The Lexington School
Pinpoints
A Newsletter for Families, Alumni, & Friends of The Lexington School
SUMMER 2005

The Class of 2005



Row 1 (l - r) Elise DeCamp, Cory Cameron, Chloe Obert, Ashley Lockridge, Caroline Langley, Leanne Little, Melanie Colgan, Jennifer O'Brien, Mimi Purdy, Charlotte Cornett, Alexis Baldwin, Julia Hunter, Devon Bradley, Chloe Irwin. ***Row 2*** Ridgely Knight, Ellen Sanders, Shakaree Carter, Jennifer Stutland, Jennifer Klein, Kristen Arvin, Jennifer Grasch, Kelsey Floyd, Ellie Steder, Carly Wolken, Rachel Moore. ***Row 3*** Alex Riggs, Kegan Burgess, Owen McCully, Bennett Rieser, Marshall English, Ryder Finney, Zach Linton, Ravi Shukla, Yohanna Hanna, William Derenge, Cameron Lindsey. ***Row 4*** Andrew Lock, Lane Pumphrey, Thomas Spears, Philip Carson, Sam Beach, Wes Alexander, Andy Hoch, Alec Gilbert, David Dowden.

ALUMNI: RITE OF PASSAGE

White boutonnières, long-stemmed red roses, white chairs center stage surrounded by lush ferns and coral geraniums – time-honored signs of a Lexington School graduation. By looking closely at members of the class of 2005, though, new traditions were apparent. Graduating boys sported TLS green, grey, and navy school ties, and graduating girls wore silver necklaces that held a custom-made sterling silver pin oak leaf charm. These gifts from the school honored our first single-class graduation of 8th graders and established a new TLS custom.

The theater was standing room only for trustees, faculty, families and friends, and honored graduates as we sang our alma mater and were welcomed by Head of School Mr. Baldecchi and Board Chair Tom Miller. Class President William Derenge and Vice-president Jennifer Grasch then addressed all of those who had played such important roles in their lives throughout their Lexington School years.

Both Jennifer and William used popular commercials as metaphors for memories. Jennifer reminded the audience, "According to recent Mastercard commercials, some things in life are priceless. Our years at TLS are one of those invaluable things." She said, "In the entire world, there isn't a single store that will sell a sense of belonging, but we have that at TLS." She reminded classmates, "When alumni come back to school to visit, they are welcomed back by their former teachers, and we, too, will be eagerly received when we return." Jennifer concluded her speech with these words: "Caring teachers, common experiences, a solid education, a strong sense of community, life-long friendships, and so many unforgettable memories....The TLS Experience: Priceless."

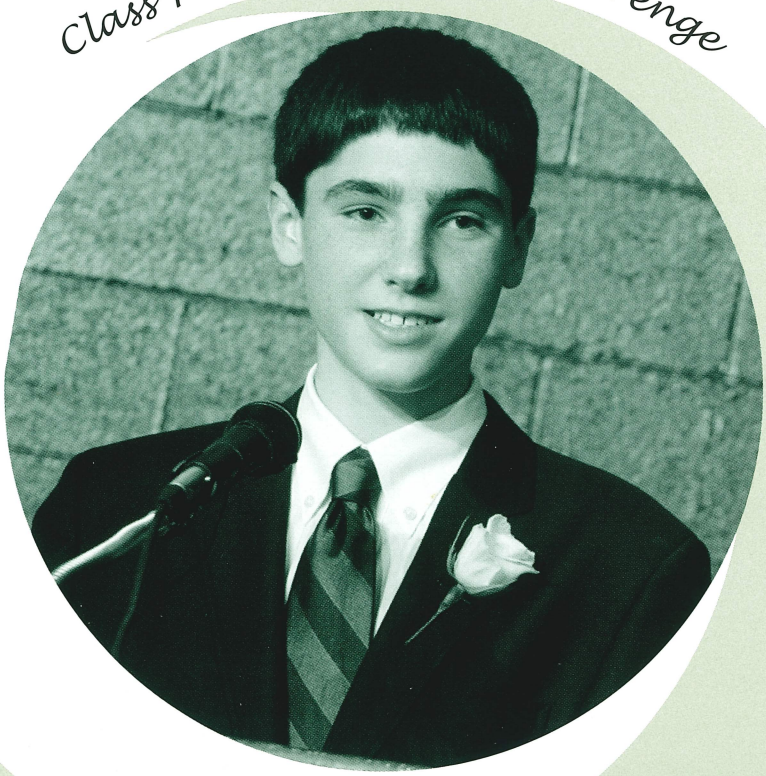
William continued by using the OnStar commercial. He said, "Like OnStar, The Lexington School will be 'Always There' as we depart from each other and begin to venture out into a new school and into a new part of our lives." As he recounted Lexington School teachers' voices that would continue to echo in his head, William said, "Like OnStar's twenty-four-hour information button, our knowledge is something that will greatly assist us in the future." But he further remarked, "Along with the knowledge TLS has given us, the sense of integrity and leadership instilled in us will keep us on the road and guide us to do what is right." After thanking all present for their encouragement and support and saying goodbye to three retiring teachers, Mrs. Carolyn Floyd, Mrs. Debbie Wilson, and Mr. Frank Hardesty, William concluded, "Like OnStar, our TLS community is 'Always There' to support us in any way. Knowing this, we can move forward with confidence."

Academic honors, Rob Brewer's graduation address, the presentation of diplomas, and personal reflections by 8th grade advisors concluded the event. As graduates recessed to Dr. David Cooper's rendition of "March of the Priests" by Mendelssohn, The Lexington School class of 2005 officially became our most recent alumni, another treasured group stepping into the future.



