TLS The Lexington School

WHERE FUTURES BEGIN Summer 1999

The Banner of Friendship



The Lexington School Class of 1999 was graduated Saturday, June 5 in grand style. Graduating Ninth Grader Sarah Kendrick brightened the theatre with beautiful sounds from her harp as parents, grandparents, family and friends found their places; and then the graduates, with roses, white dresses or blue blazers made their procession to the stage accompanied by the cheerful piano and flute melodies of music teachers Martha Anderson and Joan Monsen. This was an especially significant commencement—the last of the millennium, and the first for new Headmaster John Fixx. A tradition revived when Mary Lee Nichols was named an honorary alumna of The Lexington School. Remembered as "The Hawk" with loving affection and trembling respect, Mrs. Nichols led the seventh through ninth grade Upper School and for fifteen years molded learning at the highest levels.

Board President Alex Boone '75 encouraged the graduates with his individual and touching perspective on perseverance and reminded them "if things don't work out… keep working at it!"

Whitney Martin, alumna and president of the class of 1988, returned to the podium to deliver the commencement address; and true to her genetic predisposition, she charmed all listeners with her sparkling wit. She roped in the graduates with lively personal anecdotes on "mischief," then bound them tightly with a discourse on "high school dating"—before immersing them in her philosophy for fulfillment of mind, body, heart and soul: "keep ajournal, push yourself to perform but enjoy aesthetic breaks, mentor a youngster, move your body, and take time to give thanks for your many blessings."

Class officers Coley McKinstry, Will Milward and Sarah Kendrick, in that order, raised in speech the strong bonds of *friendship* as the class banner, and emphasized the importance of cherished memories in galvanizing their valuable brotherhood and sisterhood. From early birthday parties, to mudfights, to dances and trips to the Carolina mountains and the American Southwest, this fine class has left its mark at every stop. These students have been especially charismatic and entertaining, and have shown a refreshing willingness to explore new challenges in the classroom and on the road.

Individual portraits by faculty advisors Laura Bonzo, John Buckey and Frank Hardesty described the unique and valuable talents of each student, but their collective legacy is the durable friendship and dynamic energy which they both carry forward and leave behind.

These graduates number 960 through 990 since the school's beginning. Now we enter a new millennium, celebrate our fortieth year, and embrace bold new plans for further enhancing the experience that Lexington School students take away—and remember. Congratulations to the Dynamic Class of 1999. We love you all!

—Frank Hardesty
Science Teacher and
Freshman Advisor

From the Headmaster

Transitions

"Change is life and life is change," we teach our students, and so we celebrate as some members of our faculty move to different responsibilities within The Lexington School and others move on to new challenges beyond our campus.

We enjoy great satisfaction from announcing that while **Barbara Bale** continues her heartening recovery, she will return next year and base herself in the Computer Mini-Lab, teaching the computer classes to the first and second grades, supervising the Mini-Lab, reviewing software and researching on the Internet for her colleagues, and tackling much of the writing and research needed to pull together the Fortieth Anniversary Commemorative Book.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities and support of the entire faculty, **Marijo Foster** will work next year as the Director of the Fortieth Anniversary for The Lexington School. The Fortieth is a serendipitous time to galvanize the full community as we tackle the ambitions in our Strategic Vision and in our Campus Master Plan. Marijo will bring her extraordinary organizational talents and her historical knowledge of this school's people to the ceremonies.

In addition, with equal loyalty and enthusiasm, **Lucy McKinstry** has agreed to rearrange her life to work a second day per week next year to support our efforts to celebrate the school's fortieth anniversary. Lucy is the perfect person to commit some time—she loves The Lexington School deeply and has had great success reengaging the alumni and maintaining strong connections with former teachers.

John Buckey will leave our ranks as a Spanish teacher to earn next year a master's degree in education administration at Harvard University. Our Middle School campus will have a decidedly different feel next year without John working with our students and without John enlivening our days in the halls, at faculty meetings and over lunch. His presence has strengthened us in many ways, some of which may not be apparent until John is in Massachusetts.

We are all indebted to John for what he has given our school as a teacher, coach, advisor, Coordinator of the Foreign Language Department, a faculty representative to the Long-Range Plan, representative to the Board/Faculty Relations Committee and other critical areas. John has developed his talents well with us, given generously of his time and imagination, worked indefatigably for his students, and kept The Lexington School close to his heart. We send him to Harvard knowing he will contribute to that school community as powerfully as he strengthened us.

Rhonda Yost, our part-time music teacher for grades four through six, is understandably pursuing full-time employment. We are indebted to Rhonda for the energy and ambition she brought to the arts wing, for her daily work with our students, and for the fine performances she accomplished with her students. We are also indebted to Rhonda for agreeing to step in and edit the Newsletter this year. Working with Linda MacKellar, Rhonda has produced some wonderful issues and articles, reestablishing this piece as the primary form of communication with our far-flung constituents.

Jenny Falk has accepted the happy offer to become a primary instructor at Ecumenical Preschool. A wonderful program out of which we have enrolled many students over the years, Ecumenical jumped at the chance to hire an admired teacher from The Lexington School. For all we will miss Jenny's steadiness, grace and abundant love of children, we congratulate her for obtaining this position and wish her well as she shares her gifts more broadly.

The model of professionalism and an example of full allegiance to children, **Sandy Gillespie** has saddened all of us by announcing that she has accepted the position of Lower School Head at The Duke School for Children in Durham, NC. Good for The Duke School but bad for us, Sandy will be missed enormously not just for her approach to education but for her spirit, her commitment to our students, and her insistence that we get better in a hurry about how we understand and then reach the full range of learners within our school community. The Duke School is more fortunate to attract her than they know.

Having moved to Lexington only this year, second grade teacher **Susan White** is now returning with her husband to their home in Nashville. Bill has accepted a position that wasn't available to him a year ago when they came to Lexington. We thank her for her masterful work this year with her fortunate students. Susan's great strength as a teacher is demonstrated by her ability to come in and, seemingly without any transition time, give her students a strong educational experience right from the first day of school. We wish Susan well, knowing that she will give her future students the same love and high expectations that benefited her students at The Lexington School.

After editing the Newsletter for nine years and serving the school as Director of Admissions for three years, Debby Coleman will leave us after exactly twelve years, 'graduating' with the same group of students who came

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Annual Fund Breaks the Record!

