like to share with the rest of classmates about Linked In, as there is an SBC Alumnae Group. Margaret Colangelo set up the entry. It's a great online networking tool, which she uses for networking and business purposes. Another tool Jennifer would like to share is Skype

(www.skype.com).

Polk Green wishes she could share fabulous news, but cannot at the moment as she was laid off on 1/19 and as of 2/15, no nibbles whatsoever. No pity party for Polk, ever the optimist, she believes that everything is for a reason. She misses everyone and wishes she could see us all in Lynchburg, VA. Fellow classmates, if you or someone you know are looking for an experienced quality manager and consummate professional in the Lynchburg area, please contact me for Polk's info.

Recently earning the title of MAID—Mother Addicted to Irish Dance—**Lee Watson-Lombardy** was in the middle of several St. Patty's Day shows in local area pubs. If there are any other SBC MAIDs out there, she'd love to hear from you. Between now and the end of Jun., the family will travel to Philadelphia, West Palm, Charlotte, Chicago, and Augusta, GA, all for Irish Dance. They find the dancing rewarding, but hectic when combined with jobs and the 6th grade. Lee had the chance to visit with President Muhlenfeld, Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80, and Heidi McCrory for a SBC luncheon in Winter Park. She enjoyed catching up with Roshani Gunewardene '85 at the luncheon.

Diane Boles and Jim were blessed with the addition of a beautiful little girl into their family: Daysha Grace Boles (7). She was adopted her on her birthday, 12/7/07. Beautiful, smart, sweet, funny and mischievous, she keeps her parents on their toes daily, and they don't really remember their life BD, before Daysha, though they know it existed. Diane had a beautiful announcement to send to everybody, but the addressing of envelopes somehow became lost in the wonderful craziness of their new lives. They're taking care of parents and children now, and amid the drought and great recession are able to see many blessings daily. Our warmest congratulations to Diane, Jim, and Daysha Grace.

Alice Dixon heeded my pleas for notes and wrote from Richmond, VA, where she's braving the economic storm as a mortgage planner—2 of the 4 companies she worked for in the past 1 ½ yrs went out of business! But for now, as an eternal optimist, Alice is trying to ride out the storm. Always an athlete, Alice won the club championship (First Flight) with a career score of 85, and following rotator cuff surgery this past Nov., she looks forward to more mid-80 scores this year. She has enjoyed being in frequent contact with former freshman yr roommate, **Carol Searles-Bohrer**, and loves to spoil her 2 children, Price (17) and Emily (14). Alice also wrote of having the unexpected joy and treat of seeing True Dow '80 at SBC back in Sept. at a celebration of Jennifer Crispen's 30 yrs in coaching.

Last but certainly not least, **Jean Von Schrader Bryan** wrote that she, son George, and daughter Betsey will visit **Lele Frenzel** in IN for spring break. The trio will take an overnight train to Chicago, then rent a car and drive to Lele's farm. Lele is work-

ing on organizing a mini reunion, and pre-planning a session for our next official SBC reunion. The consummate networker, Jean is on Facebook and wrote that she enjoyed a recent lunch with DJ Stanhope '81.

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When I have the pleasure of reading all of your emails, it never ceases to amaze me that we have classmates with children either entering college, in college, or even graduating from college! Although my body is deteriorating at a rapid pace, mentally I feel as if we are all still in college ourselves. Strange how that works? Last spring I attended a reception here in Charlotte for President Muhlenfeld where I had a fabulous reunion with Liz Kaufman '82! She and her fiancé moved to Charlotte in 12/08. There were alumnae at the reception representing 8 decades. It was cool not being the oldest alum at one of these events for a change (no Liz I'm not referring to you).

Wylie Jameson Small asked that I mention that she started a fun Facebook page for our class. Many have already visited the site, but we encourage everyone to check it out. My big news is that my husband and I bought a bar. Now don't get excited we don't have that kind of money. It's a little neighborhood beer joint that has existed for 30 yrs. It has 4 pool tables, 3 TVs and boasts to have the "coldest beer in town." And yes, we have Karaoke on Friday nights. The "regulars" are a real cast of characters ranging from working professionals to ex-hookers. Chris and I like to think of it as our own little *Cheers*, but without the attractive actors. Hey Norm, here we go . . .

Alice Cutting Laimbeer and family had a wonderful Spring Break in St. Croix, where they had lots of sun and tennis! They spent a lot of time after their trip traveling around the south looking at colleges for their daughter, Margot. Margot will be starting her senior year in high school this fall.

Alicia Nygaard Formagus and husband Nace are proud to report that their son Thomas has graduated from high school and has been granted a Football and Dean's Scholarship to Carson Newman Coll. His scholarship also includes an MBA. With their other son, William, at Furman Coll., Alicia and Nace are planning on flying into Greenville, picking up William and driving to Knoxville, TN, to attend Thomas' football games. While at home Alicia keeps herself busy with needlepoint, garden club and charity work. When not involved with family business or social obligations she's still dreaming of their life as empty nesters filled with travel, dancing and of course, romance!

Amy Boyce Osaki was looking forward to seeing **Desiree Bouchat** in Jun. in

Amy from the Netherlands. Amy's daughter (9) constantly asks questions about SBC! Amy had a wonderful time attending an SBC event in Portland where she met our outgoing President Muhlenfeld. She joined forces with Kate Eskew '98 and hosted another SBC event in Apr. Amy welcomes any messages from alumnae!

Amy Painter Hur is living in Austin, TX, with Russell and has 2 girls in h. s., Laura and Elizabeth. Amy has been busy raising the girls and deciding where Laura wants to go to college!

Ann Sterling Hart wrote that she was up to her armpits in horse shows! She either ran or worked dressage shows every weekend from Jan.–mid-May. Ann also keeps three horses fit and ready to show at a moment's notice. She was looking forward to being able to sleep again this summer! Her daughter Stephanie (21) will be in her 4th year at Stetson U. this fall. Daughter Alexandra, or Ali, (18) graduated h. s. this spring and will be starting at the U. of FL in Jul. Ann also wrote that her husband was working hard to keep his business from succumbing to the dismal economy. At that point in time she wasn't sure who was winning. Well Ann, I hope by the time this magazine has come out he has not only won, but kicked it in the butt!

Anne Little Woolley had a get together last Mar. at a restaurant in Richmond with **Melissa Bryne Partington** and **Blair Clark Swoope**. Anne's daughter Sarah is starting at Elon U. this fall. Son Prescott (15) will be in 10th grade, while her other son John will be in the 7th grade. Anne has been having a lot of fun with other SBC classmates on Facebook!

Bet Dykes Pope and husband Carter will be empty nesters next year. Oldest son Carter Jr. will be a Junior at W&L this fall, and youngest Ross will begin his freshman year at U. of NC. Bet stays in constant touch with **Jewett Winn Rothschild**. Bet writes that Jewett is doing great as are her children and husband Alan. **Sarah Dorn Perry**, who left SBC freshman year, had a son in Bet's son Ross' class at Lovett School in Atlanta. The boys are close friends and played football and lacrosse together. So needless to say, Bet and Sarah sat together in the stands many, many times! **Elizabeth Sprague O'Meara's** son Gerry was also in Ross' class and is a fabulous baseball player! Bet runs into lots of SBCers at W&L Parent's Weekends and wishes that she was the same size as she was "way back then" when driving into Lexington.

Betsy Birkhead Glick and her husband will celebrate their 20th anniversary this summer! Their eldest son will be a junior this fall and they'll start the daunting task of searching for colleges. Betsy sighs at the thought because he was a baby only a couple years ago! Their youngest is 12 so the boys keep them both busy with sports and such. Betsy loves her job as an administrative assistant at the boys' school. Except for having to work most the summer they can enjoy school breaks off together.

Her husband has his own computer business which is up and down in this economy but Betsy writes that a lot of us are probably going through the same thing. If anyone is in Hilton Head this summer, or any time, Betsy would love to see you! Email her at eglick@hhprep.org.

Bobbie Serrano Black and middle daughter Anna had a wk-long road trip last spring looking at colleges for next year (where Anna hopes to play volleyball). Oldest Lizzie will be a freshman at Sewanee U. this fall. Youngest Gracie is an avid swimmer and competed in the Age Group Championships in Manassas last Mar. Husband Paul does a lot of work in commercial bankruptcy so he's been extremely busy these past months. Bobbie hopes to see **Nancy Cunningham Mauck**, **Tracy Gatewood**, Janet Lewis Shepherd '84, and **Lizzie Pierpoint Kerrison** sometime very soon!

Diana Duffy Waterman and husband spent a wk in Seville, Spain in Apr. to visit daughter Caty who was studying there with the SBC JYS program. Caty was having the time of her life learning a lot and traveling all over Europe. (Diana is jealous that she didn't study abroad!) Caty is interning in D.C. this summer and the world traveler is heading off to St. Andrews, Scotland, for fall semester. Son Kevin graduated from Seton Hall in May. He also is looking to D.C., but for full-time employment. Diana asks that if anyone in the D.C. area is looking for a house sitter or renter please let her know. She's amazed that she's old enough to have a child who not only is a college graduate, but will probably be engaged by the time this news is printed! Diana holds about 6 different leadership positions with 4 different Republican groups so her poor husband rarely sees her. She's enjoying having the kids home this summer (even if it's just on weekends), and is looking forward to going to Orlando for the National Federation of Republican Women's Fall Convention. One last note, Diana encourages anyone who has children considering studying abroad to support the idea. With today's technology you can stay in touch, talk, and even see them almost on a daily basis!

Deirdre Platt and family continue to live in beautiful sunny coastal Ecuador. She attends yoga classes twice a week, which she thinks helps to deal with the rather tough current political and economical situations. Deirdre looks forward to the annual arrival of U.S. ecology students whose 4-wk projects she directs. The ages of the 3 children still living at home are now 13, 9 and nearly 5. Oldest Tanya will graduate from SBC in the spring of '10. Deirdre is extremely proud of Tanya's accomplishments academically and especially as a performer. Tanya is becoming a star on stage! Deirdre is hoping to get to SBC before Tanya graduates. She wrote that she was very touched to receive the class Christmas card with the picture from Reunion.

Eleanor Bibb attended a Friends of Art Board (FOA) meeting at SBC last Mar.

where she ran into **Sarah Sutton Brophy** Eleanor is in awe of Sarah who has written 2 books (see Sarah's website www.bmouse.net/) Eleanor wants to report that SBC has a fabulous art collection (mostly housed in Pannell Art Gallery opened in '84 in the old Refectory) and a wonderful group of Board Members from all over the arts world working together to make the growing collection noteworthy. Eleanor asks if we know of any alumnae in the art world (arts, directors, collectors, donors) that need to be recognized. It so, let her know and she'll report it in the FDA publication called *VISIONS* (she's the new editor).

Gigi Harsh Mossburg still enjoys being a Design Consultant for the tile importing company where she has worked for 9 yrs. Son Tyler (13 ½) is her first teenager, and other son Garrett is 12. Gigi's husband helps coach football, baseball, and basketball. They stay active running the boys from sport to sport. Last year they all enjoyed family vacations to various locations. They went to Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens & the Water Country. While in Colonial Williamsburg, Tyler was selected to be the jury foreman at the House of Burgess and a woman dressed in period costume retold of one of the actual trials in the early 18th century. The kids were given the task of deciding the defendant's fate according to the facts. Amazingly they decided the same way as the original jurors, the docent said the Governor of VA couldn't pardon the witness and a letter was written to the King of England. Gigi was amused with this nice introduction to history for the boys! The family traveled to Ocean City, MD, and Rehoboth Beach where their good friend has opened a restaurant. Gigi writes that she takes time to laugh everyday, stays spiritually connected, enjoys family dinners every night and misses all of us.

Grayson Harris Lane lives in Menlo Park, CA, with her husband David, 2 kids Virginia (12) and Robert (11). She spends a lot of time fundraising for the kids' schools and Stanford's Cantor Arts Center. Life is very busy with kids' sports and activities!

Kathy Barrett Baker finally got high speed internet, sabotschool@hughes.net. She has a blog: www.betteretiquette.blogspot.com and was working on an interactive etiquette website: www.etiquetteofmanner.com. Kathy was excited to have a Letter to the Editor make it into the February 9th issue of *Vogue*. She has donated more of her books and did some event planning for FIRST Robotics. She and Jim attended 3 weddings of children of their friends. This makes Kathy think they are getting old! They both enjoy going to auctions and galleries and keeping up with their art collecting. In spring she was planning on painting 5 antique iron benches and chairs for their back patio that they bought at auction. Kathy still enjoys her now 5-year-old Mini Cooper and of course George the cat their "only child."

Kim Howell Franklin has been a traveling maniac! She scored a fabulous work

trip to L.A. & HI in Mar. This was her first trip to HI and she treated herself to a week-end of R&R in Maui. She got to see Pearl Harbor one day before work, which she said was wonderful and very emotional. Then it was off to Park City, UT, for a spring break ski trip with her daughter. After that trip a conference took Kim to Amelia Island, FL. On the domestic scene, Kim's husband was designing their kitchen remodel that they hope will be completed by fall. She felt like the last person on earth that is cooking out of a very dated kitchen (try 1935)! Daughter Isabelle, or Izzy, (13) has loved being in m. s. Kim is thankful that so far things haven't been too traumatic in the pre-teen years!

Lee Ann MacKenzie Chaskes and **Mary Pope Hutson** both wrote they didn't have anything new to report at this time, but of course say "hi" to everyone!

Libby Glenn Fisher has been working for just over a year as Finance Manager for a non-profit that promotes oral health among the needy and working poor. This work constantly reminds Libby of how fortunate we are to have access to health care! She works part-time, which allows her to stay involved with the kid's activities and volunteer work. She was recently voted President of the Board of their local food pantry, which is also extremely fulfilling. Son Wil is starting his senior year in h. s. this fall. He spent much of his junior year working on his running career and searching for colleges. Daughter Mary Kathryn, also a runner, will be a sophomore this fall. She is an avid equestrienne, competed on an interscholastic riding team and is a great candidate for SBC! Libby's husband works for P&G and dreams of retirement. They both hope to move back south when the kids are off in school and their house price recovers. She was awfully sorry to have missed Reunion, but from the pictures she's seen she thinks we all look wonderful and not a day older than when we graduated. Thanks Libby, back at ya!

Mary Brown Messer is still in Richmond (19 yrs). The thought of moving puts Mary over the edge! Son Jack (17) will be a senior this fall while daughter Mary Kate (14) will be a 9th grader. They'll attend separate high schools because they go to area "specialty centers." Jack is in the IT program and Mary Kate will be in the Math and Science center. Mary and her husband John are very proud of them! The children keep her busy with sports, scouts, and social activities. She and John still have their "previously owned" car lot and feel lucky to still be open. The whole family went on a cruise for Spring Break and Mary is sad to think there's only one more together before college! Mary ran into **Angelia Goodwin Ashley** at a party last spring. They made a pact to both write notes to the class. Unfortunately we didn't hear from Angelia this time so Mary if you see her again please tell her we'd all love to hear from her!

Mary Ware Gibson is still in Charlotte teaching third grade at the Charlotte Latin

School and loving it! Husband Brian stays busy as an ENT with a group here in town. Oldest son Taylor (21) is in school and working in Columbia, SC. Andrew (18) will be attending Appalachian State in fall. Youngest Clair (16) looks forward to having the house to herself. Mary and Brian are looking forward to traveling more in a few years, and she is always on the lookout for a girls' get-away weekend!

Mason Bennett Rummel and family had quite a year battling with Mother Nature! First it was Hurricane Ike last Sept., then a horrific ice storm in Feb. again knocking out power and taking down tons of trees. Her 2 children in college are plowing their way through biomedical engineering and vocal performance degrees. Mason's youngest will be starting her senior year in h. s. in fall. Rick's medical equipment business is continuing to do well despite the hard economy. Mason writes that her job of 20 yrs at the Brown Foundation is awesome! She enjoys the challenges of graduate school working towards a degree in Philanthropic Studies. Mason saw Libby Glenn Fisher in the spring and stays in touch with many SBC classmates since her kids talked her into creating her own Facebook page (or "Facelift" page as I heard Mason has sometimes called it).

Melissa Pruyn Vaughan enjoys living in the Denver area with her 2 daughters Virginia and Grace and husband Win. Melissa continues to teach yoga and loves to go skiing with her family.