Class Vice-President Jennifer Grasch

Class President William Derenge



ALUMNI ADDRESS

Rob Brewer '85 is carrying on a family tradition of service to The Lexington School that was established by his parents in the early years of our school. His father served as Board Chair for over 25 years, and his mother made sure that car pools ran smoothly, school committee work was accomplished, and homework was attended to by Rob and his two older sisters, Jean '77 and Juliet '79.

Now Rob is Secretary of our Board of Trustees and, along with his wife Kelly, a parent of Carter '11, Clay '12, and Smith '15, an up and comer to the school.

When Rob is not at The Lexington School or at home, he takes care of business at Morgan Keegan as Managing Director. This Spring Rob rang the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange on Wall Street because he was part of Morgan Keegan's Master's Circle, making him one of the top 25 brokers for the company in the nation. All things considered, Robert A.A. Brewer was a well-chosen alumnus to address the 2005 graduates.

Ms. Margaret Cowling's introduction of Rob prepared us for his sense of humor and ability to make connections. She recalled Rob's thoughtful appearance during a 6th grade history discussion of Mao Tse-Tung. Finally, Ms. Cowling acknowledged him in hopes of receiving insight into some of Rob's deep thoughts. Rob offered this observation: "You know, Ms. Cowling, I think I know what people said as Mao was invading their province. 'Hold the Mayo!'" Ms. Cowling did not mention whether or not her class met right before lunch!

Rob's talk had a good balance of humor, advice, and challenge for our grads. He urged students to find work that they loved and had a passion for, to maintain and nourish their friendships, and to listen to others from their hearts. He also told them there were basically two kinds of people: "those who make it happen and those who watch it happen." He challenged the class of 2005 to "make it happen."

As the eighth alumnus in seven consecutive years to send our graduates into the world, Rob Brewer sustained our standard of using accomplished alumni with deep community ties, rich life experience, and gratitude for their Lexington School experience as role models and guides for our youngest alumni.

Full text of all graduation addresses at www.thelexingtonschool.org



Rob Brewer '85 delivering his Alumni address. ***Inset:*** Ms. Cowling '64 introduces her former student.

Head *Lines*

NOTES FROM THE HEADMASTER

We've talked to many alumni who say they read *Pinpoints* backwards, beginning with the archival photo and moving to Pin Notes, news of alumni and past faculty. No need to bother with this issue. By now it must be apparent that this entire issue honors our TLS alumni. We're proud to dedicate the Summer *Pinpoints* to our alumni because they always help us remember why we are here.

This past weekend I attended the joint reunions for the classes of '72, '75, and '77—The Big Barrow Bash. The reunion was hosted by Caroline Barrow '72, Lucy Barrow Calhoun '75, and B. B. Barrow Pearson '77 at their family farm, Ashwood. It was truly a wonderful evening for all those in attendance. I enjoyed talking to alumni and past teachers about their Lexington School experience. I was pleased to notice that significant numbers of those alumni were current parents. There were also familiar faces that have been a part of or currently serve on our Alumni Council or Board of Trustees. It is this kind of commitment that is essential to The Lexington School's success.

Also addressed in this issue are the numerous events we have scheduled throughout the year to reconnect our alumni with the school. I know that I personally look forward to special events planned by my alma mater. It is exciting to catch up with old friends, reminisce with faculty members, and see how the school has changed. I invite you all to make your way back onto The Lexington School campus this coming year. With one visit you will be able to recall the past, see what we look like in the present, and look into the eyes of our future as you witness students passing in the hallways.

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With warm regards,

Charles D. Baldecchi

Permanent Head's List

Each year the school proudly honors 8th grade graduates who have maintained a year-end average of 9.5 with no grade lower than a B- for three years by placing their names on the Permanent Head's List that hangs in our halls. This year, thirteen students received an engraved julep cup and a congratulatory handshake from the Head of School. The names to be inscribed for the class of 2005 include the following: Sam Beach, Charlotte Cornett, Alex Elswick, Kelsey Floyd, Jennifer Grasch, Julia Hunter, Leanne Little, Andrew Lock, Rachel Moore, Jennifer O'Brien, Lane Pumphrey, Alex Riggs, and Carly Wolken.



Head of School Chuck Baldecchi congratulates Charlotte Cornett for earning a spot on the Permanent Head's List.

ALUMNI MAKE THE NEXT STEP

Wes Alexander ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Kristen Arvin ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
Alexis Baldwin ..... Sayre School
Sam Beach ..... Louisville Collegiate
Devon Bradley ..... Sayre School
Kegan Burgess ..... Woodberry Forest
Cory Cameron ..... Lafayette High School
School for Creative and Performing Arts
Philip Carson ..... Sayre School
Shakaree Carter ..... Henry Clay High School
Melanie Colgan ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
Charlotte Cornett ..... Sayre School
Elise DeCamp ..... Sayre School
William Derenge ..... Episcopal High School
David Dowden ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
Alex Elswick ..... Henry Clay High School
Liberal Arts Academy
Marshall English ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
Ryder Finney ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
Kelsey Floyd ..... Tates Creek High School
Accelerated Cluster for Excellence
Alec Gilbert ..... Asheville School
Jennifer Grasch ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
Math, Science and Technology Center
Yohanna Hanna ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
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Andy Hoch ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
Math, Science and Technology Center
Julia Hunter ..... Lafayette High School, *Pre-Engineering*
Chloe Irwin ..... Sayre School
Jennifer Klein ..... Sayre School
Ridgely Knight ..... Chatham Hall
Caroline Langley ..... Sayre School
Cameron Lindsey ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
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Ellen Sanders ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Ravi Shukla ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Thomas Spears ..... Sayre School
Ellie Steder ..... Tates Creek High School
Jennifer Stutland ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
John Tender ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
Christine Thorn ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Carly Wolken ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECEIVE HONORS

Henry Clay High School: **Sam Clark**, Outstanding Biology Senior, also received the Creative Writing Award and a University of Dayton President's Scholarship. **B Fisher** earned Honorable Mention on the Academic All-State Soccer Team. **Parke Loyd**, a National Merit Scholar, was also selected Outstanding Math Student and Outstanding Physics Senior. **Lacy Reinhold** earned Honorable Mention on the Academic All-State Soccer Team. **Glenn Volk** was awarded a Colgate University Athletic Scholarship and earned Honorable Mention on the Academic All-State Soccer Team.

