TLS The Lexington School

WHERE FUTURES BEGIN FALL 1998

The Class of 1998

38th Graduating Class Leaves The Lexington School

By Una MacCarthy

On June 6, 24 ninth graders celebrated with family and friends graduating exercises at The Lexington School. For many, the event marked the end of twelve years as a TLS student. An impressive group of freshmen in both their academic prowess and their remarkable school spirit, the Class of 1998 took the challenges of the ninth grade year and excelled. Although it is sad to say good-bye to any group of students, this class holds a special place in many teachers' hearts.

Parting words were plentiful during this hour and a half, many on the theme of knowing oneself. Molly Strassner, Interim Head of School, spoke about "being real" and "knowing and being content with who you are."

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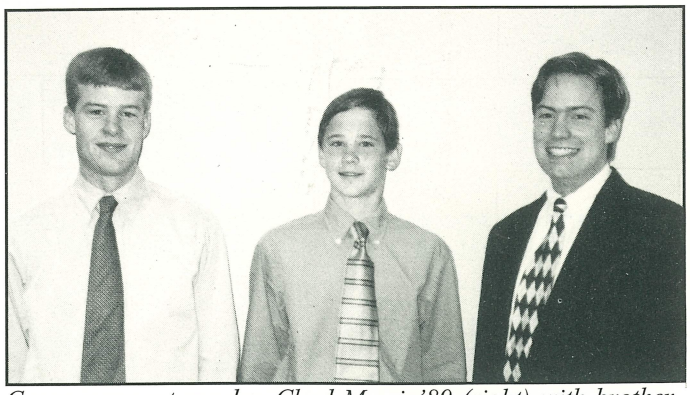
Top row L-R: Joe Lagrew, Bo Bromagen, Joe Clark, Matt Craig, Ethan Manon; Third row L-R: Joe Porter, Cameron Lord, Anne Gay, Fallon Skinner, Michael Bray, Thomas Bell; Second row L-R: Katie Miller, Kaitlin Chamblin, Ann Chapman Breeden, Sara Ryan, Lindsey Elliott, Anna Coleman Prewitt; First row L-R: Rush Scott, Marli Baumann, Emily Larish, Alison Michel, Emily Scarr, Laura Hilliard, Ashley Dunnington

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Chad Massey '89, presently an Admission Counselor at Duke University, continued on this theme in his "Nine Bits of Wisdom From Chad Massey: Everything I Wish I Had Been Told at My Graduation." His remarks, such as, "It's OK to stay home on Saturday night playing board games," and, "Don't underestimate the simple pleasures of life," were salted with wisdom and wrapped in humor. The first alumnus ever asked to be the feature graduation speaker, Chad Massey was such a success that many of the students in attendance hope for more young alumni as feature speakers.

Nancy Grimes, Chair of the Board, recognized some long-standing members of the TLS family who helped shape this group of students: Sarah Meekins, Roberta Owen, and Barbara Groves, who combine for 75 years of teaching experience, retired this year. Also recognized by Mrs. Grimes was the Gay family, who will

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Commencement speaker Chad Massie'89 (right) with brother Ryan Massie '90 (left) and rising ninth grader Coley McKinstry (center).

Honors and Awards for Former TLS Students

Class of 1995

Graduates of the Lexington School (Class of 1995) and former Lexington School students won wide recognition in many fields as they graduated from their high schools in June.

Compiled by Jack Brost

HONORS AND AWARDS FOR FORMER TLS STUDENTS
Class of 1995

HENRY CLAY HIGH SCHOOL:

Elizabeth Alford -	YMCA Young Women of Achievement Award U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award
Holly Burns -	Lexington Woman's Club Award
Andrew Grimes -	Outstanding Spanish Award
Cecilia Mendiondo -	Valedictorian Outstanding Physics Award Mathematics Award
Abraham Scarr -	National Merit Scholarship Finalist USMC Scholastic Excellence Award Diversity Award Faculty Cup (Academics, Leadership, Community Service)

Graduating in the Top Ten of the Class of 1998:
Elizabeth Alford, Holly Burns, Cecilia Mendiondo, Abraham Scarr

LEXINGTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

Quin Bell -
National Merit Letter of Commendation
National Honor Society Senior Member
President's Education Awards Program

SAYRE SCHOOL:

Kav Milward -
Excellence in Honors English 12

Ann Mary Robertson -
National Merit Scholarship Finalist
Co-Valedictorian
Lillie F. Webb Award - Spanish
Excellence in AP Chemistry
Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers Award

Gretchen Wagner -
Lexington Singers Award
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (Lexington chapter) - Good Citizens Program and Scholarship Contest Award

PAUL LAWRENCE DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL:

Jean Anne Jensen -
Transylvania University Academic Scholarship and Recognition

Kelly McCafferty -
Enoch Grehan Memorial Award
Lexington Herald Leader Harry Reiser Award
National Society of Arts and Letters Award - Art

Malou Rodgers -
Scholarships - Transylvania University
DePauw University
Washington University
Miami of Ohio
Miami University

Ellie Sturgill -
Margaret McLaughlin Yearbook Award
Drama Club Acting Award
Top Senior Concert Choir Award

TAYLOR ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL (Pittsburgh, PA):

Elizabeth Lowry -
National Merit Scholarship Finalist
Merit Scholarship - Kenyon College

CHATHAM HALL:

Ali McGee -
Merit Scholarship - Centre College
Honors List

ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL:

Katherine Mahan -
Page Carey French Award

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be ending a 32 year carpooling tradition as their youngest child, Anne, graduated.

