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The Performing Arts Series: Enrichment And Exposure

The Performing Arts Series at TLS offers students a great deal more than entertainment. When the programs are selected each spring, there are definite educational goals in mind. How can the existing fine arts curriculum be enriched? What do students need exposure to that we don't offer? What programs can be tied in with other disciplines like social studies, language arts, or even computer science? From the quality of the first four performances in this year's series, it's fair to say that fine choices have been made.



A Christmas Carol *warmed our hearts in cold December.*

In October, an audience of preschoolers through 6th grade attended a production of *The Toy Shop* by Seymour Barab. Billed as "a delightful story showing that love is the key to happiness," this colorful 40-minute touring opera was a perfect introductory experience for children. A kindly old toymaker had two special dolls that he treated as if they were his own children. An evil villain tried to kidnap the pair, but was foiled in his efforts, mostly due to his own bumbling. A surprise ending capped a truly charming program.



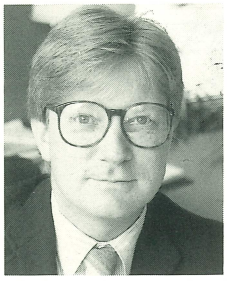
Dolls came alive in The Toy Shop.

In conjunction with Halloween, preschool through grade three met Wayne Martin and his troupe of hand puppets and marionettes. Presented in a full range of musical styles and dramatic lighting, his production was an engaging and informative introduction to this ancient art form. At the conclusion of the program, Mr. Martin shared a little about himself with his audience. He began puppetry as a hobby at the age of three and turned pro by the age of eight. He has made all 600 of his "stars." His encouragement to students to pursue their hobbies and develop forms of creative self-expression was inspirational.

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From The Headmaster:

by David Lowry



The Lexington School's continuous accreditation by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) indicates that the school meets their rigorous Standards of Membership. Involving a seven year cycle of self-study followed by a Visiting Team inspection, The Lexington School is closely monitored in its ability to disclose its philosophy, to provide evidence of the congruence of its curriculum with its goals, and the manifestation of those goals through the day-to-day operation of the school. Beyond this "seal of approval," membership in this association requires the identification of areas in need of modification and improvement and demonstrated work toward such growth.

Beginning this spring, the school will commence its self-study. This major project involves all constituencies and covers every aspect of the school from curriculum to financial management, from trusteeship to faculty development. In March of 1991, we will be visited by a team of administrators, teachers, and a business manager from similar schools in the ISACS organization.

This important process ensures that the Lexington School remains excellent, yet not static. ■

Arts

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In November, Kathy Kramer and Meriah Kruse, the dynamic duo from Syncopated, Inc., returned to TLS for a dance performance for the entire school. Part of Syncopated, Inc.'s mission, and the primary purpose of their outreach programs, is "to bridge the gap between diverse segments of our community." Over the past five years, they have consistently honored diversity through dance.

In the tap portions of the program, the performers feet seemed to function as percussion instruments. Their costumes and the choreography were coordinated to heighten the upbeat feelings their dancing created. The mood of the program changed when Mariah Kruse interpreted a thought-provoking Kongolese folktale in dramatic narrative, movement, and postures. Drum rhythms provided an effective background for her enactment.

Ebenezer Scrooge, the Cratchit family, and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future visited TLS on December 11. The Lexington Children's Theatre production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* brought the spirit of the season with it. A cast of seven actors and actresses portrayed 32 characters in an adaptation which retained much of the original text of the play. It was fun to see 5th grader Sarah Tackett in the role of Tiny Tim.

A Grand Tradition

For the second year, Grandparents Appreciation Day was hosted by the preschoolers and their faculty in conjunction with the Thanksgiving holiday. A bountiful harvest of love and friendship was evident in the children's smiles and songs, and in their guests' obvious pleasure in being here.

At the conclusion of the songfest in the library, the children were eager to return to their classrooms to show their "grams" and "pops," or other special older friends, their world at school. Visitors were privy to information not usually available to them. They got to see firsthand just how some of that fantastic art work that comes home gets produced. They got to meet their host's teachers and classmates, as well as a wide variety of animals and reptiles in captivity. They got to see their buddy's "favorite things."