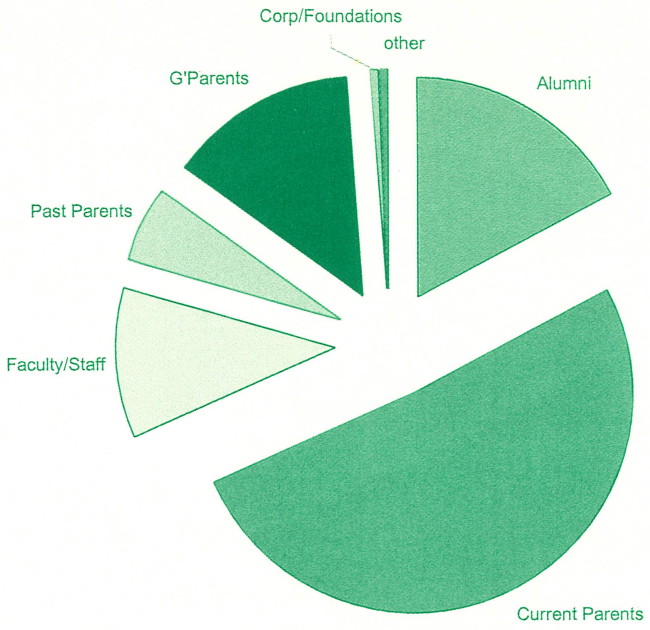
The 1998-99 Annual Fund has zoomed ahead, breaking all previous records. The high enthusiasm surrounding the creation of the Strategic Vision, the Campus Master Plan, the dedication of our teachers, the excitement of our students and the arrival of John Fixx has proven to be contagious. The entire TLS family has responded positively and generously to all appeals for support.

Caron Tucker and Jim Frazier, co-chairs of this year's Annual Fund, attribute its level of success to several special factors and groups, working together, without whom we would not have achieved these outstanding results.

The 1998-99 Annual Fund was truly a team effort, owing its success to the collective efforts and contributions of each of its players. The entire team should feel proud of the results and the part each played in touching and enhancing the lives and educational experiences at The Lexington School.

—Barbara Groves
Annual Fund Director

Annual Fund Attracts Record Number of Donors



The **teachers and staff members**, who set the stage with **100%** participation for the sixth straight year, **allowed** us to claim that everyone who works with a student at TLS also supports the Annual Fund.

The generous **anonymous donors**, who offered challenges to the Board of Trustees and to the current parents, **generated** excitement by offering to **match** all new and increased gifts to the Annual Fund.

The **trustees**, who already give so willingly of their time and talents, **accepted** the challenge to stretch themselves by increasing their gifts **48%**.

The growing number of **parents** who responded to the appeal to bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of a TLS education **increased** their gifts a total of **$30,000**.

The **grandparents**, who responded in growing numbers, **increased** their participation by **48%** and their total giving by **70%**.

The **alumni, former trustees and parents,** who demonstrate the continuing influence of TLS in their lives, maintained contact and support for the generations that follow. With the class of '97 leading the way, **alumni** participation rose more than **50%** and total alumni dollars raised grew by **154%**.

The **former trustees** and **parents of former students**, who led TLS in the past, **stepped** forward to support and enrich the lives of today's students and programs by raising their participation more than **300%**.

We would like to say, "we love you"
But we dare not
Certainly not in times such as these.
Not in a world such as this,
Gone half mad now
With fear and strange affections.
Someone might misunderstand,
Thinking they understood all too well.
Someone might jump, and
Land on hard conclusions, and
Cause trouble, and
Raised eyebrows, and
Hushed whispers, and
Phone calls, and
Letters to the editors, and....
You get the picture

We would like to say, "We love you"
For all your open and closedness,
Your complexity unfolding
From the simplicity of your youth
Now fading,
Your loud laughter, your shy smiles
Your tears of pain and rage,
Your caution and uncertainty,
Your brazen overconfidence.
All of you
As you rush headlong (or saunter or plod)
Toward your unknowable future

Still we want to say, "I love you"
But hesitate
Because we have grown old in a world such as this.
Although we can recall a time
When love was spoken, sung, shouted,
Raised as a banner
To rally and lead
All who would follow.

Where did it go?
And how did it go?
And how long was it in going?
And why?

It was fear that opened the door
And love escaped
Slipping quietly away in the confusion,
Almost unnoticed
And it is fear now
Still holding shut the door

But still, we want to say, "We love you"
And therefore we will not submit any longer to fear.
Instead we will stand and
Walk across the floor, and
Grasping firmly the handle,
We will open wide the door
To love.

And we will say aloud, "We love you"
For you need to hear it,
And we need to say it.
And it is only love
That conquers fear
In a world such as this
So long, we love you all.

The text of a message delivered to the Class of 1999 at Graduation on June 5 by freshman advisor and Spanish teacher John Buckey.

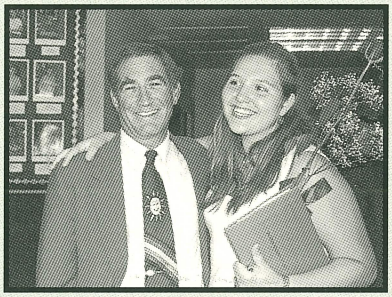


Photo by Linda MacKellar

Graduate Lesley Black greeted her fourth grade teacher Mark Scarr.

On the Wings of "The Hawk"

Mary Lee Nichols. Now there's a legend in her own time. She was nicknamed "The Hawk" by some adolescent who had been the recipient of the kind of scrutiny that only a hawk could bestow. Ever watchful, monitoring, a high flyer—Mary Lee's wingspan was broad enough to enfold a whole division of seventh, eighth, and ninth graders—and their teachers. Everyone felt the firmness of those wings encircling them; everyone knew she cared about them; everyone wanted to please her; everyone knew they had better!

She loves The Lexington School—enough to have high expectations for academics, behavior and character. When she was with us she did her best to help our school community reach those expectations as well.

"The Hawk" was renowned for creating great trips for our ninth graders every year to Washington, DC. And she was notorious for using duct tape on each hotel room door to ensure that the young birds stayed in their nests after curfew. If the tape was broken, it was, "Bye, bye, birdie!"

It is a pleasure for me to tell you a bit about Mary Lee Nichols. She was an excellent English teacher as well as a devoted administrator. She has become a loyal supporter of alumni affairs during her retirement and will make us proud as an honorary alumna of TLS.

—Marijo Foster
Middle School Math Teacher



Marijo Foster greeted Mary Lee Nichols after honoring her former TLS colleague with warm remarks. Standing behind Marijo was President of the Board of Trustees Alex Boone '75, and standing behind Mary Lee were Middle School Head Una MacCarthy and Lower School Head Susan Touchstone.

Graduation Ceremony Photos by David Coyle

Text of the 1999 Graduation Address

By Whitney Martin '88

When Mr. Fixx asked me to give this year's graduation speech, I was extremely honored and excited, but I realized that giving a speech that would both entertain and inspire thirty fifteen-year-olds wouldn't be particularly easy. When I was heading to high school, my thoughts were more about having fun than they were about education. So, I begin today with some stories on two topics that I know the ninth grade is interested in—mischief and dating. Afterwards, I'll sneak in some inspiration and philosophy.