Miriam Baker Morris and Clay will be taking their daughter Sally off to college in Charleston this fall. They're both looking forward to visiting her on many occasions. Sally will be majoring in French and possibly a minor in theatre (musical). Miriam is hoping that she'll go on the SBC abroad program her junior year. She hopes that Sally will make the kind of friends there that Miriam did at SBC. One thing for sure, Miriam writes that Sally won't have as much fun!

Phyllis Feddele Fejzuli still has fond memories of SBC even though she only attended her freshman year. She writes that maybe she regrets that decision a little and blames it on being young and silly. But Phyllis wouldn't change a thing because that decision ultimately led her to a wonderful husband and 2 amazing children! A couple years ago Phyllis and her family drove through the SBC campus and her daughter still refers to it as "the place we saw the deer." Now her daughter has a fascination with horses and Phyllis wouldn't be surprised if she would like to attend SBC in the future!

Ruth Lewin decided not to have a New Year's resolution this year, but have a New Year's word, which is "grateful." She's celebrating her 13th year with Summerfields Interior Design in Naples. She has great clients working on furnishing entire houses and total kitchen renovations. Ruth says that seeing the advances in kitchen and appli-

ance design is fun, but she especially loves the kitchen renovations because cooking (healthy, of course) is one of her favorite things! She and Marc still enjoy Naples, even though their schedules make them ships passing in the night. They plan to vacation within FL this summer, but hope to get to the Vineyard next year to take in the New England sea air. Marc loves being a cocktail pianist and doing "gigs" at country clubs, restaurants, and private parties on the weekends. Ruth is still drumming but not as often as she would like (too tired after work). But she writes that "hitting the skins" on the weekends is a great stress reliever!

Sarah Sutton Brophy visited campus in late Mar. as part of the Tusculum Institute Advisory Board. She had the great good fortune to run into Eleanor Bibb. Sarah wrote the 2 had a great evening and expects to have many more!

Sharon Johnson Lewis is still alive and kicking and enjoying her family of pets!

Wendy Chapin Albert and Tolly are busy with daughters Annie (17) and Eleanor (13), their horses and ponies, their house, golf, school events and much more. Tolly has been a stockbroker at Chapin Davis since 1986 and has a couple of race horses. Wendy is a Realtor with O'Connor and Mooney. She's been very involved with Paul's Place Outreach Center/West Baltimore and had their big gala in the spring. Wendy and Tolly have spent the past couple years restoring and renovating their house, which was her childhood home in Ruxton, MD. They took Annie on a big VA college tour (which of course included SBC). The campus looked beautiful and the new gym/athletic center and upperclassmen/senior apartments (under construction) were impressive and exciting. Annie isn't really interested in attending a women's college, but was impressed with SBC and the riding center. Wendy stays in touch with

Meg Price Bruno, Blair Redd Barnes, and Kathy Barrett Baker. If any one is ever heading through Baltimore and needs a rest stop right off the beltway (695) give them a call! Or if any one is ever planning on going to the Preakness give them a call. Wendy and family only live 10 min. away from Pimlico!

Wylie Jameson Small has been busy serving on a couple community boards, playing golf and tennis, tending to dogs Peyton (2) and Maris (12), son Rudy (15), and husband Stuart (51). Wylie chaired her h. s. reunion in Jun. and is hoping to get down to SBC this summer as Rudy may be doing a session at the Vandermeer tennis camp there. Not to be outdone by the rest of the class, Wylie asked that I include that she "skydives in her free time" and "is tracking the human genome in her basement." Wylie you're a riot!

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Leslie McRae Ferguson wrote in to the Alumnae Office: After 6 yrs, Pat and I were married 8/21/08 at the Kennedy Memorial Veterans Beach here in Hyannis. I don't know if there is a honeymoon period after 6 yrs, but we're working on it. I'm working on my first cookbook and testing recipes out on him and anyone I can get to come for dinner.

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Class co-president **Katie Keogh Weidner** is a great source of information on our classmates. She sees co-president **Kathryn Ingham Reese** frequently and notes that Kathryn is terrific. Katie commented that she and Kathryn have brainstorming sessions about our class's 25th reunion (2013!) when they go out on power walks together. Katie writes "our ideas rarely include a budget, and we laugh at how cool we would make things if we had unlimited funds."

Katie also shared that **Beth Bennett Haga** still lives in Dallas and is training for a half marathon in NYC this spring. Rock on Beth! **Kate Cole Hite** is another wonder woman from our class, training for triathlons and staying fit. **Mary Halliday Shaw** is living in Atlanta. Mary's husband, Brad Shaw (W&L '88) recently forwarded an e-mail from the Lexington, VA newspaper

stating that the Phi Kappa Pi house at W&L had burned down—so sad.

As for Katie, life is centered around her kids. Her stepson lives with them—having 3 teenage boys under one roof is very lively. She's trying to shield her daughter from their "mature" sense of humor! Peter is 17, Jake is 16, William is 14 and Caroline is 10. Katie attends many lacrosse games for the boys and horse shows for her daughter.

Leslie Corrado Stillwagon says "big, fun things are going on with me! I had twin boys in Nov., Holden and Porter. They're adorable!" She notes that she is pregnant again and is expecting in Nov. She and husband, David are relocating their family to Byron Bay, Australia in Apr. They're looking forward to a slower pace of life and beach living. Leslie writes that "if any vixens are down that way, please look us up!"

Tracy Tigerman Shannon still teaches 3rd grade in rural VA (about 30 min. south of Lynchburg) and has been teaching for 20 yrs. Her children Kaitlyn (6) and Ryan (13) are in 1st and 8th grades. Husband John is auditing a local hotel in Lynchburg. She's eagerly awaiting an upcoming visit and chance to reconnect with her SBC roommate, **Heather Gregory Skens**.

Vida Foseca writes from New Orleans: "I enjoy hanging with my chicks (and a few dudes) on Facebook" and working part time for Christine Carmouche by telecommute and a job with the census while it lasts." Vida is looking a permanent position in New Orleans, Nashville, or FL, but is open to other locations. She has a BA in International Affairs and a MA in English/Education with experience as an office manager, college administrator, and instructor. She is fluent in Spanish and French. She adds that for her cv, writing samples, and comments on her work ethic, you can visit her website: <http://www.angelfire.com/falcon/gavilaninternational.cvtaevida.htm>. To top things off, she offers the following quote: "Not being able to govern events, I govern myself" by Michel De Montaigne and motto: "Decora, Honora, Vera; Sapientia, Scientia, Praestantia."

Alesia Hildebrandt Gowen has been teaching early childhood education since graduating from SBC and is teaching kindergarten now. She is married to Doug and has a step-son Drew and a soon to be wonderful daughter-in-law, Sarah. Son Ryan is a freshman in h. s. and he keeps busy with theater and band. She and her husband raise Olde English Bulldogges!

Jeanne Rovics Mexic got together with **Kristen Peterson Randolph** in Mar. for a nice mini-reunion. She noted that Kristen has a new dog named "Blue" because she and her family are big Carolina Tarheel fans. Jeanne is planning a 3-wk summer vacation to Dubai, Israel, and Jordan. She and son Blake "can't wait to see Petra . . . we have visions of ourselves on horseback, just like Indiana Jones! More than likely we'll be riding donkeys (how appropriate)."

Nici Fraley Pechman spent a week-end with **Kristen Peterson Randolph** during the Thanksgiving holiday. Both of their families got together at Chapel Hill where Nici was visiting her half-brother, Gus, who goes to UNC. Kristen and husband Ran and their 3 boys are big Tarheel fans (as noted earlier by Jeanne). They enjoyed being together and went to the UNC vs. Duke football game. The highlight for Kristen's boys was dinner Fri. night, because Ty Lawson, the Tarheel's star point guard (who is a friend of Nici's brother) joined them for dinner and signed autographs. Nici's boys, Thomas and Jake (both 10) were excited as well, and even Fraley, Nici's 6-yr-old daughter got caught up in the excitement and had him sign her arm! Nici writes that it was great seeing Kritty and her family and that she looks just the same, and is as fit as ever! Nici and husband Scott celebrated their 2nd anniversary on St. Patrick's Day. They keep busy raising their 3 children. Nici writes that in Birmingham, she sees **Suzanna Reed Creveling**, **Leigh Leftkowitz**, and **Wesley Powell**, who owns a wonderful cooking wares store in Mountain Brook.

Melinda Sher lives in Asheville, NC. She's at the U. of NC, Asheville working on a 2nd degree in Environmental Ecology and Biology.

Susan Detweiler is doing her usual outdoor activities (climbing and backcountry skiing) for both fun and profession and enjoyed a different Antarctic gig this past season. She's enjoyed staying in touch with classmates via Facebook and hopes others will also join the party.

As our class secretary, I enjoy keeping up with what everyone is doing. I have just wrapped up 2 part-time jobs that I've been involved with for the past year. Our family went on a cruise to Mexico, Belize, and Guatemala in Feb. and we had a great time. I'm looking forward to working on home projects this summer, both inside and outdoors. My children, Jack (15) and Nina (10) keep me hopping as I drive them to their various activities.

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By the time everyone gets this, it will be time for our 20th Reunion. Wow, how time flies! Our Class page has moved to <http://sbc89.multiply.com>. Log in and join the group! I post updates there and all members can share news, photos and music.

Raqueil Hickman Thiebes has started a new job as the Stuttgart USO Tour Manager running about 18 tours a month around Europe. Check out the website at www.uso.org/stuttgart. In April, she will be taking a Mediterranean cruise with her family.

Kim Kline Malone and David live in Saint Leonard, MD, and love being in the country! Brendan is in 4th grade and is playing the violin. Jeffrey and Sarah are in 2nd grade. Sarah is playing the guitar. They're all involved in Scouts and getting ready for summer camp. They get together often with **Sandy Sellman**. Kim hears from **Sharon Bittner-Webb** who is living in England with her husband Simon.

Sandy Compton Sellman, husband Neil, Alex (8), and Kyle (5) live in Columbia, MD. Both kids play soccer and Neil coaches Kyle's flag football team. Alex is a Brownie Girl Scout and enjoyed being in a play at school. Sandy teaches Kindergarten at Jackson Road Elem. This is the same elementary school that **Allyson Welch Cain** attended!

Gina Davis lives in the Seattle area. Last summer she was able to get away for a road trip to Vancouver with **Lisa Claypool**.

In Jan., we had our annual mini reunion at **Kate Robinson Hillestad**'s house. Due to busy schedules, it was a small group, but we still had a good time catching up! Kate, **Krista Biggs**, **Clara Green**, **Allyson Cain** and I were in attendance. Allyson brought along her daughter, Natalie, who enjoyed her visit with Kate's daughters, Katie Grace and Isabelle.

I have enjoyed chatting with many of you during the months leading to Reunion. Keep sending those emails or post messages on our group page. Take care!

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Thanks to everyone who contributed to our notes for this issue, and if you're not getting the reminder email, please let either Mamie or me know so we can add you to the email distribution list. We hope to hear from everyone next time!

Gwen Fischer Glew is a developmental pediatrician at U. of Washington and Seattle Children's Hospital. She has 3 boys: Duncan (8), Finn (6), and Rich (4), her husband) whom she'd like to nominate father-of-the-year. They're in touch with **Kathryn Johnson Glass** who now has 6 children and is a full-time family doctor (whew!) and Edie Rue '89, who has her hands full with 2 gorgeous boys in Pebble Beach, CA. Gwen is also in touch with her mentor and friend

from the class of '72, Dr. Kathy Upchurch Takvorian, to whom she will be forever grateful for taking her under her wing and introducing her to Rich.

Stephanie Pratt McKinney has just completed a Ph.D. in history with a double major in genocide and modern war. Her dissertation was on Rwanda, where she traveled last year. At the moment, she teaches part time, looking for a full-time job, working on various writing projects and presenting at conferences. Husband Paul and sons Jacob (11) and Rhys (7) are doing well, and they're still in Pasadena.

Karen Hott writes, "The SBC Alumnae Club is doing very well; we had our best turn-out for Atlanta's SBC Day in Jan. Great to see so many alumnae and students, most of all, our classmate **Wesley Foster Huffard**! It had been too long! Have caught up with so many of our classmates and other alumnae on Facebook, it's been so fun! Kelly Meredith Iacobelli '88 tells me that nearly her entire class was on Facebook by their 20th reunion. How fun would that be? Could we win the Participation Award again? Holla holla! My interior design business is going well; I have a few incredible new projects. A current project is one for a SBC Alumna; it's been an absolute joy! We hope to have their new house on the neighborhood Home Tour in Dec. I've enjoyed hearing her stories about SBC in the '70s . . . funny how the more things change, the more they stay the same."

Kim Hatter Elli still lives in Nellysford, VA, near Wintergreen. She's been married for 16 yrs and they have a son (13) who keeps them busy. He plays 3 sports; baseball, basketball, and football. He is now 6 ft. tall and eating them out of house and home. They're always busy entertaining family and friends and would love to have guests anytime. Kim would love to hear from Kristen Walberg.

Kimberly Blackwell lives in Atlanta, GA with her son (15).

Signee Hoffman writes, "Curtis and I enjoy our girl Piper Anne (2). We look forward to getting away to a neurology symposium in Switzerland in 4/09. We're looking forward to skiing."

Allene Doucette writes, "We're still in San Diego, will be for another year. After that, who knows where the Marine Corps will send us. Alastair will be 3 in Sept. I'm still a stay-at-home mom, but also do a little bookkeeping. I saw Lea Harvey '90 out here last winter."

Kathryn Hagist Yunk attended **Stephanie Pratt McKinney**'s youngest son's baptism as his godmother. They had a great time catching up. Husband Daniel, daughter Emily, and Kathryn are looking forward to a wk at the beach in SC in May. She has loved reconnecting with friends on Facebook.

Joan Dabney Clickner is busy keeping up with Georgia (2), helping Bobby run his practice, serving as committee chairman for Ian's Cub Scout pack, and managing the boisterous pooches. Joan and her family

joined some friends in a community garden plot, and she looks forward to cultivating a green thumb! Facebook has become a major hobby—it's fun seeing what old friends are up to in their daily lives, and makes her feel more in touch with SBC classmates than she has in yrs

Mamie Farmer Farley writes, "My family just went to Disney for spring break. We had the time of our lives! It was fun, magical, and hilarious for all of us! We're looking forward to spring sports and my sister Katharine's wedding in Apr. Miller will be 10 in May and is going to camp for 3 wks this summer! Harry will be 8 this summer and has a girlfriend who he has exchanged gifts with—a pint sized Casanova! Joanie is headed to kindergarten at St. Bridget's in the fall and is sooo excited! We're busy as always, but trying to enjoy each day as it comes!"

Wendy Pressel Sullivan has been keeping busy in Cumming, GA. Last year she completed a paralegal course at UGA and has been working in the legal and real estate depts. at Olympus Media, with her hands in acquisitions, leasing, and research. Biff is fine and his store continues to do well. Elizabeth will be 11 this year and is headed off to m. s. She was named a Duke TIP scholar and enjoys ballet (she earned her pointe shoes this winter) and basketball. Darby will be 5 this year and will start kindergarten in the fall. He plays soccer and is still fascinated by trains. They may take a trip up to Nashville to ride Thomas this summer. She's looking forward to visiting family again down in Flagler Beach at the beginning of Jun.

Carey Bates writes, "Hope all is well. I was laid off a week before my 40th birthday, but I'm in the process of building my own independent technical writing business. I still live in CT and spend time with my 7 nieces and nephews. My parents are relocating back to CT after 5 yrs away in FL."

Ruth Ewers (Turning Point Student) writes, "I still live along the James River in Nelson County in a beautiful early house (1820) that has been in my husband's family for almost 200 yrs I live with my husband Robert Self, who is the Architectural Conservator at Monticello, Home of Thomas Jefferson. We lease our fields for cattle and farming (soybeans). Our son Logan lives in Harrisonburg now and is a restaurant manager. We live with a very entertaining dog, Lizzy, and 2 elderly cats. As far as travels, we enjoyed a trip to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, in Nov., during the Day of the Dead holiday. It was amazing and beautiful. I completed the requirements for my M.S. in Social Work in '07. In '08, I completed the coursework and case studies to be appointed as an Endorsed Positive Behavior Supports Facilitator through a program operated by VCU and The Partnership for People with Disabilities. I still work at Region Ten Community Services Board in Charlottesville. I occasionally visit SBC and still think it's the most beautiful campus I've ever seen!"