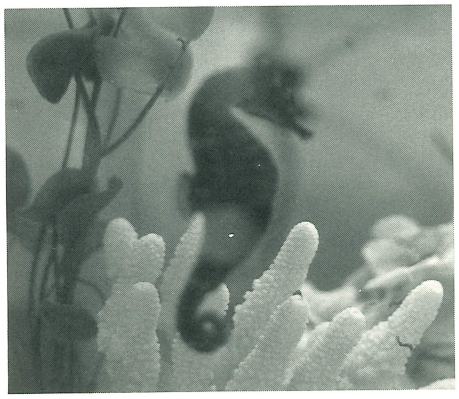
Grandparents Appreciation Day celebrates the unique relationship which can exist between a young child and an older family member or friend. "Unconditional" seems to describe it well. ■



Jane Scott is showing her grandmother a Montessori activity.

What's Going On Around Here?

Everybody at TLS knows where baby seahorses come from. That's because they had the chance to see hundreds of baby seahorses born in an aquarium right here in the lower school science lab. Teachers and students popped in and out of the lab one day in December to witness one of nature's amazing quirks. The male seahorses are the ones who deliver their young.





Alex Terry taught Tori Thurman and Elizabeth Ruch some computer commands.

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In December, Mr. Quinn's 5th grade computer class teamed up with kindergartners for a project which gave them a taste of what it's like to be a teacher. In their first session, the kindergartners were familiarized with the ABC's of PC's by playing educational games with their tutors. The second session was to design a greeting card using Printmaster software. With a little help from their friends, the preschoolers had their own creations to send to someone they love.

Mr. Quinn's 8th graders got into the spirit of the season by gift wrapping a computer. They enclosed it in a large cardboard box with a cutout for the monitor so that it looked just like a TV. Their project involved designing original graphics with holiday motifs and executing the logo commands to produce them on the screen. One student wrote a music program in Basic to accompany the graphics display. The 8th grade's present to the school decked the halls with joy, by golly.

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A recent gift to the school from Montessori student Brad Butcher's family is music to our ears. Many thanks for the Story and Clark piano which has found a new home in Martha Anderson's classroom.

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Architecture is an unlikely course to be included in a first grade curriculum, but students at TLS get some exposure every December. Gathering and handling (and occasionally eating) the building materials is a major part of the fun. Gum drops, skittles, peppermints, M&Ms, and candy hearts were just a few



Mrs. Meekins is checking Emily Trebolo's roof line.

of the countless confections brought to school to decorate the roofs of custom-built sugar cube houses. Bright red mortar made of powdered sugar icing kept carefully laid "bricks" stuck together. Landscaping included ice cream cone trees and candy cane lightposts. ■

The Holiday Concert

Occurring at a time when historic political changes were taking place around the world, this year's Holiday Concert conveyed the wish for peace on earth and the gift of freedom for all mankind. The program was a masterful blending of hearts, voices, and instrumental strains that filled the gym with glad tidings and hope for the new decade.

Congratulations to the music department, Martha Anderson, Coletta Jones, and Joan Monsen, for putting together a truly outstanding program. The fruits of their labor reflected so much of what The Lexington School faculty as a whole strives to give the children here. Expectations were suited to the age and abilities of the performers at each grade level, yet students were challenged and stretched by what they were asked to learn. The pieces reflected interest in other countries, languages, and cultures, and celebrated the diversity in our student body. Respect for one another, which is fostered in every classroom, was obvious in the pride students felt for peers who were chosen for individual performances.



Eighth graders danced the Hahvah Nagelah.

The Holiday Concert stands out on the school calendar as one of those truly "special" events. It is a unique opportunity for the entire TLS family to transcend the hustle and bustle, and participate with one another in the joys of the season. ■



The preschool delighted parents and friends with a traditional English carol.

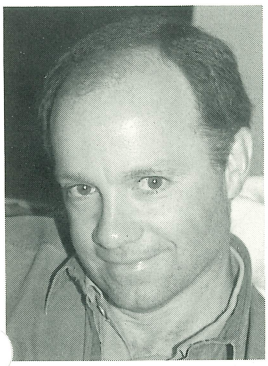
ADMISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

It is admissions time again. Evaluations of candidates for our preschool programs and grades 1 through 9 are being scheduled for new students and will continue through March. We have also planned a spring Open House for anyone who would like to see us in action. The date is Wednesday, March 21, from 9:30 to 11:30. If you know anyone who might be interested in learning more about TLS, have them contact Carolyn Blackburn at 278-0501.

Additions To The Board

This article completes the introduction of newcomers to the 1989-1990 Board of Trustees.