Mischief is a natural component of a teenager's life. You will want to have fun—but the challenge is how to do that without getting hurt or in trouble. Here are a few examples of how I did just that.

When I enrolled at Hotchkiss in 1988, the rules were clearly defined. Absolutely no lying, stealing, cheating, drinking, drugs, smoking, riding in cars, sneaking out of dorms at night or asking questions about these rules. Given such strict parameters, one would think that a teenager in Lakeville, Connecticut was doomed for a boring existence. But, we somehow found room for adventure.

On snowy winter nights, we would sneak trays from the cafeteria and use them as sleds on the back hill. Something about zipping down a snow-covered field, knowing that the Headmaster might eat his breakfast off of the same tray, filled us with a sense of accomplishment. We so loved the tray sledding that one night, as we were bringing a large sheet cake from the dining hall back to the dorm for a February birthday, we thought that the cake on its tray might like to go sledding, too. For an hour, the chocolate cake rode the hills of the Berkshire Mountains, losing a few of its roses along the way. Surprisingly, when our birthday friend received the cake, she didn't even mind. She knew the importance of a good adventure.

Another prank involved the large globe street lamps along main circle. As a group of seniors sat one night looking out onto the main campus, someone mentioned, "Don't you think the globe lights look like big fishbowls on sticks?" It didn' take long from that comment to realize what that year's senior prank would be—to fill the lights along main circle with water and orange goldfish—waiting to greet faculty and whatever prospective students might be touring that day. These two small tales may not be your idea of the most fun to be had—but I give them as examples of ways to let loose and indulge your need to be naughty in a way that is relatively harmless. Think creatively when it comes to blowing off steam and acting young. Think up some obscure schemes to tell your grandchildren about. Take part in wild costumes, silly pranks and ingenious legal mischief. There's far more laughter and safety to be had than doing something you'll truly regret.

The next topic I know these students want to hear about is dating. The world of high school and boys and girls is a thrill for some, but can be overwhelming for others. My first approach to dating when I entered high school was to avoid it altogether. I went to our first dance, dressed as Pee Wee Herman, complete with a gray tuxedo, red bow tie, and full head-covering mask. I danced with several boys who were, needless to say, frightened. But for me, I had a risk-free evening of scoping the scene, seeing who danced well, and who smelled bad, all from the anonymous shield of a fictional character.

After that evening, I began approach number two. This approach is the most common path that new high school boys and girls take. Set your eyes on the most unreachable, gorgeous senior and pray nightly that he will walk past you in the hallway. For all the boys in the tenth grade, that senior was Katie Orr. A blond bombshell from San Francisco who modeled for Esprit and played volleyball in that spandex attire you can't call shorts.

For all the girls, including me, the object of infatuation was Cannon Cain—a beautiful lacrosse player from Bermuda who, as far as we could tell, didn't talk. I would sit on the snack bar bench and just stare and wonder. Wonder about him, our children, and our evenings in Bermuda after a day of snorkeling. After awhile, that approach gets old, particularly when Katie and Cannon

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began dating one another. Everyone seems to get realistic and take a look around their own class at the boys and girls that they actually can talk to. Thus, begins the strange world of high school sweethearts.

The actual experience of it all will teach you more than I can possibly relay in words. But all of you should abide by two basic facts: One, be safe, because cooties do exist outside the fourth grade. And two, be nice, because hearts are more delicate than you think.

Now that I might have reeled you in with mischief and dating, I'll briefly tell you the most important thing I learned in high school. Mr. Geoff Marchant was a teacher who closely resembled Robin Williams in the movie *Dead Poet's Society*. He was dynamic and passionate about life—and taught me through example that there are four realms of life that you must nurture and cultivate: the mental world, the physical world, the emotional world, and the spiritual world.

Discovering the mental world was illustrated in his daily performance in the classroom. He approached every novel we read with zest and would stand on top of his desk reciting lines from chapters. Then he would pull students out of their chairs and ask them what they thought. And he would probe and pry until everyone said something meaningful.

I learned by these actions that having a full mental life means finding something you are passionate about. Whether it is crossword puzzles, studying architecture, or researching the rainforest or motorcycle engines, I encourage you to find what makes you tick mentally. For some of you this will take place outside of school. Perhaps in your free time, you spend hours drawing cartoons, playing the saxophone or digging for arrowheads. Whatever makes your brain forget that time is passing—follow it. For within that is a lifelong career or hobby.

If you were a friend of Mr. Marchant, you learned about good old-fashioned sweat. As a player on his soccer team, I was exposed to the most grueling of physical activity that any human outside the army would be fearful of. I was not a particularly excellent soccer player, but two hours of daily practice and games in the pouring rain, made me realize the importance of pushing your body—that is what it is there for.

The emotional world of a teenager can be tumultuous at times. You'll feel anger and fear, frustration and loneliness. And although there are many ways to deal with emotions, the most beneficial for teenagers are to keep a journal and help someone younger. Mr. Marchant was disciplined about a daily journal—convincing us that writing two or three pages a day about our state of mind would be half the battle to resolution. The other way to effectively handle emotion was to mentor. Mr. Marchant reached out to younger folks constantly, and we were encouraged to find a younger student every year and take him or her under our wing. Getting away from myself and paying attention to someone else brought me out of the selfish state so common to adolescents. I encourage all of you to buy a journal and become, in some way, a big brother or big sister to someone in the community or at your school.

The spiritual world may sound like a vague topic—or even a boring topic to some of you. It may bring up images of church or synagogue—and although those rituals are highly important—it's just as crucial to connect every day with your soul and creation. Mr. Marchant often stopped a rigorous soccer practice, mid-goal kick, to shout, "Aesthetic break!" Then he'd motion to the sky, and we'd all fall silent to watch the passing of geese over head, or to come look at a rare fringed gentian flower—his favorite—on the side of the field. I encourage you all to find a space each day to sit quietly in nature or in a simple place where you just breathe and give thanks for the things you love about life. As I learned from Mr. Marchant, it can be as simple as appreciating the footprint of a fox or a sunbeam in clouds.

So there you have it. High school is not just about practical jokes and flirting in the hallway—it's also about four realms of life. No matter your gender or race, religion or background, age or type of high school—you'll find that life is rich and so are you, when you attend to and cultivate what you already have—a mind, a body, a heart, and a soul.

—Whitney Martin '88



Photo by Lucy McKinstry '66

Celebrating at the reception in the library immediately after graduation were, from left to right: Emily Ryan, Will Milward, Mary Bruce Gray, Rodes Fisher, Tori Thurman, Coley McKinstry, Philip Maxson, guest of the Milwards, Amy Wetter and Jeff Milward. In front: Gunner la Cour.

New Alumni Join Ranks



Photo by Lucy McKinstry '66

At the home of Renie Ingram Parsons '81, these ninth grade girls were all smiles as they sat on the staircase. Shown clockwise, from top right were: Lesley Black, Elizabeth Ruch, Katie Taylor, Brianna Egan and Megan Craig.

