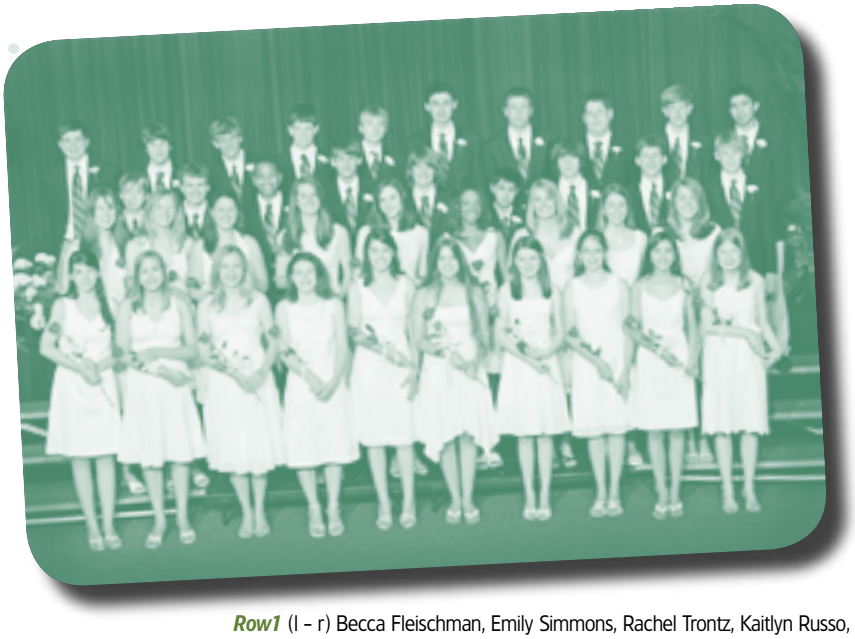
The Lexington School
Pinpoints
SUMMER 2006
A Newsletter for Families, Alumni, & Friends of The Lexington School

The Class of 2006



Row1 (l – r) Becca Fleischman, Emily Simmons, Rachel Trontz, Kaitlyn Russo, Alex Fleischman, Heidi Marsh, Meg Paulick, Elizabeth Pagan, Alex Kiefer, Sarah Atkins. ***Row 2*** Madison Smith, Annie Fryman, Alex Joefreda, Mary Spirito, Caroline Haydon, Chanel Minnifield, Anne MacNeil, Maggie Wilson, Maggie MacNeil. ***Row 3*** Holden Pederson, Nick Terry, Kamron Cox, Martin Carroll, Jim Betts, Sonny Hamid, Hil Boone, Lee Cowden, Connor Ferguson. ***Row 4*** Ben Wermeling, Bryan O'Neill, Charles Lambert, Clay Atcher, Alex Nelson, Wood Van Meter, Hunt Cunningham, D.R. Ball, Austin Akers, Oscar Alcaraz. *Not present: Christiana Holsapple, Naoko Musha.*

Light into the Future

GRADUATION 2006

Geese soared overhead in silent V formation, thunder grumbled in the distance, and the Victory Brass sounded "Pomp and Circumstance" as the eighth grade class of 2006 became alumni of The Lexington School in our first outdoor ceremony in many years. Proud families, friends, board members, and faculty were able to gaze across the soccer fields these students had claimed as their own, and view the lower school building that they had helped their young buddies move to.

Other than the setting and the accompaniment of brass, graduation traditions of singing the Alma Mater, greetings from the Head of School, the Chair of the Board of Trustees, and memories of the class officers remained the same. Twelve students were named to the Permanent Head's List: Sarah Atkins, D.R. Ball, Lee Cowden, Alex Fleischman, Becca Fleischman, Annie Fryman, Caroline Haydon, Christiana Holsapple, Alex Joefreda, Alex Kiefer, Naoko Musha, and Maggie Wilson. This award is given to those students who have sustained High Honors for all three years in middle school.

Both Head of School Chuck Baldecchi and Board Chair Tom Miller expressed their confidence in the '06 graduates' diligence, courage, and kind hearts. Mr. Miller also reminded all that as eighth graders, these students weren't "finished" yet. He shared stories of alumni who were academic and athletic leaders long after their TLS years, and he charged this class to go forth, unafraid, to achieve their hearts' desires.

Student leaders walked their families and friends through their years at The Lexington School from preschool through this year. Student Council President Alex Kiefer kicked off her speech with a quotation from *The Wonder Years*, "Memory is a way of holding onto the things you love, the things you are, the things you never want to lose." She said that her memories of preschool filled her with gratitude for the choice her classmates' families made to educate their children at The Lexington School. Memories of candy houses, Halloween costumes, and lessons in cursive writing,





multiplication, and division reminded her of the individuality of her classmates. She was also struck by "how valuable our school is." Alex went on to say, "Not any school could teach...in such a unique way. Rarely has a textbook been used on a daily basis in all ten years that I have been here. This unique style of teaching enhances the learning process greatly, and it also makes the memories I have here rich and deep."