Class officers, Joe Lagrew, Joe Porter, and Cameron Lord, shared their views on what The Lexington School meant to them and the special experiences that stand out most. Joe Porter took this opportunity to announce the class gift, additional stereo equipment and a microphone for the lunch room.

Academic achievements were recognized, especially those four students who were placed on the Permanent Headmaster's List, the highest academic honor given at TLS: Cameron Lord, Sarah Ryan, Emily Larish and Joe Lagrew. These students maintained top grades, earning an overall GPA of 9.5 or higher during their upper school years.

The ceremony concluded with a memorable slide show orchestrated by the class advisors. ■

At a Glance - Class of 1998



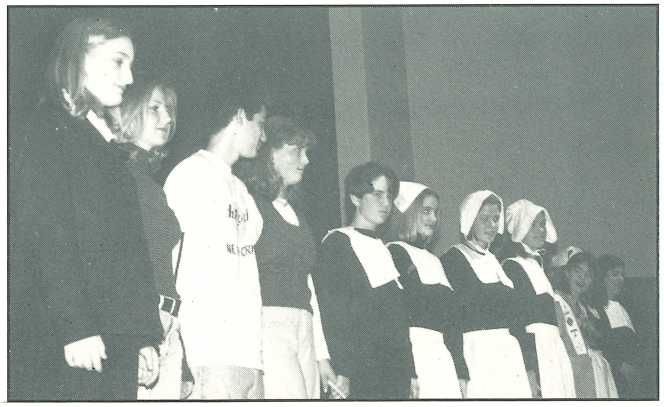
The Class of 1998 shared a Freshman Year filled with hard work, opportunities for leadership, and lasting friendships.



L to R: Sarah Ryan, Kaitlin Chamblin, their teacher Laura Bonzo, and Ann Chapman Breeden shared a smile and a hug after the holiday concert.



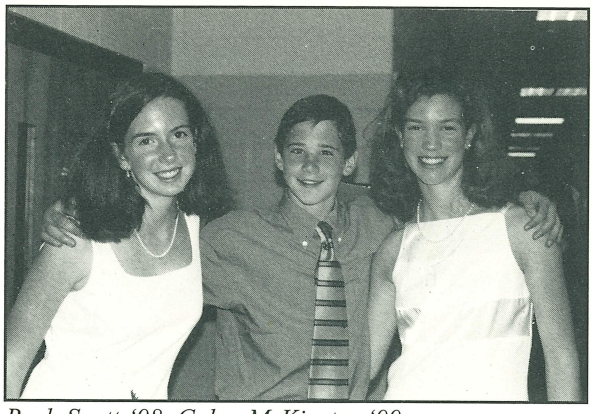
Above: Anne Gay, Emily Scarr, Matt Craig, and Laura Hilliard " messed around" after constructing a Fright Theater for the carnival last spring.



Throughout their 9th grade year these pilgrims' progress was impressive.

Alumni Luncheon Honors Graduating Seniors

by Ann Peden and Lucy McKinstry



Rush Scott '98, Coley McKinstry '99 and Katie Miller '98

On June 1, the Alumni Council hosted a luncheon to honor our 24 graduating ninth graders and to welcome them into the TLS Alumni Association. Held at the Springs Inn, with hamburgers and chocolate sundaes headlining the menu, it was a time to salute our newest members and to let them know that as they leave their daily schedule of classes and experiences here on Lane Allen Road, they will be strongly connected to TLS life.

Alumni President Cy Alexander '75 welcomed the honored guests and introduced fellow Alumni Council members Margaret Cowling '64X, Elizabeth Host Dupree '79 Renie Ingram Parsons '81, and incoming Board of Trustees President Alex Boone '75. Cy shared his thoughts on what the school continues to mean to him, while emphasizing the great importance of the friendships he made with both students and teachers in the classroom and on the playing fields. Mr. Boone then gave his thoughts on the many challenges and opportunities that lie ahead as the educational path leads beyond the TLS gates and into the future.



Ashley Dunnington, Sarah Ryan, Kaitlin Chamblin and Ann Chapman Breeden



Anna Coleman Prewitt and Fallon Skinner

It was announced that Joe Porter will be the Class Agent for this dynamic class of 1998. He joins representatives from each of our previous 35 graduating classes who serve as liaisons between the school and their fellow alumni. A complete listing of all of the Class Agents was given to each freshman for handy reference.

Every freshman was also given a class directory that included individual photographs, home addresses and telephone numbers, birthdates and the school each student will attend next year. Those who will head to boarding school in the fall also had their new addresses listed with the hope that these directories will encourage continuing communication among friends. As a memento for their desks, graduates received small ceramic tote bags with the TLS alumni logo imprinted on the side. Complete with green canvas handles and supplied with two school pencils, these miniature totes brought smiles in the room. Members of the Alumni Council were also given the tote bags with many thanks for their constant help and enthusiasm throughout this past year in the area of alumni affairs.