On June 5 at 10:00 a.m. 30 ninth graders joined 36 classes of alumni from The Lexington School. Before graduation they came together with alumni from many different graduating classes to celebrate, as well as to prepare for, the roles they will be playing as ambassadors for the school in the years to come.

Looking back over the week preceding commencement, on the morning of June 2 the ninth graders along with middle school students enjoyed a talk given by alumna Garrett Graddy '93. (See article on page 13.) She especially encouraged the ninth graders to think about what lies ahead for their future. With that in mind they next attended a luncheon in their honor, given by the TLS Alumni Council, at the home of alumna Renie Ingram Parsons '81. Headmaster John Fixx joined them and explained what future responsibilities to their alma mater would be expected of them as alumni. Alumni Council president Cy Alexander '75 stressed the importance of keeping in touch with fellow classmates, and in order to facilitate this communication he presented each ninth grader with a 1999 class directory compiled by Cynthia Buster, mother of Pierce '99. These include photographs of the graduates, their home addresses and secondary school information. Mr. Fixx then announced that Callie Brooks and Coley McKinstry, both headed to Deerfield Academy in the fall, will take their places as class agents, joining a long list of other TLS alumni. They were selected by Middle School/Freshman Head Una MacCarthy and Headmaster John Fixx.

Alumni Council member Todd Trimble Graddy '64 shared a story illustrating the enduring quality of a TLS friendship. When Todd's daughter Garrett graduated from The Lexington School, she opened a gift of jewelry given to her by her mother's classmate and dear friend Jessica Bell Nicholson '64, mother of Jamie '94 and Kelsey '96. The gift was a pair of earrings, and immediately Todd thought they looked familiar, and then she recognized that they had been made from a bracelet that *she* had given Jessica when they both graduated from TLS.

On behalf of the Council, Cy Alexander '75 gave each ninth grader a small ceramic tote bag decorated with the Alumni Council logo. He also presented the Time Capsule for the Class of 1999. It was quickly filled with a variety of meaningful items, including photographs, samples of school work such as poems, drawings, tests and first grade writing samples, TLS newsletters, and completed questionnaires which contained a description of each class member, his/her predictions for the future and memories of the past.

It became clear that as the newest alumni of The Lexington School, members of the class will cherish what they have gained during their years at the school and will gladly accept responsibilities presented to them by their school.

—Will Milward '99

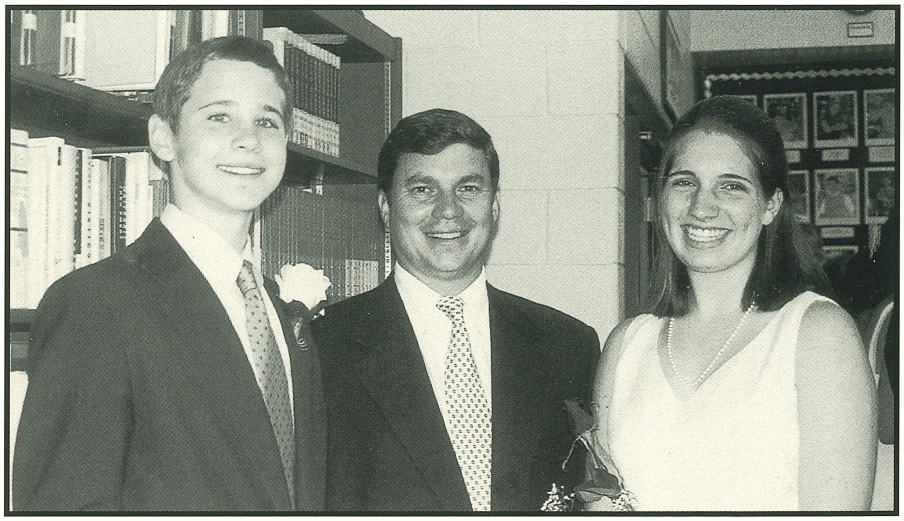


Photo by Linda MacKellar

At the reception for the 1999 graduates, newly appointed class representatives Coley McKinstry and Callie Brooks were greeted by Alumni Council president Cy Alexander '75.

Mrs. Macfarlane's Kindergarten Class???

No, just the children of the four Macfarlane graduates of TLS!

Lindsay Macfarlane Maurer '72 lives in Boston and is employed by Heroix, a specialized software company. Her sons are Zach, age 9, and Wyatt, age 5.

Sandy '69 is living in San Francisco and is employed in the Tax Department at Chevron Oil International. He was the first graduate of TLS to complete all ten years. His sons are Noble, age 12, and Peter, age 10.

Stuart Macfarlane Gesen '78 lives in Contoocook, NH. Her daughters are Hollis, age 10, Hannah, age 8, and Isabel, age 2. Her son is Clark, age 5.



Photo Montage by Mrs. Claire Macfarlane, former TLS kindergarten teacher, parent and grandparent

Duncan '75 lives in Charlottesville, VA, and is a developer and a builder of Macfarlane Homes. His sons are Duncan '00, age 14, Stuart '03, age 12, and Christopher '06, age 8. All three attended TLS.

Weaving the TLS Tradition into Three Generations



All Photos by Linda MacKellar

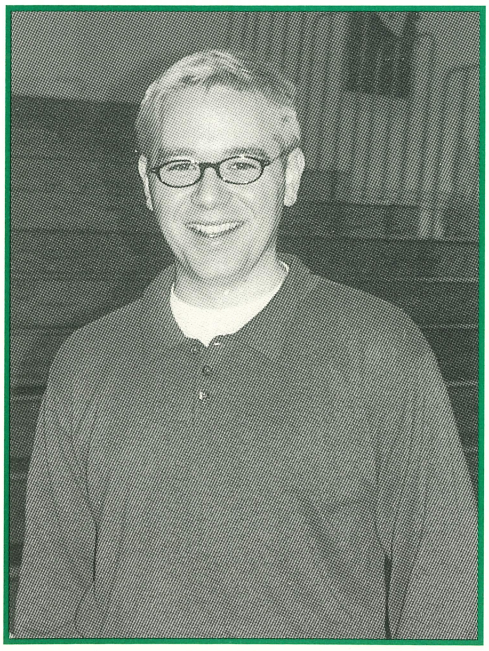
Music teachers Eunice and Don Noderer left The Lexington School in 1988 and moved to Tangerine, FL. They were excited for the opportunity to embrace career changes and to join both sets of parents who were already living in central Florida. Eunice is a math instructor at Lake Sumpter College and Don is the technology coordinator for his school district. Both sing in the chorus of the Orlando Opera Company, and Don has worked in television commercials. Recently, they traveled to Budapest with the opera company, where Don sang the opening number, "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy."

