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Helping Hands and Hearts

by Whitney Martin '88

On October 10, 2002, The Lexington School sponsored the Middle School Service Learning Day. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students visited 17 agencies throughout the Bluegrass to volunteer and assist in a variety of ways, shapes, and forms. The important day was organized by Community Service co-chairs and current parents, Holly Bandoroff and Pam Stilz. More than 35 parents assisted in carpooling and helping the students make a difference.

Agencies visited included: Alzheimer Association (Helping Hand Adult Day); American Red Cross; Central Kentucky Riding for the Handicapped; Family Care Center; Feed the Hungry; God's Pantry; Great American Clean-up; High Street Neighborhood Center; Homestead Nursing Home; Lexington Humane Society; Ronald McDonald House; Salvation Army Day Care; Woodford County Humane Society; University of Kentucky Art

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Community Service Photo



Emma Rummel '04, Lindy Elswick '04, and **Kelsey Miller '04** played with armloads of kittens at the Humane Society.

Community Service Photo



Russ Purdy '05 read to children at High Street Neighborhood Center.

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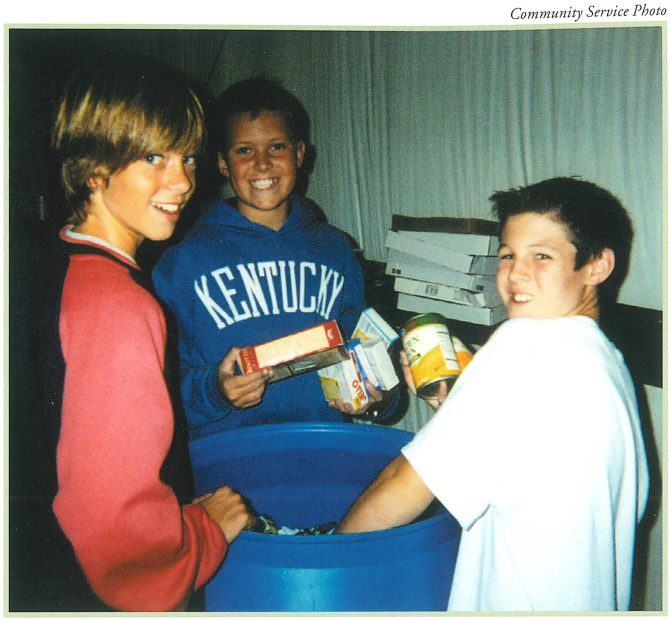
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Museum; Community Action Head Start; Cardinal Hill Hospital; and University of Kentucky Arboretum.

Upcoming community service projects include the annual Johnson Elementary Clothing Drive, and the Preschool mitten drive. Another full day of Middle School volunteering is scheduled for the spring.

Community Service Photo



Jordan Washam '06, Marshall English '06, and **Alex Elswick '06** helped out at God's Pantry.

The Lexington School Community Service program has grown substantially in the past few years. Headmaster John Fixx believes service is integral to the educational experience.

"We continually look to establish long-term relationships with local and international organizations," he says. "Children learn from the earliest age that doing good works is just as important as strong academics in becoming successful, contributing citizens to the world."

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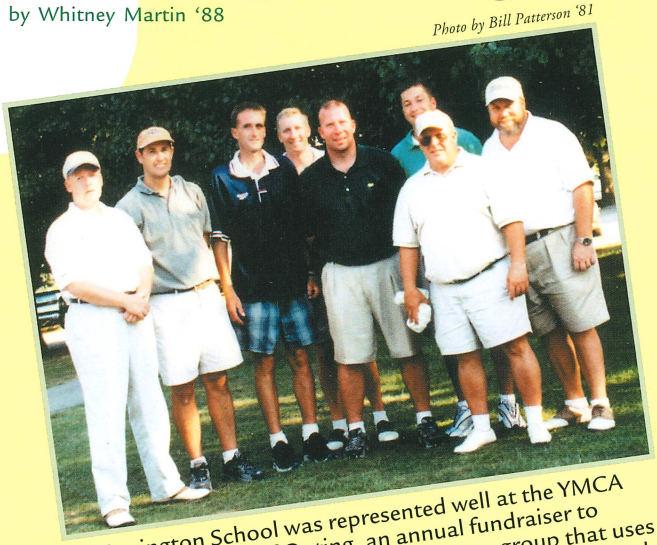


Kelsey Floyd '06 and **Charlotte Cornett '06** entertained children at Salvation Army Day Care.

Sporting Spotlights

by Whitney Martin '88

Photo by Bill Patterson '81



The Lexington School was represented well at the YMCA Black Achievers' Golf Outing, an annual fundraiser to benefit the Black Achievers organization, a group that uses education and mentoring to identify and develop talented young people from the African American community. From L to R: Tom Rogers (Lexington School parent); Joe Kane (Lexington School parent); **Bill Patterson '81**; Headmaster and Lexington School parent John Fixx; Art Dunahue (Lexington School parent); Coordinator of Athletics and Intramurals Sean Noble; Director of Administrative Services Bob Thompson; Paul Purdon. The team of Rogers, Patterson, Fixx, and Noble took second place and donated their winnings to The Lexington School Scholarship Fund.

Fishback Family Photo



Sarah Fishback '03 won a $1,000 educational grant this summer in an essay contest sponsored by USA Equestrian. She received her award at the 2002 Monarch International/USA Equestrian Junior Hunter National Championships. The grant will be used to further either Sarah's academic or equestrian education.