Those who attended the luncheon agreed that it was an important time of coming together. As the ninth graders prepared to receive their diplomas, the Alumni Council welcomed them warmly into the next phase of their relationship with the school. ■

To the TLS Community,

I leave you with some thoughts about the future of TLS. We have had a positive and productive year and I feel gratified that we have used this transition to accomplish a great deal. As I mentioned to you last fall, transitions can provide an opportunity for positive change and renewed enthusiasm, and I think we have used that opportunity wisely. Innovations that will take effect next year include a Curriculum Committee comprised of administrators and teachers, and an Instructional Specialist to support our academic program. The Extended Day Program and the After School Study Clinic will continue. There will be an additional arts enrichment component to the preschool program.

As we look beyond this year, we see more to be done. We intend to build on our past, but we don't intend to stay there! We see change as a symptom of our success. We will continue to examine our curriculum and our climate for teaching and learning. We are striving to be less intense and to deal with challenges with humor and perspective while recognizing that our mission is serious and of great importance.



I am humbled by the realization that in spite of my 10 months of very busy weeks and very long days (and nights) there is still so much left to accomplish. That is okay. TLS will never be "finished." Our new headmaster, our trustees and our faculty will move the school farther forward. I hope to "watch from the wings" (email?) with enormous pride and gratitude that I have had a small part in the life of TLS.

I am confident that I leave the School in very good hands. John Fixx and Susan Touchstone are strong and experienced leaders, and with Una MacCarthy and Mary Beers as their "veteran" partners, they will all four help our teachers take TLS to new academic heights. I hope you appreciate what a truly remarkable school "we" have. Please don't take its spirit and its excellence for granted.

God speed, and my very best for the future of the school and for all of you.

With great affection,
Molly Strassner
Interim Head of School

Molly S. Strassner

Molly Strassner gave to The Lexington School much more than an "interim" year. She gave 100% of herself in an effort to put the school in a position of strength for a new permanent head. Molly became both emotionally and intellectually connected to TLS. Her ability to build relationships with all the school constituencies in such a short time was remarkable.

The Lexington School family will long remember Molly Strassner as a voice of reason during a time of ambiguity. The Board of Trustees requested that Molly address specific issues during her year. She resolved each issue and identified other areas that needed attention.

The ISACS self study was completed successfully. A new Headmaster was hired. A new Lower School Head was hired. Communication was increased both internally and externally and an Alumni Council was formed. Divisional structure was studied, as well as curricular issues with the formation of a new Curriculum Committee. A plan for the future to market the school was initiated. More activities involving children and their parents began. The list goes on.

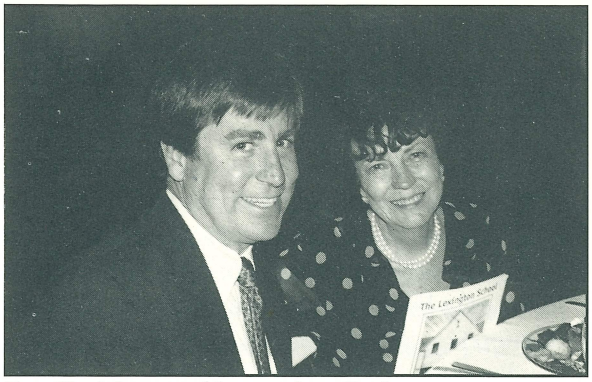
Clarity of vision, a strong work ethic and a sense of humor are all ingredients any organization needs in its leaders. Molly Strassner offered all those attributes and more to The Lexington School. We miss her many skills but, more important, we miss the friendship she offered all of us. We are eternally grateful for her presence this past year.

Nancy H. Grimes, President
The Lexington School Board of Trustees

CELEBRATION '98

Ushers in "The Dawn of a New Beginning"

"The Dawn of a New Beginning"came in like a lion. During the annual fund-raiser for TLS, CELEBRATION '98 enjoyed a new venue, welcomed our new Head, John Fixx, and his wife, Liza, and expressed our deep appreciation to Molly Strassner for guiding us this year. The theme proved appropriate as the TLS family - parents, teachers, staff, alumni and friends - gathered in the Keeneland Entertainment Center for a true gala. Gourmet food and wine accented a festive live auction, and bidding was brisk for the silent and starlight items. Dancing to the music of Senor Aragon's band capped the evening.



Tom VanMeter and his mother, Carla

Co-chairs for this year and 1999, Elizabeth and Herman Playforth, will have four graduates of TLS when their son John graduates in 1999. Having experienced the educational benefits of TLS first hand, they realize what a special and magical place it is for students. Following the Playforth's outstanding example of generosity, commitment, and tireless energy, many donated their time and resources to ensure the success of CELEBRATION '98. We are pleased to announce a net profit for the evening of $189,000.

A heartfelt thank you and congratulations to the entire TLS family!



Celebration '98



Left to right: John Chandler, David Trapp and Josephine Abercrombie, the founder of our school



Left to right: David Fogg, Mary Ann Huber, Philippa Fogg, and Randy Huber

Strategic Plan is Underway

by John D. Fixx

The Board of Trustees has retained Mrs. Susan Stone as our consultant to guide us through the strategic planning process. Mrs. Stone literally "wrote the book" on strategic planning for the National Association of Independent Schools; her work, *Shaping Strategy,* is used internationally.

Mrs. Stone came to campus recently to meet with the Strategic Planning Committee, talk with teachers, administrators and the Parents Association, and establish the calendar for the planning process. We will convene a series of Listening Groups this fall to elicit dreams and ambitions for TLS's future. All parents and teachers and many past parents, former teachers and other friends of TLS will be invited to participate.