Although Don and Eunice have moved on, the Noderer connection remains at TLS through granddaughter Emma Rummel '04, who has just completed her fourth grade year at The Lexington School. Emma is the daughter of their son Mark Noderer '86 and Rhonda Rummel. She brings fond memories of her grandparents to The Lexington School. For example, she dedicated her 1999 Writer's Guild book to them. She has been proud to share with teachers and classmates memories about her grandparents. In her book, she told how Don and Eunice made dresses for her when she was little—many dresses, all with pockets to hold tiny stuffed bears sewn from the same fabric. According to Barbara Bale, when Emma arrived in Barbara's first grade class, it was with matching bears, one tucked in each pocket of her dress; one bear for Emma and one for her class to share. Now grandparents and granddaughter are making a quilt together from the scraps of those dresses.



Emma's father Mark lives in Louisville where he owns and manages VML recording production studio. Her uncle Luke '87, also a TLS alumnus, currently lives in the New Orleans area.

At The Lexington School, both Don and Eunice Noderer led lively music classes. Don introduced instrumental music to the curriculum. Eunice adapted, directed and produced spirited student performances of *Cats, Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Disney on Parade*. The value of an excellent education continues to be appreciated and supported by three generations of one family.



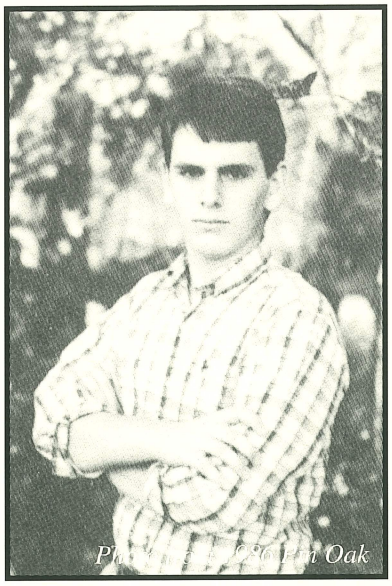
Above top, Emma Rummel '04, daughter of Mark Noderer '86 and granddaughter of former TLS teachers Don and Eunice Noderer. Above, Don, Preschool Division Head Mary Beers and Eunice reconnected on Grandparents' Day. The Noderers made the trip from Florida to be with Emma that day. At right, Mark Noderer when he attended the Holiday Concert in December.

— Ann Eames, Librarian

Have You Heard?

Sean Nighbert '86 sends a hello from central Texas. He reports that his wife of five years Amy, his three-year-old daughter Kendall and he have been living in San Marcos, TX since July, 1996. Initially he went there to complete a master of fine arts degree in fiction. Before then, he lived and worked at Morehead State University where he completed a masters in literature. He and his wife purchased a house in Texas this year and have decided to stay. Sean has been teaching college writing and literature at Southwest Texas State University and Austin Community College for three years. He has finished his thesis, a collection of short stories entitled "Joyride and Other Confessions" and received his degree on May 15. Sean reports that he has been interviewing for some tenure track positions at St. Phillip's College in San Antonio to teach developmental and creative writing.

He has had stories published both on-line and in print. Recently, one of his writings was nominated for inclusion in *Best New American Voices*. He also edits two journals, one on-line at www.English.swt.edu/excerpt, and another in print entitled *Persona*.

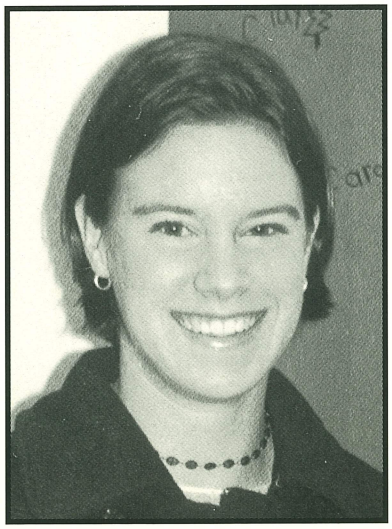


As Sean remembers, "It's hard to believe that I've been gone from Lexington for over ten years. I have visited, but for fourteen years now, I've been a Kentuckian abroad. For the most part, despite managing a .82 GPA one semester at TLS, my memories are of a kid who had way too much fun in school. I think of the numerous hours spent in the Hawk's Nest and Mrs. O's office, getting lectured or telling jokes, quite fondly. My mother never fails to point out the irony in my life—here's a kid who cried daily about going to school, who gave all his teachers more gray hair than they ever deserved, and who now has to deal with students on a daily basis. But, once being the master of excuses myself, it is difficult to slip one by me…."

Katherine Forgy '84 and Cecil E. "Pep" Peppiatt were married September 5 at Christ Church Cathedral in Lexington. Attending were **Lisa Knox Odendahl '84**, **Lambsy Bennett Graves '84**, and **Wendy Parrish '84**. The couple live in Lexington where Katherine is a school psychologist for the Fayette County Public School System and Pep is an internist at the VA Medical Center.

Brownell K. Combs '90 earned a bachelors degree in computer science from Centre College in 1997. On May 23, 1999 he received his master's degree in computer science engineering from the University of Virginia. He has purchased a house and is currently employed at SAIC in McLean, VA.

Anne Shropshire, a 1993 graduate of The Lexington School and a 1996 graduate of Henry Clay High School, is rewriting the record books for the Wake Forest University women's soccer team. Junior forward and team captain for 1998, Anne continues to add her name to the Wake Forest record books. She set a new career mark for goals scored, against LSU, and now owns 21 in her career. Earlier this season against Notre Dame, she moved into first place on Wake Forest's career scoring list. She scored 32 points this season and has 65 points for her career.



Anne set another career mark earlier in the year with her two-assist performance against Davidson. With ten assists this year, she set a new single season record, and raised her career total to 23, moving her into first place on Wake Forest's career assist category. She led the Demon Deacons in goals (11), assists (10) and set school career records in both categories.

Anne has received a list of honors for her hard work with the team, including Third Team All American Section, ACC Player of the Week (October 4), ACC-SEC Challenge All Tournament Team, October 28 Soccer America Team of the Week, Wake Forest Most Valuable Player Award, and Richard Balding award in Weightlifting.

Anne has also been busy off the soccer field as well and will graduate in the spring of 2000 with a degree in business. She was recently selected to Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honorary. She is a nominated member of the following boards: The Balance Committee, which oversees all other athletic boards; the Athletes Care Team, which volunteers to tutor underpriviledged children; and the Student Athlete Advisory Council. She is a proud member of the Wake Forest women's soccer team's intramural basketball squad that repeated as champions for the second year in a row.