Stokes Family Photo



Michael Stokes '08 is a member of the remarkable four-man Team Maastricht of Lexington, coached by Steven Shehan, which recently won the Mideast Regional 3v3 Soccer Shootout in Knoxville, Tenn. After winning the 3v3 Tournament in Lexington, Ky., and finishing third in Chicago this summer, the team has qualified for the national championships in January in Orlando, Fla.

In September, Lexington hosted its sixth "Race for the Cure," which raises money for the fight against breast cancer. Inspired by her mother, Dr. Lori Atkins, fifth grade student, **Sarah Atkins '07,** spent three months organizing a team of classmates to participate in the "Kids for the Cure." After a Friday night sleepover, Sarah and her friends rose Saturday morning to make a difference by participating in a one-mile fun walk. Afterward, Lori and Sarah hosted a luncheon for the fifth grade team participants and their mothers. The team consisted of: **Sarah Atkins '07, Chanel Minnifield '07, Annie Fryman '07, Becca Fleischman '07, Alex Fleischman '07, Alex Kiefer '07, Rachel Trontz '07, Madison Smith '07, Alex Joefreda '07, Mary Bishop '07, Caroline Haydon '07, and Mary Spirito '07.**

New *Faces*



Laila El-Amin

Position:	KinderKlasse Teacher
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Education:	University of Kentucky, BS Family Studies
Family:	Mother, Nora; Father, Omar; Sisters, Oluwatoyin, Ahenewa, Aisha, Tasleem, Rasheedah; Brother, Kwame; 4 nephews; 1 niece
Hobbies:	Family and Friend Time, Movies, Big Brothers/Big Sister Volunteering, Collecting Key Chains



Sara Hinds

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Hobbies:	Reading, Singing, Piano



Linda Johns

Position:	Cafeteria Staff
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Education:	Lafayette High School
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Jane Kilpatrick

Position:	Instructional Specialist
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Family:	Daughters, Amy and Kelli
Hobbies:	Herb Gardening, Cooking, Making Handmade Paper



Doris Kummer

Position:	Mathematics Teacher
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Hobbies:	Reading, Writing Short Stories, Family Time

New *Faces*



Will Mahoney

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Family:	Wife, Susan; Sons, Isaac and Caleb
Hobbies:	Technology, Outdoors



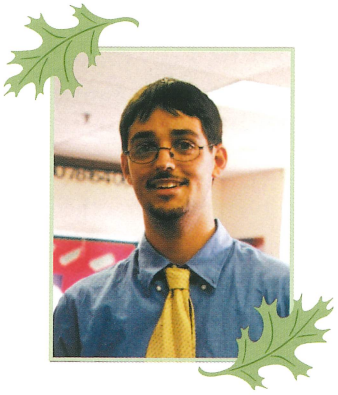
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Hobbies:	Traveling to Warm Places, Exercising, Baking with Chocolate, Playing with Son



Kristine Neese

Position:	Montessori Teacher
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Family:	Husband, Barry
Hobbies:	Reading, Sewing, Walking



Edgar Saborit

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Education:	Georgetwon College, BA Sociology
Family:	Wife, Breann Lynn; Son, Jaden
Hobbies:	Tennis, Traveling, Food, Music, Keeneland



Jaci Sloan

Position:	Kindergarten Teacher
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Education:	Indiana University of Pennsylvania, BFA; Chatham College, Certification in Early Childhood
Family:	Husband, Ed; Daughter, Liz; Dog, Nelly
Hobbies:	Gardening, Painting, Reading

Welcome!

to

The Lexington School

A Tour de France

by Whitney Martin '88

From June 12 to June 20, 2002, Lexington School French students, along with teachers and chaperones, traveled to Paris and Deauville, France for a cultural and educational experience that will not soon be forgotten.

Highlights of the week-long trip included stops at the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Centre Pompidou, the Versailles Castle, a fashion show at Le Printemps, and a ride on the giant Parisian ferris wheel at night. Two particularly fun days were spent at Park Asterix, a large amusement park centering on the French comic book characters, Asterix and Obelix.

Photo by Shannon Arnold



Everyone has an opinion about escargot! From L to R: **Caleigh Waldman '03, Martha Prewitt '03, Lucy Owen '03, Katie Priest '03,** and **Lynn Dotson '03.**

But almost everyone agreed the two best days were in Deauville, Lexington's Sister City, where students visited a local high school and were able to sit in on an English class and eat with French students in the cafeteria. According to Lexington School French teacher, Shannon Arnold, by the end of the day the Kentucky bunch was conversing with the French teens and reluctant to leave. The trip to Deauville was made even more memorable with a swim in the chilly English Channel!

Photo by Shannon Arnold



The Lexington School group in front of the Lycee Andre Maurois in Deauville, France. Back row from L to R: **Katie Priest '03, Julie Burchett '04, Lindsay West '04, Lynn Dotson '03, Chris Floyd '04.** Front row L to R: **Caleigh Waldman '03, Lucy Owen '03, Anne Van Meter '03, Martha Prewitt '03, Brittany Burse '04, Max Clark '04.**

Those in attendance included Lexington School French students: **Julie Burchett '04, Brittany Burse '04, Max Clark '04, Lynn Dotson '03, Chris Floyd '04, Lucy Owen '03, Martha Prewitt '03, Katie Priest '03, Anne Van Meter '03, Caleigh Waldman '03,** and **Lindsay West '04.** Adults on the trip included: French teachers Charlotte Gossett and Shannon Arnold; art teachers Cissy Hamilton and Ronna Love, as well as Ronna's husband, Bob.