RAY CLIFTON is the president and one of the founders of Southern Wood Treatment Company. His business specializes in the sale and installation of materials used in horse farm construction. Breeding and racing thoroughbreds is another of Ray's business interests. A native of Versailles, Mr. Clifton graduated from EKU with a degree in business administration.



When asked what prompted him to accept a position on the Board of Trustees, Ray's answer was, "How can you say 'no' when you are asked to do something like this?" He said it would be hard for him to imagine anything more worthwhile than working toward assuring the best possible educational environment for his children. Buildings and grounds, long-range planning, and development are the committees which will benefit from his input. Ray and his wife Beth are the parents of Kip Sieber '96, Callie '99, Hayne (age 3), and Barrett (age 8 months).

ANNE GAY and her husband Jim just might hold a record for "continuous parenting" at TLS by the time their youngest child, Anne, graduates in 1998. Elizabeth '79 entered kindergarten at TLS in 1969, soon after the Gays moved to Lexington from Charlottesville, Virginia, for Jim's cardiology fellowship at UK. Charlotte graduated in '82, followed by Teddy in '89. With all this experience, Anne's placement as board liason to new parents could not be a better choice.



Anne entered Smith College upon her graduation from St. Catherines's in Richmond. After two years at Smith she transferred to Sweet Briar where she earned her B.A. in French. She is a former independent school language teacher.

Children and child advocacy issues have been an important part of Anne Gay's volunteer life over the years. The beneficiaries of her stewardship include Planned Parenthood, the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center, Baby Health Service, and the Florence Crittenton Home.

Anne says her personal goals as a board member at TLS are two-fold at the present time. She feels there is a need to increase parents' knowledge of the relationship between a top notch independent school education and the expenses in providing it. She would also like to raise awareness among our teachers of how much they are appreciated.

FRED KAREM is originally from Louisville. He graduated from Wesleyan University in Connecticut with a B.A. in history. His formal education was completed when he received his law degree from the University of Kentucky. Fred's professional life has included significant involvement in politics, government, and law over the years.



Fred was campaign coordinator in two governors' races in Kentucky. In 1972 he helped run the field organization for President Nixon's campaign for re-election and, subsequent to that, he served on the White House staff. Fred moved from there to the Interior Department six weeks before Nixon's resignation. Under President Ford, he served as Deputy Undersecretary of the Interior, a position he held until his return to Kentucky in 1977 to practice law. Mr. Karem's current career interests lie in real estate development and consulting.

Fred is eager to contribute to the Board's objective to improve the financial position of the school and to maintain its quality of excellence. Fred, Jr. '87, Robert '93, and Rebecca '97 are the reasons why. Travel with wife Suzanne and their children, books, movies, and running are for relaxation. ■

Alumni News

The Class of 1979 decided that a 10 year reunion offered another cause for celebration over the holidays. The stuff reunions are made of—friends, trading memories of shared experiences, and catching up with what's current—was in abundance at a party given by Sheila Owen Stephens and Jenny Turnbull Milosch on December 22. The class has shared the following whereabouts, wherewithals, and whatsoevers.

Chris Baumohl is still happily situated as an accountant in Huntsville, Alabama. Bird hunting and an avid interest in gun collecting keep him busy in his free time.

In addition to working for painting contractor David Milosch (Jenny Turnbull's husband), **Will Bennett** has been studying for the real estate exam in January. He wants some work experience before venturing on to graduate school.

Juliet Brewer works for MONY as a computer administrative officer.

Steve Garner graduated from St. John's in Annapolis and entered law school at Rutgers. He is married now and in his second year of studies. Steve already has a little experience under his belt, having advocated for clients in the Food Stamp Program in Philadelphia. Upon graduation from law school, Steve will be enlisted in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps.

Wedding bells chimed for **Todd Geddes** in July. He and his bride, Stephanie Seitz, honeymooned in Jamaica.

Lisa Gormley Smith hoped to fly in from Frankfurt, Germany in time for the reunion, but her flight was delayed. As an attendant for Northwest, this kind of thing is "all in a day's work." Lisa is based in Boston now which puts a whole new meaning to the term "jet set" for her. She commutes to the state of Washington to be with husband Christopher.

UK law student **Margaret Graves** was asked to assume her former role as president of the class of '79 at their reunion. Acting in an official capacity, Margaret presented a candy wreath to Mary Lee Nichols as a remembrance of a very special tradition.

Elizabeth Host had to miss the reunion because she was in London on a family trip. Elizabeth is now working for Justice Real Estate.