Vice President Maggie Wilson began her speech by saying, "When recalling the past, people don't remember certain days, but moments and special memories they had." With this in mind, she challenged her classmates to remember "This Bark on Me" and "B-B-B-Bats." Mr. Platt's ties, creating Rube Goldbergs, the Pi Song, and *The Emperor's New Clothes* further sparked the graduates' memory banks. Maggie ended her speech with a tribute to the fact that although each classmate was different and special in "extremely unlike ways, [these students] combined to make a wonderful class that will always have the fond memories of TLS with them."

Eighth grade class president D.R. Ball rounded out the graduates' school years with memories of middle school. Reminiscences of a night under a wet sleeping tarp, "Dance, Dance Revolution," and Teacher Survivor during Spirit Day melded with recollections of work for Hurricane Katrina Relief, Middle East journals, strong bridges built in Mr. Hardesty's class, and challenging English and history papers. D.R. urged his classmates, "Cherish your memories forever; not only have we learned academically, but we have learned many lessons about life." He closed with more thanks for parents for providing the "best education we need," and he thanked "teachers for teaching us not only English, math, and history, but about life and what will be useful in the future."

Our honored alumnus Mark Lyons '92 spoke, and diplomas were dispersed. The closing faculty gift to the graduates reflected the feelings of all present as teachers sang, "May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May you live well in the heart of your home, until we meet again." With that Irish blessing, the class of 2006 became our newest alumni and our light into the future.



(top) Student Council President Alex Kiefer addresses the gathering; Middle School Division Head Una MacCarthy leads the graduates up to the dais. *(right)* Diplomas provide handy umbrellas for a few raindrops.

A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH THE FIRST STEPS

Mark Lyons's journey across The Lexington School graduation stage in 1992 was just one of many journeys that brought him back again to address the class of 2006. After attending TLS for 12 years and graduating from Henry Clay High School, Mark studied at the University of Chicago where he earned degrees in political science and microbiology. Then he crossed the Atlantic to obtain his Master's Degree in Fermentation at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh where he continues work on his Ph.D. Mark, a skilled linguist, speaks French, Spanish, German, and Portuguese, and he needs each of these languages as he travels the world in charge of International Projects for Alltech, Inc., world leader in natural solutions in the feed and food industry.

Mark Lyons delivered his commencement address noting his pleasure that all previous speakers that morning had perhaps lifted notes from his address. He agreed with others that his Lexington School years had provided him a solid foundation in reading, writing, and math, yet it was the nurturing and support he received from the faculty that encouraged him to take risks and provided him with the tools to think "both critically and creatively."

Mark said, "As I thought of what I would say today, I thought of a few key principals: Confidence, risk, and challenge. Ironically, I had thought of this theme as something that I myself had lived. But when I read the Philosophy Statement at the bottom of an email from Mr. Baldecchi, I was struck by the fact that these elements are all contained within it. This philosophy was instilled in me here within these walls."

Mark urged students to be unafraid of being different. He said, "Being different may seem difficult now, but it is what in the end will get you where you want to be and also make your life something unique." He encouraged students not to be fearful of taking risks, noting that in order to take risks, students must "truly have these fundamentals that have been taught during your time at The Lexington School…. These provide that confidence and that strength to challenge ourselves and help us grow into the leaders and citizens that we must become."

Mark also urged students to remember the adage "to whom much is given, much is expected." Mr. Baldecchi mentioned in his introduction of Mark that in addition to his work related responsibilities, Mark himself has been involved in several humanitarian projects in countries such as Thailand and Mexico. Alltech and the Royal Thai Government worked together this past year to assist in the rebuilding of two villages devastated by the tsunami. This involvement led to homes and schools being re-built, boats purchased, and lives restored. Near Serdan, Mexico, where Alltech has an office, Mark has made a commitment to two orphanages. He looks over the welfare needs of the children during special occasions such as Christmas and birthdays.

Mark ended his address with a both quotation by Former President Ronald Reagan: "You must be the tide by which all ships rise," and a challenge to "believe in yourself and keep pushing yourself out of your comfort zone, back into that place where you will experience more and grow." He reminded students, "You have come to know that place here at TLS and are well prepared for it. Keep seeking it, and you will find the success in life in the path that you choose."

Mark Lyons has chosen unique paths for his life that have provided him access to the world. He has lived his philosophy that embraces challenge, risk, and confidence, yet it took his path back to The Lexington School to remind him of its origins. Mark truly holds the TLS standards high.



Head *Lines*

NOTES FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

My past two years at The Lexington School have been so full of learning, community gatherings, meetings to enhance our every day lives and to ensure a vital future for our school, and interaction with students, families, faculty, and friends. As a result I was very pleased yet a little surprised to find myself already at my second graduation of Lexington School students. Along with graduation comes this summer issue of *Pinpoints* largely devoted to our alumni. We have been receiving numerous updates throughout the year, and we hope you will enjoy catching up on what's happening to your TLS family.

The 2005-2006 school was a year of planning for our next five years. The Strategic Planning Committee worked diligently to formulate a map that would see the school through its 50th Anniversary. I thank Rob Brewer '85, Billy Simpson, Holly Bandoroff, Tom Miller, Una MacCarthy, Janette Moloney, Jaci Sloan, Angela Beck, Sonja Feist-Price, Lisa Trawick, Layton Register '78, Whitney Martin Collins '88, Jessica Bell Nicholson '64, and Chair Judge Wilson. Notice the strong representation of our alumni on the committee.