Foreign Language Festival and Contest Results

This past spring, Lexington School foreign language students participated in the National French and Spanish Contests, as well as the Foreign Language Festival. Headmaster John Fixx and faculty members noted that the results were as strong as The Lexington School has ever produced. Congratulations!

National French Contest

State Level

Ann Cowden '04	First Place
Kartik Anjur '04	Third Place
Victoria deLeon '04	Third Place
Emma Rummel '04	Third Place
Colleen Gross '04	Fourth Place
Ben Becker '04	Fifth Place
Alvin Lin '04	Seventh Place
Evan Lounsbury '04	Eighth Place
Henry Bradley '04	Ninth Place
Caleigh Waldman '03	First Place
Mariam Hanna '03	Second Place
Martha Prewitt '03	Sixth Place
Daniel Archer '03	Seventh Place
Colin Ferguson '03	Eighth Place
Jacob Marwil '03	Ninth Place
Shelby Martin '02	Seventh Place

National Level

Ann Cowden '04	Fourth Place
Kartik Anjur '04	Tenth Place
Victoria deLeon '04	Tenth Place
Emma Rummel '04	Tenth Place
Colleen Gross '04	Eleventh Place
Caleigh Waldman '03	Fourth Place
Mariam Hanna '03	Sixth Place
Martha Prewitt '03	Tenth Place
Daniel Archer '03	Eleventh Place

National Spanish Contest

State Level

Level 01:

Tim Gilbert '05	Second Place
Mary Van Meter '05	Third Place
Allison Hollins '05	Sixth Place
Heather Dunham '04	Seventh Place
Nick Maloney '05	Eighth Place
Clint Parker '05	Eighth Place
Russ Purdy '05	Tenth Place
Dennis Van Den Broeck '05	Tenth Place

Level 1 Regular:

J.P. Stilz '04	Seventh Place

Level 1 OE:

Anton Escobar '04	Seventh Place

Level 2 Regular:

Logan Burgess '02	Fourth Place
Flora Campbell '02	Fourth Place
Sam Hunter '03	Sixth Place
Heidi Zimmerman '03	Eighth Place
James Lagrew '02	Ninth Place
Adam Grasch '03	Tenth Place

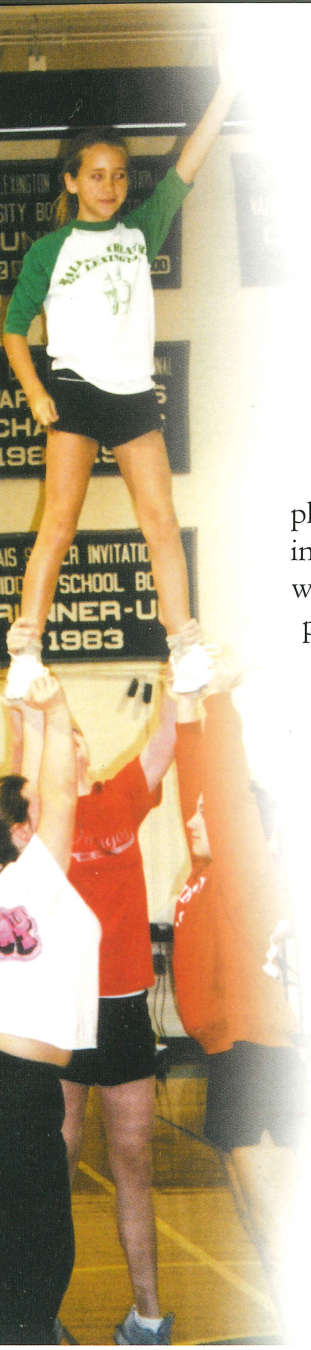
Foreign Language Contest

Regional Level, Transylvania University

Category	Student	Ranking
Recitation of Literary Passage	Miles Hopgood '03	First Place
Grammar/Vocabulary	Martha Prewitt '03	First Place
Grammar/Vocabulary	Daniel Archer '03	Second Place
Listening Proficiency	Mariam Hanna '03	First Place
Oral Proficiency	Martha Prewitt '03	First Place
Frameable Art	Martha Prewitt '03	First Place
Frameable Art	Lucy Owen '03	Second Place
Frameable Art	Mariam Hanna '03	Third Place
Construction Model	Daniel Archer '03	First Place
French Chorus	Caroline Boes '05	First Place
French Chorus	Teddy Yan '05	First Place
French Chorus	Alexis Shaffer '05	First Place
French Chorus	Aubrey Vaughan '05	First Place
French Chorus	David Bazner '05	First Place
Extemporaneous Prose Reading	Teddy Yan '05	First Place
Recitation of Literary Passage	Caroline Boes '05	First Place

State Level, University of Kentucky

Category	Student	Ranking
Recitation of Literary Passage	Miles Hopgood '03	First Place
Grammar/Vocabulary	Martha Prewitt '03	Fifth Place
Grammar/Vocabulary	Daniel Archer '03	Sixth Place
Listening Proficiency	Mariam Hanna '03	Second Place
Listening Proficiency	Daniel Archer '03	Third Place
Oral Proficiency	Martha Prewitt '03	First Place
Frameable Art	Martha Prewitt '03	Second Place
Construction Model	Daniel Archer '03	Second Place
French Chorus	Caroline Boes '05	Third Place
French Chorus	Teddy Yan '05	Third Place
French Chorus	Alexis Shaffer '05	Third Place
French Chorus	Aubrey Vaughan '05	Third Place
French Chorus	Katie Gardner '05	Third Place
Extemporaneous Prose Reading	Teddy Yan '05	Second Place
Recitation of Literary Passage	Caroline Boes '05	First Place



Three Cheers and Three Years for Cheerleading

by Whitney Martin '88

Cheerleading has made a comeback – a big comeback – at The Lexington School. Three years ago, physical education teacher Anna Merritt decided to start up a cheerleading squad, and she never imagined it would be such a hit, so fast. The very first year, 14 girls expressed an interest; the next year 29, which made it necessary to have two separate teams; and this year, 38 girls are involved with the spirited program.