On November 19-21 the Strategic Planning Workshop will convene with representatives from all constituents with an interest in TLS's future. The participants will consider and synthesize a variety of documentation and data, such as:

- **responses from the Listening Groups;**
- **our mission statement;**
- **earlier strategic plans;**
- **tuition growth and salary ranges;**
- **student-teacher ratios by grade;**
- **admissions and attrition statistics;**
- **information about community demographics;**
- **economic indicators.**

This intense Strategic planning workshop will result in the drafting of a strategic vision for TLS. Far from secretive, the process is designed to be inclusive, engaging all members of the TLS community throughout the process. The strategic plan itself is designed to be fluid and responsive to opportunities in the short-term and more distant future.

As fatiguing as the process can be, the hard work actually begins as the school community embraces the strategic vision and then begins to work together to ensure that the next generation's education at The Lexington School is as powerful as our students have enjoyed for 39 years.

Our Strategic Planning Consultant, **Susan C. Stone**, was a trustee of Holland Hall School in Tulsa, Oklahoma for 17 years, serving as President of the Board of Trustees and Head of the Search Committee. In 1982 (for the National Association of Independent Schools) she wrote the definitive manual on Long-Range Planning which in 1987 was expanded and became the book, *Strategic Planning for Independent Schools*. In 1993 Ms. Stone authored *Shaping Strategy*; *Independent School Planning in the '90s* and is a contributing author to *Access and Affordability*; *Strategic Financial Perspectives for Independent Schools*.



In addition to having led strategic planning and policy development workshops at some 250 schools throughout the world, Ms. Stone has served on the Board of the University of Tulsa and the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence.

In addition to her numerous Board responsibilities, Ms. Stone has addressed the following conferences:

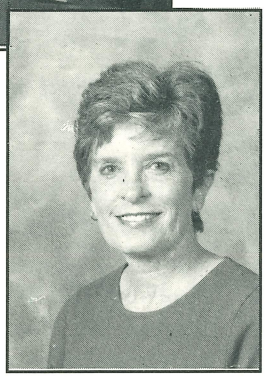
NAIS National Conferences in 1983-88, 1992-94
National Association of Principals of Schools for Girls' Annual Conference
1989 meeting of the Independent Schools Association of the Central States
1995 meeting of the European Council of International Schools, in Malta
National Association of Episcopal Schools Triennial Conference in 1996.

FAREWELL, Mrs. O.

by Marijo Foster



Roberta Owen is an icon of The Lexington School. A physical education teacher, she has supported every other subject area in the school with her creative and caring touch. What former sixth grader will ever forget the chariot races from the annual Greek Festival? Or the Maypole dance of the Medieval Fest? Or the period dances for the fourth grade Fort Boonesborough Day? Or the annual running of the Little Kentucky Derby, which has turned older students into mentors of preschoolers for the past eighteen years? We recall with pleasure the homeroom basketball tournaments, the green/gray competitions, and the recently added Spirit Day games. There have been field days and student/faculty games.



Roberta Owen

"Need a chaperone? Ask Mrs. O. She would LOVE to go on your class trip with you!" Roberta Owen joyfully seized every opportunity for teaching and learning. She turned the annual running of the Little Kentucky Derby into a mentoring exercise between the older students and preschoolers. Roberta recently added Spirit Day games to the long list of friendly competition such as homeroom basketball tournaments, green/gray competitions, and student/faculty games.

Roberta's goal has been to instill a love of sports and physical activity that would last a TLS student a lifetime, while appreciating every aspect of every child. Roberta was often the one to notice first a child's inner beauty, artistic gifts or musical talent. She always valued and supported the whole child while encouraging others to do the same. Mrs. Owen has been careful of children.

Whether it is a person, a program, a game, or an event, when Roberta Owen recognized a good thing, she put her heart and soul into supporting it. For many years, she served as a role model for teachers at The Lexington School, and during her retirement year, when she might have been forgiven for starting to slow down a bit, she embraced our Faculty Mentoring Program with the utmost energy and enthusiasm. Roberta received training last summer and served as a mentor for one of our new TLS teachers.

As a parent, a teacher, a confidante, a coach, an advisor, a mentor, a motivator of young men and women, Roberta Owen has been a friend of TLS. After thirty-two years she leaves us. We wish her well. ■

Sara Meekins, A Tapestry

By Mary Beers

Excellent teaching is an art form, and Sara Meekins' career has been a tapestry. The design embodies the heart, soul, minds and hands of the TLS children. The warp threads of this designer piece are sturdy and strong. Vision, persistence, love of children, service, sense of humor, sound philosophy, pedagogical thoroughness, intuitiveness, timeliness, integrity and a strong sense of ethics are threads of exceeding strength.

Each parent, teacher and administrator with whom she has dealt over the years is also a part of this art piece - a thread of continuity that has flourished in The Lexington School community. The warp of this tapestry contains one thread for every year she has been at TLS.

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Sara Meekins shared the joy of reading with current first graders John Tender, Charlotte Cornett and Jane Houston Marshall.