Class of 1996
College Matriculations

True Baker	*University of Colorado*
Peter Barr	*University of the South at Sewanee*
Whitney Bell	*Vanderbilt University*
Holly Brown	*University of Kentucky*
Wells Bullard	*Stanford University*
Laura Bundy	*New York University*
Shea Burns	*University of Arizona*
Rachel Carney	*Wake Forest University*
Will Chapman	*University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*
Alex Clay	*Oberlin College*
Kip Clifton	*Vanderbilt University*
Alex Cutadean	*Deferred*
Brit Davis	*Centre College*
Mark Detjen	*Barton College*
Eileen Dunnington	*University of Kentucky*
Will DuPont	*Rice University*
Rachel Ezrine	*Brown University*
Brooke Folley	*Centre College*
Elizabeth Gambet	*College of Charleston*
Rebekah Gray	*Vanderbilt University*
Ashby Green	*Western KentuckyUniversity*
Kara Huff	*University of Kentucky*
Olivia Hurter	*Vanderbilt University*
Kenny Jensen	*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
Bret Jones	*The Tasis School, Switzerland*
Krishna Joshi	*Duke University*
Jeff Kabir	*Carnegie-Mellon University*
Helen Liu	*University of California, Berkeley*
Ashleigh Long	*University of Kentucky*
Gray Lyster	*Vanderbilt University*
Tiffany Malluche	*Birmingham Southern College*
Chris Manon	*Purdue University*
Trevor McDonald	*Deferred*
Chad Miller	*University of California, Los Angeles*
Webb Milward	*University of the South at Sewanee*
Kelsey Nicholson	*University of Kentucky*
Maria Ochsner	*Information Not Available*
Don Offutt	*Tennessee State University*
Sean Pohlman	*University of Kentucky*
Roheen Raithatha	*University of Pennsylvania*
Andrew Robinson	*University of Kentucky*
Alicia Rose	*Information Not Available*
Ryan Shirar	*University of Kentucky*
Patrick Sweeney	*University of Chicago*
Jill Tallal	*Miami University*
Gentry Truitt	*University of North Carolina, Charlotte*
Griff VanMeter	*University of Kentucky*
Meredith Ware	*Georgia Institute of Technology*
Katy Willis	*University of Colorado, Boulder*
William Wood	*College of Wooster*
Chris Wooster	*University of the South at Sewanee*

Help the Class of 1999 Bury Its Time Capsule

Friday, August 27

6:00 p.m.

Pizza and Dessert

The Lexington School Library



Photo by Lucy McKinstry '66

At the reception held in their honor at the home of Renie Ingram Parsons '81, members of the Class of '99 carefully prepared the personal mementos that would be included in the contents of their time capsule.

A Land-rooted Kentuckian

When **Joe Clay '80** was an impressionable twelve-year-old, he remembers grocery shopping with his Aunt Amelia Field Clay. At the meat counter she would advise him on the best cuts, and at home, she would reveal the marinades of fresh herbs and seasonings that would bring their purchase to full flavor. As the oldest boy in a family of eight children, Joe still recollects with fondness this strong-willed, country-loving aunt who made extended summer visits to their Runnymede Farm and lavished time and attention on him.

After studying theater both at Xavier University and in London and acting professionally in London and Oxford, Joe knew he was at a turning point in his life. The landscapes of home and a vision of Aunt Amelia teaching a young boy how to bring out the best in food began to replace Joe's focus of "life on the stage." Upon returning to Bourbon County, Joe restored property across the road from his childhood home and created Amelia's Field, an inn, a place of fine dining and a small working farm. The name was purposefully chosen foremost as a tribute to Aunt Amelia, but also to show that from one field - a small place - bounty exists.



Meals at Amelia's Field are simply and tastefully presented. Our luncheon of tender leafy greens, perfectly grilled salmon served over a white bean patty enhanced with grilled red pepper, and a mouth-watering dessert of caramelized pears and cinnamon ice-cream was enough to make former teachers' taste buds tingle with delight. Aunt Amelia would be proud.

Above: A restored home in Bourbon County has become Amelia's Field, an old-fashioned inn and place for fine dining. Below: Joe Clay '80 stood beside a portrait of his aunt, Amelia Field Clay.

Joe makes his vision come alive by being an active, involved restaurateur. He lives on the property, works in the organic gardens, takes reservations, helps prepare the food and serves his guests with style and grace. As a result, we were able to enjoy time with him at the end of our meal to catch up on his brothers and sisters, the children of Catesby and Biz Clay, who were also a strong part of The Lexington School. Mary Biz teaches math and physical education working with children with disabilities at a lab school in Washington, DC. Katherine, who attends Catholic University as an interior design student, is currently in Ireland on a university exchange program working in the Irish parliament. Amelia is studying art in London as an exchange student from St. Joseph's College. Chris and James are in Lexington where Chris edits "Market Update," part of *The Blood-Horse* magazine, and James studies art at L.C.C. Brutus lives in Chapel Hill, NC where he works for a forest land rights group. Camden's love of music drew him from Denver, CO where he was in property management to Nashville where he works for B. M. I. music publishers.



Clay Family Photos

Joe, his wife Wendy and his young daughter Lucille, along with his extended family, are working hard to support the local farming industry and preserve the land-rooted character of Kentucky. Joe hopes their efforts provide a place for the rest of us to savor a little piece of the country. We encourage everyone to take Highway 27 out of Paris on the Cynthiana Road and look for Amelia's Field down the way a piece on the left.

—Ann Eames, Librarian
Marijo Foster, Middle School Math Teacher

Out of Africa



Photo by Barbara Bale

After visiting Senegal for four months, alumna Garrett Graddy '93 returned to The Lexington School to share the tales and wisdom she had learned with students and friends alike.

Yale student and traveler abroad, **Garrett Graddy '93** is one of the few, if not only, TLS alums who can brag of the ability to speak not only English and French, but also a selection of Wolof, the native language of Senegal, a West African country slightly smaller than South Dakota. After arriving there on New Year's Day of this year, she put this knowledge into good use, haggling and trading like a seasoned market-goer. While there, she stayed with a large host family and studied theatre at a local college. She is currently studying the role of the performer in theatres around the world, but due to a strike at the college in Senegal, her classes there were cut short. There, the family structure, as well as the general culture, is very different from ours here in America. Her host family had one father, three mothers and six children. Every night for dinner, they would all, excepting the father, gather around a large bowl of food, such as rice or cous-cous, and eat with their hands. She explained that only the male heads of household and those with an illness receive individual plates from which to eat. While there she immersed herself in the rich and intriguing culture that was present. Throughout the course of her trip, she purchased a plethora of cloths and blankets, each of which has its own fascinating story to tell. She seemed to enjoy her stay in Senegal, and strongly recommends a trip like it to students and parents alike.