Lexington Catholic High School: **Ben Buker**, a National Merit Finalist, received the Eagle Scout Award along with a scholarship to Middle Tennessee State University and a University of Kentucky Patterson Scholarship. **Payton Keller** received both a Wofford College Merit Scholarship and a Xavier University Award. **James Lagrew** received the Eagle Scout Award. **Chip McGaughey** was awarded a Lynn University Academic Scholarship. **Austin Tucker** was made a member of the National Honor Society.

Lexington Christian Academy: **Kirby Ifland**, a National Merit Scholar, received the Biblical Christian Living Award.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School: **Cody Damm**, a National Merit Scholar, graduated from the Math, Science, and Technology Center with High Distinction. He was a member of Beta Club and received a University of Kentucky scholarship. **Jordan English**, a Beta Club member, graduated With Distinction. **Dane Jensen**, a National Merit Commended Student, graduated from MSTC With Distinction, received a Commonwealth Diploma, and received the American Math & AIME Award.

Sayre School: **John Brooks** was made a member of the National Honor Society and received the Good Citizen Award. **Anne VanMeter** received the Grunwald Alumni Scholarship Award. **Lindsey Waldman**, a National Merit Commended Student, was made a member of the National Honor Society.

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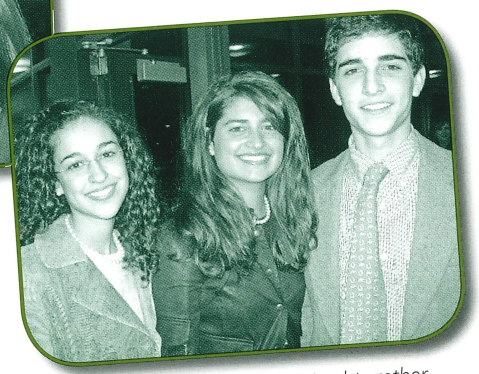
Emma Rummel and Lindy Elswick '04 were happy to be at the Holiday Homecoming.



Mrs. Gretchen Young and her former students Pierce Buster '99 and Coley McKinstry '99.



Brooke Folley Counts '96 used the Homecoming to introduce her husband Chris.



The De Camargo siblings arrived together. From left: Luiza '01, Isabel '00, Francesco '03.



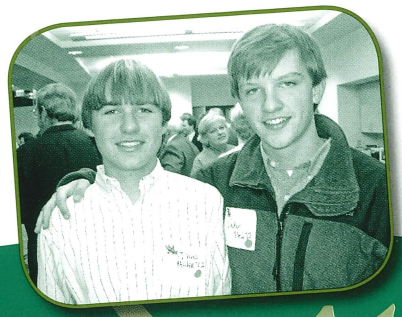
Justin Kearns '97 returned with his dad Daniel Sprague.



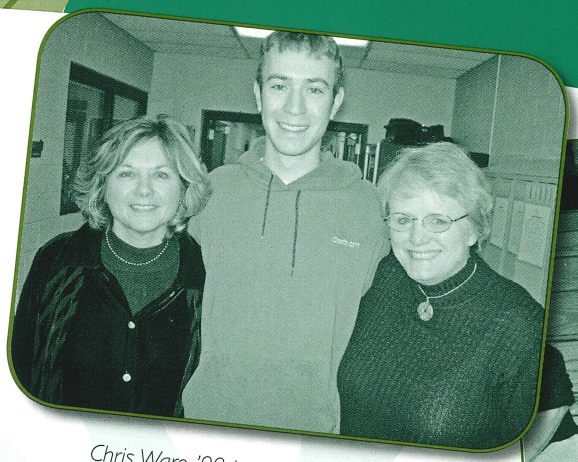
Jen Boone '01 and Marta deMovellan '00 met at the registration table.



Mrs. Jawanna Herd beams at her former students Gray Lyster, Alex Cutadean, and Bret Jones, all '96.



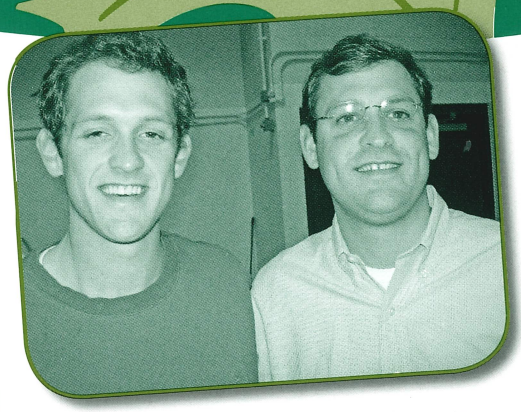
David Miller and Gardner Bell, both '03, are still good friends.



Chris Ware '99 is sandwiched between two fans: his mom, Mrs. Janette Moloney, and Mrs. Lanna Bell.



Mrs. Roberta Owen (H'00), Sheila McIntosh Owen '79, and her daughters cheer on Uncle Stuart '79 at the Alumni Basketball Game.