Please mark the 2009-2010 school year in your calendars and hearts. Although it is three years away, we have begun planning for our 50th Anniversary. Expect to hear more from the committee in future *Pinpoints* and other school communication.

We are hoping the rest of our alumni will embrace the example of our graduating classes ending in "6." For the first time by the end of December, class members from each reunion year, 1966, 1976, 1986, and 1996 will have gathered together to share memories of their TLS years. We challenge the classes ending in "7" to follow this lead, and we look forward to a reunion of all TLS graduates for our 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Enjoy familiarizing yourself with information of our newest alumni, the class of 2006, and catching up on some of your classmates. If you have class news, please forward it to aeames@thelexingtonschool.org for publication in future issues. We value our alumni and look forward to hearing from you.

With warm regards,



Chuck Baldecchi
Head of School



Mission Statement

The mission of The Lexington School is to provide an education of the highest quality to students in preschool through middle school. In a structured, nurturing environment, The Lexington School seeks to instill integrity, a life-long enthusiasm for learning, and a strong work ethic.

Philosophy Statement

Because we are a nurturing environment,
children feel confident.
When children are confident,
they will take risks.
Because risk taking is inherent in learning,
the possibility of failure exists.
When a nurturing community exists,
challenges lead to growth.
Our success is defined when our students have the life skills to make wise choices and overcome obstacles.

A NEW TLS TRADITION

By Jawanna Herd

Since October 5, 2005 as many as twenty different former TLS faculty members and administrators have met for lunch in Midway and Georgetown. Some taught at The Lexington School as early as the opening day of school (1959).

The idea to meet on a regular basis was conceived by Jawanna Herd, former upper/middle school science teacher. She suggested the first Wednesday of each month, found a restaurant, started contacting former faculty members, staff, and administrators, and the concept took off from there!

Lively lunch discussions have included news of other former faculty, the current health condition of specific individuals, and bragging and sharing pictures of grandchildren and pets. Of course there is always discussion of former students and their accomplishments and some of the wonderful and unusual things that they are doing.

Besides these issues, we've learned that former faculty members are involved in a wide range of activities including holding various part-time jobs, taking art classes, exercising, and traveling. Some travel extensively in the United States, and others ventured to Israel (Betty Cox) and Thailand (Isabel Kasperbauer).

All retired TLSers are encouraged to join this group on the first Wednesday of any month. Contact Jawanna Herd at 209 Aztec Trail, Georgetown, KY 40324, or find her at fernplace@bellsouth.net.



Faculty at lunch *Left to Right:* Penny Lastinger, Judy Apple, Jawanna Herd, Roberta Owen, Gretchen Young, Carolyn Floyd, Mary Lee Nichols, Debbie Wilson, Melanie Bishop, Betty Cox, Harriet Collier, Claire Macfarlane.



REUNION '96

By Kelsey Nicholson Hempel '96

On the opening weekend of Keeneland's Spring Meet, the class of 1996 reunited with our own TLS colts. Twenty-five students and six faculty members gathered at Malone's Banquet Room for an evening of laughter, story-telling and reconnecting. We would like to thank all of our classmates who attended and especially those who traveled great distances to be there. Laura Bell Bundy won the prize for traveling the farthest - all the way from Los Angeles. Rebekah Gray and Rachel Carney came from the Washington, D.C. area through torrential rains, Elizabeth Gambet and Olivia Hurter from Chicago, Ashleigh Long from Nashville, and Chris Wooster from Pikeville, Kentucky.

As the party continued, we soon felt as though we were back in the TLS ninth grade lounge having a good time. We enjoyed watching a slideshow of our photographs taken through the years. The evening was such a success that we generated an email list on cocktail napkins and are looking forward to keeping in touch!

Pictures from top to bottom: Alicia Rose (Lexington) and Brooke Foley Counts, reunion organizer with Kelsey, enjoys time with Olivia Hurter (Chicago), and Rachel Carney (Washington, D.C.); '96 reunion organizer Kelsey Nicholson Hempel greets Rebekah Gray who drove through storms to make the gathering; Alex Clay and Mrs. Gretchen Young are happy to see one another.

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Erin and Chuck Baldecchi welcomed all to the '05 Holiday Homecoming.



Henry West '66 savored a conversation with former teacher Lorine Trosper H'79.



Margaret Cowling '64, Kelsey Nicholson Hempel '96, and Todd Trimble Graddy '64 enjoyed archival photos.



Former Montessori teacher Barbara Brogan reminisced with the recently ordained Deacon Chris Clay '89.



Elizabeth Patterson Coons '82, Stephanie Poole '82, and Elizabeth Kincaid Descarpentries '82 enjoyed their mini reunion.



Taylor Keller Fister '88 on the kindergarten steps with McMillan '14 and his younger brother.



The family of former teachers Anne Thomas and Todd McCormack.



Becky and Chris Johnson '89. Chris will teach science in middle school in the fall.