New Faces and New Positions



Front Row: Susan B. White, Anna W. Biggerstaff, Rhonda K. Yost
Back Row: Donna H. Loyd, Deborah L. Vetter, Melanie R. Bishop, Charlotte L. Gossett

Anna Biggerstaff brings an impressively deep background to her work at TLS in physical education and coaching soccer. After obtaining a Bachelor of Science Degree in teaching General Studies from UK, she returned to earn—with a 3.9 GPA—a second Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and Health. Ms. Biggerstaff currently carries a 4.0 GPA on the way to earning her Master's Degree at UK in Health Promotion. While juggling her classes, Ms. Biggerstaff has coached cheerleading, worked as an aerobics instructor and taught physical education at Stonewall Elementary, Dixie Magnet, Henry Clay, Morton and Julius Marks.

Melanie Bishop is our Associate Librarian, specializing in the Lower School and Pre-school classes; Mrs. Bishop has her Bachelor of Science in Education from Eastern Kentucky University and her Master's in Library Science from the University of Kentucky. We are fortunate to attract her. Mrs. Bishop taught and managed the library at Scott County High School in Georgetown throughout last year, and has worked as a private language instructor and tutor. The winner of numerous awards and scholarships while an undergraduate student, Ms. Bishop has special expertise and comfort in coordinating her program with classroom teachers, instructing in computer research, and developing bibliographies and gathering resources to support teachers and students. We look forward, therefore, to her work helping Mrs. Eames advance our library to the next level of sophistication.

Charlotte Gossett, an accomplished graduate of the University of Kentucky, comes to TLS having taught French at the secondary school level at Bryan Station High School, having led four classes of undergraduates at UK two years ago, having taught English to French students in Gustave, Tourgeville and Deauville, France three years ago, and having student-taught at Tates Creek and Dunbar High Schools. Miss Gossett will be responsible for French students in grades 4-9. Also a scholar, while earning two Master's degrees in French at UK, Ms. Gossett earned a G.P.A. of 3.95.

Donna Loyd takes over a first grade class having taught five-year-olds at St. Michael's School and Immanuel Baptist Preschool, both in Lexington. Ms. Loyd has also taught kindergarten and three and four-year-olds in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and kindergarten in Morgantown, West Virginia. Currently carrying a 4.0 G.P.A. in the University of Kentucky's Graduate program, Ms. Loyd also graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Master's degree in early Childhood Education from West Virginia University, building on her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from West Virginia University, Magna Cum Laude. We look forward to her many contributions as a member of the First Grade Team, the Lower School faculty, and The Lexington School community.

Susan White already a master teacher, comes to us as a second grade teacher after eight strong years teaching third grade at Harding Academy in Nashville, Tennessee, and, before that, two years teaching fourth grade at Kentucky Country Day School in Louisville, Kentucky. A graduate of Baylor University, in Texas, Mrs. White brings an enviable blend of high ambitions and an easy, encouraging smile. Her deep background in independent schools is invaluable.

Rhonda Yost is teaching choral music and general music to students in Grades 4, 5 and 6. She explains that she instructs "with a passion for both the students and the subject being taught." Ms. Yost currently directs the adult choir at a local Disciples of Christ congregation, and has also taught children in youth groups, vacation Bible schools, and Sunday school. Modeling the kind of commitment she expects from her charges, Ms. Yost has been doing some voluntary performing for activities such as the Annual Fall Festival at South Elkhorn Christian Church and the Nineteenth Anniversary Celebration for Woodland Christian Church. Ms. Yost holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Translyvania University in Applied Vocal and Choral Music, with a minor in Spanish. While writing and editing our newsletter, she also begins work toward her Master's Degree at the University of Kentucky.

Deborah Vetter, First Grade, is known to many teachers and parents on campus throughout her substitute teaching last year and her extensive involvement as the Director of our Winter Break program. A gifted, thoughtful educator, Mrs. Vetter is married to the Dean of Students at Transylvania University and holds a Master's degree from Bowling Green State University and a BA from Ohio Wesleyan University. Most recently she has been the Coordinator of Career Development at Bowling Green State University, having earlier been the Director of Career Planning and Placement Services at Monmouth College.

Mrs. Vetter brings a range of experience working with young people. A Sunday school teacher, she has also taught elementary school students decision-making strategies and songs, worked with second graders as a Parent-Teacher Assistant, advised numerous Church Youth Groups and, as mentioned earlier, substitute taught last year at TLS, as well as at Sayre School.

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Already we can see the basis for an uncommon and beautiful design.

The vivid color threads of the woof that cross the warp and interweave with the strength of the warp must be the children who have been the recipients of Sara's expertise. Having contact with a good teacher in the early years of a child's school experience frames



Cake presented at opening ceremonies of Little Kentucky Derby in honor of Molly, Sara, and Roberta

that child's perceptions about values, work and love of learning. Each child's unique gifts now add sparkle and delight to the object and reflect the enthusiasm that Mrs. Meekins had when she read her stories and when her hearty laughter rang out as she relished an anecdote about the children.

The best thing about the tapestry is that it doesn't have to be tied off until the designer feels it is finished. Sara's tapestry will be ongoing as she travels, works with The Nature Conservancy, reads, hikes and reflects. The TLS part of the tapestry will remain alive in the children she taught. A wonderful thing about TLS is that each individual's sense of purpose becomes a part of the school culture, its ethos. Mrs. Meekins has left her mark on the tapestry that is this special school's history. ■

We Graduated 35 Years Ago

by Bill Young '63

When Nancy Grimes, the recently retired Board Chair, approached me and asked me to write an article about the lives and present whereabouts of the members of the first graduating class, I politely declined. However, in consideration of my friendship with Nancy, and in no small part to my own curiosity, I reconsidered and agreed to write this article. One consolation is that there were then, and are now, only 11 of us.