"The girls are very athletic, very enthusiastic, and very devoted," Anna said. "They practice on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before classes, at 7:00 a.m." Even in the summers, newcomers show up for instruction and orientation.

Practices involve stretching, running, sideline cheers, floor cheers, dance routines, stunts, and gymnastic activities. And Anna is the perfect coach. She has 14 years of cheerleading coaching experiencing, and has won national championships 12 times with companies such as NCA, UCA, ECA, COAA, IOCC, and WCA.

"One of my most exciting experiences in cheerleading was creating the first All-Star Team in Lexington," Anna said. "We were invited to England to help host an international competition."

Tryouts are open in the spring to students in grades four through eight, and all girls interested are welcome to join. But it's understood that joining one of the two teams is a serious commitment.

"All of the girls participate in other sporting activities at school," Anna said. "Basketball, soccer, etc. They have to manage their time and stay focused."

But despite the early practice hours and busy schedules, the girls are thoroughly enjoying the extracurricular, and their presence at both girls' and boys' games has made a positive impact. Their routines, pep, and cheering voices are an exciting part of Lexington School sporting events and will likely prove to be for a long time.



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Not Your Ordinary Guy

by Whitney Martin '88

Marshall Groves '88 doesn't have a typical job, doesn't drive an average vehicle, and certainly doesn't travel to run-of-the-mill places. But he is an all-American sort of guy – to say the very least.

The fearless Lexington School alum recently returned from 60 days in Afghanistan where he captained MH-53 Pave Low helicopters – the largest the United States Air Force owns – on a tour of duty to defend the U.S.A.

"The helicopters have a crew of six and specialize in all-weather infiltration of denied airspace," Marshall says. "I fly for the 20th Special Operations Squadron, which is the Air Force's largest helicopter squadron, and contains about 150 pilots plus 300 flight engineers and aerial gunners."

Definitely not your everyday stuff.

Groves Family Photo



Marshall Groves '88 in the cockpit of an MH-53 Pave Low helicopter.

And while taking an interest in Marshall, his "vehicle," and his career is unquestionably easy, actually trying to get Marshall to explain what he does is difficult. That's partly because some of what he's involved in is classified information, but mostly it is because Marshall is incredibly modest. Only after much prodding, does he allow some insight into his impressive missions.

"Basically the Pave Low's tasks are two-fold: Combat Search and Rescue and Special Operations," Marshall says. "Special Operations means taking small teams of soldiers on specific missions. We also perform mid-air refueling behind specially-modified C-130 aircraft, which interestingly enough my brother, **Matt Groves '90**, pilots."

Even more interesting, some of Marshall's missions in Afghanistan were seven hours long. "That can be challenging when you don't have an autopilot and you're flying 100 feet above the ground," Marshall explains.

Marshall is a Captain and will be reviewed for promotion to Major next fall. In the meantime, he has been recently upgraded to Aircraft Commander and was selected for and attended Air Force Safety School this summer, which means he's a qualified accident investigator. On top of that, he's currently enrolled at the Georgia Tech School of Mechanical Engineering but lives in Florida, stationed at Hurlburt Field.

There's no question that Marshall has had a busy year, but one of Marshall's most memorable experiences was this past Fourth of July while he was back in Lexington for an Independence Day celebration at Transylvania University.

"I was at Transy with my sister and parents, sitting near the front of the crowd, listening to a wonderful performance by the Lexington Philharmonic," Marshall says. "Just before the final piece, Dr. Zack the conductor, who my family has known for a while, announced to the crowd that 'Captain Groves who has just returned from Afghanistan will be conducting the last song.'"

Marshall was flattered, but a bit concerned. Despite his noteworthy resume, conducting a symphony wasn't something he'd done before.

"As I walked up onto the stage, Dr. Zack told me that 'it was just like chopping wood,'" Marshall says. "I am sure that I have no rhythm, and as you might know, "Stars and Stripes Forever" has a lot of tempo changes."

Marshall must have done a fine job, however, chopping wood or not. Those in attendance claimed there wasn't a dry eye in the audience and that the patriotic spirit was soaring. Perhaps it was due to Marshall's beginner's luck, but more likely it was the fact that an all-American individual had returned home, reminding citizens of the difference between ordinary and extraordinary.

Something to Write Home About

by Whitney Martin '88

What did you do for your summer vacation? Chances are, Lexington School technology instructor, Sue Miller, can top your answer. This past June and July, she and her husband, Bernie, traveled to Mongolia and China to visit their son, Bryan, who is working toward his Ph.D. in East Asian archaeology. "He's always saying 'Wish you were here!' and we finally said 'We're coming!'" Sue said.

Bryan, who is helping lead excavation work on an ancient cemetery site, has traveled extensively throughout China and is fluent in Mandarin. "With his expertise and knowledge, we knew he'd be wonderful in showing us the culture," Sue said. Plus, Sue and Bernie were proud and curious parents. "We wanted to see our son at work in a profession he loves," explained Sue. "That was the inspiration for our adventure."