Sonia Haddad Salfity is back working after 14 yrs of taking care of her 3 precious children. She's working in her husband's new cardiology clinic and loves dealing with the patients and scheduling their procedures etc. Her hours are perfect as she works from 9 to 3 when the kids are in school. They have 1 in each school (Matthew in kindergarten, Shareef in m. s. and Shereen a freshman in h. s.). Marwan started his own cardiology practice this past Nov. (Nebraska Cardiac Care). Sonia takes Thursdays off as that's her tennis day; she's been playing in the same league for 9 yrs now! She's in touch with Amy and Emily Ghiz '92 and Cecilia Moore '88 and SBC staff members through Facebook! The family went to Jordan this past summer for 7 wks and had a grand time. The highlight was visiting Bethlehem and Jerusalem. The Holy Land is truly a very special place and Sonia recommends everyone make that trip at some point. Sonia writes, "Even Matthew was kneeling down at the Holy Sepulchre and could feel the significance of the moment." They are off to L.A. the wk before Easter for spring break where they'll meet up with the grandparents and cousins.

Suzanne Petrie Liscouski writes, "I've been crazy busy with Bobby (9 mos.), running the horse farm, and working full time as the director for international strategy for a division of Northrop Grumman. Luckily I can work from home some, so I have some flexibility. Still having trouble finding a live-out nanny, so I'd love any recommendations from anyone in the Leesburg, VA, area! I stay in touch with **Kathryn Hagist Yunk, Carey Bates, Heather McGowen Sanford,** and **Kimberley McGraw Euston '92**—I've needed their Mom advice at times! Bob is well, and we look forward to our 1st "family" vacation to the beach this summer. I'm so glad I had this little boy, he's such a blast and already likes pony rides!" *Suzanne, you almost made me cry when I read that last sentence, that is so sweet!*

Cathi Goslaw Rainold, who goes by Tavi Rainold, writes, "Anton and I are great! AJ is 17 mos., reading books already. We're still in CO—will always be! I just got a new horse from FL (1st one since '96), and I'm very excited about the upcoming show year with him. We still own our own Property Management company and Anton still teaches kite boarding on the water and snow. Facebook has been amazing this year as I've reconnected with several people from SBC. I love it... **Ashley Cobb, Beth Hensley, Brice Mc Rae Tunison, Tammy Fein, Judith Kobliska, Megan Read Lindberg, Jill Randles, Cheryl Gilman and Holly Duello.** I'm personally training for my 1st triathlon in 2010! Life is good. Hope all is well with everyone else! Please list my cell number for my friends. 970-406-1118."

As for me, **Vickie Campo Byrd**, writing these notes made me realize that all of us (or at least most of us) are turning 40 this yr! Happy Birthday to everyone! I

hope you're able to celebrate and enjoy your special day! It's hard to believe that we were 18 when we first arrived at SBC—how time flies! It was good to hear from so many of you, and it sounds like Facebook is the place to be! Gar and I are well here in South FL. Our children, Garnett (8), Ellie (6) and Caroline (3 ½) keep us busy between basketball, ballet, play-dates, homework and everything in between, but we're thankful for all of our many blessings. Look forward to hearing from everyone next time!

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Jaimie DelMonte Galbreath and family still live in McLean, VA. Rob is a civil rights attorney, Kate is 10, Caroline "Kiki" is 8, and Elizabeth is 6. Her younger 2 attend a local Montessori School where Jaimie teaches part time and is the director of development and alumni relations. She still enjoys playing tennis, volunteering at church and with a local women's club and being a Sustainer in the Junior League of Washington. This fall, she'll be the Matron of Honor in Kelly Gardner's ('93) wedding. Jaimie is very excited about starting a graduate program in science education at JHU this spring!

Kimberley McGraw Euston joined Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Atlanta as a senior client relationship executive and is excited to be back in the corporate environment. She took her sons to see their godmothers and Suzanne Petrie Liscouski '91 in Washington D.C., and in NY, **Kate HAW** Kimberley's niece is a freshman at SBC this year. Kimberley is also heading up the Boxwood Circle Committee and enjoys being back on campus to visit with her. She encourages everyone to come back to Homecoming in fall. **Tracy Steele** and Kimberley plan to get together this spring. Their families visited last Thanksgiving and the kids had a blast playing together. Kimberley will be featured in the May issue of Working Mother magazine, as she was selected as one of their working moms of the year. Congratulations!

Meg Moss Guegan and Sebastien expect baby #2 this fall. Charlotte (3.5) is so excited to be a big sister! Meg is still the Director of Communications at the NRA and loves it. She's been doing a fair amount of traveling lately including Italy, France, Hungary, and various cities around the U.S.... "Life is good" (It sounds like Meg!).

Judy Currie is happily living in Manhattan (hard to believe it has been 17 yrs!) and working with hospice at Beth Israel Hospital, which she finds very rewarding. She'd love to hear from SBC classmates if you're in town!

Catherine Gornto Freeman reports that life is fun and hectic in New Orleans! Her children (Charlotte, 10; David and

Lawrence, 9) keep her busy with soccer, basketball, tennis, and other activities. She's still working part time and doing volunteer work around the community, but luckily still finds time to play a little tennis. Catherine's family had a fun visit with the Van Ness family (**Jennifer Valentine Van Ness**) at their beach vacation home over the summer. She also got a quick visit with **Marilyn Adams**, who moved back to NC, and looks forward to seeing the Kings (**Holly Caswell King**) in New Orleans later this month. Catherine and Peter had a fun time at a W&L classmate of Peter's wedding in D.C. last Sept. because **Margaret McClellan Driscoll** and **Jen Toomey Driscoll** (and spouses) were there too!

Laura Davis Fiochetta is running a real rat's race in Doylestown, PA as she cares for her 3 kids: Kasey (9), Matthew (7) and Jack (3). Her husband, who manages a marketing and fundraising firm outside of D.C., comes home only on the weekends, most of which are spent running off to gymnastics meets or football practices. Laura feels so honored and thrilled to be godmother to Sigrid Zirkle Carroll's ('93) new son.

Cricket Rabin Katalevsky and family are happy, healthy, and living in Denver, CO. Pippin (6) and Jasper (3) are both skiing and enjoying the great outdoors. Cricket is still at Visa; it's been 10 yrs. She still enjoys her work. She gets to hang out with **Ann Lindquist Krikos** during book club, and they read the books! Cricket and husband took the kids on the Disney Cruise for the 3rd time and had a blast. She welcomes everyone to visit and ski with them if you are ever in the Rockies!

Diana Bradford Walsh reports that her family finally bit the bullet and moved out of NYC and into the suburbs, "So far, so good." They have a kindergartener, a nursery-schooler, and twin "stay-at-homes" who will begin nursery school this fall. Everyone is doing great!

I recently connected with **Michelle Ricks**, from our freshman year, on Facebook and asked her to send me an update to share with everyone. Michelle is returning to SBC in the fall to finish her degree. She was living in Cincinnati, OH, for the last 13 yrs working for Delphi and then a British company, VA Technology when they closed their doors. She decided to return home to Hampton, VA, and change careers by going back to school. She's a happily divorced mother of 4 children—Ariel (17), Taylor (15), Bailey (8) and Trey (6)—and says they keep her busy!

Heather Metzger Allen is still at Sun Trust Bank (17 yrs now) and her husband, HL, is still selling building supplies. Their oldest daughter, Jordan (8th grade), made the JV girls soccer team at the h. s. and is very excited! She still sees a lot of **Kelly Brown Estes** and her family for frequent get-togethers.

Ann Knoke Kohudic's little girl, Erin (5) and Jackson (2) keep her and husband Will very busy. They still live in Sterling, VA. She

was able to spend an awesome weekend with **Carrie Bake Wong** and Ann's Mom at a B&B/Spa in St. Michael's, MD. She also got to meet up with Joely Hetherington and her 3 adorable kids last year. Ann hadn't seen her in over 6 yrs! After 9 ½ yrs with her job, Ann was downsized in Nov., but happy to report that she landed a position in Jan. with SAIC in McLean, VA, as a Senior Recruiter and loves it.

Kimberly Olmstead Calhoun and Clay live in Atlanta with their 4 kiddos: Lily (9), Caroline (7), Margaret (5), and Henry (almost 2)! Clay lost his job in 8/08 due to the downturn in the economy; hopefully by the time this posts he'll have a new one! Kimberly says it's been tough, but amazing to have so much support from friends and family and to see miracles happen in the midst of it all. She wishes everyone a wonderful summer with their families and blessings!

Jennifer Valentine VanNess says life is good in Richmond. She and Jim are busy with Ashton (9), Hank (7) and all of the kids sports and adult sports, and their 3 dogs.

Amy Peck Driscoll expects baby #3 in Sept. Matthew (6) and Consie (4) are excited, as are mommy and daddy; they just have to figure out how to cram everyone into their small house. They're still in VA Beach and had a wonderful New Year's celebration in Hilton Head, with **Jaimie Delmonte Galbreath** and her family.

Melinda Wick Aufmuth and family are still in Greenville, SC. They're expecting their 2nd child in 7/09, and daughter Maggie (3) is excited! They were in D.C. for the baptism of Donna Peters ('91) son last spring, and visited with Claire Stapleton Batson '91 over Thanksgiving at her family's home in Highlands, NC.

Anne Vogel is happily divorced and in a wonderful relationship. She works full time as a Chef Instructor for the New England Culinary Institute where she teaches a pastry class. She won "Teacher of the Year" last year! Her boys, Liam (8) and Carson (7), also keep her busy. *That sounds like a fun job, Anne!*

Kathleen Hughes Hartman is doing great in Valrico, FL! She and Michael (HSC '91) are getting ready to celebrate their 6th wedding anniversary in May—time flies when you're having fun! Amanda (3) still keeps them smiling every day! Kathleen and **Stephanie Brundage Snasdell** took their girls (Steph's girls are: Aiden (11) and Ella (6)—both incredible beauties and awesome to be with) to Disney last month; said it was so wonderful to reunite with her and also have their daughters meet! The whole day was a special treat! Michael saw Stephanie Berger '91 when they visited Chris Coleman (HSC) and his family last Oct. in VA. They visited HSC while they were there and are surprised at how much it has changed. Kathleen is still with USDA APHIS Veterinary Services doing aquatic animal health work. She's glad to have a job and also one that she loves. If anyone is in FL or visiting, please let her know: *khhmch@hotmail.com*

As for me, **Tricia Pheil Johnson**, I still teach my StrollerFit and Restore the Core classes in Frederick, MD. Amelia Grace (3 ½) starts preschool in the fall. I took her to NYC to see *The Little Mermaid* on Broadway; she dances in a local production of the show in Jun. Today we went to D.C. to see the cherry blossoms; she's such a fun age! My family has our annual 4-generations Outer Banks trip scheduled in Aug., and I look forward to that! I encourage everyone to join Facebook! Warning: it is very addictive, but I have connected with many friends from SBC and h. s.—a lot of fun!

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Let's start with a correction from the last notes . . . **Carolyn Imperato** has a Ph.D. and 4 kids, not 3! They are: Garrison (12), Evelyn (9), Ashlyn (5), and Donovan (3). So sorry to leave out one of our kiddies! Carolyn is crazy busy with a full-time elem. psychologist job and a small private practice on the side. The kids are busy with their activities and Carolyn has been playing a lot of coed and women's soccer for exercise and much needed stress relief!

Alex Alexander still enjoys being mom to a 25 lb. ball of a pure unharnessed energy named Lily. She spends most of her time outside of work having imaginary tea parties, reading Dr. Seuss, and taking pictures of Lily as she amuses her with her antics. At work, Alex is now lead of Advanced Technology for Lockheed Martin Undersea Systems, which keeps her happy and hoppin' during the work day. She's in touch with Imogen Rex Slade '96 often. Their daughters Izzy and Lily are great playmates! **Harpreet Kaur Bedi** has quit Cisco and is starting a 3-yr. M.A. in Medical Law degree in Sept. All well with Zara (7), Natasha (1), and Satnam (1). Satinder is well and playing polo as always! Harpreet, like many of us, reports that she misses her SBC friends!

Jennifer Mooney Risey is gearing up to spend another summer on Dausfuskie Island. She has really gotten "the motherhood thing down pat and will enjoy a summer with the kids playing golf, swimming, and tennis." Jennifer plans on hosting SBC girls on the island as well: **Ashley Flynn Blanchard**, **Britt Ellison Dresler**, **Corrinne Judakis Hodges**, and **Kerry Pollock Thomas**. "If anyone is in Hilton Head this summer, look me up! I'll send the boat over to Harbortown to pick them up." **Johana Kelleher Hootnagle** still lives in Northern VA with husband Billy and daughters, Ana Colby (5 ½) and Mackenzie (2 ½). Johana is a systems engineer with Lockheed Martin and keeps very busy with work, family, and the girls' activities. In

Sept., Ana Colby will enter 1st grade and Mackenzie preschool. Johana's little sister, Nicole (SBC '97), in Richmond, had her 2nd little girl in Jan. "Got girl power going in our family!" The 3 older girls have a blast when we get together!

Patty Sagasti Suppes is busy as usual. She's finishing her 1st yr as a professor at FL Southern Coll. She's been working a lot on Service Learning and Study Abroad and took students to Honduras over spring break to work on a teaching outreach program. In May, Patty will take students to study at a university in Mexico with her 2 boys, Sebastian (9) and Adrian (6). Husband Jeff still works from home, which is wonderful for the family. **Jen Jarvis Ballard** is coming to visit in Apr., and Patty is excited to see Jen, Pat, and the twins. Patty writes that "FL has been an adventure with snorkeling, parks, the alligators, cycling, the museums, Disney, and the Kennedy Space Center. SBC pals are welcome to visit!"

It'll be a whirlwind the next couple of months for **Sabryna McClung Roberson** her plans include weddings in Chicago and Lake of the Ozarks, MO, her 10-yr vow renewal, and 20-yr. h. s. reunion (which she is coordinating from the West Coast) in Jun. in Islamorada, FL. In other exciting news, Sabryna and husband Greg have started the 'Foster to Adopt' program and are looking forward to adopting 2 siblings from the Sacramento area. Anyone heading to Northern CA is welcome to email Sabryna—"maybe we can rendezvous as you'll never know what day or weekend trip we may take!" **Dianne Hayes Doss** and Bill feel blessed to be employed in this economy. The kids are doing well: in the fall, Dan will be starting 4th grade and Jenny starting kindergarten. Dianne is planning to attend the wedding in Oct. of a girl she *babysat* while at SBC!

Ellen Ober Pitera is happily worn out chasing Charlie, amazed at his vocabulary development, and loving that spring is here! **Heather Swenberg Craft** delivered her 2nd boy, Lucas Jameson Craft, on 1/28/09. Big brother Braedon (2 ½) enjoys his new little brother. Heather continues to work in HR/Leadership Development for Wachovia in Charlotte. **Norma Bulls Valentine** is still fackling real estate in FL and SC. She goes to horse shows when she has time. Norma welcomed new puppy Ruxton to her home. Norma reports that **Nancy Bulls** is still running our FL office.

Patricia Friend Douglass is married to Jamie Douglass and has 2 beautiful girls, Parker Elizabeth Douglass (6) and Sarah Grace Douglass (2). She lives in NY and trains horses in Greenwich, CT. Rounding out the family are black labs, Zoe and Murphy; cats Noel, Laurel, and Seaford; and pony, Baci. **Melissa Cranmer McManus** and Patty remain very close and had children 3 days apart and talk at least 5 times a day! Her children, Jack, Olivia, and Finnegan, are Patricia's godchildren. **Sisi Zirkle Carroll** had her 3rd baby boy in 3 yrs: Charles "Chappy" Christian Caspar Carroll 1/6/09!

Brothers, William and Andrew, love him terribly. Life is hectic and noisy, but fun. Sisi goes back to work at Antenna Audio, a part of Discovery communications, in May and still loves creating audio tours around the globe. As of Jul., she'll be back on the board of the Friends of Art and looking forward to planning new direction for Pannell!

Erin Glenn is married, living on her family's 5th generation cranberry and blueberry farm on the Long Beach Peninsula in WA! She has an amazing child, Diego (2), and is an ESL instructor at Grays Harbor Coll. and ESL Specialist for the Ocean Beach School District. **Amy Larsen West** is hanging out with baby Winston and getting ready for Easter. Amy, hubby, and baby send their best from Munich! **Annegret Weckerle**, Ron, and daughters, Callan (6) and Sienna (4), moved to CO 4 yrs ago. They love the lifestyle and exploring the West. Annegret has been with Lockheed Martin for several yrs as a project manager. Life is busy juggling family and work, but she wouldn't have it any other way.