Although I have kept in touch over the years with most members of this distinguished class, I had not seen or spoken with several class members since we graduated in June of 1963. Over the past several weeks I have managed to locate and speak with each class member with one exception. Richie Miller was nowhere to be found. Although I have not verified it, I understand that he is living in Florida with his wife and three children where he is pursuing a career making wooden furniture.

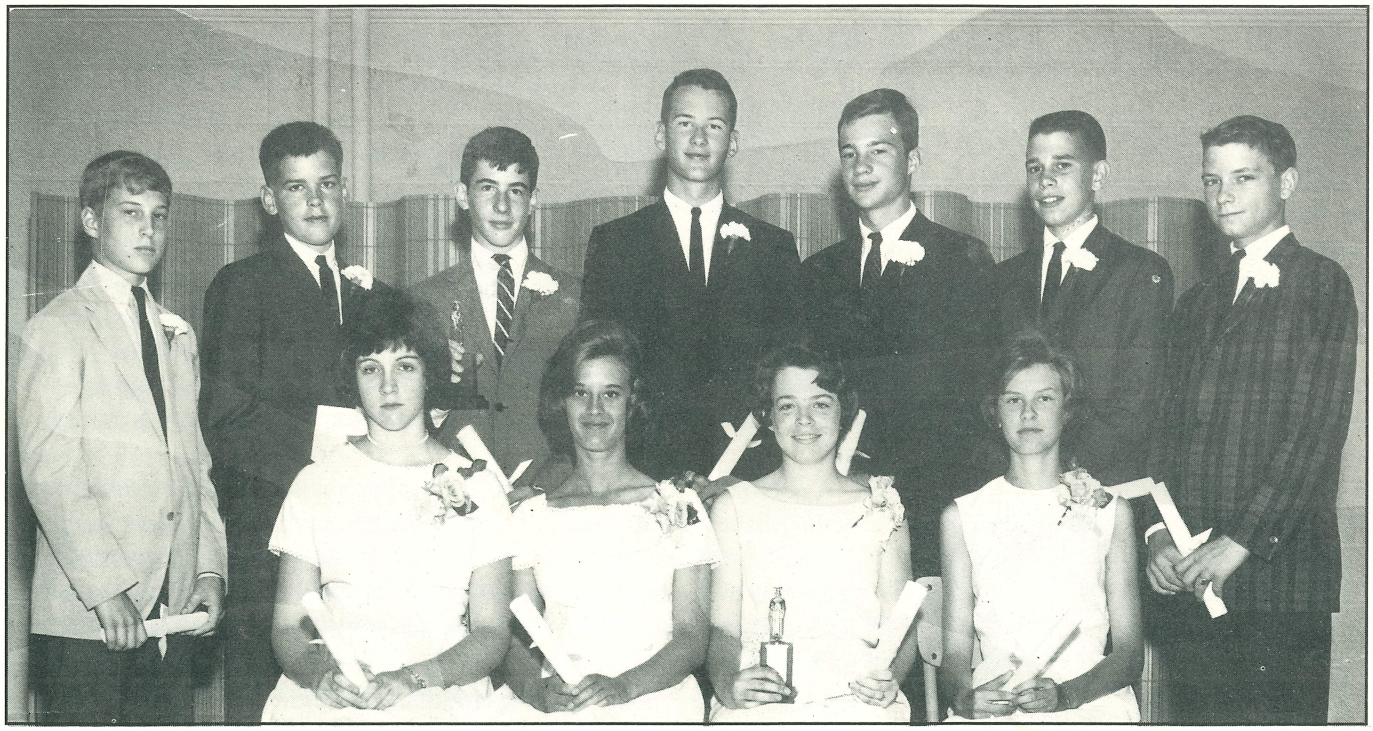
Marian Bean left TLS for the Madeira School and after overcoming her initial homesickness, graduated in 1966. Marian attended Wellesley, intending to major in biology but returned to UK after two years, obtaining a degree in English. From there, Marian moved to the West Coast where she earned a Masters and Ph.D. in linguistics. She landed a job on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where she has taught a variety of courses to students who are going to teach English as a second language or elementary or secondary language arts. Marian lives in a country house with a variety of animals, all of whom she has rescued from less fortunate lives. Her main interest and passion is animal rights.

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After TLS, Mike Bell attended Woodberry Forest where he distinguished himself in football and track. Mike then briefly attended the University of Kentucky before embarking on a career as a thoroughbred horse trainer. Today, Mike resides in Crestwood, Kentucky, but travels among Arkansas, New York, Louisiana and Kentucky during the racing season. He lives with his wife, Bill Goodman (female), whom he married in 1994, and his step-children, Taylor and True, both TLS graduates.

Sara Clay graduated from Chatham Hall in 1966 and from the University of North Carolina in 1970. After working for two years in London, in 1974 she met and wed George Branch, a high school friend and a classmate of mine, and moved to Washington, D.C. Sara lived there for five years before moving to Atlanta, where she earned an MBA from Emory University. Sara and George have two beautiful daughters: Beatie, who is a sophomore at the University of Virginia, and Sihler, who is a sophomore at Episcopal High School. In deference to Philip Howard, whom she felt would need extra space in this article, Sara refused to provide any further information.

