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Head *Lines*

NOTES FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Look into their eyes. Can't you see the hope, the excitement, the challenge? At the same time, they seem ready—confident – as if to say, "Let's get this thing started!" "This thing," of course, is The Lexington School, and those eyes staring back at you are those of the school's first faculty. Since my arrival at TLS, this picture has always caught my attention, and I find myself returning to it in light of this 50th celebration. These eyes and the people behind them inspire me. What an awesome task and responsibility it was to start a new school — a school from scratch.



The faculty above *(Grace Webber, Amos Lawrence, Elizabeth Ison, Fred Luddy, Margaret Imrie, Marilyn Turner, Claire Clay, James Doughty)* were a diverse group. Director of School Fred Luddy (H '99) scoured the country and the globe for his first team. Luddy, himself a New Englander, brought faculty from Portland, Oregon; Ipswich, Massachusetts; Memphis, Tennessee; Scotland; and Great Britain; as well as Lexington, Kentucky. When I asked Todd Graddy '64 what she remembered about that first faculty, she immediately complimented them on their "creativity—there were no textbooks. They were free to teach what and how they wanted. Every day of school was new."

Starting a school is a very difficult undertaking. Reputation and history are so much a part of what advertising executives call "brand." Private schools are expensive, and the most obvious alternative is free. It is a school's reputation that builds faith. These eight individuals made a promise and kept it. The first families to send their children to The Lexington School took a tremendous leap of faith. For our current parents this must be difficult to comprehend.

Fast-forward 50 years and The Lexington School enjoys a national reputation with a rich history. Ms. Abercrombie (H'00) had a dream. These eight individuals were chosen to execute it. Since then, all of us, the faculty, parents, alumni, and students, have made that dream a reality. We have lived it.

While teaching at Asheville School during its 100th Anniversary, there was an often-quoted speech given by one of the school's legendary English masters, Charles Rice. Rice had given a moving tribute to the school during its Founder's Day. Addressing alumni, faculty, parents, and students, Rice informed the crowd, "We are all founders of the school." As we celebrate the school's establishment over 50 years ago, I hope we all feel the same way, because, in truth, we are all founders of The Lexington School. Those who have cared for and loved this school (and I would even argue those who have a strong dislike for the institution) played an important role in "founding" The Lexington School. Its reputation and strength today did not happen by accident. It was hard earned by the faculty who held her standards high, its students who strived to meet those standards, those parents who entrusted the school with their children's future, and the school's alumni who have made this school proud with their accomplishments.

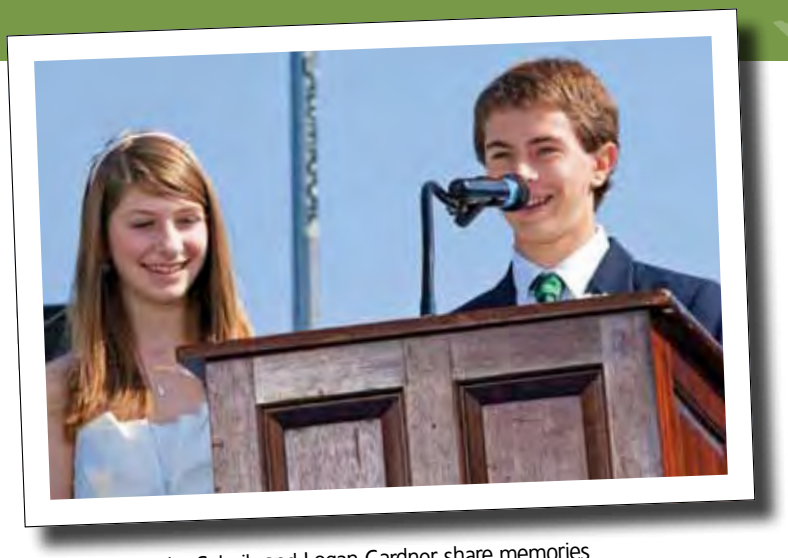
Consequently, as you look at the hope, excitement, and challenge in the faces of these eight founding faculty members, know that they did not create The Lexington School alone—they created it along with you—a fellow founder of The Lexington School!

Here's to making Ms. Abercrombie's dream a reality,



Charles D. Baldecchi
Head of School

50 On the 50th
Class of 2009 Graduates!



Samantha Scheib and Logan Gardner share memories of their years at The Lexington School.

On June 5, 2009, 25 young women and 25 young men began their commencement march onto the de Castro playing field for the school's 46th graduation ceremony. The cool air was washed clean by days of rains – rain that hadn't stopped until 11 hours before the program was to begin. The faces of faculty, graduates, and families reflected the sparkling edge of the day, as all were eager to celebrate this class that had played, sung, laughed together, helped one another, and eventually learned to finish one another's sentences.

Both Head of School Chuck Baldecchi and Board President Rob Brewer '85 acknowledged the close friendships this class had forged over the years. Mr. Brewer remarked that there is "nothing like a sandbox buddy" as he encouraged gratitude in the graduates for family, friends, and teachers who helped bring this venture to fruition.

When class officers Logan Gardner and Samantha Scheib addressed the gathering, each built upon a music metaphor using melody, harmony, rhythm, lyrics, and dynamics to show how the class of '09 had worked together to make something beautiful. The students recalled episodes from Preschool through 8th grade where they had "made music" together. Samantha asked her classmates whether they remembered their trip to Green River when, "Even though it was cold that night and there were daddy long legs in the bathrooms we still grew closer together." She also recalled the rigors of the Washington D.C. trip that included not only a 12 hour bus ride but also the pleasure of sleeping on a gym floor at Episcopal High School. This class treasured its "8th grade privilege," having earned the right of leaving middle school assemblies first, staying up late writing English papers, and sweating over the Civil War (part two) exam.

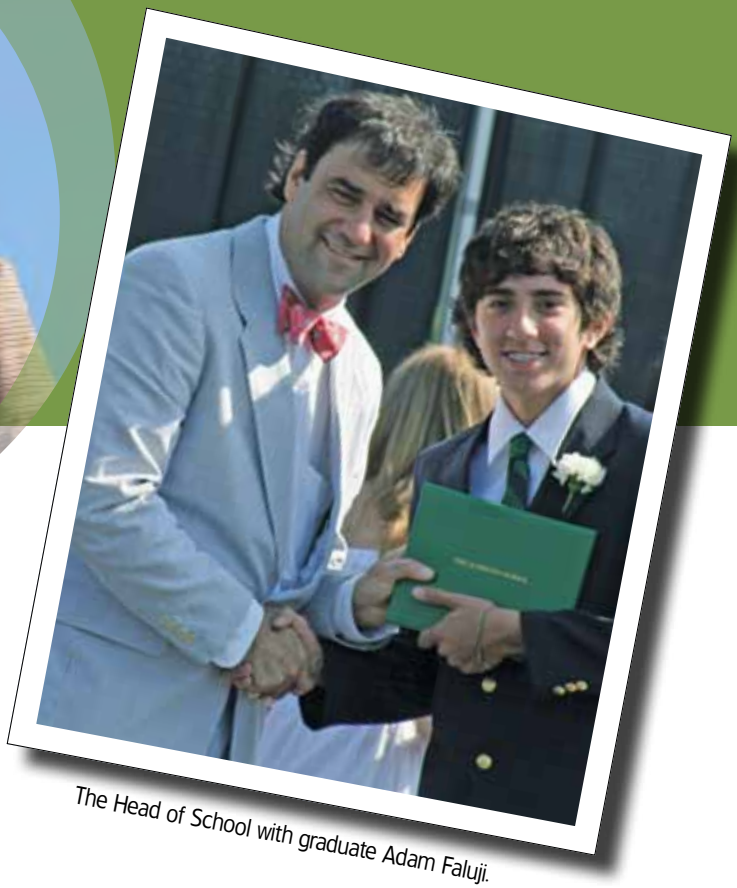
Dashing through the Cincinnati airport with Ms. Bonzo, singing campfire songs, mountain biking, and



Head of School Charles Baldecchi and commencement speaker Dr. Aoife Lyons '88 lead the graduation procession.