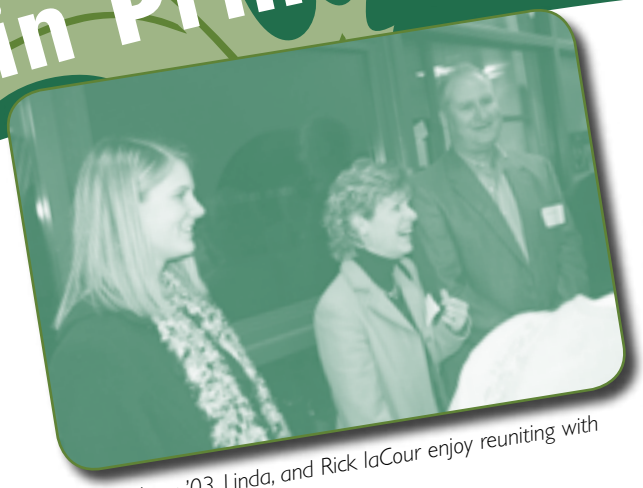


Berry Potter '64 had a date for Holiday Homecoming: his daughter Davis '94.



The family of former teacher Robin Jones.

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Lucy '03, Linda, and Rick laCour enjoy reuniting with Lexington School friends.



Win Paulson '65 and Sayre Combs '65 flank Holly Bandoroff – board member and parent.



Miles Hopgood '03 and Christi Scheib '03 in an Andy Warhol pose.



Pam and Robby Stilz '65 enjoyed a peek at the lower school.



Heidi Zimmerman '03 was a student intern for Mrs. Sharon Deller most of the year.



Melanie Smith Leach '88 with her daughter awaiting son Jackson's '14 performance.



Your Alumni Council



Class of 2002 had a little reunion in Ms. Bonzo's room.



Three TLS generations: Harry Cohen '65, Barbara Cohen Rubin '89, and Seth Rubin '17.



True Baker '96 helped his sister McEwen Baker '13 with her candy house.

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NEWS OF ALUMNI

Ethan Diamond '86 was co-founder and former President of Oddpost, Inc., an award-winning web-based email service. In '04 Yahoo! acquired his product, and he is currently Director of Product Development for Yahoo! Mail.

Aoife Lyons '88 was the keynote speaker for the spring Faculty In-service. Aoife graduated *Magna Cum Laude* from Notre Dame, earned a Master's in Women's Studies with honors from the University College of Dublin, and was awarded a second master's and a doctorate degree in psychology from De Paul University. Her topic for the faculty was "'Mean Girls' and 'Bullying Boys' – Why your kids act like they do (and what you can do about it)." She has a private practice in Chicago and is an adjunct professor at De Paul.

Ferran Robinson '92 married Leslie Servant of Lawrenceberg, KY on December 10, 2005 at Keeneland. **Tony Rosenbaum '92** was Ferran's best man. Ferran, a graduate of Dunbar High School and the University of Kentucky, is employed at Winter Quarter Farm.

Anne Shropshire '93, director of marketing and business development for the North Carolina Association of REALTORS, has been awarded the prestigious 2006 Banff Scholarship for Emerging Leaders. The scholarship, valued at more than $5,000, includes full tuition for a weeklong management and leadership training program.

Ellen Stilz '94 married Dr. Mitchell Martin Plummer on April 22, 2006 at Broadway Christian Church in Lexington. A graduate of Henry Clay High School, Davidson College, and the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, Dr. Stilz will begin a pediatric residency at the University of Texas Southwest Medical School in Dallas, TX.

Holly Brown '96 is studying law at the University of Kentucky.

Rebekah Gray '96 works in technical services with Lockheed Martin Technical Operations based in Washington, D.C.

Kara Huff '96 is the manager of Capel Rugs of Lexington.

Olivia Hurter '96 is currently with LaSalle Bank in Chicago, IL. She is working in investment services.



On May 21, 2005, **Meade Young '95** married David Fogel. Meade is pursuing a master's in nutrition at New York University, and David works for a small investment banking firm. From the left: **W.T. Young, Jr. '63**, Mead, David, Barbara Young, and **Chris Young '89**.

Alicia Rose '96 manages the Panera Bread Café in Frankfort, KY.

Griff Van Meter '96 attends the University of Kentucky School of Art, and he recently purchased Stella's Deli on Jefferson Street in Lexington.

Three TLS students graduated from UK School of Law this May: **Brooke Folley Counts '96**, **Walt Robertson '94, and John Spires '94**, who, as number one in his class, delivered the valedictory address.

Will Dowden '00, a rising senior at the University of Virginia McIntyre School of Commerce, has been on the dean's list every semester. Additionally he is president of the school's shooting team, treasurer of the UVA club soccer team, and president of the business honorary Beta Gamma Sigma. This summer he will be in New York City interning for Rothschild Bank on Wall Street working in mergers and acquisitions.

Beckett Fogg, Francisco De Comargo, Caleigh Waldman, and Heidi Zimmerman, all '03, were student interns at TLS this spring working with Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Bjork, Mrs. Bonzo, and Mrs. Deller, respectively.

Heidi Zimmerman '03, a recent graduate of SCAPA, placed in the top ten in her class. She was also a member of the National Honor Society, and a recipient of a Commonwealth Diploma. Heidi will attend the University of Pittsburgh in their BA/MA Elementary Education program.

Mrs. Marijo Foster learns about **Michael Hurter's '94** experiences at Chase School of Law at Northern Kentucky University.