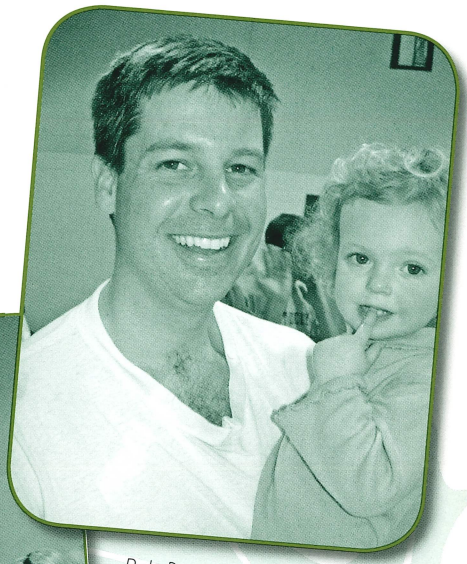
Peter '96 and Andy '89 Barr were happy to touch base with one another at the game.

Melanie Smith Leach '88 used the Thanksgiving gathering to visit with Anne Jefferson '87.

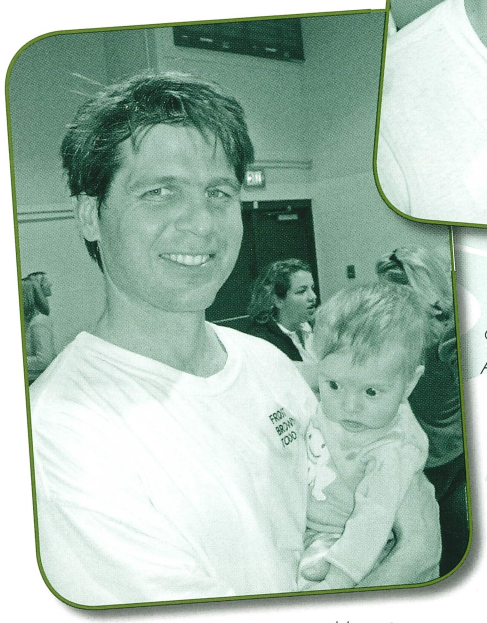




The Potters paused for a family portrait at the Thanksgiving Annabelle's gathering. From left: Berry '95, Berry '64, Davis '94.



Rob Brewer '85 reviews some major plays with daughter Smith at the Alumni Basketball Game.



Jeff Jefferson '85 advises his son Charlie preparing him for future alumni matches.

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Burch Arvin Hanson and Kathleen Eastland Sisler, both, '87, cheered on the Cats during the 2005 SEC tournament in Catlanta.



The Robertsons and the Nicholsons shared a Celebration table. Alumni include (from left) Walt Robertson '94, Jessica Bell Nicholson '64, Jamie Nicholson '94, and Kelsey Nicholson Hempel '96.



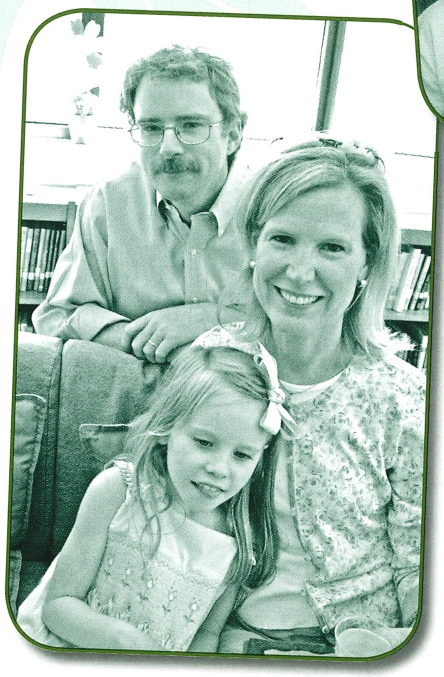
Eli Zimmerman '99 and William Dowden '00 met up with one another at the first annual Pin Oak Picnic this May.



Mr. Tom Parlanti was pleased to find Martha Prewitt '03 in the halls of TLS as school was winding down.



Zach Yoneda '01 visited with Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Stith, and Ms. Cowling '64 on his spring break from Harvard.



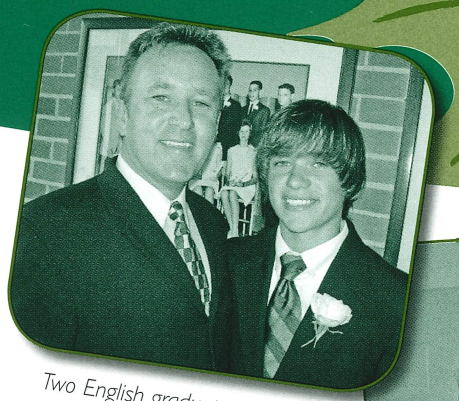
Cam Shaeffer '77 enjoyed Writers' Guild with his wife Jennifer and daughter Eliza Jane '12.



Blake Miller '91 greeted Ms. Cowling '64 before his TLS book signing for **The Eye of Apollo**.



Three Alexander graduates: Wes '05, Cy '75, and Cy '03.