President of the Board Rob Brewer '85 reminds students to treasure their "sandbox buddies."



The Head of School with graduate Adam Faluji.

repelling off 150-foot cliffs provided just a few of the movements of the symphony of the Southwest Rite of Passage. Students marveled as they learned of their classmates' culinary camp stove expertise (and some not so much) and their teachers' wide repertoire of pop songs. Ms. MacCarthy and Mrs. Pride proved they could hold their own on "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" and "My Girl."

Both Logan and Samantha agreed that "even though the class was separating, the song of the class of 2009 would continue to rock on. The melody, rhythm, harmony, and dynamics would continue to play together perfectly."

Ms. MacCarthy presented the eleven students who had earned a place on the Permanent Head's List. This honor reflects the persistence, self-discipline, and determination of students throughout their years in Middle School because each has attained a grade point average of 9.5 for three years. Kelsey Bonanno, Vanessa Fu, Logan Gardner, Connor Lakofka, Erin MacLeod, Will Oldham, Nica Pearson, Palmer Thomas, Jack Totty, Zea Wang, and Yesmina Zakharia's names will be engraved on a plaque that has been in the Middle School for decades.

Dr. Aoife Lyons '88 gave the graduation address reminding students that they had been the spokes on an effectual wheel that had served them well and encouraged them to use the lessons they had gleaned at The Lexington School to guide them in the years to come. Mr. Baldecchi presented diplomas, and the recessional ushered everyone into the library for the graduation reception. For these 50 students the entire ceremony was the culmination of the years that Logan Gardner said "created the outline for the song of our lives."



The school's most recent graduates – now loyal alums.

Aoife Lyons: Caring Matters



The last time Dr. Aoife Lyons '88

visited The Lexington School, she cared enough to fly from Chicago for the day to talk to the faculty about adolescent behavior during one of their professional development days. This time she addressed the 2009 graduates, and she talked about the importance of caring as they moved from one stage to another in their lives.

As Mr. Baldecchi noted in his introductory remarks, "The late, great class of '88 named itself, but it also earned its nickname because it was a great group of students. It was this class that motivated teachers to write distinctive words about each student at graduation time. Aoife Lyons was a big reason why that class was so respected and loved." He further remarked that this "Irish lass with just the hint of a brogue inherited from her parents was a strong student with a heart of gold." Throughout her years at TLS, Aoife played her violin for events as wide ranging as the Holiday Concert and the 9th Grade Show. In other words, Aoife evidenced a vein of altruism from the time she was a young child, and this was her message for her soon-to-be fellow alums.

As she designed her own children's clinic, psychologist Dr. Lyons remembered her Lexington School teachers and said that she tried "to emulate their passion and compassion for children." She also said, "Our TLS teachers are educators in the most wonderful sense of the word. They truly care for both academic and emotional development." As a result, Aoife gave the members of the class of '09 an acronym to remember six key components that she learned at TLS. CARING for this graduation address added up to **C**ompassion, **A**cademic Achievement, **R**esponsibility, **I**ntegrity, a **N**ever-Give-Up attitude, and **G**enerosity.

Aoife urged students to have **compassion** by looking for strengths in others, even in those who appear to be an unlikely source. She observed that many in this world don't have the same opportunities as others, and often "the smallest kindnesses go the farthest way." She also reminded graduates that "When you stay positive and compassionate, it's harder for other people to be negative," adding that this "can only be a good thing."

Dr. Lyons commended parents for making the best investment they could in their children's educations. As she endorsed academic achievement, she said, "We can all have material things in this world, but they can disappear in an instant. Your education will always be yours."

Responsibility and **integrity** combine forces to build moral fiber. Dr. Lyons said, "Integrity means being honest, even when you have made a mistake. It means

being the bigger person and apologizing first. It means taking others' constructive criticism without taking offense. It means being the mature young people that you are all becoming." Responsibility, of course, is an integral part of character building, an essential quality that is evidenced by actions that put others before self. Thank you notes, phone calls of appreciation, and face-to-face acknowledgements may seem like little things, but each makes a difference in someone else's life.

Never giving up shows courage. Aoife said, "We are all going to have successes and failures in life. The failures are a learning opportunity, and you never know what might be around the next corner." She urged students never to give up on their dreams.

Generosity is the logical outcome of the five prior qualities, as Dr. Lyons pointed out that "there is no greater satisfaction than in helping others." She has been inspired by each member of her family to give to others. Her brother, Mark '92, uses his fluent Spanish to work in an orphanage in Mexico. Her parents help establish science labs in schools around the world that do not have the resources to build them on their own. Dr. Lyons, herself, does pro-bono work with children in Chicago. She added this advice: "But perhaps more importantly, be generous with your sense of humor in difficult situations; try to instigate silliness...silly is good! …It is worth pursuing and imparting your own sense of wonder to a situation."

Aoife's closing words were from Jim Henson who said, "Being afraid isn't always a bad thing…sometimes you need that trembling feeling to remind you how exciting it is to be doing something new." That and CARING, taught at The Lexington School, have given this year's commencement speaker her tools for living a fulfilling life.



Dr. Lyons with her husband Barret Harvey (left) and her brother Mark '92.

Following her graduation from the University of Notre Dame, Aoife Lyons '88 earned two master's degrees: one from University College, Dublin, Ireland, in Women's Studies, and a second from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois, in Clinical Psychology. She also received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from DePaul. She presently serves as the director of Dr. Aoife Lyons and Associates Children's Clinic in Chicago. In her spare time she performs in her rock band Burn Rome Burn that plays regularly in Windy City venues. She is married to the band's drummer, Barret Harvey.

How I was the First to Arrive

by Paddington Bear

I was proud to be the first guest for the 50th Anniversary celebration at The Lexington School. Since my helicopter had been grounded by foul weather, at the last minute I had to call my good friend Sergeant Patrick Murray of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to get me to school by my expected arrival time: 9:00 A.M. It was pretty fun when the squad car drove across town with its siren on! Soon I found myself, Paddington Bear, safely in the arms of Head of School Chuck Baldecchi and Division Head Marijo Foster. And guess what? All the 1st graders were waiting for me, and there were lots of them. More than I ever thought. They were everywhere chanting, "Pad-ding-ton, Pad-ding-ton!" It was pretty fun and a little scary because, you see, I'm sort of a little bear, and they were lots bigger than me, and there were so many of them. By the time we got to the theater I was feeling shy. All I could think of was to text Mrs. Foster to help me out. She always knows what little kids need, so I figured she'd surely know what little bears need, too. She told me to whisper some of my thoughts into her good ear and promised to take care of the rest. I was extra relieved.