Mary Park '80 resides in Seattle, WA with her husband Steve Stolder and her two children. In recent years Mary has been a *New York Times* book critic.

Ethan Diamond '86 is currently director of product development for *Yahoo! Mail*.

Members of the class of '66 gathered at Lucy Johnston McKinstry's home for an evening meal and fun. From the left: **Lucy Johnston McKinstry**, **Mary Whitt Fishel** (in background), **Martha Buster Martin, Amelia Robinson Fritz, Susan Wagers Weisenberger** (on the phone with **Helen Winternitz**, who was right there, laughing and reminiscing in great spirit), and **Ellen Haggard Cunningham**.

On Saturday, October 8, 2005, **Aoife Lyons '88** and Barret Harvey were married at St. Peter Catholic Church, Lexington, Kentucky. **Megan Foster Sullivan '87** was matron of honor, and two of her three sons, Davey and Charlie Sullivan, were ring bearers.

Dr. Aoife Lyons '88 is surrounded by former teachers upon her return to TLS. Aoife, a child psychologist, presented an in-service for teachers in March. From left: Mark Scarr, Martha Anderson, Ann Eames, Aoife, Lanna Bell, Marijo Foster, and Frank Hardesty.

Mrs. Jennifer Stith caught up with **Kelsey Hitchingham '98** who currently works for FDC Educational Resources.

The class of '76 took a tour of the new lower school and enjoyed a day together at Keeneland. From left front: **Lucy Bryans Van Meter, Becky Lange Wills, John Congleton, Chap Couzens**. Back: **John Marshall, Mason Bennett Rummel, Bill Cox, Larry Jenkins, Jim Gillis**.

Ms. Una MacCarthy and Mrs. Marijo Foster invited **Davis Cain '04** for lunch and a day reminiscing.



















The Final Four

MARGARET BARKER: FROM TLS TO AN ISLAND

by Sharon Sadler, Kris Neese, and Ann Eames

Mrs. Margaret Barker has devoted the past twenty years of her life to kindergartners at The Lexington School. She instinctively tunes in to the needs of young children, and if a child is ever experiencing rough times, Margaret's first question is, "What can we do?" Then, she works and works to discover ways to address the challenge a little one may be having.

Mrs. Barker relishes observing kids being who they are, and she has never been afraid to have fun with her students. From Pirate Treasure Hunts for golden doubloons on the school grounds to Handwriting Without Tears, Margaret is always thinking about her kindergartners and what would work in her classroom. Even though she knew she was retiring from TLS this year, Margaret continued to develop specific themes and begin new language arts centers for her classroom.

Pirate Treasure Hunts pose their own challenges. One of them is remembering where the doubloons are buried. One year the ground outside the cafeteria parking lot looked as if gophers had been having a hole-building fest, but it was really that Margaret and her teammate Zena Musgrave hadn't been able to remember where they actually had buried the treasure. They dug for a half hour before locating the pirates' trove.

Family and faith are primary with Margaret and her husband Rich Barker. Together, they delight in time spent with their grandchildren and children. Friends speak from experience when they say Rich and Margaret make time to be with others in need, to have a kind word, share an incredibly bad joke, or connect any way possible. And music, music, music energizes them all. Margaret sings in the church choir, and Rich composes sacred music and performs in a variety of venues throughout the Central Kentucky area.

Friends who have danced with Margaret, sung with her, counted calories together, and walked many of the same miles with her will miss her calm, smiling, positive, reassuring, playful presence in the halls and in the classroom. They value Margaret as the "rememberer" – the one who tells the stories and values the ties of friendship.

Lord Byron said, "I have a dream, which was not all a dream." For years the Barkers have dreamed of an island home in the Strait of San Juan de Fuca off the coast of Washington. They purchased property, saved, designed, and envisioned. In June they began to realize this dream as they headed west to establish a new life. Margaret took with her the love and respect of her colleagues, her faith, and the support of her family. Tucked away in the moving van also were some personal teaching materials, just in case someone on a northwestern island needs her expertise, help with a little one, or a way to connect.

In all kinds of weather, Margaret Barker wears a permanent, genuine, beaming smile. Her absence will reduce the wattage in the halls of TLS, and she will be missed.



MARY BEERS: 23 YEARS AND A PERFECT SCORE

By Kelly Mitchell, Prekindergarten teacher



One can hardly think about The Lexington School's preschool without thinking of Mary Beers. Of her over thirty years of teaching experience, twenty three have been right here at TLS. Mary began her career in early childhood education when she opened and operated her county's first in-home early learning center in Minnesota. Mary says that she had to fight the closed mindedness of some of the townsmen who believed a woman's place was in the home. As you might have guessed, Mary not only was successful, but she also gained the respect of those naysayers. From there, Mary taught kindergarten in a public school setting for several years. Upon settling in Lexington, KY, she made her occupational home at Midway College as Assistant Director of their Early Learning Center. At Midway Mary met and became friends with Gale Bhattacharyya, who would later follow her to become a kindergarten teacher at TLS. Mary arrived at TLS in 1983 armed with a smile and a box full of file folder games. Those of us in this profession for a while chuckle as we remember those folders.