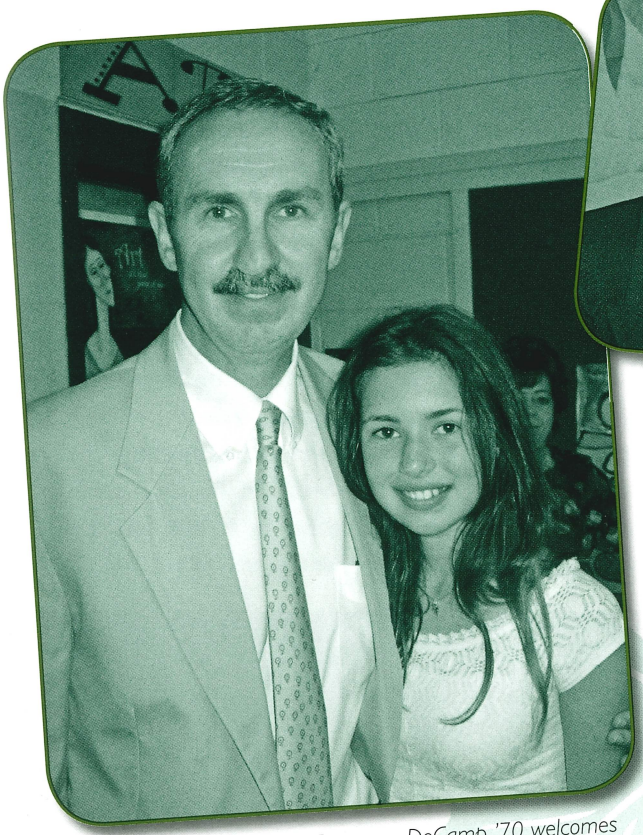
Two English graduates: Victor '74 and Marshall '05. (Jordan '02 was at work.)



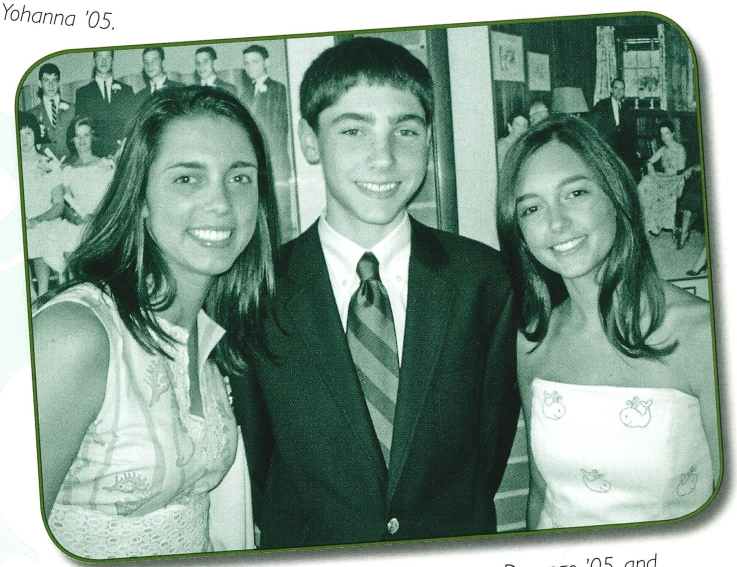
Cousins Katharine Freeman '04 and Shelby Martin '02 celebrate Ridgely Knight's graduation.



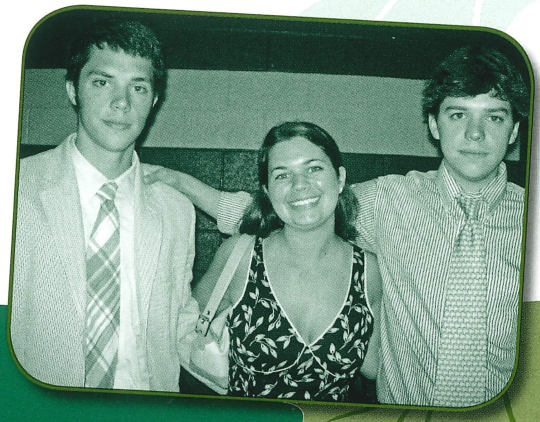
Mariam Hanna '03 is proud of her brother Yohanna '05.



Like father like daughter: Patterson DeCamp '70 welcomes Elise '05 to the alumni fold.



Three TLS cousins: Katie Hollins '01, William Derenge '05, and Allison Hollins '04.



The Burgess alumni celebrated brother Kegan's graduation: Logan '02, Jillian '97, and Jonathan '99.

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NEWS OF ALUMNI

by Gretchen Young & Lucy J. McKinstry '66

John Palumbo '64 reports news of the recent death of **John L. Keyes III '63**, who had lived for many years in Augusta, SC.

Will Montague '81 has joined the Lexington law firm of Dinsmore and Shohl as a partner and will focus on intellectual property counseling and litigation.

Tally Walker '90 was married in Charleston, SC in May to Charles H. Huber Jr. of Goshen, KY. Tally is a 1993 graduate of Henry Clay, and she received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wittenberg University in 1997. She is currently employed with Software Information Systems, Inc. of Lexington.

Sarah Ford '91 is the founder and director of Nucleus Dance Collective in Chicago. She is also a performing company member of Deeply Rooted Dance Theater and teaches ballet and yoga as well. Working through the University of Chicago, she helps Head Start teachers incorporate movement and nutrition into their pre-school program.

Ginny Moore '91 married John Smithwick on June 25. They will live in Chicago, IL. Ginny just graduated from Northwestern University with a Master of Science Degree in Integrated Marketing Communications.

Catherine Black '92 married Alexander McGillivray in May. Both Catherine and her husband are working on their doctorate degrees in civil engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Nicole Bruckner '93, a veterinary student who received her undergraduate degree from Transylvania in 2000, recently received her clinical white coat from Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine. The coats, presented to students at the end of their junior year, mark the transition from veterinary sciences into senior clinical rotations where students help administer patient care.

Cindy Kemp '95 married Gregory Smith in July. She teaches math in Louisville, KY.

Meredith Ware '96 graduated with a Communication Design degree from Parsons School of Design in New School University located in New York City. After moving to the San Francisco Bay area, she worked as a Marketing Director for a high-tech, Silicon Valley company. Presently she is running her own Marketing and Design Consulting business.

George VanMeter '97 graduated from Woodbury Forest and Vanderbilt University. George, now in the US Army stationed at Fort Lewis, WA, is scheduled to go to Iraq next summer.

Lesley Shay Black '99 married Eric Brandon Parker in Cancun this June.