Beth Gilkeson King is looking forward to a weekend at a retreat with **Tracy Camden Wilburn** in May as they "don't get to see each other nearly as much as we should!" In Jun., **K.L. Polevitzky** and Beth are headed out on a "Thelma and Louise" road trip across the country. She's confident that their trip won't end the way the movie did! Beth is looking forward to living vicariously through K.L. should a Brad Pitt-type come into the picture.

Annalisha "Lily" Anderson McGinley writes that husband Sean left the Air Force and became a civilian contractor for the DoD in '07, 10 days before son Cash (2) was born. As a result, they can stay in beautiful Panama City Beach, FL, for as long as they want. Lily writes that "being a mama is the best thing that has ever happened to me," and she hopes to become one twice over next year. Lily also works part time for a company called ChaCha and volunteers as the assistant organizer of the Panama City Playgroup, planning play dates and maintaining a full calendar for a group with over 100 members. All is well with **Tish Andressen Slattery** and her family living in Rye, NY, and looking forward to another summer full of sailing with the kiddies — Jack (8), Madelyn (6), and James (4). Tish reports that Billy (20) is in college and Katie (16) is visiting various colleges as she will enter her senior year.

Holly Witt Aitken lives in Hong Kong with Randy, Kenneth (3), and Henry (1) and loves the shopping in China. She returned from a trip to Sydney and is looking forward to a trip stateside in Sept. **Nalini Mani** still works with Booz Allen. After spending the last 4 yrs living out of a suitcase in hotels all over the world, she's back for a little bit in the U.S. and working locally in D.C. Nalini has no complaints. "There is something to be said about housekeeping and room service!" She spent an fabulous vacation for 15 days in Jan. in China and plans to go back again for 3 wks in Tibet. Also,

congratulations are due: Nalini finished her Ph.D.! She's in touch with Dawn Leary '95 and Leti Romo '92 who are both in the D.C. metro area. **Julia Skilinski Brooks** continues to blog about her life at: <http://messystuffalifeithms.blogspot.com/>

Thanks to Facebook, she's in regular contact with **Sally Estes Vigezzi**, **Patty Sagasti Suppes**, **Nalini Mani**, and **Gretchen Petrus**. Julia talks to **Laurie Palmer** on the phone a few times a week and would love to hear from anyone else out there in Facebook land.

As for me, **Stacey McClain**, I've been busy volunteering at Ever's school, making costumes for her drama activities (a mouse in Cinderella, Rajah in Aladdin, and now Woodstock in Peanuts), and getting ready for her transition to my alma mater next year for Pre-K (and the beginning of the long academic journey to SBC, I hope). Hubby Bob, Ever (4), and I are looking forward to a trip to Disney in Apr. and attending **Sabryna McClung Roberson's** wedding vow renewal in Jun. We hope to see other SBCers at the event including **Tracie Allen Webber** and husband Lee and **Dianne Hayes Doss** and family. Facebook continues to be an excellent way to find and stay in touch with SBC friends. We'll be starting an official class of 1993 group as our 20th reunion creeps closer. 2013 will be here before we know it (and how many more annoying Facebook redesigns between now and then?) Let's all plan to celebrate our big 2-0 on campus with friends and family!

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I'm sad to tell you all of the death of **Rachel Elizabeth Virden Hurschler**. Rachel was with us at SBC for our freshman yr and part of our sophomore yr. We send our sincerest condolences to Rachel's family and friends.

Crystal Matusevich and boyfriend Mathieu Rein have opened their own hunter/jumper barn in Alpharetta, GA. Their

Web site is still under construction, but you can check it out at www.reinfieldfarm.com. If anyone is in the area, please stop in and say hello!

Natalie Liberi Joseph and husband Daniel live in Shanghai with their children, Luke (2) and Allegra (1 in Aug.). Natalie and the children are currently in Pittsburgh for an extended visit until some food quality issues in China are resolved. Daniel flies back and forth for the time being. This summer they'll move to Hong Kong, one of Natalie's all-time favorite cities! She tells me it's exciting and challenging living in China, but also very cool. The Joseph family lives in Pu Dong (think of the beautiful footage always shown in movies, such as *Mission Impossible 3*; that's where they live), which is the financial district of Shanghai. Natalie's children are quite the international travelers, and she's so happy being able to stay home with them. She hopes to take the whole family to SBC this spring. After moving so many times in the last 13 yrs, both nationally and internationally, Natalie has lost contact with many old friends and looks forward to getting back in touch!

Sarah Dennis Roberts and Hayden expect their 2nd baby in Jul.! Jackson (6) looks forward to being a big brother. Sarah continues to work for Inasmuch Foundation and was recently honored with Oklahoma City Business's 40 Under 40 Award which recognizes up-and-coming leaders in her city. She heard from Lucretia Bock '97 and says it's been fun to get back in touch with her. Since Lucretia is in TX and Sarah in OK they hope to get together soon. Congratulations to the Roberts family!

Julie Hildebrand Nelson and Brett expect their 1st child in Jul.! Julie says the pregnancy has been completely uneventful, a good thing. Otherwise, they love life in Warrenton, VA. They're active in the local SBC Alumnae chapter and enjoy seeing local SBC girls, such as **Imogen Slade Rex**, Becky Miller '97, Sarah Alexander '93, as well as those in town visiting family and friends. Congratulations, Julie and Brett!

Jen Beck Locke has some news to share about her family. Thomas (3) was diagnosed with sensory integration dysfunction (an autism spectrum disorder) and is seeing 3 therapists. He is improving, but they're "brushing" his skin every 2 hrs., listening to special music, and doing exercises daily. A few weeks after Tom's diagnosis, Trae (9 mos.) was admitted into the hospital after he slowly stopped eating. After seeing several doctors and undergoing massive testing he was put on a feeding tube, which was in for 7 ½ wks, and was finally removed 3/10. In addition to the feeding tube, both boys were in and out of the hospital with shigella and the rodo virus. Trae is slowly improving, but the Lockes have had a lot going on! Marte (5 ½) is thriving in kindergarten and is taking art, dance, and about to begin soccer. Hunter is still the general manager for Georgia-Pacific and they're all enjoying Chattanooga. Best

wishes to the Locke family for everyone to get well and things to settle down soon!

Angie Conklin Abell is in the process of building her own real estate office on Chincoteague Island, VA. She'll be going out on her own after 13 yrs of working for others in the real estate field, and is excited about this new venture. Angie's new company is called "Beach Bay Realty" (www.beachbayrealty.com), and is scheduled to open sometime in Jun., so please look her up! Husband, Barry, Taulman (8), and Hope (6), are doing great! Angie enjoys keeping in touch with so many SBC friends on Facebook.

April Collins Potterfield writes that Benjamin is starting kindergarten in the fall at Columbia Catholic School, and Oliver and Nathaniel will be 1 in Jun. They're all healthy, generally happy, and cute little monkeys. She and Russell are traveling with them to Napa for spring break, and then a packed summer full of travel. April imagines traveling with 3 will be different than just 1! She has enjoyed this year of a reduced course load, but is up for tenure at Westminster Coll. in the fall so she'll be back at it full time. Russell is doing well also, and has become quite the gourmet chef. The Potterfields will be visiting the Culinary Institute of America when in Napa, so April is hoping he doesn't decide to retire and start culinary school!

Jesse Durham Strauss tells me that she, **Rachei Baitus**, and **Hilary Carlson Katerberg** attended the SBC D.C. "Young" Alumnae happy hour in Mar. where they had a great time meeting alums from the classes of '06 and '08. They were all thrilled to be included as "young alumnae." Jesse spent a fun Valentine's weekend with Jen Beck Locke and her family in Chattanooga. It was great to catch up with Jen and spend time with Trae, Thomas, and Marte, and of course, Hunter—who hasn't changed a bit except for a few more gray hairs. While Jesse was in TN with Jen, Cron stayed home in VA with their 2 girls: Anna (2) who is talking like crazy, and Audrey (9 mos.) who is crawling everywhere. Jesse was looking forward to going back to SBC for the JYS 25th anniversary in late Mar.

Shann Fountain Culo and husband Tomislav were moving to Palo Alto, CA, in Apr. with their 2 children, Noemi (5) and Andre (3). Shann finished a book that will be published 7/09, called *Moon Croatia & Slovenia* for the Moon Travel Guide series. She's kept in touch with Slavica Olujić Klapić '95 and Desirée Valenzuela Gribschaw '97, but would love to reconnect with other friends from SBC. Congratulations, Shann!

Leah Jorgensen has had some wonderful changes in her life. In Dec. she left her job as the director of marketing & communications at Adelsheim Vineyard to begin her own consulting business for the OR wine industry. Leah does contract marketing and communications, along with event planning, and is co-organizing the Best of Oregon Food & Wine Festival to celebrate

local wineries, restaurants, and culinary artisans. She's also a freelance writer and has contributed to a handful of food and wine focused magazines, writing mostly about the gluten-free lifestyle, having taken on an advocate role since being diagnosed with celiac disease 2 yrs ago. Leah launched her new website, www.leahjorgensen.com, which highlights her writing and includes her contract work. In Dec. she moved in with boyfriend Nathan on his organic farm and orchard in Colton, OR. They'll be growing pears soon for brandy and vinifera grapes for wine (probably Pinot noir and maybe some Gewürztraminer). The couple plans to get lots of chickens and a few goats within the year, and Leah is hoping to host some SBC girls on the farm soon!

Imogen Slade Rex and Chip are looking forward to celebrating Isabelle's 1st birthday in May, and hope for many summer outings with SBC friends!

Rachael Boyd Belmonte can't wait to get together with **Jessica Gindlesperger Hubbell**, **Mary Jane Bradley Flowers** and other SBC alumnae this summer! Will (8) enjoys basketball, baseball, and Boy Scouts. Emma (5) enjoys ballet class and is ready for kindergarten next year. Joe enjoys his new job with McGill Environmental. Rachael still enjoys teaching AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, and Pre-Calculus for Virtual Virginia, the VA Department of Education's online school from the comfort of her home in Williamsburg, VA.

As for me, **Amy Daugherty Michel**, our life remains much the same; balancing work, school and family life between Sam and I. In addition to writing our class notes, I'm taking a turn as president of our Homeowner's Association. Xander turned 2 in Mar. and is a very smart, busy, delightful little boy! Our family had quite a stressful time last fall and winter, as my niece Graysen was diagnosed with an arachnoid cyst on her brain, along with sleep apnea due to a small palate. She had an outpatient surgery in mid-Dec. '08 to remove her tonsils and adenoids, and then in 1/09, at 2 ½ yrs old, she underwent brain surgery at Stanford U. Medical Center to open and drain the cyst. She's now recovered and doing incredibly well! My sister Jaime was pregnant with her 2nd child during all of this, and delivered my new niece Addison Leigh on 2/24. She's a beautiful and healthy baby, and we had the pleasure of spending a long weekend with the whole family in Sedona, AZ, in Mar. For any of you looking for an amazing vacation spot, check out Sedona. I hope you and your families are well, happy, and healthy, and I look forward to hearing from you again soon!

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Cady Thomas spent the Christmas holiday with **Serena Putegnat** and Tara ('00) and family in Austin, TX. It was great to be with them and have a warm holiday. Cady loved seeing all the ladies at the SBC Day in Jan. at Katy McCartney Gilliam's ('97) house in Chapel Hill. **Anne-Claire Wackenhut** is still settling into her new house (GA) and discovering all the joys and tribulations involved in home ownership. Highlights for the spring: visiting sister Celeste ('08) in Venice for a few months, stopping in Paris to see her brother and grandparents, as well as meeting up briefly with **Kate Rinehart Eskew** and John, who will be in Europe at the same time! **Joanne Hopkins** just returned from a trip to SBC where she was a panelist at the math and engineering career event. "It was great to be back on campus, catch up with a few professors, and see the new fitness center and student townhouses under construction."

Pamela Fine Auble still heads up the Microsoft engineering department at NeuStar, Inc. in Sterling, VA. She returned from a business trip to Israel and had the chance to visit Jerusalem and Haifa and even learn some Hebrew! Husband Brent was on solo Daddy-duty to Joshua (14 mos.) for 2 wks. The Aubles see **Emily Virkus Calle**, husband Dan, and son Benjamin on a regular basis for play dates. Things in the **Erin Wortley Valliere** house are crazy as ever with work and chasing 3 kids. They're all good and gearing up for baseball and swim team. **Joanne Hopkins** and Erin are going to New Orleans in Apr. to meet up with **Erikka Sund Neal** before the new baby makes his appearance, and to meet Erikka's daughter Frances.

Dana Bordvick Poleski and Mark are almost finished with the new house and, hopefully, are in by the time you read this. Maybe the grass in the newly cleared pasture will have taken hold as well and possibly be fenced in. She's enjoyed connecting with everyone on Facebook and wishes everyone the best. **Laura Fitton Pieper** has good and bad news. Bad news 1st: she became a casualty of the economic crisis when she was laid off in Jan. from her dream job as an arts and entertainment writer. The journalism business isn't the place to be right now, and she doesn't know what direction to take next in her career. The good news: around the same time, she was accepted as a fellow in the National Endowment for the Arts' Journalism Institute in Theater and Musical Theater in L.A. this Apr.! All expenses paid!

After being a part of the Obama campaign and then the Presidential Inaugural

Committee 2009. **Kelsey Larus** is now a political appointee in the Administration. "It's fantastic and awesome to witness history as it's being made." **Evah Pottmeyer McGinley** was sworn into the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, which was thrilling, but she *highly* doubts she'll ever practice there. She should finish her LLM at the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in May. She and Shawn are looking to buy a house in Rock Island, IL, where their next duty assignment will be at Rock Island Arsenal. They look forward to being stationed *together* for this assignment. **Rush Harris** is marrying her love, Jory, in May. They are living in AL, organic farming and raising free-range chickens.

Valerie Walston still lives in the coastal town of Santa Barbara, CA, and enjoys the yr-round 75-degree weather (upstaged only by a recent 2-wk holiday through Australia in Feb.). She spends much time in Hollywood managing promotions for bands; one of her bands, After Midnight Project, just struck a multi-million \$ deal with Universal Motown; their 1st full-length album premieres this summer! She'll ride again with the Lance Armstrong Foundation this summer and would love to have your support in finding a cure for cancer! You can donate online at <http://sanjose09.livestrong.org/valerie>. She hopes all you lovely ladies are doing great! Gardens **Kelly Bowman Greenwood** designed were photographed and featured in *Backyards: A Sunset Design Guide* by Bridget Biscotti Bradley, published in Jan. And **Kindle Samuel Barkus'** wedding was featured in the 2009 Annual Issue of *Real Simple Weddings*. She's happily married to Terance and has a son, Desmond Uriah Barkus (born 7/17/08). They live in CA, and she works in Silicon Valley at Cisco Systems (the human network effect . . . still seeking to change the world). She loves life and knows she is blessed each and every day . . . all day long!

Gretchen Gravely Tucker is settling in nicely with their new son born in Oct.! Life is fun with 2 little ones! They were able to visit with **Kelli Scott Uttley** and family over Christmas. Kelli's newest addition, Olivia or "Liv," was born in Aug. It was one big play-date! Gretchen recently visited **Shelley Shreve Oliver** and Kerry Coleman-Proksch. Give Gretchen a call if you are near SBC. She'd love to visit with you! **Tonya Grudier Montgomery** and Tom were looking forward to the birth of their 1st baby in late Apr. She loves her new job at Indian Creek School and is glad that her schedule allows her to be at home with the baby for the 1st 4 mos.

Cyndi Hague Hine is looking forward to a quick jaunt to KY in May to meet up with **Kathy Carr** and **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett!** She's hopeful she'll make it to SBC for Homecoming '09. She and Shawn are going on 5 yrs of marriage and Alex is 2 ½—how time flies! They all continue to do well. After a 3-yr break in the routine, Cyndi performed a lead role in "Leading Ladies" at her local community theatre. She's so excited to be back in it, and

had "almost" forgotten how much fun it was, although the memorization certainly is harder than it used to be. Cynthia stays busy with her 2 kids and Love. She was thrilled to run into **Susan Holman Beck** in Chattanooga while on a grandparent Grand Tour through TN, and she spent a wonderful evening with **Joelle Jackson** in Murfreesboro talking about life, love, *Twilight*, and Jesus! She loves staying in touch with everyone as much as her schedule allows. **MaryLea Martin Harris** blogs about crafting and motherhood at <http://www.pinkandgreenmama.blogspot.com> and would love to hear from you. Her girls, Emma (6) and Claire (2), are giving her plenty of material to blog and scrapbook about! MaryLea is an independent consultant for Creative Memories.