In 1983 the preschool at TLS was only a half-day option. Mary spent the afternoons of her first eight years wearing another hat - that of lower school science teacher. Space was limited in the school then, and Mary could be seen rolling her science cart to the classrooms and offering science on site. She enjoyed this part of her day, when she got to visit with many of the lower school students.

It wasn't long before the preschool program at TLS blossomed. This created the need for Mary to expand her duties once again to Preschool Director. Not wanting to miss out on time in the classroom, Mary did double duty for many years as preschool teacher in the morning and Preschool Director in the afternoon. In 2001 the demands of our flourishing preschool had grown, and Mary became its fulltime director. Under Mary's leadership, the preschool became one of only a handful of early childhood centers locally to secure accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Not only did TLS preschool become accredited, but it also earned a perfect score!

If you ask some of Mrs. Beers's former students what they remember of their time under her wing, they might say the red car or time to play. Pouring their own juice and the art counter. The light table, painting, lots and lots of stories, or the bird that sang during naptime.

Asked what she will miss most about TLS, Mary's responses included, "The voices of the children, my friends and TLS community, and, of course, Joyce's cornbread."

"In truth," one of many Mary-isms we've come to know and love through the years, The Lexington School will not be the same without her. We wish her a happy retirement but know that this isn't farewell. Working alongside Jane Childers, Mary will continue to support TLS as a learning specialist volunteer working with the school's youngest students. We look forward to keeping in touch and wish her a happy, well deserved retirement!

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ANN EAMES: WOMAN FOR ALL SEASONS

by Marijo Foster

Committing to words how Ann Eames has affected The Lexington School for the past 28 years is a daunting task. She has served the school in diverse ways and has always rewritten the expectations for whatever she has done.

In 1978, Jimmy Carter was president; *Dallas* was the new "cool" show on television, and the country was recovering from the "blizzard of the century" that occurred in February. It was also the year that Bud Pritchett hired an assistant in the Montessori classroom to work with Barbara Brogan. Her name was Ann. Mrs. Eames's educational background had included a Bachelor's Degree in English, and her experience had been in that teaching area, as well. Bud must have recognized her penchant for adapting to and embracing new challenges as well as guiding children, no matter the age. He was right.

After a few years, there were a couple of job openings in the older grades. I can well remember trying my hardest to lure Ann as a language arts teacher in the division that I was heading at the time. I hate to admit it, but I failed in my recruiting efforts; Ann accepted the position as "upper school" English teacher and chair of the English department instead. My failure stung at the time, but I soon learned that Ann's leadership and mentoring skills in the language arts department would benefit every level of the school. She guided the program through some positive changes that affect us all to this day.

As an administrator, I valued Ann's judgment and ability to affect change. As a parent, I appreciated Ann's way of bonding with children as she guided their writing and other language arts skills. Those bonds with children over the years have been translated into adult friendships with those she taught. Students knew that she cared about them, and many of them have continued relationships as adults. Ann can hardly sit down to enjoy a cup of coffee at Starbucks in Chevy Chase without a former student joining her for a minute or two… or more, and she loves that.



Ever the learner herself, somewhere along the way Ann's love of literature and children's books motivated her to begin work on a Master's Degree in Library Science. I don't think she really ever thought that she would leave the English classroom when she began that educational journey, but life takes interesting turns. After fifteen years in the English classroom, it was time for Ann to become the head librarian, and once again she proved that challenges and new experiences kindle her soul. Ann valued the sense of community in this school so much that she, with the help of Melanie Bishop, did everything but turn back flips to make our library a welcoming haven for everyone in the school. The library remains central to the warm feeling of community that prevails in this place.

Ann's final years at The Lexington School have been filled with varied responsibilities that she has performed flawlessly. Sometimes the responsibilities have been temporary, such as when she served as acting middle school head while Una MacCarthy was on maternity leave or as middle school English teacher when Laura Bonzo-Sims took hers. She has also served as the Director of Professional Development during the past four years and during the past two as Director of Communication as well. If you enjoy using the school's website to gain information, thank Ann. And if reading *Pinpoints* is more up your alley, then, once again, it's Ann who is in charge.

They say that everyone can be replaced, but I'm not so sure about Ann. Her set of skills and talents is so unique, and her work ethic is so strong, that her various job responsibilities will have to be doled out to several as she departs. And it will take all of us to fill the void of the friendship and mentoring that she provides on a daily basis.

Being the role model that she has been, I believe she has taught us well enough to be there for each other as she moves on to her next opportunity – retirement – but she will be missed more than she will ever know.

On behalf of all whose lives you have touched at The Lexington School, *farewell and Godspeed, Ann.*

JACK BROST: MAN OF MANY TALENTS



From Savannah, Georgia through Englewood, New Jersey, veteran teacher Jack Brost finally made his way to Lexington, Kentucky, a place he has called home for thirty years. Although Mr. Brost loved his ten years in Englewood at the Elisabeth Morrow School in the shadow of New York City and Broadway, the minute he arrived at The Lexington School, he experienced, "a cordial welcoming at his interview by the school community and the broader Lexington community." Fortunately for us, it was warm enough to keep him here for three decades. Jack says, "It never occurred to me to look elsewhere."