Sarah Kendrick '99 was honored during the Samford University School of Business awards ceremonies for undergraduate students, receiving the Reed Scholarship, based on Christian character and academic achievements. In addition, Sarah received both the Phillips Memorial Scholarship, given to a student preparing for a career in public accounting and showing high academic achievement, and a medal for having a 3.75 or higher grade point average.

Christopher Ware '99 is a senior at Xavier University. He will graduate in May, 2006, with a degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Natural Science.

Isabel DeCamargo '00 attends the Fashion Institute for Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles, CA where she majors in Surface Design: dinnerware, wrapping paper, stationary, and children's fabrics. In addition she performed in *South Pacific* and appeared in a Papa John's commercial you may see in the near future.



Class of 1998 Holiday Gathering—Thomas Bell and Kaitlin Chamblin, along with their parents Bruce and Jennifer Bell and Tony and Debbie Chamblin, hosted a holiday gathering for the Lexington School Class of '98 on December 19, 2004. Twenty class members celebrated with their parents at the Bells' home.

FROM LEFT, FRONT ROW: Michael Bray, Laura Hilliard, Ann Chapman Breeden, Alison Michel, Bo Bromagen, Emily Larish, Emily Scarr, Kaitlin Chamblin, Carol Buker, Rush Scott.
TOP ROW: Joe Porter, Todd Detjen, Reed Grimes, Fallon Skinner, Neema Naik, Katie Miller, Anna Coleman Prewitt, Marli Baumann, Emily Kemp, Thomas Bell.



Meredith Lyster'94 wed Christopher William Drake Jones of Lexington on August 7, 2004, at the family farm in Versailles. They now live in Louisville. Unfortunately not all of the TLS guests made it to the stage in time for the pictures, but here are those who did!

FIRST ROW FROM LEFT: Danny VanClief, Seth Soloman, Bryan Lyster, Wick Terrell, Will Chapman, Farra Alford, Kav Milward, David Priest.

THOSE STANDING: B Nicol, Molly Nicol, Helen VanClief, Price Nicol, Mark Hoffman, Kip Clifton, Kaitlin Chamblin, Taylor Baker, Harrison Stuart, Ralph Cohen, Meredith and Chris, Clay Chapman, Gray Lyster, Laura Parrish, Katherine Alford, Bowen Chapman, Liz Martin, Emily Milward, Melissa Sparrow, Katie Priest, Hillary Bell.

Rick VanMeter '00 graduated from Woodbury Forest and is a junior at Vanderbilt University. This fall he will study in Spain.

Luiza DeCamargo '00 attends the University of North Carolina in Asheville, NC. Last school year she interned for Music Allies of Asheville, a radio promotion company with offices throughout the country. This summer she works for "Wood Songs Old Time Radio Hour" in Lexington, KY.

Cody Damm '02, an MSTC student at Dunbar, has been conducting research at UK and has coauthored, with a Ph D. member of UK's Department of Mechanical Engineering, a paper entitled "Fluid Dynamics of Adjustable Pediatric Shunts."

Cody Damm '02, Kirby Ifland '02, Parke Loyd '02 and **Lucy McKinstry '02** were named National Merit Scholars. **Ben Buker '02** is a National Merit Finalist and **Logan Burgess '02, Flora Campbell '02, Dane Jensen '02** and **Lindsey Waldman '02** are National Merit Commended Students.

Francisco DeCamargo '03 will be a senior at Sayre. This summer he is looking at colleges and working on the family farm.

Meg Grossman '03 was a member of the Kentucky All Star Lacrosse Team. She will join this team to compete with 49 other states and foreign countries at the Cup of Nations in Annapolis, MD this summer.

Mariam Hanna '03 completed high school in three years and graduated from Trinity Christian Academy this spring. She will attend Transylvania University on a Pioneer Scholarship this fall.

Anne VanMeter '03 will be a senior at Sayre. She plays soccer and tennis for the school and is currently looking at colleges.

Annie Grossman '04 will be a sophomore at Lafayette High School. This past year she played basketball and soccer for the school. Even though she was the only freshman on the team, Annie was a member of the Lexington select Soccer Team that won the state title. She and the team now advance to the regional competition in Sioux Falls, SD.

Leah Volk '04 attends The Academy at Henry Clay High School where she has maintained a 4.0 average for two years. This spring she was named a Presidential Scholar in science, social studies, and language arts. She was awarded a scholarship to Randolph Macon College.

Two Fond Farewells

Debbie Wilson

VIEWING THE WORLD FROM HER CLASSROOM

Mrs. Debbie Wilson came to The Lexington School fifteen years ago from Capital Day School in Frankfort. She brought with her a passion for politics, a love of travel and learning, and a commitment to curricular diversity. Her students and friends have benefited from each of these qualities.

Before she came to us, Debbie was awarded a Japan Foundation Fellowship to travel to Japan. This trip further fed her fascination and appreciation of the Far East. Her artistic sensibilities that drew her to clean-lined pottery and delicate earth tones were influenced even more by Far Eastern design and color. When five years ago, with the help of an Abercrombie Fellowship, she traveled to Vietnam, she was thrilled to return to an exotic country of Asia. Eating food freshly cooked over an outdoor brazier and climbing among the antiquities during a sizzling Vietnam summer allowed her just one more opportunity to make learning come alive for her students. She returned with hundreds of slides and photos, unique food, treasures to share, and tales of her adventures.

Although she had a passion for American politics and a respected knowledge of U.S. history, Debbie realized the importance of a global perspective. As a result, when the Social Studies Department, which she led for many years, was undergoing a self-evaluation, Debbie took the initiative to develop a seventh grade curriculum that provided students an opportunity to gain a broader view of the world. For six years now, TLS students have examined the history, geography, culture, and customs of Asia. She has emphasized both the need for and the dangers of stereotypes, demanded respect for others, and shown students the responsibility we all have to be good world-wide citizens.