Chantel Bartlett continues to be challenged and is constantly busy at her new job arranging foreign exchange students. It's been interesting dealing with different countries and even more amazing at some of the problems! Her organization is in the midst of placing for the 2009/2010 academic season. Anyone know of someone who might like to bring a piece of another country into her home? Always looking for new host families! Chantel spent most of Jan. and Feb. traveling weekends for work. She went to ME, MD, PA, and even returned to SBC. Mar. brought about a business trip to San Diego for training, so she took a few extra days to visit with **Candice Broughton Maillard** and her fabulous family. The boys are gorgeous and growing like weeds! Chantel tries to keep in frequent contact with **Alicia Foster Wilburn**, but has yet to make it south to meet baby Estelle. Chantel also hears from time to time from **Natia Nemelisheva**. They're doing well, and possibly moving to London. Chantel will take a few days in May to go "home" to Seattle and have a final vacation before she can no longer travel during the summer months. Overall, things are going well!

Heather Smith is graduating from UT Chattanooga on 5/3 with a BS in Dietetics. She's waiting to hear of her acceptance into a dietetic internship, which is the next step. She's currently working as a diet tech in Enteral Nutrition (tube feeding) and loves it. **Jessica Simpson**, with us during our 1st yr and transferred from SBC to WA, her home town, has finished her M.A. in Nursing in the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program at the U.WA. She co-authored her 1st academic journal article to be published this month! [Kieckhefer, G.M., Trahms, C.M., Churchill, S.S., Simpson, J.N. (2009) "Measuring Parent-Child Shared Management of Chronic Illness. *Pediatric Nursing*," 35.7.] She lives in Seattle and works part time as an RN in a Pediatric/Neonatal intensive care unit and loves it! She keeps in touch with **Erikka** and **Joanne Hopkins**. **Melissa Coffey** is engaged and is busy planning a summer 2010 wedding! She still works in the Alumnae Office and looks forward to working with the new president, Jo Ellen Parker. She hopes lots of 98ers will return to campus for her Inauguration during Homecoming Weekend, September 24–26. She sees

Jenn Anderson and **Rhonda Tyree** for girls gatherings often.

Dawn Everett Grobe writes that they expect their 1st baby, a boy, 5/25. Dawn is "sure that, because the pregnancy has been relatively easy, he's going to be a pain in the rear. My sister is so excited you would think she was having the baby." Dawn will stay home for the rest of the school year and all summer, but plans to go back in the fall. They took their last child-free vacation in Feb. driving to Montreal where they "spent a decadent 6 days doing almost nothing. Went to the Science Center and the Titanic Exhibit. Spent 1 whole day hanging out in the room and got room service for the 1st time." They also look forward to taking their 1st family vacation in early Aug. to Star Island (Isles of Shoals, NH, not FL).

Charlotte Higgins is ending her 1st yr. in pharmacy school at UNC. Life is all academics until she decides whether her heart is still in nursing or in this new field. She misses the simple days of SBC and morning prayer times with Cynthia. Life is busy, but good otherwise.

BABIES: Shelley Shreve Oliver birthed a future SBC grad on 3/18. Emily "Hamilton" Oliver weighed 6 lbs., 12oz. Big brother Loren and Mom and Dad are thrilled with the addition! **Courtney Morgan Harris** and Curt welcomed their 1st baby, Morgan Elizabeth Harris, on 3/3. **Nichi Benson Knox** birthed her 2nd son, Elijah Douglas, on 11/12. Despite being born a month early, he's thriving thanks to the watchful eye of his big brother. Nichi, has been back in the classroom since the beginning of Jan., but will soon be taking a new position (pulling students out to help them with their writing) at a different h. s. in the same district. She looks forward to the change in responsibilities. **Emily Busse Schwartz** and Kevin welcomed their 1st child Phoebe Rose just in time for Christmas. They look forward to introducing her to Lindsey Hall '99, **Cady Thomas**, and all her other SBC Aunties in the months to come. **Hobby Holmes Cole** delivered a healthy baby boy on 12/13 after 30 hrs. of grueling labor and then an emergency C-section—Charles Taylor "Holmes" Cole. **Gannon Hunt** was the 1st SBC friend to come and visit them.

Keep in touch, friends!

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Jennie Lee Baick is a new mother and has never felt more privileged to be a woman! Daughter Kennedy was born on 1/26/09 a little early to the party, but healthy. Jenny works for the Keller Investment Group in Irvine, CA, and loves CA weather.

Devon Vasconcellos Bijansky completed the New Orleans Half Ironman in Apr.,

swimming 1.2 mi., cycling 56 mi., and running 13.1 mi. in 6:14 hrs.

Kristine Bria Brown and Andrew celebrated their 1st wedding anniversary on 3/28/09. They enjoyed an amazing weekend in NYC and will travel to the Bahamas in Aug. for a full week celebration! Kristine keeps in touch with **Sarah Dean**, **Erin Vlasaty**, **Kelly Turney** and many others via Facebook.

Rachel Barnard Fendley, Bill, and son Will (2) welcomed Benjamin Palmer this past Jul. He weighed in at 9 lbs., 2 oz.! Everyone has adjusted nicely. Rachel enjoys staying home with her boys. This past Oct. she got together with Alicia Hart Palmore '05 and her kids, Ashley Black Wood '05 and her kids, and **Katie Whitlock** and her son.

Sarah Kingsley Foley has been taking some time away from coaching cheerleading to spend more time with Cole (3) and husband Bo. The Foleys have been renovating their 100-yr-old house since Memorial Day '08. Sarah is growing more involved with yoga and even went to Yogaville (which is very near SBC). Sarah visited **Brandi Whitley Hiller** and **Meghan Pollard Leypoldt** in fall. She has regular play dates with **Lillie Vought Tillar** and sees **Megan Butt Glover**. Jen Dixon Graves '01, Elizabeth Finch Wright '01, and Liz Parker Veverka '01. Recently Alison Stockdale '00 (Sarah's QV baby) came to Norfolk for a quick visit.

Mamie Jackson relocated to Atlanta, GA, in 4/09, where she accepted the position of associate vice president of development at Spelman Coll. In accepting this new role, she left the position of deputy director of development at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the U.MD. Mamie enjoys being the proud auntie to her brand new nephew. She continues to keep in touch with Isabel Jean-Pierre '98 and Nicole Streeter.

Heather McLeod and hubby TJ Griffin can't wait to welcome baby #2 in 10/09. Big brother Eamon will have just turned 2, and the long, hot Austin summer will hopefully be starting to wind down. Heather was sad to miss Reunion.

Lindsey Neef Kelly has been busy at work and is preparing to submit an outline to teach her 1st VA Continuing Legal Education. As of Apr., Catherine is 2 and talking up a storm and Rachel (8 mos.) just started pulling up on everything and blowing kisses. Lindsey and Sean look forward to summer coming so that they can start building a play structure in their backyard.

Emily Sartor Patterson and Brad enjoy daughter Claire, born in 9/08, and have moved into a new house that they built in Chapel Hill. Emily is working part time at Duke Medical Center, so she can spend most of her time playing with Claire! They enjoyed having **Anna Redding Carmichel** and her family come down to visit and go to a UNC basketball game. Anna and Charles have 2 children, Charlie and Campbell.

Kristin Smith Radtke and Trip will celebrate 4 yrs of marriage in Apr. and welcome their 1st child in Aug. Kristin plans to take a sabbatical from teaching Latin for at least the next year.

Shannon Smith has moved from Garner back to Raleigh. She recently started a new job with Bankfield the Pet Hospital in Knightdale, a brand new hospital. She's still active at Covenant Church International and her 2 cats are doing well, although they did not like the move much.

Tina Hansel Snover was due in late Apr. with daughter #2, Elizabeth Claire. Brenae (2 ½) is excited to be a big sister! Tina is now an official résumé consultant and working part time from home.

Katie Leeming Sparkman and Alex welcomed Thorne Woodruff Sparkman on 3/19. He's being the perfect baby and big sister Ashley loves him. The dog seems to be the most jealous of all! Katie is no longer working as a massage therapist and is at home full time for the moment. She saw **Jill Triana** briefly when Jill was in NYC. It was fun to catch up, but way too short.

Lillie Voght Tillar started up a portrait photography business in VA Beach last fall. Feel free to visit her website at www.photographybylillie.com. She's having a blast doing what she loves—staying home with her 2 daughters, Virginia Ames (6) and Claudia (2), while getting to fulfill her dream of being a photographer. She looks forward to being in **Erin Vlasaty's** wedding this May out in St. Louis!

Meredith Tillery is still in Knoxville, TN, where she manages an independent insurance agency. She and her brothers have recently formed The Tillery Group which will specialize in developing renewable energy options. She's President of the Knoxville Alumnae Club which has had slack participation lately. If there are any other Knoxville alumnae out there (any class), please let her know.

Lindsay Hicks Watrous loves motherhood, and can't believe her son Drew is now 1. She's still doing PR consulting out of her home office in Phoenix, which allows her to spend more time with the baby. She keeps in touch with lots of SBC grads by way of Facebook! But most often, she talks with **Shannon Weisenberger Habenicht**, **Anna Carmichael Redding**, and **Jera Niewoehner**.

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Hello, Class of 2000! Thanks so much for writing in. Only one more year until Reunion, can you believe it? If you have pictures you'd like included in our class scrapbooks, please send them to me (you can send digital or snail mail). Be sure to include names, dates, and locations so we know who's who! Congratulations to all the expanding families out there. **Susan Bobb** and husband Jamie Clark expect 1st child Benjamin David Bobb Clark, any day now (as of this writing). Susan

is on leave from her post-doc research position and will probably take the summer off to recuperate. Jamie started a job at Tesla Motors in their R&D as an engineer, and they're enjoying California (at least what they've seen of it!) **Alison Stockdale** will be celebrating her 7th year as a federal employee in 8/09. Daughter Annika turned 1 in 2/09 and hasn't mastered walking, but likes to cruise everywhere. Alison and Adam are expecting baby #2 due in 9/09! **Kimberly Earehart Coleman** is still at home with daughter Claire. She'll be 3 in Aug. and is growing up more each day. She's excited about having a new baby brother or sister in Sept. Kim has kept in touch with **Anne-Ryan Sinnott Craig** and daughter Abbey. Claire and Abbey enjoy playing together. **Cameron Theodoros Neuhauser** and husband welcomed a beautiful baby girl on 1/3/09. Her name is Arianna Nicole Neuhauser; she weighed 5 lbs, 13 oz. She's doing wonderfully, and they love being new parents! **Benedicte Valentin Lemothe** still lives near Paris and is expecting another boy at the end of May (Remi turned 2 on 12/08). **Emily Pegues** still travels lots for work; next trip is to Italy, to escort a Raphael painting to the artist's hometown of Urbino. She'll be thinking of **Caroline Stark** and Anne-Claire Wackenhut '98, remembering their stories of junior year abroad there. She's also heading to London and Paris this spring as part of a research fellowship from the National Gallery—will spend lots of time in libraries, archives, and poking around the Louvre's storerooms! While in Paris, she hopes to see Benedicte and her family. By the time class notes come out, Emily will be an aunt! Her brother and his wife expect their 1st child in late May. **Kibbyjane Bryenton Fergusson** wrote in from Japan where she was expecting a visit from her parents at the beginning of Apr. and will be traveling to Kyoto and Hiroshima. Anna will be 2 in Aug. and Iain will be 4 in Jul. She says that some of the food is really good, while some is very strange. Japan is a fascinating culture. The boys will be gone again for much of the summer/fall, but she hopes to meet up with husband Donnie at a port call or two. **Melissa Bellan** became a partner in the law firm Buchanan & Bellan, L.L.P. on 1/1/09! She still lives in Dallas with her 2 dogs and will be traveling to Spain and Morocco in the early summer. **Vicki Zak Rosenthal** and Ben have been renovating their D.C. condo, and just finished installing new wood floors. They'll probably tackle the master bathroom next! Work has kept Vicki busy, and she just passed her 5-yr mark at SAIC. She's planning a trip to Athens, Greece, this coming Sept., and hopes to visit Istanbul and Paris before the end of the year. She has kept in touch with **Holly Wilmeth**, who is hard at work building a playground plus teaching English to several children in her town. Holly lives in Mexico. Here is Holly's website with further details on the playground, <http://www.hollywilmeth.typepad.com/montesplayground/>. **Lindsey Brooker Brooks** stopped in NC on her way

Hilton Head for an early spring visit with **Elizabeth Davis Baker** Baby David is doing great, and James is turning 3 in Apr. Lindsey plans to start selling bags and other items from Thirty-One Gifts (www.31gifts.com) in Apr. Please contact me if you want to have an online or catalog show from anywhere. She says that hopefully this will support her Starbuck's and Tropical Smoothie addictions! **Christine Bump** writes "As a 5th-year associate at the law firm, I'm busier than ever. I know that I should be very grateful that food and drug law is recession-resistant, but I'm growing tired of the long hours and travel. I enjoy my role as a wife much more than being a lawyer! I'm very proud of my husband, and he has had a lot of news lately. He's worked 8 long years, tirelessly and ethically, to build his company. In Feb. and Mar. alone, he and/or the company was featured in *Smart Money*, *Kiplinger's*, *The Chicago Tribune*, and WSJ's *MarketWatch*. It's very exciting!" **Becky Hamby Marshall** reports from Oklahoma City. She and James moved back to her home state 2 yrs ago from Washington D.C., and they're finally over the culture shock—she thinks! She works for Chesapeake Energy Marketing and her husband is manager for a fine dining restaurant called Sloeil. She says their only child is a Corgi-Jack Russell mix named Henry, and his partner in crime is Albert the cat. She looks forward to Reunion next year! **Mandy Rockwell** is pursuing a 2nd Masters in Expressive Arts Therapy and Mental Health Counseling in Cambridge, MA, at Lesley U. She has 2 babies . . . well, Weimaraners. **Sarah Cunningham** writes in from NYC: "I've been in NYC the last 4 yrs and live with my sister. We have an amazing apt. overlooking the East River that we enjoy decorating. Last Aug. I made a career change from working in the Financial Services sector to Internet Services. I'm at Yahoo within the Internet Video department. I manage all top tier partnership integrations for video content syndication. Most likely, if anyone watches TV episodes on sites like AOL & Yahoo then you've seen my work. The job & company is amazing, and I like the video/advertising market. I'm still dating my boyfriend of 3+ years, Nate. We live in the same apt. building so we practically live together. I miss my SBC friends and apologize for not keeping in touch. Holla holla to my *girlz*." **Kim Harden Fella** and Chad were able to travel together for a vacation during the last week in Mar. They met her parents in Barcelona, Spain, (they had cruised over from Miami) and spent a few days there before heading out to spend a few days in the countryside visiting many different wineries. Chad is still stationed with the Harry S. Truman carrier in Norfolk, VA. It looks like their deployment will be sometime in fall '09. After that deployment, Chad will return to shore duty for a few years, but they aren't sure where. Kim is still working as a school counselor in Macon, and has been busy this year with house projects. They put in brand new windows, and have also redone the dock on the lake and the deck up by the

pool. They are having the pool re-done and will be putting a screen lanai up over the pool area. It'll be great to enjoy that this spring and summer. Other than that, she looks forward to seeing classmates at our 10-year Reunion in May 2010. **Tarrah Kehm** got engaged over the holidays and is planning a 2010 wedding in Italy! (Better not be during Reunion, Tarrah!) She still lives in Brussels, Belgium, but has been on assignment in Brazil. She admits that she misses the USA more and more as the years go by. She became an aunt in Apr. and says that her brother, sister-in-law, and her nephews are healthy and happy. She hopes to meet up with **Liz Keating Michaels** in CO this summer. **Evangeline Easterly Taylor** and Eric are painting their sail boat blue and fixing it up for sailing season. This year she is organizing her neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt, annual picnic, and yard sale. **Angelina Alongi** is engaged to David Vieyra. She's raising organic pastured beef ("Pearls Pastured Beef") on the family ranch and still loves the Houston weather. As for me, I enjoyed a surprise visit from **Lindsey Brooks** and her 2 adorable boys in Feb. Work and school still keep Brian and me very busy, but we're hoping to make some time this spring/summer for a few beach trips. Also keeping me busy is my blog and its very small following of devoted readers. I hope to see some of you at Homecoming this year! If you can't make the trip in Sept., save the date for May 2010—our 10th Reunion! Holla holla!