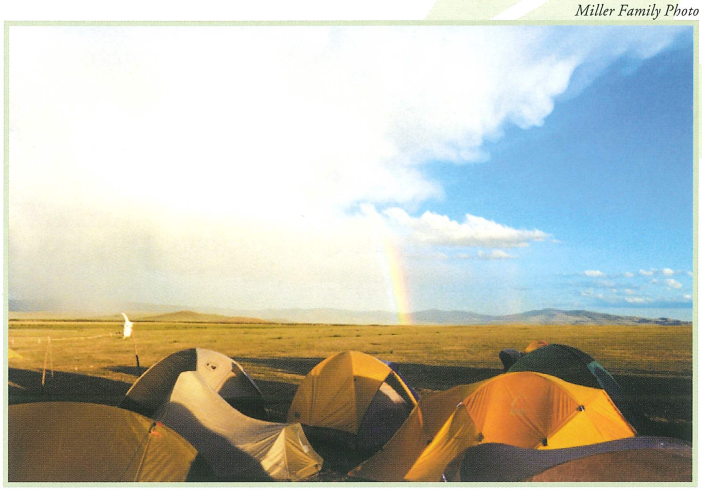
And an adventure it was. "It took us four whole days to just get to Bryan's dig site," Sue said. She and Bernie started out by flying to Beijing on June 24, and then continued on to UlaanBaatar, the capital of Mongolia. From there, with a non-English-speaking guide in an old Russian jeep, they made their way 450 miles across the steppes and mountains of Mongolia to the Khanuy Valley.

"Our navigational tools were topographic maps and GPS coordinates," Sue said. "And to make it even more challenging, Mongolia is a third-world country with a poor infrastructure." They drove on roads that were barely paved, and when those weren't available they crossed pastures and fields.

Once in the Khanuy Valley, Sue, Bernie, and their guide stopped at various "gers" (tent-type homes of the Mongols) to ask the locals directions to the archaeological dig site. After 96 hours, the Millers finally met up with Bryan and pitched their tent. "We felt like we had been on a major adventure, and we had only just arrived!" Sue said. "We still had five-and-a-half weeks to go!"

The archaeological camp and surrounding local culture were breathtaking. "Our tent sat on pasture land between two mountain ranges that were similar to the rolling Appalachians," Sue said. "And the locals lived in gers, were fairly nomadic, and traveled by horse. They had no electricity or other modern conveniences." However, the locals were friendly, curious, and welcomed Sue and Bernie. For two weeks, the Millers made their home in a backpacking tent.

Miller Family Photo



At the campsite in the Khanuy Valley.

"The camp had a 'ger' for its office, infirmary, and storage," Sue said. "And a large canvas tent as a kitchen." All of the food was cooked over a makeshift wood stove, with fried bread or rice stew for breakfast, and potatoes, carrots, onions, and mutton for lunch and dinner. "We would buy a live sheep from the locals and put it in the truck on our way home from the dig," Sue said. "It would feed us for lunch and dinner for several days." A special treat was a one-hour drive to a small store to buy Mongolian crackers. "The person in camp who still had peanut butter from home was definitely king!" recalled Sue.

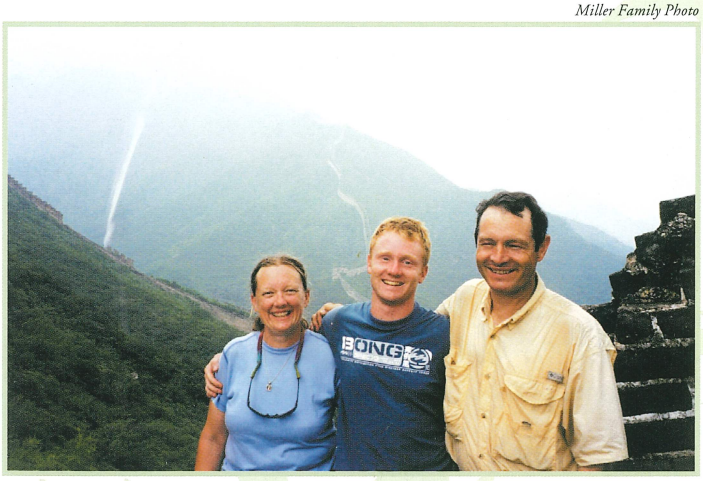
Bathrooms and laundry facilities were non-existent. Bathing and clothes washing took place in a river 20 minutes from camp. "Our toilet," Sue said, "was a deep hole with two wood planks to stand on surrounded by a three-foot tarp around three sides.

Despite the rustic conditions, Sue and Bernie loved their time spent in the Valley. Each day they rose with the archaeological team and worked from eight in the morning to seven at night. "There were two main digs," Sue explained. "Stone mounds near the camp and the Xiongnu cemetery site, which is thought to be a royal burial ground and took 40 minutes to get to." There was no time off on weekends. "I learned so much about archaeology I could write a term paper," said Sue.

Evenings were spent relaxing with the team and locals, and often they were invited to have dinner at the Mongols' homes. "The Mongols enjoy singing a lot," explained Sue. "They have a variety of beautiful folk songs." In addition to regional music, Sue and Bernie enjoyed the local, prized, fermented horse milk, "airig," and the cheese "arod" and yogurt made from it.

Sue and Bernie stayed until the end of the dig then drove

Miller Family Photo



On the Great Wall of China, from L to R: Sue Miller, Brian Miller, Bernie Miller.

Miller Family Photo



Spice vendors in the Kasgar market.

back to UlaanBaatar with Bryan and three other archaeologists. "We spent five days there helping with the final artifact cleaning and paper work," said Sue. "We also explored the town and visited with the Mongols involved on the dig who served us dinners of goat stuffed with hot rocks."