After TLS, Hendy Davis attended Salem Academy in North Carolina,



Class of 1963

Seated: (Left to right)
Mary-Henderson Davis, Jane Harding Eiseman, Marian Callaway Bean, Sara Shuttleworth Clay
Standing: (Left to right)
Don McFerran Robinson, Philip King Howard, William Thompson Young, Jr., Job Darbin Turner III, Michael Headley Bell, William Davis Fishback, Jr., Richard Ed Miller

graduating in 1966. From there she went to Centre College and graduated in 1970 with a degree in math and returned to Lexington where she lives today. Hendy has three children. Elizabeth Berry was born in 1976, graduated last year Phi Betta Kappa from Washington, and plans to enter medical school this fall. Her son Louis was born in 1980 and this year graduated from Lexington's Dunbar High School. As a National Merit Finalist, he will attend Tulane University this fall. Her younger son, Charles Lockhart, was born in 1986 and attends Winburn Middle School.

Hendy was a medical Technologist for 15 years before earning a master's degree in social work in 1991. After working as a family counselor and for the State of Kentucky, she started a private practice as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Following her graduation from TLS, Jane Eiseman briefly attended the Walnut Hill School for Girls in Natick, Massachusetts (in her own words "a Gothic horror of a place") before returning to Lexington to graduate from Sayre. Jane then attended Washington University for a couple of years before moving to San Diego to work as an operating room scrub nurse at the University of California at San Diego. There she met her husband, Bob Scribner, a surgical intern from Montana. Married in 1970, Jane moved around frequently, living in Moscow, London, Ethiopia, Manhattan and San Mateo before taking up her current residence in Hillsborough, California. Her eldest



Jane Eiseman and family

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daughter, Mara, was born in 1974 in Africa, graduated from Tufts University and started her own business in La Jolla last year. Her daughter Carrie is a pre-med student at the University of California at Berkeley, and her son Ben is a high school senior and a talented golfer. Aside from the usual volunteer community work, Jane enjoys jogging, gardening, and hiking throughout the world with her husband.

Davey Fishback left TLS for Henry Clay High School where he graduated in 1966. He attended Davidson University for two years and graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1970. He earned a degree in veterinary medicine from Auburn University in 1973 and completed an internship in equine veterinary at the University of Georgia in 1974. That same year, he married Betsy Buchanan, an avid horse woman, and returned to Versailles. After a one-year stint at the Woodford Veterinary Clinic, Davey joined Hagyard, Davidson, McGee, one of the most prestigious thoroughbred veterinary practices, where he presently serves as President. His daughter Leslie was born in 1977, graduated from TLS and is a junior at Randolph-Macon College. His second daughter, Sarah, was born in 1987 and is in the fifth grade at TLS. Davey has also served as a TLS board member.

By any measure, Philip Howard must be considered the outstanding member of our class. Graduating from the Taft School and from Yale University, Philip received his law degree from the University of Virginia in 1973 in the same class as Sara Clay's husband, George Branch. From Virginia, he joined the well known New York firm of Sullivan and Cromwell. In 1983, with two other associates, Philip founded Howard, Darby and Levin, a New York firm specializing in mergers and acquisitions and corporate law. Philip married Alexandra Cushing in 1972 and today has four children: Olivia, 19, who attends Columbia University, Charlotte, 16, and twins Lilly and Alexander, 11. Following the publication of his best-selling book, The Death of Common Sense: How Law is Suffocating America (Random House 1995), Philip authored numerous articles on judicial reform in The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and other publications. He appeared on national talk shows and advised various political leaders, including Vice President Gore. I strongly recommend his book to those of you who have not read it.

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After TLS, Don Robinson attended Episcopal High School, from which he graduated in 1966. Between 1966 and 1969, Don studied at the University of Denver (because it was far away from Kentucky and Virginia) studying English, resisting the draft and white water kayaking in the Rocky Mountains. After college, Don wound up in California where he met his wife Audrey, acquired a 90-acre homestead in Humbolt City, and built a house, a barn and fences, and milked cows for seven years. After returning to Kentucky in 1977 to manage a family farm, Don acquired Winter Quarter Farm in 1980, where he has developed a business raising thoroughbred horses, cattle and tobacco. His son, Ferran, was born in 1976, attended TLS, and graduated from Dunbar High School. He attended Wheeling Jesuit College in West Virginia and will be at the University of Kentucky next year.



Philip Howard and family

Don's involvement in the Lexington community includes a stint as a TLS Board member and membership on the Lexington Fayette County Planning Commission.

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Darby Turner left The Lexington School for Woodberry Forest, from which he graduated in 1966. From Woodberry, Darby returned to the University of Kentucky and graduated in 1970. After earning his law degree at UK, Darby entered general practice with his father. In 1986, he joined the firm of Greenebaum, Doll & McDonald, one of the state's largest and most prestigious firms, where he practices real estate and land use law. Darby has been very active professionally as past president of the local bar association. He is the author of a number of legal articles and is involved in civic affairs as past president of the Rotary Club. Darby married Charlotte Hill in 1973 and has two children: Charlotte, who is 23 (and coincidentally born on the same day as my son Chris), a graduate of Vanderbilt and attending UK's College of Law, and Job, who is 20, a sophomore at Notre Dame and majoring in finance. Darby enjoys golf and bird shooting, both of which he does well.