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Many thanks to everyone who sent in news! We sure have some exciting things to report. Congratulations to everyone on their amazing accomplishments.

Joy Talmon and Tamir moved to IA about a year ago where she took a job as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Animal Rescue League in Des Moines. Son Oren celebrated his 1st birthday, 3/25! She hasn't done much travelling, but did get to spend her birthday in Boston with **Sarah Bradford**, **Jen Montfort** and Heather Carson '00.

Cristina Paolicchi closed on her 1st home in Katy, TX, at the end of Feb. although she won't actually be living there for a while since her job will be taking her 1st to Newport, RI, for 6 mos. of school and then on to Honolulu, HI, to be the Chief Engineer on the frigate USS Crommelin.

Christine Rangel is excited to be a bridesmaid in **Natasha Nickodem's** wedding in Aug. and Sarah Belanger's in Sept. Her water polo club, TNYA, is playing a tournament in Toronto, Canada, in Mar! She's so happy to hang out with **Chanel Smith**, **Christy Holterman Zeigler**, and Holly Lane Riley '06 quite often in NYC.

Ariana Kateryna Wolyneć-Werner spent a lovely 6-mo. detail in New Orleans with DHS Immigration and Customs Enforcement, tracking human smugglers, uncovering illegal immigration patterns, and representing the U.S. Government in immigration court. In her free time, she learned how to sew clothes and lost her 2005 Katrina evacuation weight walking laps in Audubon Park. She's now back working in D.C. and squatting temporarily in **Nia Fonow Ravenstahl's** new home. Ariana plans to graduate from the Presidential Management Fellows program in late Oct. 2009, and is in training to walk a half marathon in Hodgkin's Lymphoma research in her father's honor. She visits not frequently enough with **Amanda Campbell Wright** and her growing brood.

Kat Morse is enjoying her time working at the historic Jekyll Island Club Hotel. She has been attending Armstrong Atlantic State U. working on a Graduate Certificate in Public History and hopes to move into the Masters degree program this fall. She's awaiting permission to research in the Jekyll Island archives and hoping to find people still living who have oral history, diary entries, letters and artifacts that can be sent to her in preparation of a book on Jekyll spanning from Native Americans to about 1975. She hopes that some of the funds will go to restoration and other poorly funded programs to ensure the continued education of the history of Jekyll Island as well as place markers to highlight some of its forgotten past.

Natasha Nickodem is engaged to marry Matthew Stevens, 8/8/09 in Galena, IL. **Stephanie Sherrard** will be the maid of honor and **Christine Rangel** and **Sarah Belanger** will be bridesmaids.

Alison Clark Joe says, "Life is going well. After a number of delays, some because of me, and some because of my committee, I successfully defended my dissertation in clinical psychology last Aug. Two days later I gave birth to a baby girl, Elise Sasaki Joe. My sister, Emily Clark Kang '99, was pregnant at the same time and had her daughter, Rose-Marie, about a month earlier. As always, she's been a great support through pregnancy and the start of motherhood. Right now I'm enjoying being a stay-at-home mom. Changing diapers may not be glamorous, but right now it beats a dissertation. Husband Jeffrey is doing well working for the Idaho National Lab, and our German Shepherd has become quite the nursemaid for Elise."

Leah Solivan Busque resigned from her software engineering position at IBM last Jun. to found her own internet startup company called *RUNmyERRAND.com*. RUNmyERRAND is a social networking inspired community that connects a people in real time to get things done. She spent last summer and fall developing the idea and launched an initial beta site in Boston last Nov. She secured a 1st round of funding, which will allow the company to grow and realize its full potential.

Sarah Belanger is getting married to Dave Levinson (W&L '00) on 9/12/09 in Richmond. **Natasha Nickodem**, **Christine Rangel**, and Casey Perlow '02 are bridesmaids.

Grace Turner will be getting married on 6/6/09 to Steven Creasey, a police officer in Goochland County outside Richmond. She teaches civics to accelerated and gifted students at Goochland M. S. They met while working on a political campaign in which both of their fathers were candidates—not against each other, thankfully. Sister Maribeth Turner will be a senior at SBC this fall, and she'll enjoy going back to another graduation at SBC in the spring.

Audrey Dickson Pool is living in Mandeville, LA. She got married 4 yrs ago and has a beautiful daughter named Sophie. She and her husband both teach and coach at a private all-girls h. s. She coaches the JV cheerleading squad, but will be taking over the Varsity/Competition Squad next school year. She keeps in touch with Christi Rose Hart '02 and Leigh Riddell '02.

This past winter **Lori Kovatch Long** and her husband finished building their 1st home. She's all moved in and loves it. She still works as the head of Quality Control at KY BioProcessing, LLC—a Biotech Company producing products such as vaccines and therapeutics from tobacco plants. She also still runs a horse farm with her husband's aunt, where she trains horses and teaches riding lessons. Things are busy. She gets a chance to talk to **Hillary Herlehy**, **Alison Brown Breene**, **Christy Holterman Ziegler**, and **Lauren Kaplan Slobin** on a daily basis. They're trying to work out a girls vacation sometime this year. She hopes all is well with everyone!

Jenn Dixon Graves is excited to share that she has twins (4), and a new baby girl, born in 7/08. Maggie Rose is beloved by her brothers Gavin and Blake . . . and especially her Daddy. The Graves are busy with soccer, t ball, and swimming lessons. They regularly see Sarah Kingsley Foley '99, and her little boy Cole, as well as **Elizabeth Parker Veverka** and her sons Parker and new baby Kellan. Recently Jenn spent some much needed quality time with **Sarah Foley Barhight**, and Meg Foley '04 in Washington, D.C. She got to see Erin Wright East '00 and her precious new baby girl, Misa Sarmiento '02 and several other alumnae at Jennifer Crispen's memorial in Jan. She's anxiously awaiting the summer. She has finished a Master's in Education and is looking to re-enter the workforce in the near future. Since she can't play hockey and lacrosse anymore, she has developed a love for long distance running. She loves keeping up with old friends from SBC on Facebook!

Elizabeth Haeberle Davis and James welcomed their son Wyatt Nelson Davis on 7/28/08!

Rami Achterberg Heers and Jesse have lived in UT for a year now. Their son Brian Lukas Heers was born 8/7/08. Rami

and Brian traveled to VA in Oct. in order to visit his cousins and he found time to introduce himself to Aunt **Angela Rodriguez Newman** and Aunt **Meghan Thomas Rowe**. Rami is currently teaching 2 German classes at USU and spending her free time skiing

Leah Brooks Waldrip and Adam welcomed 1st child Garrett Preston Waldrip into the world on 6/24/08. Sister Lucy Brooks Thomas '00 came to visit and meet her nephew. Two mos. prior to giving birth, **Katherine Woodson Bates**, also flew into Atlanta to visit with Leah and help her prepare for Garrett's arrival. Mom, dad, and baby are all doing well.

Mariana Souza is pregnant and expecting her daughter, to be named Beatriz, at the end of Mar. She and Humberto are happy and are preparing for the change in their lives. Apart from that, she's still working as a lawyer in Rio de Janeiro and is often in touch with **Andrea Hidalgo**, **Rocio Guerrero**, and **Olive Eiley Sarah Houston Kenning** and Tyler are still in Albany, NY, and expect their 1st child this summer. They're very excited about their possible SBC or W&L class of 2031 addition to the family. She is upset, however, that it puts her out of attending the weddings of **Emily Reeh Burke** in May and **Natasha Nickodem** in Aug., but hopes to make it to **Sarah Belanger's** wedding in Sept. to David Levinson. She has been making her SBC rounds this year and was lucky enough to make it to NYC to visit **Christine Rangel** on her birthday, along with **Sarah Belanger**, **Chanel Smith**, Victoria Rangel '04, and Jane Rangel '06. She reports that Christine's party was a lot of fun and made her miss SBC! She was also visited **Anna Lundberg** with **Natasha Nickodem** in Anna's hometown of Minneapolis in Dec. and had a great time visiting polka bars, going extreme sledding, and eating cheese curds. She talks frequently to and is planning on visiting **Meghan Frier-Stawasz** this spring, along with **Katie Wood-Rea** and **Lys Burdette-Paulhus**. She's excited about seeing the new additions to their families, too!

Brie Vogler Midura has an exciting update: "Ben and I were very blessed this year. We welcomed our twins, Brynn and Benjamin, into our family on 2/25/09. They make us happier than we ever thought possible. After taking the summer off to be home with the babies, I'll begin a new pediatrics job working in private practice. We're in close contact with Vanessa Corry Julsen and join them in celebrating the arrival of their son, Everett. We also look forward to the arrival of Laura Reither Marcotte's baby this spring."

Kyle DuVall Blondé gave birth to a boy, Christian, almost 4 wks early on 12/31/08. Everything went okay and Kyle, Philip, and big sister Mylène couldn't be happier about the new addition.

Sarah Herndon Synder and Raph (HSC '01) are happy to report that their

1st child, Sophia Caroline Herndon Synder, was born on 11/10/08. She's having a wonderful time being a parent and reports that Sophia's nursery is decorated in pink and green!

Chanel Smith and boyfriend Steve moved to NYC from Miami last summer for his training program at Montefiore Medical Center and were engaged in 1/09. Wedding plans are on hold until after the birth of their little boy in Aug. She'll attend **Joanna Slusser Hughes'** 30th birthday party in Houston in Apr. and recently spent a girls' weekend in Philadelphia with **Emily Keating Haag** and **Ashley Morning Weaver**

Elizabeth Finch Wright gave birth to Margaret Ann Elizabeth "Maggie" on 7/8/08. She sold their Tropical Smoothie Café so that she could stay home with Maggie.

As for me, Spencer and I welcomed our little boy, Owen James, on 9/2 last year and love being a family of 4 with our daughter, Campbell, rounding out our bunch. We've become experts at travelling with kids as we've flown home to PA once a month since Oct. to visit my Dad who is still in the hospital after receiving a liver transplant in Nov.

Happy 30th to all of us celebrating that special occasion and keep well so we can see everyone at Reunion in 2 yrs!

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Hi, class of 2002! Most of us are having fun enjoying being 28, 29, or wow, even 30! We have all been secretly stalking each other through Facebook! But it is great keeping up with everyone that way! From weddings we move to children and even more exciting things! It was great to hear from all of you, so let's get started! **Katherine Moncure Stuart** and Harrison welcomed a baby boy 8/13/08, Edward Harrison Stuart, and they have been calling him Teddy. They are enjoying Knoxville and staying quite busy. Katherine is currently working for The Education Group, a teacher/administrative placement and consulting firm for private schools. Harrison is the Director of Development at the Episcopal School of Knoxville. **Jennifer Brown Robinson** is still in MA and finishing grad school at the U.M.A at Lowell in May and will be a nurse practitioner! She has been working hard and is happy to be finished. **Meg Anderson** says everything is great with her! She is teaching 9th and 10th grade world history for Fairfax County. Meg and

her boyfriend, Thaddeus, moved into their 1st house in Alexandria in Apr. with their 2 dogs and plan to add a 3rd soon. She feels very settled these days, and very happy!

Mary Beth Colvin is still teaching English and coaching Field Hockey at Liberty H.S. in Bealeton. **Ashley Trantham** is living in Raleigh and rescued a dog named Henry. She has been very busy with him. She is still working for the NC Nurses Association as the director of a nurse workplace recognition program. Ashley visits D.C. as much as possible to see **Arney Walker**, **Amy Mullen**, and **Jee-Yon Park**. **Donyele Gibson Wilkerson** has been busy preparing for the arrival of her 1st child. He was scheduled to be here 4/11, but we'll see.

Misa Sarmiento came to a baby shower and Donyele says she has been keeping up with most folks through Facebook these days. She is still working for the Department of Defense as an instructional systems designer. **Diana Latimer Alexander**

was expecting her 1st baby with husband Waylyn Alexander on 3/30. It's going to be a boy, and they are planning to name him Jax Clayton Alexander. "Auntie" **Angie Withers Dawson** is planning on visiting the bundle of joy after he's born, and help out if there is anything she can do. Angie wishes that Diana has a healthy baby boy, and a safe delivery. **Angie Withers Dawson** and husband, Jason, are enjoying the new delights and interests of daughter Casey (3). She is into everything, but Angie is excited that Casey is into horses too! Angie still has her horse from SBC, Mr. Ed, but he isn't being ridden too much these days. She visits SBC pretty often and says it's neat to see how it is changing. **Tia Trout-Perez** graduated from Northwestern Law in May. She took the IL Bar Exam in Jul., and passed! Since Sept. she has been working for Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Chicago. **Megan Tarnowski Gundogdu** and husband, Suleyman, welcomed their beautiful new daughter Ayla Rose Gundogdu on 3/23. Megan feels great and is so excited! **Aja Grosvenor** got engaged to David Stephens the day before Thanksgiving '08! She was shocked to her toes, but elated, and they plan to marry in 5/10. She still enjoys her work for the Detroit Symphony, and is semi-enjoying wedding planning. She plans on getting around as much as possible this summer to see her SBC girls. **Amanda Davis Stevens** recently accepted a new position at a small law firm, Rushford & Bonotto in Sacramento. She is doing civil litigation defense now, quite a change from being a prosecutor but is really enjoying it. She and her husband bought their 1st home in West Sacramento in Oct., and have been busy painting, landscaping, and trying to make it theirs. She enjoyed seeing **Jennifer Taylor Cantano** briefly while she was in San Jose for a conference. It was so nice to see her, and hard to believe that it's been almost 2 yrs since she saw her last at her wedding. **Tamara Young Metzfield** writes that **Meg Pringle** visited her in Dec. and they asked her and Craig Elkins (HSC '02)

to be godparents to their daughter, Cora, born 6/19/08. Tamara also asked Amber Solivan '04 and Ben Farmer (HSC '02) to be godparents to their other daughter, Emma. Tamara and her daughters wanted to help **Christi Rose Hart** celebrate Kendall's 2nd birthday in Mar., but the girls got sick and they were not able to make it. She and Dennis celebrated their 6-yr wedding anniversary at the beginning of May. They are also in the process of selling their home to move into something that will better fit a growing family and 4 dogs! **Christi Rose Hart** is still in Richmond. She and Jason just built a new house and were getting ready to celebrate Kendall's 2nd birthday. She keeps up with Alisa Cline Berry '03 and is excited to meet her new son. She also sees **Tamara Young Metzfield** and her 2 little girls. **Heather Minor Gelormine** and her family made another Army move from CD to Okinawa, Japan in 8/08, and will be here until the summer of 2011. They are enjoying the change of scenery (and all the food!), and being on a sub-tropical island. She is still staying at home with children, Brenna (5) and Anthony (1.5), and is in the process of training for her 1st marathon at the end of the year. **Denise McDonald Gentry** and her husband Temple are getting settled into their new home with their 3 dogs! In May she will celebrate her 1-yr wedding anniversary! Denise is working for her parents in northern VA. She sees **Lori Nilan** when she is not cooking and looks forward to getting together with Maria, Kelly, Ashley McGee '03, and Brook this summer.