As a leader in multi-faceted, interdisciplinary learning, Mrs. Wilson has given 9th graders a chance to experience the 1960s, had 7th grade groups create countries and meet together to hammer out a united nation's pact, found unique places for students to taste food from the areas they've studied, and worked with art, English, and math teachers to extend the curriculum. Students and faculty alike regard her with admiration and appreciation.



Mrs. Wilson with her advisees Annie Fryman and Naoko Musha.

Debbie could have taken this last year to kick back a little before she moseyed on down the road back to Frankfort. Instead, she took on two new projects: computer classes and Anime Club. Debbie had always been the "go to" person when computers seemed to be developing minds of their own, but she hadn't stopped to consider that she was a computer teacher. This year she worked each day with 8th grade classes helping them become experts in Microsoft Publisher, Word, and PowerPoint. In addition, some middle school Anime addicts sensed a compatriot in Mrs. Wilson and convinced her to sponsor their club. Weekly, they watched Japanese animated films such as her favorite, *Cowboy Bebop,* and ate tasty treats.

Mrs. Wilson looks forward to travel, more time with her family and friends, piles of riveting books, and good surprises during retirement. Who knows where computers or perhaps even Anime may take her?

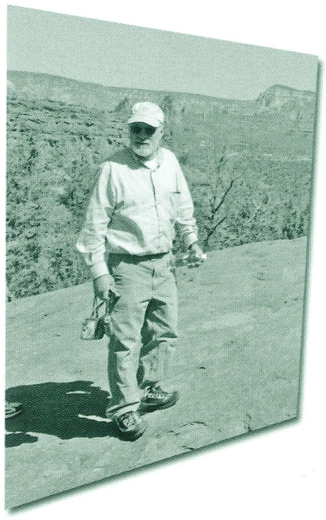
Frank Hardesty

MAY YOUR MOUNTAINS RISE ABOVE THE CLOUDS *(To Mr. Hardesty from Edward Abbey)*

By Lucy C. McKinstry '02

On the first day of class I stared at a small sign on the cluttered bulletin board just inside the door of Mr. Hardesty's classroom. The neat, block letters read, "Who says book learnin' don't scald no hogs?" It took the first few months of 7th grade science and probably more than one explanation for me to understand what this odd question actually said. But like this phrase which has stuck in my mind for years, much of what I learned from Mr. Hardesty did not come from a book, sometimes not even a classroom.

From Mr. Hardesty's discreet infusion of off-beat humor, rural simplicity and logic, southern rock trivia, and collected wisdom, I, and hundreds of other goofy upper schoolers, received an education of authenticity and sincerity. In a most effective and genuine way, Mr. Hardesty shared with us the best of what he had learned after years of roaming either throughout the world or down the TLS hallways with a mug of coffee.



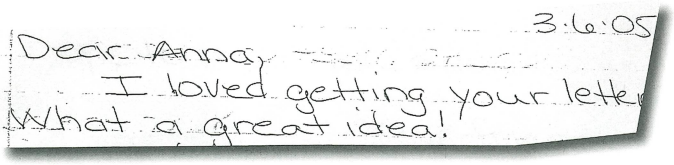
It seems the essential foundation for this style was the honest fact that much of education—both its source and later its application—abounds in the real world, not only in the vacuum of a classroom. By taking us "city folks" on trips to Red River Gorge, canoeing on the Green River, and exploring the rivers and valleys of Zion Canyon, Mr. Hardesty opened for many of us a latent passion for the natural world, particularly the magnificence of nature right in Kentucky.

This past November, Mr. Hardesty took me deer hunting and revealed to me the beauty of "establishing your quiet" and watching the day awaken as well as the disappointment of hunting for deer, elusive on such a cold, windy morning. In the same tune, Mr. Hardesty was the first to preach to me about taking a gap year before college. As I begin that journey right now, writing this article prompts me to wonder what I would otherwise have missed if he hadn't made such a convincing case that day in class.

In a word, Mr. Hardesty's class was unorthodox. Once he rambled out all of Charlie Daniels's "Green Teeth" to a blue-mouthed Carl Gray in class after a blue raspberry sucker had done its damage. Occasionally, the class would listen to a tape recorded reading of Ed Abbey's narration of an encounter with a wildcat. We passed around the straight A's on Mr. Hardesty's high school report card and took tests that had been written in his distinctive, neat block lettering. In such subtle ways, Mr. Hardesty, you showed us by example the importance of authenticity, individuality, curiosity, and a work ethic. Not only did you teach science, but you taught values. The residual effects of your influence are subtle, as appropriate, yet taking just a moment to recall specific ideas and experiences alludes to the true magnitude of your gift to us all. For the school, your retirement is the end of an era. Cheers to you for starting a new chapter of learning, and many thanks for your years of showing us how to learn.



Letters



I'M GOING TO MAIL MYSELF TO YOU!

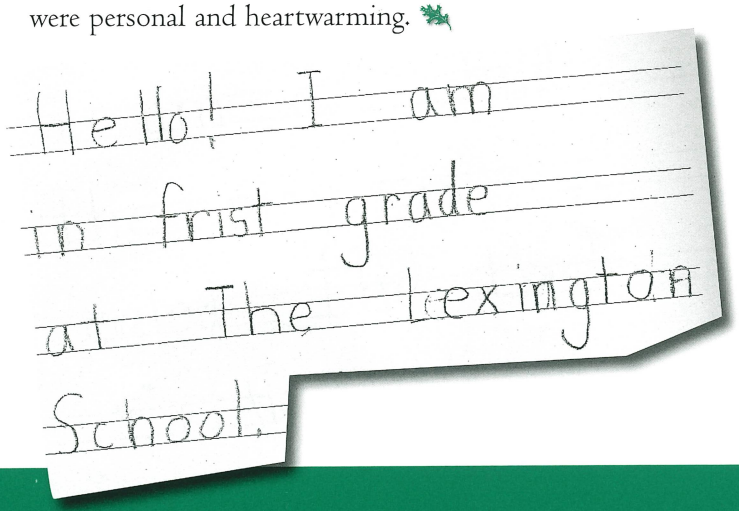
"I'm going to wrap myself in paper. I'm going to tie myself with string. I'm going to climb up in the mailbox. I'm going to mail myself to you!"