The Millers were also lucky enough to be in UlaanBaatar for the main celebration of the year, the Nadaam Festival, complete with cross-country horse races. "At this point, Bernie and I were convinced we had had the adventure of a lifetime, but we still had a three-week trip through China with Bryan."

They left UlaanBaatar and headed to Kasgar, the westernmost city in China just over the mountains from Afghanistan and Pakistan, a very Islamic area and populated by a group of Muslims called Ughurs, pronounced "Weegers."

"It was like being in the Middle East. The Han Chinese had a presence in the city, with a couple of modern areas, but most of the town was like a trip back in time," Sue said. "I was concerned about my attire, but women there wore everything from Western-style shorts to full body cover, including their faces."

The Millers spent much of their time in Kasgar exploring the streets and mosques, and they enjoyed the Sunday market of thousands of stalls selling everything from spices to Oriental rugs. Another interesting aspect was the "old city" area. "It was like walking in Biblical times," said Sue. "There were dirt streets, open sewers, craftsmen, and earthen homes."

Being with Bryan was an asset to their experience. "We did not want to be the typical tourists." They even ate like locals, sampling the shish kabobs, excellent tea, and the regional staple, "nann bread," which was similar to a large, flat bagel.

From Kasgar, the Millers took the 20-hour sleeper train ride through the Taklimakin Desert to the oasis town of Turpan, which was also primarily Islamic with small areas settled by the Han Chinese.

"Grapes are grown in Turpan, and I mean loads of grapes!" Sue said. "They are dried into delicious, golden raisins, which we enjoyed, in addition to yet more mutton!" In addition to Turpan food, the Millers explored the homes on the edge of town with their wonderful vegetable gardens and "very old, but ingenuous, irrigation systems."

In Turpan, Sue and Bernie were approached by the friendly Chinese children, as they were in many places on their trip. "Everywhere we went," said Sue, "the children would see our Western faces and call out 'hello' to us. When we answered in either English or Chinese, they would giggle." The children were also fascinated with cameras and loved to have their pictures taken. "On my next trip, I am going to take a Polaroid so I can give them photographs. It was a challenge to explain how the film could not be developed."

The weather in Turpan was hot, almost 113 degrees during the day, but not too warm to keep Sue and her family from taking an all-day bike ride to explore the ruins of a 2,000-year-old city on the outskirts of town.

The next destination was the mountain village of Xiahe, home to the largest Tibetan Buddhist monastery outside of Tibet, where the Millers spent three days in an international guest house. On one of the days, they enjoyed a bike ride to the high grasslands covered by Buddhist prayer flags, and upon returning to the village, ran into a local family that Bryan had met three years prior. "It was such a coincidence and a wonderful treat," Sue said. "We spent the afternoon with three generations of the family in their open tent summer home, where we were served a banquet of regional foods.

In Xian, the ancient capital of China, Sue and her family spent a day at the ancient Terra Cotta Soldiers dig site. They also traveled to several historical museums, spent time walking and mingling, and tried the cuisine, which according to Sue, was more similar to the Chinese food served in America. "Lots of wonderful steamed dumplings and the like."

The final stop of the trip was Beijing, where the Millers explored the Forbidden City, Beijai Park (the gardens for the emperors), and the Summer Palace. They watched children flying kites in Tiananmen Square and shopped in the crowded silk market. And then finally, after five-and-a-half weeks, Sue and Bernie returned home.

According to Sue, her general impressions of China were that most Chinese have a definite respect for, and like of, Americans and that capitalism is alive and well in China. "I also realized that when most Americans think of China, they think of Eastern China, but that in truth, there are many cultures outside of the Han Chinese," Sue said.

In all, the trip was wonderful. "How do you put sounds, smells, thoughts from six weeks in a totally different cultural environment into words?" Sue said.

Would she go back? "In a heartbeat!"

Her favorite part? "The people!"

Any final words? "Go! Go! I emphatically encourage people to travel, meet other cultures with an open mind and heart. And experience, experience, experience!"

Miller Family Photo



A Mongol horseman with his herd.

"Photographs and Memories"

by Esther Fallon Breeding '77

On Saturday, July 20, 2002, members from the Lexington School Class of 1977 reunited at School for a much anticipated 25th Reunion. Organized by ***Dana Edger Mayborg '77*** *and* ***Jean Brewer '77****, the event was a huge success. Twenty-two classmates and spouses were present, as were 14 children, five former teachers, Director of Alumni Affairs* ***Lucy McKinstry '66****, and former Alumni Council President* ***Cy Alexander '75****, who was also "photographer extraordinaire" for the gathering. Below are words and reflections from 1977 class member,* ***Esther Fallon Breeding '77****.*

Remember the trips to Cumberland Gap? Having to design a wood basketball floor with a Biltmore stick, or navigating in the wilderness on a compass course? How about the Spring Dance and the Spring Musicals: *Oklahoma!*; *Bye Bye Birdie*; *Li'l' Abner*? Do you remember Mr. Bortz and his MCP neckties or diagramming sentences for Mrs. Bailey? Thanks to **Dana Edger Mayborg '77** and **Jean Brewer '77** our class reunion just added one more fond memory from The Lexington School.

Lucy McKinstry '66 graciously gave us a tour of the old and new buildings, while we recalled fun times from Mrs. MacFarlane's old Kindergarten classroom all the way through the formerly open area complex. We discovered several new additions and enhancements to the facilities, as well, especially the ninth grade student lounge!