I noticed right off the bat that my dear friend Miss Barbara Bale was not there to welcome me. That was the sad part. Both Mrs. Foster and I agreed, though, that we felt her presence. And that made me feel so much better. Former TLS 1st grader Rob Milward '84, whose daughter Kate is now in 1st grade, felt her presence, too. Rob was in Miss Bale's class when he was learning to read, and guess what he said? He told Mrs. Foster he remembered being a little awed by me, Paddington Bear, and he was even somewhat afraid of me. Isn't that funny? Me being such a little bear and all. Rob assured Mrs. Foster he was always well behaved around me, and I certainly remember that. I remember that all the kids really, you know, liked me! I was such a lucky bear.

Here's how it all began. On Christmas Eve, 1973, guess where I was? In the toe of Miss Bale's stocking! Then, on her first day back at school, I got to stay on the corner of her desk and watch the kids do Programmed Readers and





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get ready for lunch, you know, things like that. It didn't take long for my new friends to bear gifts (get it?). One morning, someone brought me a little box with a tiny pillow and blanket for my bed! By the end of the year, my home was a whole bookshelf. On Christmas 1974 Miss Bale's family gave her a house, just for me! Once again my good friends found a piece of furniture here and a piece of furniture there for my cozy place. One friend donated a three-piece, old-fashioned bathroom set complete with a claw-footed bathtub. I'd been taking my bath in the creek behind the school, and I felt pretty fancy washing up in that shiny tub. What a life for a bear!

I traveled to Peru and had extra fun adventures when my friends were on summer break, but for years every time my inside calendar told me it was fall, I knew it was time to return to my pals at The Lexington School. Then things changed, and it has been a long time since my last journey back. Funny thing, though, I turned 50 this year, too, and since I had shared my 40th birthday with TLS, it only seemed right that I would be part of the school's 50th.

Since this was such a special trip, 1st graders, their families, teachers, and friends welcomed me, Paddington Bear, 50 years old, back to The Lexington School, also 50 years old, with a special tea party (loved the honey, folks), and we had a pretty fantastic beginning to a special weekend. I love my TLS friends, and although I am going to winter in Cannes, just keep your eyes open. I am going to be back some day, for sure.





Founders Day 2009

The night before – in homes around the community:

"Mom, the big governor, the little governor, and the government will be there tomorrow. I have to dress up!"

"We have to wash our hair tonight, Mom. We are singing for Ms. Abercrombie and the Governor tomorrow."

8:30 A.M. – Lower School Stairway

Eighty-seven children of TLS alumni squeezed together on the spiral staircase in Lower School for an anniversary photo. One Preschooler in the front row was pulling her mouth down in a reverse smile while another one preferred looking up the staircase rather than at the camera. Sardines in a can? Trying to herd cats? Middle Schoolers were role models personified, and after the tripod was lifted through the window to the ground outside allowing the photographer enough room to shoot, teachers called out – smile – smile – look forward – hands out of mouths – don't even think of putting horns on the person in front of you – smile – smile – yes! We're done!

9:30 A.M. – In the Library

Former heads, board members, faculty, friends, gathered in the library. Coffee and muffins were largely untouched because people were so happy just to see one another. First faculty met present faculty. Former heads shook hands. Former board members reminisced with heads and one another and shared words with their business manager of the past. Members of the government arrived. Our guest of honor – our actual founder – arrived in a blue suit that matched her sparkling eyes and a radiant smile. Excitement built.

10:00 A.M. – Gymnasium

500 students were primed and ready, but the adults were having too much fun reminiscing to sit down. Soon, though, Mr. Baldecchi welcomed everyone to this grand day – a celebration of our founder Ms. Josephine Abercrombie (H'00) — a celebration of 50 years of school life — a celebration of the lives of thousands of Lexington School students, faculty members, administrators, board members, and families who helped build a school worthy of national recognition.





FOUNDERS DAY 2009

All rose to render a robust singing of the school's *alma mater*. Even the song's composer, Dot Smith, was there to join in.

Mr. Baldecchi introduced the former school leaders present that included the school's first director, Mr. Fred Luddy (H'99), the school's first headmaster, Mr. Bud Pritchett (H'81), the school's third headmaster, Dr. David Lowry (H'00), and two-time interim head of school, Mrs. Molly Strassner. Other special guests included members of the first classes at The Lexington School. To commemorate a tradition from Mr. Pritchett's era, Mr. Baldecchi had members of Preschool stand to see the faces of students who had been in school on its first day in existence. He reminded the Preschoolers that in 2059, theirs would be the faces that future Preschoolers would see at the celebration of The Lexington School's 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Then, the Head of School welcomed Governor Beshear, Vice Mayor Jim Gray, and former Governor and State Senator Julian Carroll who all paid tribute to Ms. Abercrombie. Senator Carroll presented two proclamations, one from the Commonwealth Senate and the other from the House, honoring her service to the Commonwealth.

Other gifts included the Sixth Grade Chorus accompanied by a four-handed piano accompaniment by Mrs. Anderson and Dr. Cooper. Student readings from the newly published *The Lexington School: The First 50 Years* written by alumna and faculty member Margaret Cowling paid further tribute to Ms. Abercrombie. A video of children thanking a woman whose fame has reached almost mythological proportions for them followed.

The entire student body closed the morning with a heart-touching rendition of the Irish blessing that begins, "May the road rise to meet you."

The conclusion of the morning was Mr. Baldecchi's charge to the future. He challenged everyone in the room to be a founder of the school, a founder of the future, and a leader into the next 50 years where many present would be celebrating the school's centennial.

11:00 A.M. – Ms. Abercrombie Meets Her Children

As they were filing out from the gymnasium, 6th graders were eager and proud to shake Ms. Abercrombie's hand or receive a wave from her. Then one alumnus approached the school's benefactor and said, "Ms. Abercrombie, I've been waiting eight years to meet you." Ms. A warmly greeted the young man. They shook hands and proceeded to have a conversation. Just another day in the life of a person of great generosity and foresight who helped create a place that keeps on giving.



Founders Day 2009



Former Headmaster Bud Pritchett (H'81) greets the crowd.



Fred Luddy (H'99), the first director of school, receives a commemorative acorn pin from Judy Luddy.



Senator Carroll presents citations from the Kentucky Senate and House of Representatives.



Former Kindergarten teacher Claire Macfarlane (H'79) joined in the festivities.



Emory Parsons and Dylan Farrall, both '10, read from *The Lexington School: The First 50 Years.*



FOUNDERS DAY 2009



Music teachers David Cooper and Martha Anderson accompany the 6th grade chorus in a jazzy number.



Martha Anderson welcomes former music teacher Dot Smith, composer of the Alma Mater.



KinderKlasse teacher Emily Ryan '99 watches the convocation with Sarah Clay '20, daughter of Brutus Clay '85



Ms. Abercrombie (H'00) shares some delight with those who love her at the library reception.

Founders Day 2009



Members of the first classes and their teachers remember the past and embrace the future.



Former teachers Sue Orme (H'82), Frances Edwards, and Dot Smith.



Headmaster David Lowry (H'00) with former Board Chair Bobby May.



Head Chuck Baldecchi with Holly and Craig Banderoff.



Ms. Abercrombie with board members Blythe Clay and Cliff Stidham.



Chuck Baldecchi with Blythe Clay and Senator Carroll.



FOUNDERS DAY 2009



The room stands to salute Ms. A.