—Ryan Baumann '99

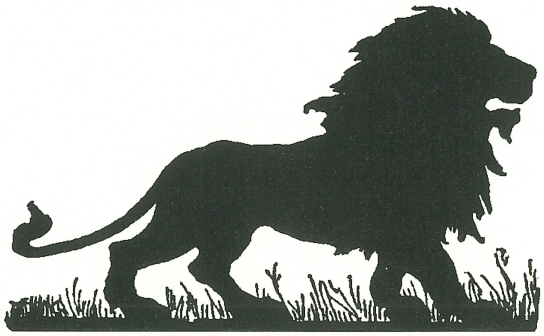




Photo by Barbara Bale

Two Graddy alumnae of The Lexington School were happy to be together again after Garrett '93 returned from her extended visit to Senegal. Todd '64 was thrilled for her daughter's opportunity for travel.

Reunion '78

Finally, finally, finally… after several years—yes, years of thinking and talking about a twenty-year reunion for the class of 1978— we did it! That twentieth year was quickly slipping away, so after a quick poll of class members whom I was able to contact, an informal gathering was arranged to be held in the new library (new to those of us who have not revisited the school since 1979 or so) on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

After spending several post-collegiate years in Washington, DC, **Frances Short** returned to Lexington, where she now works in Human Resources. If anyone needs tips on interviewing, Frances can fill you in on what NOT to say (don't volunteer any mental problems!).

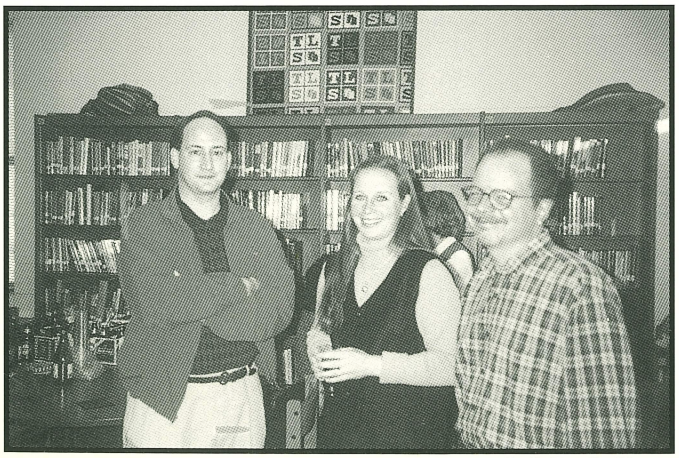
Sheila Plumlee Ferguson arrived next with her two daughters. Even with an incredibly full schedule being an eye surgeon, an assistant professor at UK and a wife and mother of two, Sheila had volunteered to bring the drinks. She will be spending time at TLS soon; both daughters are enrolled for fall of 1999.

Laura Murphy Clark and her husband also brought two of their four children. Family life keeps them busy getting all to swim lessons and competitions (sound familiar?) and a myriad of other activities.

Wyn Morris (see photo below) managed to escape his job in marketing at Joseph-Beth on the biggest shopping weekend of the year and proudly displayed photos of his son Max. Several people were heard to remark upon the strong resemblance Max bears to Wyn's baby picture in the '78 yearbook. You know that means trouble!

Cathy Tao Bohannon drove from the Louisville area where she and her husband own a small farm, complete with dogs and horses. No surprise to most of us, Cathy is a psychiatrist!

Sandy Pastrick Mozingo brought her sister Gail '76. Sandy was in town from McLean, VA. She is a prosecuting attorney in Washington, DC.



Polk Family Photo

Julie Ireland Myers was also in town for the holiday. She and her husband stay busy raising two children in Greenville, SC. Julie is teaching fifth grade.

Amy Stambaugh Williams and her husband were visiting from Athens, GA. By the time you read this, they will have celebrated the arrival of their second child!

Steve Schindler's wife and two children were still away for the holiday, but lucky for us, Steve was on call that night and had to return to Lexington early. He and his family moved back to Kentucky from Charleston, SC last summer. Steve is a gastroenterologist and can be seen in the photo below left with Wyn and Alma.

Alma Fallon Ferrier also returned to Lexington fairly recently (see photo at lower left). She and her husband have built a house next to her parents and are slowly getting used to all the new development in the area. In addition to being the mother of two, Alma is working on cancer research at UK.

One of the best parts of putting this together was locating classmates, many of whom I had not seen since the year we graduated from TLS.

When **Gina DeAngelis** and **Hampton Adams** both turned up in the San Francisco area, we planned dinner together during my recent vacation there. Hampton's wife and baby boy got the flu, so he stayed home to be a dad, but Gina and I were joined by **Yannick Wets '77**, who drove down from Cotai, where he lives with his wife of one year. Yannick writes software. Gina and her husband live in San Anselo and Gina commutes to San Francisco where she is a lawyer. She and Hampton work just a block away from each other. Another small world coincidence, **Pat Wylie '77** lives down the street from Hampton in Sausalito.

Some classmates couldn't be located and many others couldn't make it to our first attempt at a reunion, but response to our invitation yielded the following information on the class of '78.

Julia Burnett Walker: lives in Coral Springs, FL and is the mother of two. **Roger Cazden**: lives in Laurel Heights, PA with his wife, two kids and a cat. **Julanie Collier Lee**: lives in Albuquerque, NM with her husband and two children. She plays with the New Mexico Symphony. **Jeff Darsie**: returned to Lexington several years ago from Washington, DC and is working for a law firm. **Kathleen Gentry Spears**: lives in Lexington and works as a CPA with PricewaterhouseCoopers. Her children, Thomas '06 and Chase '08, attend TLS. **Fran Jameson McAlister**: lives in Little Rock, AR and is the mother of four. She is still active in community theater. **Cathy Lester**: lives in New Albany, IN. **Clay Lucas**: lives in Marietta, GA. **Stuart Macfarlane Gesen** (see page 8): lives in Contoocook, NH and has four children. She is opening or has just opened a paint-your-own pottery shop with a friend. **Winifred Madden**: lives in Lexington. **Nicho Nelson**: lives

in Louisville with his wife. **James Park**: lives in Cambridge, MA with his wife of almost three years and currently works with a small start-up company, "bringing an enterprise database application development tool to market." **Lisa Pash Bullock**: lives in Raleigh, NC with her husband and children. **Sarah Robinson Cowden**: lives in Lexington. Her children, Ann '04 and Lee '07, both attend TLS. **David Scott**: lives in Nashville, TN where he is an equine insurance magnate. As if that didn't keep him busy enough, he recently completed law school and passed the bar exam. **Barry Stilz**: lives in Lexington and can regularly be found at Keeneland during the meets. **Jon Wellinghurst**: is married and living in Louisville. **Kathleen Wets**: edits a journal in London, England and is planning to greet the millennium by traveling to different cities for midnight celebrations. **Bill Kingsley**: MIA, but rumored to be president of something. **Kenney Herron**: MIA.