We shared memories and news with former faculty, including **Mrs. Trosper H'79**, **Mrs. Bailey H'79**, **Mrs. Owen H'00**, **Mrs. Nichols H'99,** and Mr. Bussey. It was a wonderful opportunity to rekindle past acquaintances and renew old friendships.

I think we all agree that The Lexington School had a large impact on who we have become. The foundations laid by the School have helped, and continue to help, build a bright future for each of us, as well as for those to come.



Front row, from L to R: **Esther Fallon Breeding '77, Jean Brewer '77, Courtenay Ellis Murakowski '77, Mary Barrow Pearson '77**. Second row, L to R: Former English teacher and Head of Upper School **Mary Lee Nichols H'99**, Former Assistant Headmaster Rod Bussey, Former Physical Education Teacher **Roberta Owen H'00**, Former second grade teacher and Head of Lower School **Lorine Trosper H'79**, Former English/second grade teacher and Head of Middle School **Terry Bailey H'79**. Third row, from L to R: **Marilee Goodman Varner '77**, Martha Edwards, Jennifer Schaeffer, **Virginia Clark Coffey '77, Sarah McClellan Welch '77**, Christy Hisle, **Jean Perrine Moore '77**, Tammy Hatton, **Dana Edger Mayborg '77**. Fourth row, L to R: **Jonathan Edwards '77, Ron Simon '77, Cam Schaeffer '77**, David Coffey, Kevin Welch, **Scott Hisle '77**, David Moore, **Terry Hatton '77**, Bob Mayborg.



From L to R: Jennifer Schaeffer, **Cam Schaeffer '77**, **Dana Edger Mayborg '77**, Bob Mayborg.



Dana Edger Mayborg '77 and **Jean Brewer '77** organized the 25th Reunion for the Lexington School Class of 1977 this past July.



From L to R: Former second grade teacher and Head of Lower School **Lorine Trosper H'79**, **Sarah McClellan Welch '77**, Kevin Welch, **Esther Fallon Breeding '77**.



Former second grade teacher and Head of Lower School **Lorine Trosper H'79** and former English/second grade teacher and Head of Middle School **Terry Bailey H'79** were thrilled to attend the Class of 1977's 25th Reunion.



The Class of 1977 brought 14 children to the 25th Reunion. In the back row, **Marilee Goodman Varner '77** holds her daughter and three Lexington School students, **Meg Grossman '03**, **Kate MacNeil '05**, and **Nancy McKinstry '05** served as helpful babysitters for the day.



From L to R: Former physical education teacher **Roberta Owen H'00**, Former English teacher and Head of Upper School **Mary Lee Nichols H'99**, Director of Alumni Affairs **Lucy Johnston McKinstry '66**.

All photos by ***Cy Alexander '75***

A Different Sort of "National Anthem"

by Whitney Martin '88

This past spring, Middle School English teacher, Laura Bonzo-Sims, encouraged her ninth grade students to compete in the Ayn Rand Institute's 10th Annual *Anthem* Essay Contest, a highly competitive and renowned nationwide competition for students in grades nine and ten. **Flora Campbell '02** wrote and submitted an impressive critical essay on Rand's novel, *Anthem*, and was selected as a semifinalist in June. The honor was particularly prestigious as Flora competed with more than 5,500 entrants throughout the country.

Currently, Flora attends St. Andrew's School in Delaware where she is a field hockey-playing sophomore and claims the new sport "has been a great way to meet people." She is also enjoying getting to know her roommate, who is from South Carolina, and says her favorite class thus far is Spanish III. "Our teacher tells us stories using colored blocks. Very entertaining!" And soon she'll be taking Driver's Ed and participating in a community service program.

As for English? "It's hard! But Bonzo prepared me well. She was a tough, but excellent, teacher," Flora says. "I remember being surprised I received the Ayn Rand semifinalist position. Bonzo only gave me an A minus!"

But the award doesn't surprise peers and teachers who know Flora well, particularly Laura Bonzo-Sims. "Flora is an excellent writer. I knew she had a good chance at receiving some sort of recognition when she entered the contest."

At right, the introductory and concluding paragraphs of Flora's award-winning essay are excerpted.

TLS Photo



Flora Campbell '02 at her Lexington School graduation.

In Ayn Rand's novel, Anthem, Prometheus progresses from ignorance and conformity to developing an understanding of the will of man. Compelled to discover the repressive nature of his society, Prometheus thus becomes aware of the importance of the individual when challenged with anonymity. He realizes the necessity to question the rules and ideology imposed upon him, and learns that selfishness is the only true way to achieve freedom. Similarly, Louis Kronenberger, a famous critic of literature, once said "Individualism is rather like innocence; there must be something unconscious about it." Although unique in his own society, Prometheus shares the same inherent need for individuality with all mankind. His society undermines free will and promotes unquestioning obedience; in spite of this they cannot defeat what Prometheus possesses, the ego. No different from his brothers, Prometheus simply gives voice to the inner consciousness that exists among all men, thus freeing himself to make his own judgments before accepting the will of others...

...As Prometheus breaks free from his oppressive society he discovers the hypocrisy and inconsistency of his previous lifestyle. He learns that man cannot allow others to limit his potential as an individual. Only through living independently of the rest of mankind can true freedom be found. If uniformity is adopted, man gives up control of his own life, relinquishing it to the majority he commits himself to. Prometheus' failure to succeed in such a society exemplifies this point; his life no longer belongs to him, but to a community that only used him for its own benefit. Ayn Rand establishes that man must be selfish if he wishes to exist freely and of his own accord, otherwise he will only be used as a stepping stone for a conformity that is indifferent to his fate.