Mandy Helton and Amanda Hale of the Development Office anticipate the kickoff of the weekend that they helped coordinate.



The Head of School with Governor Beshear, former Governor Carroll, and Vice Mayor Jim Gray.

A Night on the Town

Not much eating, a little bit of dancing, and lots of talk, talk, talk characterized each of the seven reunions that were happening around Fayette County on Friday evening of the 50th Anniversary. Some current and former faculty party hopped, some hosted events, and others stayed with one group. Some alumni even party crashed to join siblings and friends of another decade and keep the evening going. Throats were raw from intense and endless conversations. *Thanks for the memories, TLS.*



John McKinstry, Claire Macfarlane (H'79), Roberta Owen (H'00)



Darby Turner '63 greets Diane Irvin, wife of John Irvin '67.



Amy Levy, Eleanor O'Rear Peavy, Pattie White Johnson – all '69



Bo Phillips, Biff Baker '69, Susan Griffin Phillips '68, Evan Miller '67



Bud Pritchett (H'81)

you doing?"



Martha Rudisill, Darby Turner '63, Margaret Cowling '64



Charlotte Turner



A NIGHT ON THE TOWN

"You have how many kids?"



Claire Clay, Chuck Baldecchi, Claire Macfarlane



Class of '64: Berry Potter, Laura Parrish, Todd Trimble Graddy, Jessica Bell Nicholson, Em Parrish Green, Margaret Cowling, and Charlie Lisle.

"What are you doing



Don Robinson '63, Bud Pritchett, Fred Luddy (H'99)



Hillyer Rudisill III, Bill Young '63

ou remember. . .

A Night on the Town



Jonathan Edwards '77, Cam Schaeffer '77



Margaret Graves, Elizabeth Gay Freeman, Lucy Winchester Parrish – all '79

"What are you doing?"



Marion Morris Queen '75, Mary Clay Smith '74, Kim Kinkead Knight '74



Laura '72, Reid '74, and George Freeman '75

"Oh, my gosh! I am so glad to see you!"



Kim Kinkead Knight '74, Patterson DeCamp '70, Kim DeCamp



Monica Stuart Parker '77, Dana Edger Mayborg '77, Mason Bennett Rummel '76

"Do you remember. . .?"

A NIGHT ON THE TOWN



70s Reunion Photo





Rob Dalton, Nick Nicholson, Rebecca Karem Hughes, Elliott Miller – all '97

"You have how many kids



Becky Lange Wills, John Congleton, Larry Jenkins, Mason Bennett Rummel, Bill Cox – all '76



Whitney Martin Collins, Bindy Fleischman, Taylor Keller Fister, Melanie Smith Leach – all '88

"Where have you been?"



Kate Davenport Wisz '84 and Kim Badenhopp '85



Madame Charron at the 80s reunion



Alex Wolsk, Mark Tatman, Taylor Davenport — all '87

"Are you really . . .?"

A Night on the Town

"What are you doing?"



Johanna Thomas, Emily Wetter, Sarah Bentley, Rebecca Karem Hughes – all '97



Cameron Lord '98, Emily Larish '98, David Statrsman

"You have how many kids?"



"Where have you

"Do you remember. . .?"

Where have you been?"



Shea Burns '96, Sarah Wylie Ammerman VanMeter, Griff VanMeter '96

"Oh my gosh! I am so gl



A NIGHT ON THE TOWN



Don Offutt '96, Jenny Davis O'Neill, Bret Jones '96



Chris Ware '99, Meredith Ware '96, Laura Bell Bundy '96, Olivia Hurter '96



Katie Miller '98, Laura Hilliard '98, Greg Gunn



Brooke Folley Counts '96, Chris Counts



Megan Craig '99, Adam Bauman

A Night on the Town



One 90s Reunion



Jessica Brown '01, Katherine Ruch '01

"What are you doing?"

"Are you really. .



Shelton May Murry '91, E. Harper '91, Harriet Collier, Patty Cordy Henricksen

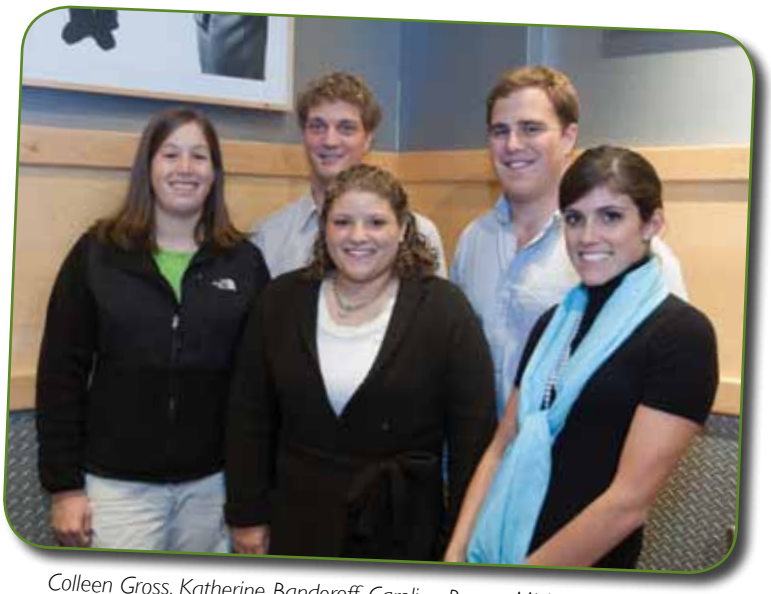


Emmy Hartley '93, Emmy Gambet '93



Daniel Archer '03, Heidi Zimmerman '03, Leanne Zimmerman

"Do



Colleen Gross, Katherine Bandoroff, Caroline Boone, Michael Lyons Christopher Lyons — all '04



A NIGHT ON THE TOWN

"Where have you been? "Wh



Laura Parrish Bray '94 and Stacy Gudeman, wife of Tanner Gudeman '94



Trevor Wilkes '91, his wife, Karry

have how many kids?"



Another 90s reunion!

you remember. . . ?"

Saturday Morning Connections

by Beth Pride

The coffee running out over and over again tells the story of this year's Fall Festival and Family Day. It was cold and windy outside with a wet mist that put a damp chill on your face and hands, but the weather kept very few away. Rather, hundreds of Lexington School students, alumni, parents and former parents, grandparents and former grandparents, faculty and former faculty huddled together and drank coffee to celebrate the wonderful thing they all had in common—the 50th Anniversary of The Lexington School.

The 50th Anniversary Family Day gave choices for every generation of the school. Beginning at 9:00 A.M., runners and walkers of all ages took to the neighborhood streets for the first ever Colts 5K followed by a Fun Run for a younger crowd that wound through campus and ended at Fall Festival. Our own Ellie Alford '13 and John Dereamer '07 were among the "elite" runners who collected their trophies at the awards ceremony where Head of School Chuck Baldecchi officially kicked off Fall Festival.



It was chilly at the fair.

The 50th Anniversary Fall Festival was much like a three-ring circus. Outdoors, Lexington School students and children/grandchildren of alumni ran from one inflatable to the next, jumping, sliding, and then lining up for another go. Some children played the ring toss, duck pond, or traveled the famous cake walk where the colorful goodies kept them coming back for more. The repetition of the climbing wall siren told the story of many successful trips up the rock face. Adults shopped at the School Store where new 50th Anniversary merchandise was sold; the fleece jackets were particularly popular on this chilly morning, and you could find many sipping their hot chocolate, eating popcorn, and visiting with each other while enjoying live entertainment at the performance stage.