Kelly Monical is in Atlanta and is settled in her new house. She and boyfriend, Dustin, have already been in the pool! Kelly recently got a new kitty to play with her black lab Maggie. She enjoys hanging out with **Maria Thacker** and **Sonya Truman**. **Serena Basten** graduated from nursing school and is still living out in CA. She is still riding and enjoying the scenery when she isn't working at Mad River Hospital in the Emergency department. **Meghan Gregory** is in Raleigh and having a great time. She is going back to school to get her MBA and can't wait to be finished! **Emily Johnston** was looking great when I saw her at Christmas. She is now associate director at the world's oldest auction house in London. Emily is currently pulling her hair out cutting her life in half with most time spent on a plane between London and L.A. to spend time with her boyfriend, Alex, which has her thinking about a more permanent move back to the states in the near future. When in the states, Emily has fun seeing all of her brothers and their families, who now live in San Diego, with the exception of her parents! **Katie McNamara Brown** is still teaching AP Biology in Woodbridge, VA, and recently completed her M.A. Katie finally has more time to enjoy family and horses. Daughter, Carolyn Joy (9 mos.), is beginning to walk—Carolyn has already visited SBC twice to enjoy time with her aunt Maggie McNamara '11 and preview her future alma mater! Katie is planning a visit to **Krista**

Schuler Ziegenfuss to finally meet her horse and is excited to hear Krista recently switched from architectural engineering to bridge engineering. **Lori Smith Nilan** is still enjoying working in the family business. She and Andrew got a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel puppy, Phoebe, for Christmas and are staying busy training for their 2nd marathon. Lori enjoys seeing Brook, Maria, Kelly, Denise and Ashley McGee '03 whenever possible. **Susan Seitz Jackson** is having fun chasing Benjamin (2) and enjoying his brother Samuel (Baby Sam) born 1/2/09. She and Josh have been redecorating their Madison Heights home where they've lived for 6 yrs Last but not least, I am still in nursing school in Charlotte and plan on finishing in 5/10! It has been challenging to say the least! Trey and I got a new Chocolate Labrador puppy for Christmas, Beaufort, and he is growing like a weed! Between school, Beau, and working in the Pathology Lab at Carolinas Medical Center, I am staying busy. For New Year's, Trey and I traveled to Richmond to see **Lori** and Denise. I am excited for the summer to be here and to hopefully see friends and get out of town! Trey and I will also celebrate our 1-yr wedding anniversary in Jun.! Can't wait to hear more about y'all next time! Happy Summer!

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Shirley Pinson Hendricks is finishing up her 2nd yr of teaching m. s., *loves it!* She's still coaching cheerleading, but has taken on the task of choreographing a musical—quite the job! She and Wesley (ECU/VT), will celebrate their 1st yr of marriage this Aug. Shirley proclaims that married life is truly blissful! At the end of 3/09, Shirley and **Lana Davis Booth** had a get-together in Newport News, VA. They hadn't seen each other since Shirley's wedding, so they were SUPER excited to get to spend time together. Shirley has already planned to attend this year's SBC Homecoming and hopes to see many '03s in attendance!

Courtney Yerdon Gleason is also ready for Homecoming and has booked her hotel room with **Danielle Ross Oberg** and **Lindsay Kinyon Ashton**. She and David are enjoying living in Charlotte, NC; they're both busy with work and Courtney has the level II exam for the CFA program coming up in 6/09. She enjoyed seeing Danielle, **Lara Hansen**, and **Erin Black Miner** at Lindsay's 6/08 wedding in Roanoke, VA, where she was a bridesmaid. Lindsay, Lara, and Courtney are happy to be able to get together for weekends several times a year.

Gwen McKinney will be completing her M.S. in 5/09 at UNC Greensboro. Her degree is in interior architecture with a concentration in museum studies. **Samm Grist** will also

graduate in 5/09, from the VT Law School. After graduation, she will be moving back to VA to study for the VA Bar.

Ingrid Zensen earned her MAT from U. of Portland in 12/08. She is engaged and will be married on 6/20/09. Her bridesmaids include **Allison Funkhouser**, **Michaela Krohn**, and **Kristin Aneralla**.

Sarah Burd Fratta joined the Air National Guard and left on 4/13/09 for 10 mos. of training.

Kelly Hughes Kaufman and Nick welcomed their baby Jackson Paul Kaufman on 2/03/09. Jackson weighed in at 7lbs. 6oz.

Jenny Smith Hargett and husband have moved back home to Charlotte, NC, where she's working as a genetic counselor, and they welcomed baby boy, Graham, in 7/08.

On 11/13/08, **Courtney Pfaff Kimble** and Chance welcomed new baby girl Addison McKenzie. She was born at Culepe Hospital at 11:54 a.m. weighing 9lbs., measuring 20.5 in., and is already wearing pink and green! Courtney and Addison have kept in touch with Diana Marshall '04, Lyndsay Welsh Chamblin '04, and **Anna Yankee**. Courtney and Addison had a visit from **Shirley Pinson Hendricks** in 2/09 (Shirley says Addison is gorgeous, Courtney is well, and their entire family appears to be quite healthy and happy!). Courtney is happy to keep in touch with tons of SBC ladies via Facebook, would like to thank everyone for their love, support and prayers. Chance finished his last chemo session in 3/09 and is officially cancer-free!

Kylene Smith reports that 3/09 commemorates the 1-yr anniversary of her move to Birmingham, AL, as well as her time with Youth Villages, Inc. as a family counselor. She enjoys her time developing as a counselor and looks forward to starting her trek to become a licensed therapist. This summer brings many joyous events for Kylene including her dearest friend and freshman-yr roommate, **Megan Gaillardet's** wedding. This event will also allow her to reconnect with her other dear friends from SBC, **Tiffany Williamson Norwood** and **Angela Grisby**. They always look forward to our annual get-together! Kylene enjoys traveling to Atlanta to spend time with fellow classmate and friend **Christy Maxwell** as well. She's also proud to announce that last summer, she became an aunt to her twin brother's 1st baby girl and will re-establish that role as they welcome their 2nd, a boy, in 5/09. Her sister Kristin Smith Radtke '99 and husband are also expecting their 1st in 8/09. Kylene thoroughly enjoys her role as an aunt and looks forward to spoiling them rotten!

Tiffany Williamson Norwood and Ryan just bought their 1st home, right outside of Richmond in Midlothian, VA. She and daughter Campbell recently spent time with **Erin Keck Walsh** and her 2 girls, Analise and Keira, for a SBC Class of 2030 play date!

After several months of "fun employment," I (**Courtney Arnott Silverthorn**)

finally took a job at the National Cancer Institute in Frederick, MD, in 3/09. I am working as a Technology Transfer Specialist and managing research and materials agreements between NCI scientists and outside collaborators. I'll be attending my 10-yr h. s. reunion (already?) in VA in 6/09 and look forward to seeing many of you at Homecoming this fall!

2004

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Schyler Ellis Burke and Peter welcomed their 1st, John Richard, on 11/18/08. She received her MBA in Int'l Banking from TX A&M Int'l U.

Jaime Heimbegner graduated from U.S.F. Tampa with a Ph.D. in Chemistry.

Cat Scheer Rymer got married 9/21/08 in Estes Park, CO. Erica Midkiff '03 and Sara Shank Sims '03 were bridesmaids. She received her MLS in 5/09.

Jess Long is working towards her CPA certificate near Allentown, PA.

Leah Davis Philhower gave birth to Paxton Carter Philhower on 10/18/08.

Virginia Fowler has been teaching h. s. German since graduation and is slowly working her way towards a M.A. She has been living in Ashland, VA, with Karen Denney '05. 2/14/09 she got engaged to John Voigt at sunrise in Cabo San Lucas. She regularly gets to see Erin Keck Walsh '03, **Ashleigh Kresslein**, **Leila Williams**, **Christina Chubb**, **Katie Barnette-Whisenant**, and Jackie Devine Claiborne '03. She's on the Advisory Council for Foreign Languages at SBC.

Megan Owens Thompson and Mike live outside Charlotte, NC. She works as a m. s. counselor and Varsity swim coach.

Kristin Martin Lough is living in AL and attending Cumberland School of Law.

Autum Matysek Snyder Fish and Jeremiah look forward to the arrival of their 1st child, a boy, in 7/09.

Diana "Dee" Marshall is living in Charlottesville, VA. In 12/08 she took a position as a Continuous Process Improvement Analyst for Mission Assurance at Northrop Grumman's Sperry Marine hq. She's working towards her Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification at U.M.I. School of Engineering online. She's active in local theater as a director and actor. She saw Jenna Armitage '06 and Julia Lockwood '06 when celebrating the following.

Rachel Pottmeyer Moncure gave birth to a baby boy, Daniel Christopher, on 3/4/09.

Caitlin Webber lives in D.C. and is a reporter covering foreign policy and intelligence for Congressional Quarterly.

Stacey Maddox completed a graduate certificate program in Microbiology and Immunology at VCU in 5/08. She is a

1st-yr. medical student at WV School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, WV where she lives with husband, Rodney Hammack.

Kelli Bergmann Thomasson graduated Summa Cum Laude with a M.Ed. from UMW in 5/09. She teaches h. s. and was awarded 1st-yr Teacher of the Year as well as joined National Omicron-Psi Honor Society. She lives in Fredricksburg with her husband and cats.

Sarah Lindsey and her husband, as of 11/07, Stephen Quartermous, live in Jakarta, Indonesia, and both work at the American Embassy. She returns to D.C. in 7/09. She has recently traveled to Indonesia, Singapore, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand.

Misty Vandergriff Forsberg and Adam expect their 2nd son in mid-Aug.

Anne Benham Willson and Dave welcomed Margaret "Maggie" Stephens Willson on 3/16/09 in Greensboro, NC.

Grace Farnsworth Loughhead is an admissions counselor at SBC and is excited about the future of SBC. She married Jason Loughhead 11/15/09 on campus. Maid of Honor was Beth Farnsworth '05. Bridesmaids were Sheena Belcher Hubbard '05 and **Mary Davis Blood**. In attendance were **Autum Matysek Snyder Fish**.

Anne Benham Willson, **Ginny Wood**, **Meredith Shaw Hansen**, **Sarah Ruff**, **Bre Leiberling**, **Kelli Bergmann Thomasson**, **Misty Vandergriff Forsberg**, **Sue Knouse** '05, **Michelle Badger** '06, **Paula Kirkland Ledbetter** '06, **Cat Cox** '08, **Mary Dance** '08, **Celeste Wackenhut** '08, **Jill Gavitt** '97, **Marge Stiemy** '06, and **Gretchen Gravelly Tucker** '98.

Lisa Moore is living in Nashville, TN, and managing the science labs at Nashville St. Comm. Coll.

Laura Pearson was elected president of the Darden student administration at the Darden School of Business at UVA.

Heather Shumaker lives in Harrisburg, PA, and studying for the bar exam. She received her JD from The Penn St. Dickinson School of Law in 5/09. She often sees **Kerry Keins Mutschelknaus**, **Jessica Porter**, and **Caitlin Webber**.

Lauren Byrne is living in VA and working outside D.C. She earned her M.A. in Public Policy from GMU.

Jozanne Summerville lives in D.C. and works for the Navy doing cost engineering. She regularly takes dance classes to keep her creative side in tact.

Merrri Morris Park and Robert are living in WV. The welcomed 2nd son Davis on 2/12/08. Merrri works as the Children's Director at First Presbyterian Church in Bluefield, WV.

Brienna McLaughlin Pruce has been teaching at Tidewater Comm. Coll. in VA Beach. She's still active in her art at *brienna.net*. Her husband was deployed to Afghanistan. He returned this summer only to move to England for 3 yrs Brienna sees **Puthyka Sin**, **Megan Sinner**, **Brandy Harman**, and **Kim Burton**.

Stephanie Gleason Pepler lives in the Outer Banks, NC, with her husband and 2 dogs. She worked at the Coll. of the Albemarle as Director of Career Development. She is working towards her MA in Counseling. She teaches cello and conversational Spanish and will soon relocate to Southern MD. She keeps in touch with **Kirkland Wohlrab**, **Anne Mohana**, **Caitlin Webber**, **Heather Shumaker**, **Jessica Porter**, **Kerry Keins Mutschelknaus**, and **Andrea Stassi**.

Ginny Wood is the technical coordinator for Bach Festival FL (www.bachfestival-florida.org). She lives in FL with her horse and keeps in touch with almost everyone listed above through emails or facebook. She saw **Kirkland Wohlrab** by coincidence in 1/09 in Orlando.

2005

Reunion 2010: May 21-25, 2010

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Heather Wright is now a US Diplomat and will be moving to Djibouti next summer where she will be the Consul and Political Military Affairs Officer. She currently lives in Arlington, VA, and is learning French for her upcoming adventure abroad.

Jennifer Sirois married Jake Campbell on 4/19/08 in Amherst, VA, and had an amazing honeymoon in Jamaica. **Amy Walker** '06, **Katie Vaughan** '06 and **Amanda Watts** were in attendance. She teaches 10th and advanced 11th grade English at Heritage H.S. in Lynchburg.

Sasha Levine graduated with an MRLS from DU's Sturm Coll. of Law in '07. In '08, she joined the Peace Corps and is serving in Armenia.

Sasha Moran has been in Charlottesville for 3 yrs now. She plans on going to grad. school, preferably Darden, in 2 yrs. She's still an avid equestrian working with many project horses as a side job.

As for me, work is busy. I accepted a position with the U.S. Secret Service as a questioned document analyst, so I'm in the process of learning the ropes and going through training. Life is good. I ventured down to Charlottesville to visit **Sheena Belcher Hubbard** and her husband for a UVA basketball game back in Jan. I visited **Katie Barker** down in FL for a few days in early Feb. I just got back from a 10-day trip around Ireland with 1 of my h. s. friends. It was a wonderful vacation with not a single drop of rain (that's rare over there)!

2006

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Michelle Badger is still in Boston and enjoying (as much as you can enjoy) grad. school. Recently she saw **Charlotte Formichella**, **Dena Jackson** '05, **Diana Simpson** '08, and **Whitney Wheeler** '07 at a Boston Alumnae Club gathering to watch Charlotte's Band Driftwood Fire perform at the Toad in Cambridge in late Mar. It was a lot of fun to catch up and hear Driftwood Fire live instead of listening to them on repeat! In Feb. **Molly Mitchell** and **Laura Pierce** visited Boston and Michelle was able to meet with them. This summer (Jun./Jul.) she'll be in D.C. as part of the Moakley Fellowship program. She is 95% sure she'll be working for Senator Kennedy's Health, Education, Labor, and Pension (H.E.L.P) Committee and is so excited. The office hasn't told her officially, but the woman who runs the Fellowship Program has told her. She hopes that she'll be able to catch up with many of you who live in the D.C. area this summer. Also, she wanted to remind you not to forget to give to the Annual Fund this year! Our class is still working to get to 50 % participation; she knows that we can reach our goal! Thanks to all of you who have already participated this year.

Victoria Chappell was wed on 4/4 to David Harvey, her beau of 2 yrs, in Normandy, France. Now **Suzu Harvey Hodge** and Victoria are sisters-in-law! The excitement doesn't stop there: David, who is in the Air Force, is being reassigned to Misawa AB in Japan where he and Victoria will live for the next 4 yrs! So if anyone would like to come discover Japan, please come visit, all are welcome!

Kerri Faust lives in a small town outside of Antigua, Guatemala, attending Spanish school. She is learning the language in preparation for her move to Bogota, Colombia, in early Apr. She works with the International Mission Board serving the Indigenous University Students in Bogota. She'll be teaching them English, helping them with their adjustment to the big city life of Bogota, and simply building relationships with them. She's very excited about this new chapter of her life and about serving the Lord full time in Colombia.

Kit Robertson Gonzales married Marine Corps Sgt. Patrick Gonzales, VMI '03 and '08, on 11/1/08 in VA Beach. **Liz Emery** '07, **Maureen McGuire**, and **Louisa Meeks** '05 were among the bridesmaids. **Rosanna Hawkins** '07, **Jess McCarthy** '07, **Eleanor O'Connor** '07, and **Susan Rodriguez** '07 were in attendance. Jess actually "discoed" Kit in the eye during the reception . . . No injuries and Kit has threatened retaliation by wearing boxing gloves to Jess's wedding. The wedding was beautiful and Kit had a lot of fun in her very poofy princess dress!

Kit and Patrick honeymooned at Secrets Capri on the Riviera Maya in Mexico and settled back into married life in Arlington, VA, with their 2 new kittens. Kit is working for the Dept. of State and Patrick is deciding between a few different job offers. Let us know if you're in town!

Ivey Tabor Godfrey lives in Wake Forest, NC, being a stay-at-home mom and Graphic Designer from her home office. Her husband, Ryan Godfrey, is applying to grad. schools to get his Ph.D. and both of them are enjoying Caroline Margaret (8 mos.)!

Melanie Stine will have finished her M.A. in geography from VT by the time you read this and will be getting ready to start a Ph.D. program in forestry, also at VT. School has been keeping her busy, but she hopes to get out more this summer and do some hiking with her dog and kayaking. She enjoyed a quick visit from Megan Maloney '08 last Dec. and plans on meeting up with **Anel Avila** at a conference in Las Vegas.