For his first TLS year Jack taught history for grades six through eight. The following year Head of School Bud Pritchett made him Director of Studies (and history teacher), and the year after that Head of School Richard Schwab appointed Jack Director of Boarding School Placement. At this time, Jack also began solely teaching eighth and ninth grade history, and these are the roles he filled for TLS for most of his career.

Jack remembers that his work with students and boarding schools began informally. Eventually though, the school had at least a third of its freshman class going to boarding schools, and often half the class applied. Jack visited many schools in the northeast and south and became well and warmly acquainted with many directors of admissions.

When former Westminster Director of Admissions John Fixx took the helm of The Lexington School, he made the school community more aware of the impact Mr. Brost had on young lives and the way Jack's conduct and student recommendations gave our school a trusted and respected profile in the boarding school world. As a result, Mr. Fixx named our annual symposium the Jack A. Brost Boarding School Symposium as noted in a plaque near the front entrance that also says, "To Honor a Gentleman Who For Two Generations Has Provided Guidance to Lexington School Students Considering Boarding School – 13 October 1998."

Over the years students and music have provided Jack's *raison d'etre*. He sang professionally in the Christ Church Choir and then, for sixteen years, in the First Presbyterian Church Choir. Now, he lifts his voice for the St. Andrew's Anglican Church choir.

A huge opera buff, Jack still remembers with delight his years near New York City that allowed him to hear all of the world's greatest singers at Avery Fisher Hall, Carnegie Hall, and the Metropolitan Opera. He bought every ticket possible and sometimes two tickets for one night. He ran from theater to theater until he realized he could relax. The best music would always be in NYC. He remembers well Die Meistersinger by Richard Wagner. The opera house was packed, and Jack had a standing room only ticket. Late in the production one of the chorus members fainted flat, but Jack stood unflaggingly throughout every moment of the five-hour performance.

After thirty years Jack's daily drive to The Lexington School have become a way of life that he will miss. Lexington, though, has become home. He treasures his friends from so many different circles, and he, in turn, is treasured by all. Jack, as Wotan tells his Brünnhilde, *"Leb' wohl, du kühnes, herrliches Kind!"*

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED



By Whitney Martin Collins '88

Members of the Class of 1988 like to brag about knowing him; former teachers like to brag about instructing him; and, ironically, he now lives in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. But of all the things Major Marshall Groves '88 is capable of doing, tooting his own horn is not one of them.

"I continue to be extremely honored and overwhelmed by all the praise I've received for the events that happened that night over Fallujah," Marshall said. "My crew and I were simply prepared when things went bad."

That's how he might humbly sum up a courageous evening in Iraq, but, once explained, most everyone interprets his rescue mission differently.

On the night of April 12, 2004, Marshall took off in his MH-53 Pave Low helicopter, with five crew members and two Special Forces soldiers, on a re-supply mission in the Fallujah area. A lead helicopter in front of him carried a crew of six and three soldiers, and not long after takeoff it was hit by enemy fire.

Seeing that the sky was moonless, "it was a very, very lucky shot," Marshall explained.

The lead chopper tried to avoid additional damage by surging upward. Marshall and his crew soon realized they were a target as well.

"We were getting shot at the whole time," he said. "We did some evasive maneuvers, and in the middle of our evasive maneuvers, we lost track of the other aircraft. That was the worst…not knowing where the other guy was…if they'd crashed, if they were alive…we couldn't get them on the radio."

Meanwhile, while the flight plan called for Marshall to follow his wing man, the navigation system began to malfunction on his helicopter, making it even harder to locate the lead helicopter.



"We circled for what seemed like an eternity…finally, my tail gunner, Master Sergeant Byron Allen, spotted the lead aircraft on the ground. Their main rotor was still turning, so we figured they might be all right."

While under attack and returning fire, Marshall brought his helicopter down about 200 feet from the damaged aircraft. The Special Forces soldiers retrieved the injured crew and troops from the wreckage, while Marshall kept his guns ready.

"We had several pockets of bad guys around us," Marshall said. "It must have taken only ten minutes, but it seemed like a week."

Finally, Marshall was able to take off with all nine passengers from the other helicopter on board. At that point, insurgents closed in on the downed helicopter, and a videotape of the incident showed someone with a gun walking up to the wreckage seconds after Marshall evacuated his men. Thirty minutes later, Marshall was back on base; the wounded were shuttled to the hospital, and all involved survived.

For his valor and self-sacrifice, the Air Force honored Marshall with the 2004 Cheney Award and the Silver Star. In addition, both he and his crew will receive the Jolly Green Association's Rescue Award.

"His courage, aviation skill, and devotion to his fellow service members," the Cheney Award citation proclaimed, "saved the lives of nine U.S. service members. The professional skill and airmanship displayed by Major Groves reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

General T. Michael Moseley, the Air Force's Chief of Staff who presented the Cheney Award called Marshall "awesome." And the pilot of the downed helicopter, Major Steve Edwards, said he owes his life to Marshall.

"If it weren't for him and the actions of his crew, there's a good chance I, and the other crewmen, would not be here today."