Middle School "School of Rock" band jammed out to AC/DC, Katherine Peppiatt '84 set the tone with her bluegrass sound, Dunn Latham '07 brought some contemporary vocals, while the English duo, Victor '74 and his son Jordan '02 delighted the crowd with their classic acoustic music. The grand finale was our own 4th/5th grade "School of Rock" band featuring 5th grade "doo-wop" dancers with special guest John Michael Montgomery. Even under cloudy, cold skies, folks were laughing, dancing, and singing along to the familiar sounds of our ever-talented students and alumni; everyone was grateful for the warmth and energy their music gave us.

One of the most popular adult venues of the day was the Former Faculty Reunion. As if the former faculty members weren't enough of an attraction, the warm and welcoming fine arts wing certainly encouraged many to stay. The arts wing was packed with the largest gathering of former faculty in the history of the school including the likes of opening day teacher Claire Clay to recently retired Lanna Bell. Along with that, countless alumni came just to see their teachers, and the fine arts wing has



Extra chilly.

never seen so many hugs and smiles nor heard so many stories of success. Innumerable families wandered the hallways looking in classrooms and admiring the beautiful artwork on display, and the consensus was clear: The Lexington School has never been better!

Finally, the culmination of such a wonderful day was the gathering of perhaps 500 people from across the generations for the 50th Anniversary panoramic photo. It took some herding, but Marijo Foster, bullhorn active and charged, was up for the challenge. What resulted was an entire community representing 50 years of The Lexington School, sitting on top of each other, giggling at the photographer, squeezing in as close as they could and holding their breaths…frozen in time, they represent the past, the present, and the next 50 years of The Lexington School.



SATURDAY MORNING CONNECTIONS



Libby Geddes was one among many former faculty to return for the 50th.



Margaret Cowling '64 signs her book, ***The Lexington School: The First 50 Years*** *for some admirers.*



Chuck Baldecchi gives the runners their start.



Admission Director Beth Pride was behind the scenes helping the events to go smoothly.

Saturday Morning Connections



Enjoying the spoils of the cake walk.



Sharon Sadler shares stories with Sandy Gillespie and Mark Scarr.



Hugs aplenty.



Lanna Ball catches up with friends from the past.



Katherine Forgy Peppiatt '84 sang Blue Grass.



Terry Brewer arrived from Florida where he no longer teaches PE. Rather, he is a mounted police officer.



SATURDAY MORNING CONNECTIONS



Former Head John Fixx savors Fall Festival with Blythe Clay.



Scott Foster '89 with his daughter, Jane Scott, visit with Chris Johnson '89 and faculty member.



Remembering the past and enjoying the present.



Jennifer Stith, Anne Thomas McCormack, and Sandy Ireland were all at TLS at the same time.



Betty and Anne Kenan '88 with Rhese and Bodin, under the covers.



Martha Anderson and Sandy Gillespie meet Brooke Folley Count's ('96) daughter Lauren Kathleen.

Saturday Morning Connections



Gretchen Young learns of the Karem family: Rebecca Hughes '97 and Robert '93.



Members of the Class of 1980 remember their friend Amy Jo Rosenthal Saul.



Former parent Donna Barr with Penny Lastinger and Frances Marcum.



Penny Lastinger delights in her conversation with Ruth Belin '84. Eunice Noderer and Ruth's husband are in the background.



Former Upper School Head Mary Lee Nichols (H'99) and former Headmaster David Lowry (H'99) are united once again.



The Fine Arts Department past and present: Eunice Noderer, Don Noderer, Gretchen Young, David Cooper, Cissy Hamilton, and Martha Anderson.

SATURDAY MORNING CONNECTIONS



Hugs of comfort were in order.



Bud Pritchett is warmly greeted by Lucy McKinstry '66.



Lucy Gee '89 gives her former teachers Anne and Todd McCormack a tour of The Lexington School.



Marijo Foster, with bullhorn in hand, gets everyone ready for an enormous group photo.



The Class of 2009 prepares to bury its time capsule.



Three generations in two families: the Nicholsons on the left, and the Cohens on the right.



The Class of 2009, now high school freshmen.

The Main Event October 17, 2009



Eight hundred people walked into a forest wonderland on Saturday night in order to gild the 50th Anniversary weekend with dining, dancing, and intense reconnection of faces some hadn't seen for almost 50 years. The room was filled with beauty – not a reference to the lovely women in their party sparkles and shining fabrics or the men standing handsome in their pressed bibs and tuckers or to the impeccably set tables and shimmering candlelight. The beauty exuded from the outstretched arms, the sincere smiles of recognition, and the eager attempts to connect with people who had impacted one another's lives in a deep and meaningful way throughout their years at The Lexington School and well beyond.

The appropriately chosen Thanksgiving menu with a gourmet twist, presented by an abundance of servers in TLS aprons, symbolized the feelings of family, home, and gratitude that pervaded the weekend. Then heartfelt words of Head of School Chuck Baldecchi and Board President Rob Brewer '85 honoring our founder, Ms. Josephine Abercrombie, brought all guests to their feet. Mr. Baldecchi also asked past board members, who by now were all sporting golden acorns on their lapels and collars in acknowledgement of their board tenure, to stand and be recognized for their generous gift of service to the school. Following that, each past school head stood, soon joined by every faculty member, student, family, and board member who had participated in his or her years as leader of







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The Lexington School. This vivid visual exercise intricately linked the one person who remained standing throughout, Margaret Cowling '66, to the most recent teacher at TLS in a poignant way, showing how each is a valued contributor to the school's past, present, and future.

During his remarks, Rob Brewer announced that the silent phase of the five-million-dollar challenge was complete at 4.3 million, and proclaimed that the actual capital campaign was commencing, leaving the remaining $700,000 in the hands of the rest of the community.

Rob also preceded Chuck Baldecchi by thanking Josephine Abercrombie for acting on her dream to create a school that was built on educational excellence. Ms. A, looking youthful and radiant in her shimmering, periwinkle suit, graciously accepted the cheers of thanks from the room and, with a twinkle in her eye, urged all to remember that she had started the school when she was five years old.

Good cheer, camaraderie, and feelings of gratitude for the past and hope for the future were barely contained by the fabric of the high-ceilinged tent. Party goers left The Main Event filled with appreciation for a school community that has thrived in the past 50 years and anticipating a future that continues to be innovative, yet based on a solid core – a future that is true to a living philosophy and mission – a future that is golden.

Opposite page *Lucy Johnston McKinstry '66, Bud Pritchett (H'81), Coley McKinstry '99, Emma Mittelstadt.*
Clockwise from top *Brutus Clay '85, Ric Waldman; Betty Cox; Dancing to the beat*

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Above from top *Molly Strassner; Kathy and Colleen Gross '04; Chad Massie '89, Anne Thomas McCormack.*
Right *Anna Merritt, Isabel De Camargo Ladd '00*





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Above from top *Kate Mahan '95, David Lowry (H'00), Aril Lowry (H'00); Anne Jefferson '87, Heather Clay '86; Pem Madden Ausbrook '80, Oz Ausbrook, Ms. A., George Cox '80.*

Right from top *Alice Ingram, Nicole Charron, Betty Mills; Una MacCarthy, Beth Pride*

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Above *Margie and Jim Hacker*
Right *John Playforth '99, Margaret Cowling '64, Isabel Kasperbauer; Jen Boone '01, Gretchen Young; Janet Roden, Lisa Gumm-Gray, Emily Stout, Emily Ryan '99*







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From top left, clockwise *Ms. A, George Cox; Betsy Bulleit and Tucker '07; Bindy Fleischman '88 and her husband; Janet Baker '94, Jacqui Baker '91, Melissa Sparrow '94; Coach Vernon Hatton (H'81).*

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Thank You Very Much!