— Flora Campbell '02

Alumni News

Dani Ifland '00, a student at Lexington Christian Academy, and **Ting Ting Fu '00**, a student at Paul Laurence Dunbar, both received semifinalist status with the National Merit Scholarship Program on Sept. 18, 2002. The semifinalists now have the opportunity to compete for some 8,000 Merit Scholarship awards that will be awarded next spring.

Pierce Buster '99 attends The University of the South (Sewanee) where he rooms with Coley McKinstry '99. Pierce graduated from Salisbury School in Salisbury, Conn., last spring where he received departmental distinctions for his scholarship in history and Spanish and a course award for his work in the History of the Civil War.

Thomas Bell '98 was named to the Dean's List with Distinction at Duke University in Durham, N.C., for Fall 2001 and Spring 2002. He was inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society and participated in the FOCUS (First Year Opportunity for Comprehensive Unified Studies) on "Changing Faces in Russia." As part of the program, Thomas spent six days in St. Petersburg, Russia, last fall. This past summer he worked in Washington, D.C., as an intern in Congressman Ernie Fletcher's office. Thomas is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is pursuing a double major in Slavic Language and Computer Science.

Bell Family Photo



Thomas Bell '98 traveled to St. Petersburg, Russia, last fall.

Elizabeth Alford '95 graduated Magna Cum Laude from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., with a major in politics. Recently, she and her husband, Evans Rice, traveled to Bombay, India for a one-month mission trip with the International Justice Mission. They reside in Falls Church, Va., where Evans works as an attorney in Washington, D.C.

Buster Family Photo



Former Lexington School students turned current University of the South (Sewanee) students, from L to R: **Coley McKinstry '99, Rodes Fisher '99, Jeff Milward '99, Will Milward '99, Pierce Buster '99,** and **Mary Bruce Gray '99.**

Kate Mahan '95 graduated from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., with a double major in economics and French. She lives in Savannah, Ga., and teaches algebra and geometry to eighth and ninth graders at Savannah Country Day.

Sally Hinkle '95 graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and is working on her ASID in interior design.

Elise Groves '95 graduated from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., with a degree in journalism. She lives in Aspen, Co.

Meade Young '95 graduated from University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va., with a degree in psychology. She lives in New York City where she works as an event planner for Show Stoppers.

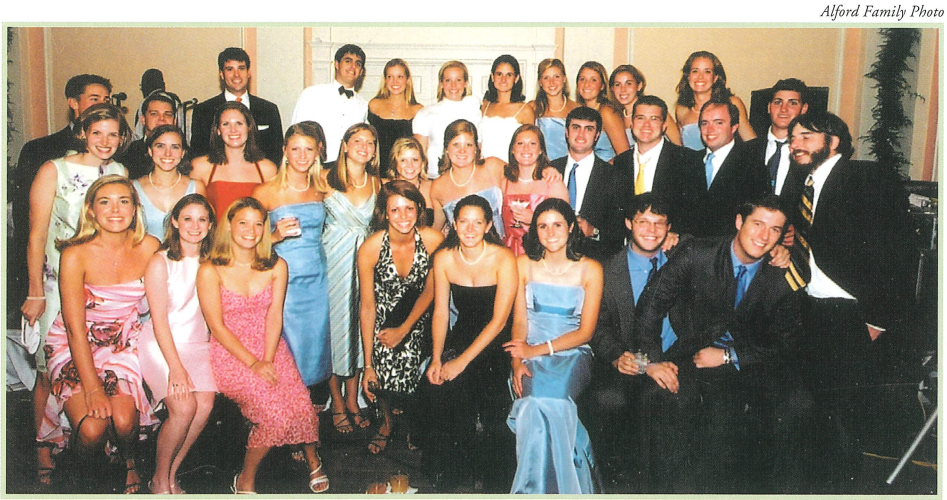
Katherine Alford '94 recently finished the management training program at Am South bank in Birmingham, Ala. She is a portfolio manager in the private client lending group at Am South.

Brewer Family Photo



While visiting from California this past summer, **Juliet Brewer '79** had lunch with other members of the Class of 1979. From L to R: **Margaret Graves '79, Juliet Brewer '79, Sheila Owen McIntosh '79, Elizabeth Host Dupree '79, Elizabeth Gay Freeman '79.**

Alford Family Photo



Lexington School alumni gathered at the wedding of **Elizabeth Alford '95** and Evans Rice. Front row from L to R: **Meredith Lyster '94, Liz Martin '94, Cecilia Moore '94, Holly Burns '95, Janet Baker '94, Katherine Alford '94, Andrew Grimes '95, Lincoln Brown '95, Charlie Dalton '95.** Middle row from L to R: **Cameron Philpott '88, Ellen Stilz '94, Clay Chapman '94, Mary Grace Hinkle '00, Janie Romaine '98, Lucy Hinkle '97, Molly Nicol '97, Emily Milward '97, Kav Milward '95, Jim Mahan '92, Matthew Hartley '95, Will Chapman '96.** Back row from L to R: **Bowen Chapman '00, B. Nicol '91, Connor Keller '91, Farra Alford '98, Dowell Hoskins '95, Hillary Lavely '95,** the bride **Elizabeth Alford '95, Sally Hinkle '95, Elise Groves '95, Meade Young '95, Kate Mahan '95.**

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Displaying arrowheads a few years ago in Jennifer Stith's Language Arts class. From L to R: **Greg Ladd '01, Collin Cowgill '01, Heather Brown '01, Allaire Ryan '01, Anne Mason Romaine '01.**