Marshall served a while longer overseas flying search-and-rescue MH-53 Pave Low helicopters in Iraq, Kuwait, and Afghanistan, and also working as a General's aide and visiting every country in the Middle East, except for Iran and Syria. It was an impressive and demanding job that had Marshall working "almost twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week," according to his mother, former Lexington School teacher, Barbara Groves.

Now Marshall is back in the States, where he is currently an Exercise Planner for Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, although he anticipates a return call to Iraq soon. He holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Air Force Academy and is also working on a Master's degree. He even bought his first house, and occasionally, *just occasionally*, has time to work on that.

It's a life to be proud of, one you could even *brag* about, but that's a job for those who know Marshall, not for him. Telling folks of his achievements? That's one mission Marshall would gladly leave unaccomplished.

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CLASS OF 2006 HIGH SCHOOL MATRICULATIONS

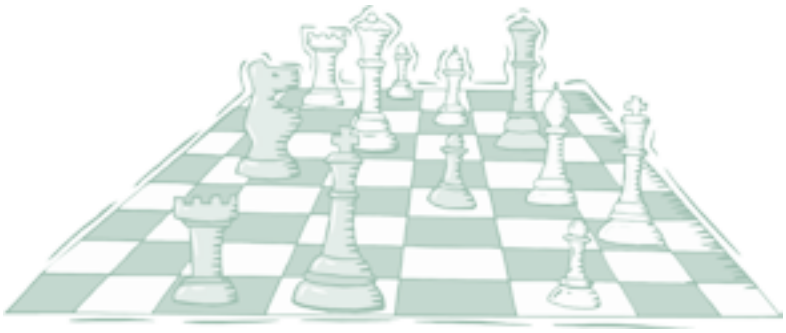
Austin Akers	Lexington Catholic High School
Oscar Alcaraz	Henry Clay High School
Clay Atcher	Lafayette High School
Sarah Atkins	The Academy at Henry Clay High School
D.R. Ball	Sayre School
Jimmy Betts	SCAPA at Lafayette High School
Hil Boone	Sayre School
Martin Carroll	West Jessamine High School
Lee Cowden	Episcopal High School
Kamron Cox	The ACE Program at Tates Creek High School
Hunt Cunningham	Lexington Catholic High School
Connor Ferguson	Lexington Catholic High School
Alex Fleischman	Math & Science Program/Paul Laurence Dunbar
Becca Fleischman	Math & Science Program/Paul Laurence Dunbar
Annie Fryman	The Academy at Henry Clay High School
Sonny Hamid	Lexington Catholic High School
Caroline Haydon	West Jessamine High School
Christiana Holsapple	West Jessamine High School
Alex Joefreda	The Academy at Henry Clay High School
Alex Kiefer	Math & Science Program/Paul Laurence Dunbar
Charles Lambert	Lexington Catholic High School
Anne MacNeil	Sayre School
Maggie MacNeil	Sayre School
Heidi Marsh	SCAPA at Lafayette High School
Chanel Minnifield	Sayre School
Naoko Musha	Japan
Alex Nelson	Sayre School
Bryan O'Neill	McCallie School
Elizabeth Pagan	Sayre School
Meg Paulick	Lexington Catholic High School
Holden Pederson	Henry Clay High School
Kaitlyn Russo	Lexington Catholic High School
Emily Simmons	Henry Clay High School
Madison Smith	Lexington Catholic High School
Mary Spirito	Henry Clay High School
Nicholas Terry	Henry Clay High School
Rachel Trontz	Sayre School
Wood Van Meter	Pomfret School
Ben Wermeling	Sayre School
Maggie Wilson	Sayre School

CHESS MATES: THE TLS CHESS TEAM

Pawn to bishop three. Castle. King takes knight. ***Checkmate.*** This is the language of kindergartners through third graders in The Lexington School Chess Club. For the past two years Mr. John Kubis and Mr. Owen Rossi have been building a stable of twenty enthusiastic adventurers who just happen to be winners.

Recently members of the K-3 division chess competition team addressed the Board of Trustees showing their huge trophy and talking about their year. They say they play because they find chess "tense and exciting." One team member acknowledged that last year the teams were "pretty bad, and this year they are better." How much better? First of all they won the Quad C Regional championship by a half point. Then, they went on to win the Kentucky State K-3 Championship.

Many students join Chess Club never having set up a chess board. They begin each practice session with a lesson from Coach Kubis on technique, particularly openings. Then they set up their boards and timers and challenge one another giving their full concentration to the string cheese and apples they have for after school treats and the moves their friends are making, all the while planning their strategy.





Front row Taylor Bagley, Spencer Kriss. ***Middle row*** Jack Farrell, Stevan Kriss, Devin Criswell-Marco, Nolan Ramsey. ***Back row*** Coach Rossi, Coach Kubis.



Left Nolan Ramsey concentrates on his moves. ***Above*** The Kriss brothers practice around a visit by local news cameras.





Holiday Homecoming

December 16, 2006

Cocktails served from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Come catch up with old friends!

We look forward to seeing:
Alumni, Faculty, Friends, Parents & Grandparents—Past & Present

Come fit the pieces back together!
Reunion Class of 1986
Watch your mailbox for more info!

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From *The Archives*



Alumni Matt Hartley '95 and Elizabeth Martin '94 present the Jack A. Brost Boarding School Symposium plaque to Mr. Brost.