By Amanda Hale

The enormous effort that culminated in our 50th Anniversary gathering was four years in the making, and was led by several very talented and dedicated individuals who gave generously of themselves to produce a weekend that The Lexington School community would be talking about for years to come. We are most grateful to these friends of The Lexington School.



Blythe Clay, 50th Anniversary Weekend Co-Chair

Blythe Clay has an amazing ability to "dream big" and to see her vision through to its final and splendid conclusion. Through her always classy, always sweet style, Blythe helped to marshal troops that included past and current parents, alumni, faculty and friends of the school to create a one-of-a-kind weekend that celebrated The Lexington School's past even as it looked boldly toward its future.

Blythe joined The Lexington School's Board of Trustees in August of 2005 and soon thereafter began formulating ideas for the school's 50th Anniversary. Inspired by reunion weekends from other schools — specifically her *almer mater,* the College of William and Mary, Blythe and her husband Robert began envisioning myriad ways to bring hundreds of members of The Lexington School family back to Lexington for this "family reunion of a lifetime."

Blythe's passion for The Lexington School is apparent and contagious. In addition to producing ideas for our events and celebrations, Blythe has spent the last four years working tirelessly to find new addresses for alumni and families whose addresses had been lost, helping the school reconnect with alumni and past parents, and formulating marketing opportunities designed to generate excitement and anticipation throughout the community. She even ventured into the realm of fundraising, using the 50th Anniversary to help the school procure the matching funds available through the 50th Anniversary Challenge.

As co-chair of the entire 50th Anniversary celebration, Blythe's excitement and energy inspired armies of volunteers and kept the momentum high through years of planning. Her creativity coupled with her love of The Lexington School produced a weekend of activities that engendered a sense of nostalgia and enthusiasm from the "first day" students and faculty through the parents and students who walk through these doors every day.

Blythe is the mother of two Lexington School alumni, Heather Clay Frelinghuysen '86 and Case Clay '89. She is also the proud grandmother of Lexington School student Anna Clay '18. Her grandson James will join The Lexington School's Class of 2021 next fall. Blythe's kind spirit and enduring enthusiasm were the perfect combination for the enormous job of planning the 50th Anniversary, and we are grateful for her service. *Thank you, Blythe.*

Nancy Grimes, 50th Anniversary Weekend Co-Chair



Nancy Grimes is no stranger to volunteer service at The Lexington School. As a devoted parent volunteer, Nancy has served The Lexington School in a wide variety of ways, including as CELEBRATION chair in 1991, and as President of the Board of Trustees 1996-1998.

When Nancy agreed to return as a *past* parent to serve a fourth term on The Lexington School's board of trustees in the fall of 2004, the school's 50th Anniversary had to be the last thing on her mind. Soon, however, Nancy found herself taking a front row seat in the 50th preparations as co-chair for the biggest reunion in The Lexington School's history.

Nancy and Blythe worked hand in hand to produce and refine ideas for the wide variety of activities that would provide "something for everyone" as The

Lexington School celebrated its big birthday. Nancy's straightforward and practical approach to project and event management helped to filter and select the very best ideas that emerged from the 50th Anniversary brainstorming sessions. Her ability to envision the final product and the steps needed to get from conception to execution was invaluable as the years of planning culminated into an unforgettable weekend.

Nancy has a fantastic eye for detail. Her inclination to settle and fine-tune details was evident as she negotiated an early commitment (two years in advance) for catering and facilities and began pouring through lists of past parents and alumni for address updates and potential volunteers. Her affinity for details continued to be apparent through the final days of planning as she and her husband, Al, hand-selected wines for attendees to savor at The Main Event to enjoy. Like Blythe, Nancy also worked to inspire gifts to the school in honor of the 50th Anniversary in an effort to set The Lexington School on a path of success for the next 50 years.

Nancy and Al are parents of two Lexington School alumni, Andrew, '95 and Reed '98. In addition to her service as Board President, Nancy has served as Vice President and Secretary of the Board. She is currently serving her fifth term with the Board of Trustees. Her longstanding service to The Lexington School has been a priceless resource, and the school is indebted to her for her continued dedication. *Thank you, Nancy!*



Cathy Miller, Chair of "The Main Event"

The incomparable Cathy Miller has been using her creative genius to add flair and style to TLS projects and functions for many years. Cathy and her husband, Tom (H'07), served The Lexington School for 25 years as dedicated parent volunteers, and they continue to serve The Lexington School as past parents.

Cathy worked tirelessly to plan The Main Event on Saturday night and make it a beautiful and "intimate dinner party for 800 people." For months, her garage was full of curly willow, satin ribbon, pomegranates, and concrete, as she and her team constructed the beautiful centerpieces over countless hours. Her careful selection of the band, Free Spirit, produced a party with just the right level of energy and enthusiasm. Her attention to the tiniest detail is trademark Cathy, and her unmistakable signature on the evening created the perfect closing act to the perfect weekend.

Cathy and Tom have three children, Blake '91, Elliott '97, and Griffin '07. It was apparent by the looks on their faces Saturday night that all of the Miller men were proud of this incredible wife and mom. We were too. *Thank you, Cathy!*

Elizabeth Coons, 50th Anniversary Alumni Chair



As the mother of three boys attending The Lexington School and a member of the Class of 1982, Elizabeth Coons was an invaluable resource in reconnecting with alumni in preparation for the 50th Anniversary weekend. Elizabeth's longtime work with The Lexington School's Alumni Council had kept her in contact with alumni of all decades for many years, something that came in very useful when the 50th Anniversary committee began the arduous task of finding "lost" alumni four years ago.

Elizabeth worked with more than 100 alumni volunteers to gather updated addresses, emails, and phone numbers for alumni and their parents. She helped to create communication plans designed to get the word out early to alumni so that they could plan well in advance to join us for the 50th Anniversary weekend. Her work in the trenches was all "behind the scenes" but contributed so vitally to a successful weekend, as it reconnected alumni and family from all decades, many of whom The Lexington School had not heard from in years.

Elizabeth and her husband Joe are the proud parents of Zachary and Worth '14, and Emmett '18. We appreciate Elizabeth's hours of searching and planning to help make our 50th Anniversary a success. *Thank you, Elizabeth!*



Lanna Bell:
THE SUM OF 30 YEARS

above Mrs. Bell with Mrs. Foster, a fellow math teacher and dear friend.

top right Mrs. Bell clowning around with Mr. Adams, Mr. Gunn, and perhaps an otter.

bottom right Mrs. Bell and friend and former student Emily Deller '09 graduated on the same day.