Our ranks were rounded out by Ms. Margaret Cowling '64 and Mrs. Lorine Trosper, both of whom seemed a lot older when I was fourteen than they do now! **Jean Brewer '77** drove in from Berea. **Elizabeth Host Dupree '79** contacted members of that class and as a result, **Elizabeth Gay Freeman** and **Kinney Bigelow Moore** stopped by to say hello. Headmaster John Fixx was also on hand to greet the returning alumni.

As for me, I returned to Lexington in '95 and opened Squilley's Bakery & Pastry in '96. It has been an interesting, overwhelming and often wonderful three years, but I finally had to make a choice between having a bakery and having a life. Much as I love what I do, the choice was pretty clear. By the time this goes to press, I will be doing something else. This probably includes a "permanent" return to San Francisco, and I am looking forward to seeing more of Gina, Hampton and Yannick!

—Liz Polk '78



Polk Family Photo

Former head of lower school and second grade teacher Lorine Trosper and Margaret Cowling '64, current TLS history teacher, were eager to share their knowledge of the history of The Lexington School with Headmaster John Fixx.

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to us that year as three-year-olds. Feeling an increased desire to make herself more available to accompany her husband on his business trips and to explore life liberated some from the daily need to be 'on' for admissions, Debby looks forward to taking advantage of more free time. With a great love for The Lexington School, though, Debby is likely to make herself available as an occasional substitute teacher, maintaining her relationship with a school she cherishes and a place that cherishes her.

Pat Reed, too, has announced that she is ending her service to The Lexington School. Pat will be missed. She has provided Debby Coleman and Barbara Groves—in the Annual Fund—with organizational support and an impressive knowledge of our families that will be difficult to replace. We thank Pat for all she has done for this school, much of it quietly.

We have said "good-bye" to **Sara Meekins** so many times in recent years that she is now embarrassed by the attention. This time, then, we simply thank Sara for stepping in for her longtime colleague Barbara Bale, freeing Barbara's mind up to focus on her own medical recovery. With Sara's grandchild still enrolled, The Lexington School community knows it has seen far from the last of this exquisite professional. For serving as a model of flexibility, poise, grace and humor, we thank Sara for all she has given us.

A teacher of some ten years with a master's degree in women's studies and a bachelor's degree in applied sociology and anthropology, **Angela McFarland** has strengthened our lower school science program during what she describes as her four "challenging, fun and interesting" years with us. Angela is planning to attend Antioch University in Ohio to earn her teaching certificate and then continue her education at Ohio State University, to earn a docorate in elementary science.

Angela is particularly proud of the work she has done with the third grade curriculum in introducing geology and weather, the way she has been able to work with the second grade team of teachers to coordinate the science program with the classroom units, the amplification of physical science in first grade, and the exposure of planetology and archeology in kindergarten and prekindergarten, both ages at which students naturally want to dig, explore and ask questions. For all she has done for us and for her continuing ambition, we wish her luck as she continues her own studies.

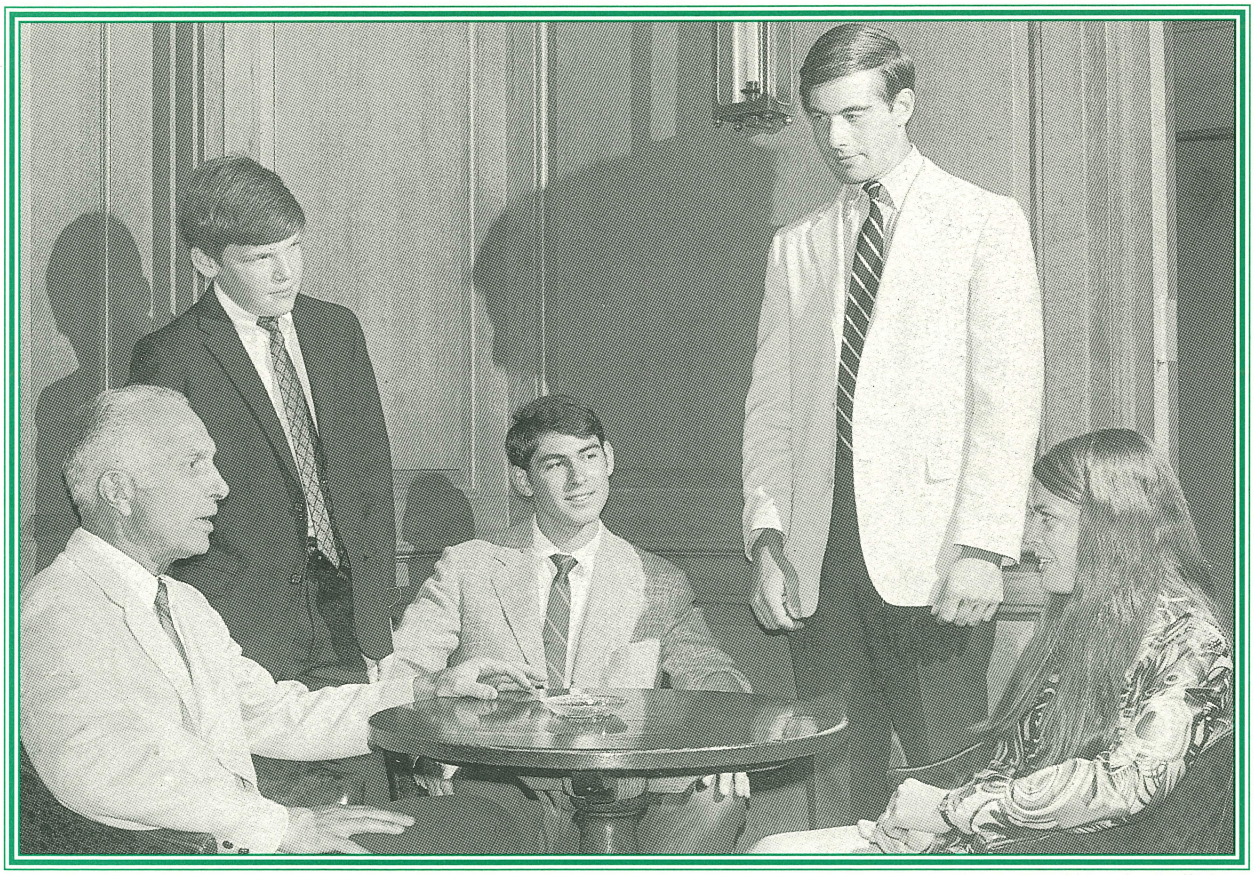
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From a September 1969 archival photo, Amos M. Lawrence, former fourth grade teacher at The Lexington School, seated at left, visited with students, shown from left, Sandy Macfarlane '69 (see page 8), Berry Potter '64 (father of Davis '94 and Berry '95), Bill Young '63 (father of Chris '90 and Meade '95) and Marian Bean '63.

The Lexington School admits students of any race, religion, color, sex, national or ethnic origin.