Darby Turner

From TLS, I went to Hotchkiss and from there to Princeton, where I graduated in 1970 with a degree in economics. I earned an M.B.A. from the University of Virginia, and after toying with the idea of moving to New York, I returned to Lexington where I have been involved in various family businesses ranging from public warehousing to thoroughbred breeding and racing. I married Barbara Smith, a beautiful graduate of Sweetbriar College in June of 1971. My son, Chris, is 23, a graduate of Duke University with a degree in electrical and biomedical engineering, and an employee of a computer consulting firm in San Francisco. My daughter, Meade, graduated this year from Henry Clay High School and is headed to the University of Virginia. It's hard to believe that I am now 50 years old.

In conclusion, I will share several memories that I have of various classmates. I remember losing to Mike Bell by one vote for student body president. If I had to lose to someone, I can't think of anyone better than Mike. I remember Don Robinson as a frequent target for Hiller Rudisill's chalk and erasers. I also remember Don's uncanny resemblance to Jay North, television's Dennis the Menace, with a similar mischievous personality. I remember Darby Turner as the youngest person that I had ever seen in a three-piece suit. I remember Ritchie Miller as a person with whom I definitely didn't want to pick a fight. I remember Marian Bean as a tough academic competitor whom I edged out by a few tenths of a point for class honors. I remember Hendy Davis because she was taller than I was. I remember Philip Howard as a young-looking boy from Mt. Sterling who gave a new meaning to the word loquacious. I remember Jane Eiseman as a well-developed young woman. I remember Davey Fishback as a farm boy from Versailles who spent his summer measuring tobacco. I remember Sara Clay as a nervous, talkative Parisian.

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Aside from the memories and an excellent education, the most important thing that I have taken from TLS is the life-long friendships with fellow classmates. ■

Two members of the TLS Class of 1995 distinguished themselves at their high school graduation this May by giving the valedictory address. **Cecelia Mendiondo**, planning to attend Davidson College, spoke from the podium at Henry Clay's ceremony at Memorial Coliseum. **Ann Mary Robertson** (Co-Valedictorian), planing to attend Northwestern University, was Sayre's Top Student.

Elizabeth Doyle Dick '75 and husband of 14 years, Chris, are living north of Boston in Beverly, MA and are the proud and busy parents of Christopher, Jr., 12, and Sarah, 8. All four of them are active in a wide array of sports. The children attend a school very similar to TLS, Shore Country Day School, pre-k through ninth grade. After graduation from Middlesex and Georgetown University, Elizabeth worked as a paralegal until Christopher was born. They would love to hear from any TLS alumni traveling to the Boston area.

Another future TLS student was born May 12 to Alumni Council member **Renie Ingram Parsons' 81** and husband Greg. Spencer Paul Parsons, who is already sleeping soundly through the night, has a big sister Emory, 2, who helps her mom with the new addition. Renie has been very active this year in instituting an Alumni Reading Program for the Lower School.

One of the sharpest new websites, www.airwebtravel.net, has been created by **Will DuPont '96X**. Beginning with the idea of setting up his own web page, Will developed his project to cover virtually all aspects of air travel to assist people in making plans. Having designed his own logo, he contracted both national and international airlines for permission to feature their logos. He has now found that airports throughout the world have begun to contact him, as he has one of the strongest airline links on line. Complete maps of terminals, departure and arrival times, extensive information on types of airplanes, both large and small corporate jets, can all be found at his site. In his desire to offer full service for the traveler, Will also has a hotel link with specific layout of lobby and guest rooms. A bookstore connection is included to give reviews on just the right paperback to tuck into the carry-on bag. A rent-a-car link is in the works, as well as a CNN-type news format to compliment the travel page. While his site has approximately 1,000 hits a day now, it is Will's goal to increase that number to 3,000 by fall.

Will looked forward to doing a bit of traveling this summer himself, as he interned with NASA at the Kennedy Space Center. He worked with scientists on the Mars project for approximately five weeks before returning for his senior year at St. Paul's.

Last spring Governor Paul Patton announced that **Shea Burns '96**, Kenny Jensen '96X, Roheen Raithata '96X, and Krishna Joshi '96 had been selected as 1998 Governor's Scholars. This summer they will join approximately 700 other outstanding students from 116 districts throughout the state to be part of a five-week, summertime program held at Northern Kentucky University. They were challenged by balancing a strong academic schedule in the sciences, mathematics, humanities, and the arts with a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. Congratulations to each of you.

The word from Durban, South Africa, was that **Molly Nicol '97** has been thoroughly enjoyed her extensive travels. Molly spent her spring trimester in a three-month exchange program from Deerfield Academy. With other international students of high school age, Molly was the only American attending Durban Girls' College, where she was a five-day boarder. On weekends, she and three girls from Toronto, Canada, spent time with the families of various classmates. She stayed with a friend on a sugarcane plantation, took a safari through Kruger National Park, where she spotted many types of wild game, sailed the Indian Ocean, and used this tremendous opportunity to get to know the culture of the area as well. A particular highlight was a visit to the Drakensberg Mountains, so named because they resemble a dragon's back. (Those of you who had Mrs. Pickle's social studies class can easily pinpoint that region on the map.) While in the area, Molly attended South Africa's largest music festival, an outdoor concert somewhat comparable in size to Woodstock. We look forward to hearing more about Molly's grand adventure firsthand. We also agree with her associate who said, "Molly has been an excellent ambassador for her school(s) and for her country." ■

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