Michelle Kingsley became Mrs. Christopher Drummond this fall. At the last minute her wedding date had to be changed from September 23 to October 27 because of an uninvited guest—Hurricane Hugo. Michelle's wedding cake went to the Red Cross to feed the homeless. Michelle works as a family therapist for the heart center at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Patrick Madden never misses an opportunity for a little good humor. When asked about his memories of TLS, he quipped "I had to eat lunch where I played basketball. Things have improved a lot." Pat practices equine and corporate law for Brown, Todd and Heyburn.

Tom Martin is back in school at UK.

Brett Nickell is a paramedic in St. Petersburg, Florida. His career continues to be both exciting and rewarding. Helicopter ambulance services are an area in which Brett is continuing to further his certification.

Sheila Owen Stephens is getting her Master's in health education at UK. She's also working at Morton Junior High and coaching the A and B girls basketball teams.

A daily trip to Frankfort is included in **Stuart Owen's** job. He works for the Cabinet for Human Resources in the employment services division. Stuart's office projects industry trends to help counselors working with students in career decision-making.

Classmates usually hear **Stanley Petter** before they see him these days. He's a drummer for a band that plays in area night spots.

Before **Hale Pettit** went to New York this January to pursue training as a Shakespearean actor, he played a very unfamiliar role. Hale was Festival Market's Santa.

David Schindler spent the summer in Evergreen, Colorado, attending two writer's conferences. In the fall, he returned to UK where he is majoring in English and philosophy.

In addition to carrying year-old daughter Jordan whenever she needs a lift, **Jenny Turnbull Milosch** is carrying 16 hours at EKU this semester. Jenny is getting a second undergraduate degree. When she is finished she will be certified to teach English in grades 5 through 12.

George Wallace is married, lives in Cincinnati, and is employed as a banker.

Gerald Ward has recently become engaged to fellow attorney Lois Chaffins. He is with Landrum and Shouse in Lexington.

Other Tidbits

Brian Dale '70 and his wife have moved to Glasgow, Kentucky. The Dales and a few other couples are attempting to start an independent school there.

Phillip Cassidy '71 is Director of Special Projects for Murdock Magazines in New York City.

Gay Kenney Young '75 had her first child, Alexander Chasen, on May 28.

Esther Fallon '77 is attending Lexington Theological Seminary and will graduate in May with an M.A. in religious education. She is employed by First Security Bank in the trust department. Esther is also the youth coordinator for the Diocese of Lexington.

Jim Hacker '81 earned a B.A. from De Pauw University and a B.S. from the University of Kentucky in 1989. He is employed by Huber, Hunt & Nichols, Inc. Currently Jim is working in Plainsboro, New Jersey, as a project engineer for a Merrill Lynch effort.

Lee Patterson '82 is a journalist for a newspaper in Alaska. She is marrying Tim Freccia, a professional photographer, in May. The couple will live in Seattle.

Kim Badenhop '85 is taking a break from school to volunteer at NIH in Bethesda for 10 weeks. While there she will have a chance to be involved in research. Kim will attend UK when she returns to Lexington. ■

Alums from the Class of 1979 trade memories at 10th reunion party in December.



Teacher Talk

by Joan Monsen

"What a wonderful place for both teaching and learning!" This is the sentiment that music teacher Joan Monsen would like to share after her first semester at TLS. In her own words . . .

Restricted, regimented, and rigid are words I had often heard associated with private schools. If such stereotypes still exist, the reality could not be farther from the truth at TLS. There is structure, of course, but it is based on respect. Within that structure, opportunities abound for academic freedom, a creative exchange of ideas between teachers and students, and correlation among disciplines.

My schedule at TLS allows me to use all my talents and training to the fullest. The emphasis is on education here, not on "paperwork" or "non-teaching roles." The atmosphere is such that students learn without negative pressure and still function at a high level. I see a concerted and consistent effort to nurture the whole child and to enhance his or her learning and development in every way possible.

Descriptive words such as freeing, flowing, far-reaching, and friendly should replace those pejorative "r's." I'm very grateful to be here — on the inside looking out.

In The Tradition



TLS photo Archives

The Cast of* H.M.S. Pinafore, *May, 1965

Standing L-R: Jeffrey Marks, Biff Baker, Lina Jean Trosper, Laura Brower, Susan Griffen, Henry West.
Kneeling, L-R: Johnny Bell, Evan Miller.

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