Colleen Karaffa Murray and Brandon are happily settled into an apt. on Sweet Briar's campus. They have a huge porch, great for summer evenings outside! Their apt. is one down from Dean Green and Lynn Buck. Visitors welcome! She and Brandon enjoy life with new baby Constance Rose—"Rosie!" She was born 2/3/09, 8lb, 6oz. at 9:46 a.m., only 2 hrs after Colleen arrived at the hospital! Life with baby is much different than the good ole days, but the "new" days have a grandeur that is all their own.

2007

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Finally! The rockin' class of 2007 has some class notes in the Alumnae Magazine! From the excellent turn-out in responses it's evident that our class has been up to some pretty amazing things:

Jaclyn Fowler wrote to say that **Brittany Lambert** got engaged to boyfriend Nick Brunney at SBC a few months ago.

Kristina Bloxom got into Ross U. School of Veterinary Medicine in St. Kitts. She started in Jan. and is almost done with her 1st semester.

After finishing her graduate dissertation, **Morgan Roach** moved to Washington, D.C. and started work with The Heritage Foundation in 10/08 as a research assistant in the Margaret Thatcher Center. She then graduated with a merit from the London School of Economics in 12/08 earning a M.A. in European Studies.

Rosanna Hawkins Winner married Robert Winner (HSC '07) on 12/13/08. **Caiflin Ashley** was a bridesmaid. Ally Lynch '10 sang Ave Maria during the ceremony. Christy Sears '05 and Rebecca Soliwoda '08 came to the wedding. They're currently closing on their 1st home and

would love to have people come visit once they have moved in.

Heidi Trude is teaching French at Skyline H.S. in Front Royal, VA. She loves her job! She graduated with a M. Ed. from UMW on 5/9/09. Heidi received the Outstanding Student Award for the M. Ed. program—the most prestigious award presented by the university! She looks forward to returning to SBC for Homecoming!

Sara Gurtler got married 12/14/08 to Rusty Ogden. They opened an archery and sporting goods shop in the town of Amherst last Sept. called Ogden Outdoors.

Carlina Muglia still lives in Athens, GA, working as the researcher for Blasingame, Burch, Garrard, and Ashley. She's training her 2-yr-old dogo argentino, Che, for competition in Schutzhund. She is working out at the local Crossfit affiliate and still spends a lot of time hanging out with Cole Shanholtz '06, who lives just a couple blocks away.

Maggie Saylor finished her term with the Lutheran Volunteer Corps in 8/08. She spent a year living in an eco-house in Minneapolis and working with immigrant and refugee kids from East Africa in an after-school program. It was very tough sometimes, as the kids were demanding, but she had a lot of fun too and still goes to visit and volunteer when she has time. Maggie has been spending this year in seminary, but will be leaving the program in May. It's just not for everyone. The good news is that she and boyfriend Martin got engaged over Christmas, and look forward to being married and having a puppy!

Caroline Camp moved to Suffolk, VA, with Gordon Harrison (HSC '07) and they purchased a house on Lake Mead. They got a black lab puppy named Savannah. Caroline works at the local newspaper The Virginian-Pilot as an Advertising Sales Account Executive and plans to go to EVMS next year to do a 2-yr. program to become an Art Therapist.

After graduation, **Natalie Pye** spent one year as a clerk at Alston & Bird LLP in Atlanta. For the last year she has been teaching English in Bologna, Italy, and she'll be attending law school in fall!

Laura Schaefer visited **Rachel Reynolds** in Israel in 5/08 with Angelica Guarino '06, where they helped teach a class at the American Corner about mummification and religion in ancient Egypt and, yes, Cluckopatra was a huge hit. In 8/08 she and boyfriend Devon drove to visit Maggie Saylor at her family's farm in OH where they got to feed some adorable baby cows and tour Amish country with Maggie and Martin. Fall '08 saw the certification of the 1st environmental document she helped author in the state of CA, and now that document is being implemented by the FAA. Maggie and Rachel both joined Laura and Devon for the inauguration in Jan. They had quite the adventure braving the crowds and cold to see Barack Obama sworn in as President. In more recent news, Laura

traveled to Sun Valley, ID, and caught up with **Jennifer Wolf** for some good times snowshoeing and skiing.

Ferrell Lyles got engaged to Andrew Smith (VMI '06) in 4/08 and is planning a summer 2010 wedding on Mount Desert Island in ME. She lives in Charlottesville, VA, working for Booz Allen Hamilton, and finished her 1st Marathon in VA Beach. She and Andrew were closing on their 1st home near Fort Bragg, NC (where Andrew is stationed with the US Army) in late Apr. She has loved seeing and hearing from **Allison Shaw Camper**, **Tiffany Corbin**, **Meagan Chenault**, **Sarah Fauerbach**, **Lynnsey Brown**, and Katie Vaughan '06 over the past few months.

Danielle Dionne lives in Loudoun County completing her 1st yr. of teaching 1st grade at Countryside Elem.

Shaheen Moosa writes, "I'll be going to Penn State's Ph.D. program in Philosophy in the fall, and will be moving up to State Coll. this summer."

Thank you so much to everyone who sent in their notes! It's been so fun seeing what you are all up to in a medium other than facebook stalking.

2008

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Dawn Slekis wrote in to the Alumnae Office: I'll be moving to Lubbock, TX, at the end of Jul. to begin my masters program in environmental toxicology at Texas Tech U. I'm accepting the offered assttanceship and will soon be picking my advisor and project. *Congratulations Dawn!*

2009

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IN THE SWEET BRIAR

tradition

The Elisabeth Showalter Muhlenfeld Fund for Historic Preservation

“... I revere the fact that the College we celebrate today is the vibrant legacy of living, breathing people who walked across these meadows not so very long ago—people of vision inspired by a very special place. We who have inherited the legacy are not just the recipients of their vision, but indeed the engines thereof, because their visions live in us, and have not yet been fully realized . . . and we have within us the instinct to take risks to realize that vision.”

—Dr. Elisabeth Showalter Muhlenfeld
Inaugural Speech, April 12, 1997

Swet Briar College welcomed Dr. Elisabeth Showalter Muhlenfeld as its ninth president in August 1996. Under her leadership, the College completed numerous initiatives in programming, expanded the physical campus with several new and recycled buildings, created a strong foundation in environmental sustainability, and developed sound strategic planning. In 2006 Sweet Briar completed *Our Campaign For Her World*, raising more than \$110 million, exceeding its target by \$8 million. Dr. Muhlenfeld has been a strong guiding force in setting Sweet Briar on a successful path into the future. Environmentally sound historic preservation initiatives have risen to the forefront of the College's goals during her tenure.

The Elisabeth Showalter Muhlenfeld Fund for Historic Preservation provides an opportunity for donors to honor President Muhlenfeld's dedication and loyalty to Sweet Briar while at the same time supporting a wide range of historic preservation projects campus-wide, including Tusculum, Sweet Briar House, and the Ralph Adams Cram architecture. These buildings bring a depth of character to our College that is irreplaceable, as well as gain us distinction as a National Historic District.

President Muhlenfeld has been well honored with gifts made to **The Elisabeth Showalter Muhlenfeld Fund for Historic Preservation** to continue preservation of our venerable historic district! To date, over \$1.6 million has been contributed to this Fund. In addition, the Annual Fund received over \$43,000 in gifts made in President Muhlenfeld's honor. Thank you for your generosity in honoring President Muhlenfeld, who has had such a profound impact upon Sweet Briar College.



Elisabeth Showalter Muhlenfeld
President of Sweet Briar College, 1996 to 2009.

To make a gift to *The Elisabeth Showalter Muhlenfeld Fund for Historic Preservation* or to make your Annual Fund gift in honor of President Muhlenfeld while supporting historic preservation at Sweet Briar, please contact the Office of Development toll-free on 888-846-5722 or (434) 381-6161.

Student Art 2008/2009

Via del'Amore 1945



She is strolling
with lemon trees hanging
above her right shoulder
and her left hand eagerly
catching sea mist blown high
She wanders from Riomaggiore
towards the town of strangers
made neighbors by dynamite
the war used to make enemies
She sees a boy gazing down
like a pendant light bulb burnt out
leaving her startled, still, and sad
but she stares and he finds his reflection in her eyes above the tumult of the sea below

He is staggering
near the jagged edge
looking into the refracted sea
to see a new reflection tenderly
by hope and out of promise
He contemplates a slender path
to separation, an alternative to people
looking for the craggy rumored love
just around the hills of lemon trees
Clambering over rocks, he walks on
forgotten by all but the birds flying at his rustle
until he sees her silhouetted by the nitid moon
but she stares and he finds his reflection in her eyes above the tumult of the sea below

Wavesong, a sestina BY GINNY LIGHTFOOT '09

Across the squeaking sand there comes a laugh,
Weaving into the breeze from the sea.
Walking as casually as a traveler
Is a woman who wears swishing skirts,
Who makes bracelets of shells and coins.
She extends to me her graceful hand.

This woman carries foam in her hands;
Allowing the wind to blow it away, she laughs.
She sifts through wet sand to find rare coins
That have been washed for years in the sea.
She stands still, and her billowing skirts
Settle like an exhausted traveler.

She is like a mirage to a traveler,
Beckoning with beautiful arms and hands.
This is my mother, who sews bright skirts
And smiles each time she hears my laugh.
She sits on the beach and tells stories of the sea
While the water sparkles like new, sunlit coins.

We pretend we've found ancient pirate coins
Or valuables lost years ago by a traveler.

We uncover secrets, moving aside sea
Weed. It leaves stringy, green trails on our hands.
I run after a pale ghost crab. She laughs
And complains that the waves have splashed our skirts.

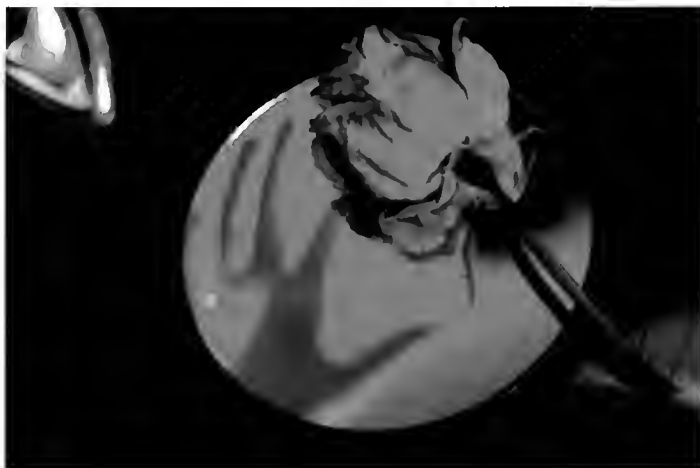
I still wear her old, handmade skirts,
Still hope to find treasure chests full of coins.
Sometimes at the beach, I can hear her laugh.
I only go there now as a traveler,
But I hold the shells in my hand
And close my eyes and wade into the sea.

I listen to the singing of the sea,
Watch as it dances in green skirts.
I remember my mother's hand,
Holding out to me ocean-salty coins.
As I watch the other travelers,
I hear a young girl's squealing laugh.

And I know this laugh and this sea will always remind me
Of travelers' coins on the beach, of a fishy-smelling breeze,
Of a woman who holds my hand while we twirl in our skirts
together.



From *Red Clay*, 2009: *Beautiful Age*, by Bryco Brewer '10.



From *Red Clay*, 2009: *The Mirror*, by Carolanne Bonanno '09.

General Information

Registration

We are expecting a record turnout for our Presidential Inauguration Homecoming Weekend 2009. Please register with the Alumnae Office by Friday, September 4, 2009 to join the celebration. Simply send in the attached form by mail or fax, or visit our Web site at: www.sbc.edu/alumnae/homecoming.html. Alumnae Office Contact Information:

Phone: 800-381-6131
Fax: 434-381-6132
E-mail: alumnae@sbce.edu

It is essential that all alumnae and guests formally register to participate in any facet of the weekend.

Accommodations

On-campus housing is reserved for Presidential Inauguration Homecoming Weekend speakers, award recipients, and those working the weekend. Attendees must book and pay for their off-campus overnight accommodations separately with the hotel motel of their choice.

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the following locations for the nights of September 24th, 25th, and 26th. Alumnae must identify themselves as members of the Sweet Briar College block when calling to make a reservation.

Holiday Inn Select Lynchburg (downtown)
601 Main Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504
434-528-2500
\$79.00 per night
Single or double occupancy
30 rooms will be held until September 3, 2009

Kirkley Hotel (near River Ridge Mall)
2900 Candler's Mountain Road
434-237-6333 or 866.510.6333 toll free
\$79.00 per night
Single or double occupancy
20 rooms will be held until September 3, 2009
www.kirkleyhotel.com

Travel

Sweet Briar is located closest to Lynchburg Regional Airport, which is serviced by Delta and US Airways, and houses rental car facilities for Avis (434-239-3622) and Hertz (434-237-6284). Other ground transportation options in Amherst County and Lynchburg are: Sandidge Taxi (434-946-7873) and Amherst County Taxi Service (434-845-5362).

Attire

Attire for the weekend is casual and comfortable for autumn weather. Attire for Saturday evening is black tie-optional. Please note that Inauguration

will be followed by a walk to Monument Hill for a service to honor the College founders.

Arrival

When you arrive on campus, check in at the Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center (or after hours at the Florence Elston Inn Information Desk) to receive your nametag and important updated information that you will need for meetings and events.

Presidential Inauguration/ Homecoming Weekend Fees

Registration fees:	\$75.00 person
Homecoming Tea:	\$25.00 person

Your registration fee includes all meals and activities listed on the schedule with the exception of the Homecoming Tea. Please note that on Saturday night, each guest will be issued two drink tickets, additional drinks will be available for a fee. Overnight accommodations should be booked and paid for separately by alumnae and guests.

Registration forms are due to the Alumnae Office no later than Friday, September 4, 2009. In the event of cancellation, please notify the Alumnae Office immediately. Refunds will be made through September 5, 2009. Thereafter, cancellations will not be refunded.

Friday, September 25, 2009

(indicate number of people attending)

- Homecoming Tea**
- Advisory Councils Dinner and Panel
- Houston Bistra Gathering*
- Weekend Kickoff with FaSt performing

Saturday, September 26, 2009

(indicate number of people attending)

- Breakfast at Prathra Dining Hall
- In-House Horse Show
- Annual Giving Volunteer Training (Breakfast provided)
- Breakfast roundtable discussion with Wayne Stark, director of career services
- SBC Volleyball Tournament vs. Salem, Mary Washington, and Eastern Mennonite

- Advisory Council Meetings
- Alumnae Tennis Match and Social (___Player ___Spectator)
- SBC Soccer vs. Southern Virginia
- Gold Star Volunteer Panel
- Alumnae Swim Meet (___Competitor ___Spectator)
- Lunch at Prathra Dining Hall
"The Grape Man of Texas" Lecture by Sherrie Snead McLeRoy '74 and grape tasting
- Keystone Society Luncheon Honoring Dr. Jo Ellen Parker*
- SBC Field Hockey vs. Washington & Lee ODAC Match
- Paint 'n' Patches 100th Anniversary Celebration and Tours
- New Student Housing/Green Village Open House

- Thoyer Hackey Field Dedication
- Inauguration of Dr. Jo Ellen Parker and Founders' Day
- Founders' Day Walk to the Monument
- Dedication of the new Fitness and Athletics Center
- An Evening of Celebration to honor Dr. Jo Ellen Parker
- Induction of the new Athletics Hall of Fame Members

Sunday, September 27, 2009

(indicate number of people attending)

- Interfaith Service
- SBC Field Hockey Game vs. Wilson

*invitation only
** additional fee

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Homecoming Registration Form
SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2009

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Preferred Name (FOR NAME TAG) _____

Name of Guest _____ Relation _____

Guest Preferred Name (FOR NAME TAG) _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

E-mail: (H) _____ (W) _____

Employer: _____ Job Title: _____

We will post your name and e-mail address on the Alumnae Association Web site as planning to attend Homecoming. If you would prefer that we not post your name on the Web site, please initial here _____

Please return this form by **Friday, September 4, 2009** to:
Boxwood Alumnae House, Box E, Sweet Briar, VA 24595 or by fax to 434-381-6132.
Registrations and fees are also accepted online at www.sbc.edu/alumnae/homecoming.html.

Payment Options

You may pay your registration fees by check, payable to "Sweet Briar Alumnae Association." MasterCard and VISA debit and credit cards also are accepted.

Please indicate how you would like to pay your registration fees:

_____ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____.
_____ Please charge my debit/credit card \$ _____.

Name on Card

Signature

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