First graders still sing this Valentine's song with Mrs. Anderson each February. Perhaps you can hum the tune right now!

In February Lexington School 1st graders also study mail and the postal service, a pretty exciting way to teach reading and writing. This year, as part of their unit, each 1st grader wrote one alumnus who was celebrating a reunion this year. Members of the classes of '72, '75, and '77 heard from a member of the classes of Joni Calkins, Melissa Glisch, Sharon Deller, and Donna (Loyd) Hutton.

Using authentic, phonetic spelling, students wrote about their favorite subjects, activities, teachers, and other interests. Hot topics included their Valentine's Day play, science projects, and most importantly, the new playground. Children included a photo of themselves in their letters.

Alumni were encouraged to respond to their Pen Pals with some remarks about their experiences at The Lexington School and a photo of themselves or their families. Both the 1st grade letters and the alumni responses were personal and heartwarming.





ALUMNI COUNCIL AND THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE – GETTING THE WORK DONE

Assistant Director of Development Diana Clark and Alumni Council President Kathleen Eastland Sisler '87 along with Director of Alumni Affairs Lucy J. McKinstry '66 form a dynamic triad of enthusiasm, loyalty, and commitment to Lexington School Alumni. Although each has a different title, all have the same goal: to provide opportunities for all alumni to make connections with TLS – their education home base. The triad is ably aided by members of the Alumni Council who meet five times during the school year to brainstorm, refine ideas, and plan phonathons, reunions, basketball games with chili following, holiday homecomings, time capsule burials, alumni luncheons for new graduates- just some of the countless activities available to those who attended The Lexington School. Diana and Lucy are the ones who guard the photo archives, the yearbooks, and the heartwarming collections of goodies from past classes that they pull out for both nostalgic and comic effect at various alumni gatherings. Kathleen keeps the Council on course. Kudos to these three who keep our connections to one another strong! Thanks, also, to the dedicated members of the Alumni Council who include the following:

Barbara Bale – (H'00), Louie Bosworth III, '69, Lucy Barrow Calhoun '75, Whitney Martin Collins '88, Elizabeth Patterson Coons '78, Sarah Robinson Cowden '78, Elizabeth Gay Freeman '79, Libby Geddes –Former Faculty, Lambsy Bennett Graves '84, Matthew Hartley '95, Kelsey Nicholson Hempel '96, Jeff Jefferson, IV '85, Melanie Smith Leach '88, Sam Lockridge '77, Claire Macfrarlane – (H'79), Lucy Johnston McKinstry '66, Mary Lee Nichols – (H'99), Roberta Owen – (H'00), Bill Patterson, III '81.

Current President, Kathleen Eastland Sisler '87. Past presidents, Cy Alexander '75 and Renie Ingram Parsons '81.

THE BIG BARROW BASH

By Diana Clark

The night of June 18th proved to be a memorable one for the friends, families, and alumni of TLS thanks to the generosity and kind invitation of the Barrow sisters. On that perfect summer evening guests were welcomed onto Ashwood Farm for a night full of shrimp, sweets, champagne, and camaraderie.

Caroline Barrow '72, Lucy Calhoun '75, and B.B. Pearson '77, all nee Barrow, hosted a joint reunion for their respective classes at their family residence. Also in attendance included Head of School Chuck Baldecchi and his family, Mrs. Lorine Trosper (H'79), Mrs. Sue Orme (H'72), Mrs. Roberta Owen (H'00), and Mr. Rod Bussey (H'03).

All in attendance enjoyed a night of poolside story swapping to a live acoustic version of "Sweet Caroline" and myriad other 70's favorites. While the children played on the lawn, alumni listened to Mrs. Trosper bring back her former students' 2nd grade follies. Faces paled with the emergence of old yearbooks, but the trip down memory lane brought smiles to all.



As the evening wound down, nostalgia reflected in the eyes of old friends as they embraced and enjoyed the beautiful sunset over Ashwood's rolling hills. Departure proved difficult for those who continue to cherish and magnify the deeply rooted ties that bind our TLS extended family.

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Class of 2001 Celebrates High School Graduation together

Local graduates enjoyed a party at the home of John Brooks.

ROW 1 (L-R): *Glenn Volk, B. Fisher, Lacy Reinhold, Chip McGauhey, Laura Purdy, Leah Martin, Logan Burgess, Tyler Bromagen, Andy Burchett.*
ROW 2: *Doug Romaine, Jimmy Hamilton, H.G. Welles, Peyton Keller, Parke Loyd, John Brooks, Shelby Martin, Dane Jensen, Aimee Bruckner, Austin Tucker, Alex McIntyre, Jordan English, Elliott Richards.*

Save the Date

to get together with *your* Lexington School friends!

October 22, 7PM
1980 Class Reunion
at the home of Luke Hodges

Thanksgiving Week
Time Capsule Burial
Class of 2005—at TLS

December 17, 5:30-7:30PM
Holiday Homecoming
All are invited—at TLS

Alumni Basketball Game - TBA

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From *The Archives*



Class of '72: Mrs. Lorine Trosper and her second graders.