WITH A BRAIN THAT WAS ALWAYS BUZZING with new ideas, Lanna Bell walked into The Lexington School to teach math in August, 1979. In her 30 years at the school, she created new programs, made many lifelong friends, and taught hundreds of students arithmetic, transitional math, algebra, geometry, and Algebra I and II. For years she spent part of her day scrambling on the floor with little ones in the math lab playing with math games such as tangrams and geoboards. In the midst of flying rubber bands and tumbling unifix cubes, Lanna knew she was reinforcing math facts and principles taught in the classroom. Her young charges, though, simply knew they were having fun. At the same time, older students took on more sophisticated math challenges under her leadership as she coached successful Math Bowl teams, her first year winning the Kentucky State Championship.

Interdisciplinary projects were also Lanna's forte. Once, history teacher Debbie Wilson was trying to bring her own summer vacation trip alive for her students. It seemed that only a nano-second passed before Lanna's classes were creating Fort Ticonderoga to scale using giant pretzels.

Librarians wanted to celebrate September 9, a Chinese holiday of flying kites and sending dreams for the future into the stratosphere. In the midst of a small tsunami of tissue, glue, string, and straws, Lanna's classes produced delicate tetrahedron kites. On 9/9/99 students ran across the playing fields with colorful kites soaring behind them.

Lanna felt that middle school students needed more opportunities to learn about and practice leadership, so she and school counselor Will Mahoney conspired to create Even Eagles Need a Push. Former UK basketball star Cameron Mills was usually one of the kick-off speakers for a day-long workshop where parents and alumni led group activities to inspire best leadership practices. One year, though, Cameron had a last-minute emergency, and he had to "look to his bench" for help. That day Coach Tubby Smith, of UK basketball fame himself, showed up at TLS and took great delight that he was subbing for Cameron.





Perhaps the language of metrics has not become universal in America, but at The Lexington School it becomes ingrained in 4th graders when 8th graders host the annual Metric Olympics, another Lanna Bell brain-game creation. After preparation in math classes, in one of the school's most enduring traditions, 8th graders create metric challenges for their 4th grade friends. How many centimeters of a licorice whip can you eat? How wide is your smile? How many kilograms do you weigh? How far can you jump? The afternoon is filled with whoops and hollers, metric sticks abound, and liters, meters, and kilos become a familiar part of the vernacular.

Even when an activity didn't involve mathematics, Lanna couldn't keep from trying something new. One year she and her daughter Holly Bell Rollins '88 took a clowning class, and Lanna found that she loved playing for laughs in a curly, orange wig and a bulbous, red nose. As a result, she stepped forward to teach a middle school elective that culminated in an assembly that was filled with mischief, mayhem, and clowning around.

Mentor, friend, taskmaster, inspired teacher, creator, and math whiz, Lanna Bell has made a difference for many in The Lexington School community. An avid bridge player, she has saved a few trump cards for retirement, also, as she looks forward to traveling with friends, having lots of time to enjoy her grandchildren, Katie, Quinn, and Chloe, and using that good brain of hers to try something new when the situation calls for it, just like she's always done.

WELCOME NEW TEACHERS

by Mandy Helton



Joe Griggs

Joe Griggs may have only recently graduated from Centre College with his BS in mathematics, but as it turns out, he has been teaching for years. His students have been as young as five and sometimes as old as 17. His classroom did not have four walls, much less a smartboard. His students studied topographic maps rather than textbooks. Lessons included how to read those maps, purify water, hang food, and survive for four to six days in the wilderness along the Appalachian Trail. For four years, he has spent every summer as a mountaineering instructor for Camp Mondamin outside of Asheville, North Carolina, "exposing kids to that world" outside.

Now he brings these experiences to middle school math at The Lexington School. Though his subjects are now more conventional--7th grade pre-algebra and 8th grade geometry-- Joe derives the same kind of satisfaction teaching math skills: "To convey to them that they can do it, that they have these skills in math, and that those skills will be useful in everyday life…it is rewarding to see them realize what is possible." "Also," he grins, "[middle schoolers] are hilarious."

Ms. Una MacCarthy, assistant head of school and middle school head, found Joe to have the enviable combination of an extremely rigorous math background and a love for the age group. One of his Centre professors corroborated Ms. MacCarthy's observations by saying, "I have a middle school son, and I would be happy if Joe were his teacher. He understands the material and gets the age."

Joe is no stranger to independent schools. For 7th through 12th grade, he attended the highly regarded Webb School in his hometown of Bell Buckle, Tennessee. While at Webb, he was very active in sports, and he credits Webb and its mountaineering program for his love of the outdoors. It was also at Webb where he fell in love with geometry, using the exact textbook he now places in the hands of his students at TLS. Joe says what he most enjoys is "getting the right answer and solving puzzles."

Joe Conley

When asked why he pursued teaching, our new middle school Spanish teacher Joe Conley has a ready answer: "True happiness comes from service to others. My dad told me that; I think it's true." A native of Paris, Kentucky, Joe grew up hearing Spanish on surrounding farms and within his own household. His father, who is fluent as well, once sold dictionaries in Mexico, and his sister uses it daily in her work as an immigration attorney. Still, he did not receive any formal instruction until he began Spanish at Bourbon County High School with Senora Lovell, whom he still describes as "the best Spanish teacher in the world. Seriously."

While attending Centre College, where he was a standout football player, Joe began to participate in an "amigo ministry" teaching Hispanic immigrants about the United States, and developed close bonds with his students. It would prove to be a life-changing experience. He reflects: "I've never seen people wanting to learn so much." After graduation with bachelor's degrees in both government and Spanish, Joe began simultaneously teaching Spanish at both St. James and Holy Family School in Louisville,



where his students' ages ranged from preschool to 8th grade. From there, Joe both taught and coached football at Trimble County High School while working toward his graduate degree at Spalding University. Upon completion of his Master of Education degree, Joe moved back to Lexington and most recently taught in an alternative classroom for troubled students at Bourbon County High School. He admits that this was challenging, but learned to "find something positive about each kid."

After experiences in both parochial and public school environments, TLS presents a change for Joe. He appreciates the "atmosphere—everyone is happy to be here." The Lexington School's smaller class sizes also provide Joe with the opportunity to "get close to them as their educator. I'm excited, tickled to death, that I will be able to know exactly where they are and offer personalized instruction for each student." Ms. MacCarthy says that kids find themselves working hard in Joe's classes and loving it.

Moreover, Joe Conley strives to replicate his own middle school experience for his students: "I wish I could go back to middle school" he jokes. "I was extremely involved." It seems some things never change. In coming months, Senor Conley looks forward to assisting with the intramural program, perhaps starting a TLS chapter of the Kentucky Youth Assembly, and pulling double duty as Coach Conley for the Colts Basketball team. Passionate about sports and travel, in his spare time Joe enjoys cheering on the University of Kentucky Wildcats and collecting passport stamps as he sees more of the world. His plans may sound ambitious, but for this self-admitted "crazy ball of energy" that is what life is about. "If you can enjoy yourself daily doing positive things," he says with a smile, "then you go to bed at night rewarded."

Michelle Harrison

When Michelle and Matt Harrison first moved to Lexington eight years ago, they immediately began searching for a program for their son Ian, then a rising kindergartner. A kindergarten teacher herself, Michelle scrutinized the local programs with a teacher's eye. "As an educator," she said, "I knew it would be the hardest decision I would make." When her tour brought her to The Lexington School, she knew she was in the right place. She was impressed by the warm atmosphere and the teaching methods she observed, particularly in kindergarten teacher Jaci Sloan. "It was Jaci who sold me," she says, "because she taught how I taught. She was obviously working in her passion." Michelle recalls: "When I got home, I told my husband that not only did I want Ian to go to school there, but I wanted to teach there someday."

Michelle's wish was granted this fall as she joined The Lexington School's kindergarten team, team-teaching along with the teacher who so impressed her all those years ago—Jaci Sloan. "Providence is a good word for it!" Michelle marvels. "Now I am doing what I was made to do."

Coming from a large family of 33 first cousins, Michelle always knew that she was meant to work with kids. While at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI, she was prepared to pursue pediatric medicine, but in a moment of conviction, she realized that she wanted to teach kindergartners, whom she loves for "their joy, energy, curiosity up to their elbows – and it's contagious!" She went on to complete her Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education from Western Michigan University. Before moving to Kentucky, she spent six years at her alma mater in the Lakeshore Public Schools system where she



was mentored by some of the very teachers she had experienced in elementary school.

Since moving to Kentucky, Michelle has been working in what she terms "the consummate classroom—teaching your own young children." Over the years, she and Jaci had developed a relationship as parent and teacher as Jaci taught both of Michelle's sons, Ian '12, a current 6th grader and Conor '15, now in 3rd grade. When Emily Stout announced her departure last spring, just as the Harrisons' youngest, Maggie '19, was preparing to start Kindergarten, Michelle jumped at the opportunity to become Jaci's partner. As part of the kindergarten team, the two women work closely with fellow teachers Dominique Metze and Tracy Hetman, and Michelle thinks this is an advantage for their students: "Four brains are better than one. Individually, we would all be good, but now we are four times as good…at least!"

by Whitney Martin Collins '88

The Four R's

Traditionally, school is for learning the three R's -- reading, 'ritin' and 'rithmetic. But somewhere along the line, a few Lexington School students (and teachers) decided to add their own "R" to the curriculum with "romance." Maybe it was something in the water fountains. Maybe it was a glance across a crowded lunchroom. Or maybe it was all those heavy textbooks that just begged to be carried by a chivalrous knight in shining green-and-gray. But whatever the romantic reason, in the past 50 years, 16 TLS alumni saw it only fitting to marry another TLS alum. This article pays tribute to the eight married Lexington School couples who went on to prove the fourth "R" might be just as important as the other three.

THE TRENDSETTERS

Jean Ellen '71 and Win Paulson '65

Jean Ellen and Win Paulson take the blue ribbon as The Lexington School's first alumni couple. Though they didn't overlap at TLS, they did know one another in grade school, as Win and Jean Ellen's brother, Doug Ezzell '67, carpooled to and from sports together and Jean Ellen often tagged along.

After graduating from The Lexington School, Win attended Mercersburg Academy, University of Virginia, and law school at Northern Kentucky University; Jean Ellen attended Henry Clay High School, Sayre School, Agnes Scott College, and University of Kentucky.

After Win took the Bar Exam, he and Jean Ellen began dating, then married in 1981. TLS alumni in their wedding party included, Jean Ellen's brother, Doug, and sister, Mary Ellery Ezzell '70. The Paulsons' daughter, Mary Hood, was born in 1991, and she matriculated at College of Charleston this fall. Win is an attorney and Jean Ellen is a community volunteer, having previously worked for an antique dealer, her family's insurance business, and co-owning the Lexington gift shop, The Hollow Stump.

The Paulsons recall their TLS days fondly, with some of their favorite teachers including Mr. Bud Pritchett (H'81), Mr. Gilchrist, Mrs. Orme (H'82), Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Hawley. Win and Jean Ellen may not have crossed paths at The Lexington School, but they did start quite the trend.





The Freeman/Gay connection at son Reed's graduation from TLS. Look for Elizabeth Gay Freeman and George Freeman in the middle of the back row.

A LEGACY OF LEXINGTON SCHOOLERS!

Elizabeth Gay Freeman '79 and George Freeman '75

Elizabeth and George attended TLS at the same time, with George leaving after the 8th grade while Elizabeth was still in the 4th. Their paths did not cross again until she had graduated from The Hotchkiss School and University of Virginia, and he from Woodberry Forest School and Vanderbilt University. They married in 1990 and now have three boys. Reid '08 is currently a sophomore at Sayre School; Will '10 is an 8th grader at TLS; and Woods '18 is in the 1st grade at The Lexington School.

PIECES OF THE PUZZLE: A PERFECT PROPOSAL

Shannon Bishop '90 and Will Arvin '82

When Shannon was a mere 1st grader learning her ABC's, Will, a 9th grader, was gearing up for high school. So, needless to say, Will didn't ask Shannon to the TLS spring dance. But years later, these two alumni-turned-lawyers met and married. And the marriage proposal itself is one only a Lexington School alumnus could concoct, and one only a Lexington School alumna could decipher!

"I thought Will was in Atlanta for business, and the plan was that I would fly down to meet him for the Thanksgiving weekend," Shannon explained. "But when I got to the airport, I discovered my ticket had me flying on to Madrid, Spain."

In addition, Shannon discovered that Will had included a series of envelopes in her carry-on bag, each of which contained a clue and a specific time it was to be opened. One clue had drink coupons for the plane. One had a book on Madrid. One contained Euros for the Metro ride.

"All I was told was to meet him at a hotel with 'muchas estrellas.' Somehow I made it to The Ritz in Madrid, but he wasn't there. However, at The Ritz I found another clue: to meet him at 'El Olso,' which means 'The Bear.'"

Shannon proceeded to a famous bear statue in Madrid where she found Will. After 'cervezas' and a walk in Retiro Park, he proposed.

Will and Shannon were married four years ago in Cabo San Lucas. Their wedding party included other Lexington School alumni: Tallee Walker Huber '90, Byers Watt '90, Chris Young '90, Keene Adams '83, Olin Gentry '82, and Camden Clay '82. Afterward, they honeymooned in Italy for a week before spending a week on a sailboat in the Ionian Islands of Greece.

Currently, Will and Shannon live on Foxtale Farm in Jessamine County, Kentucky. After TLS, Shannon attended Henry Clay High School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and University of Kentucky College of Law. Will attended Sayre School, Washington and Lee University, and law school in Birmingham, Alabama. Now, they are both attorneys who enjoy traveling, cooking, gardening, sailing, and hiking. The announcement of their first child will be in the next *Pinpoints.*



The Salomon/Gray connection featuring Keturah and Jonathan at their May 2008 wedding.

HIP BAND SEEKS NEW MEMBER

Jonathan Salomon '90 & Keturah Gray '94

Personal ad: *Happening 9th grade guy seeks intelligent, well-read, Middle School girl to join after-school band practice with other Upper Schoolers. Must enjoy Guns N' Roses, Motley Crue, long hair, and competitive eating. Large pink-rimmed glasses and oversized neon hair bows are a plus.*

Actually, Keturah didn't even apply for the band job because although she and Jon attended TLS at the same time, they didn't know each other. (Keturah was, however, in the same class as Seth Salomon —Jon's brother). After TLS, Jon attended Henry Clay High School, Washington University, and law school at New York University; Keturah attended Dunbar High School and Duke University.

Jon and Keturah's first date was in New York City – a season-end wrap party for the television show "The O.C." According to Jon, Keturah was more excited about meeting Julie Cooper than she was about the date with Jon.

Now, they've been married a little over a year. Their proposal went something as follows:

"We went to Montreal over New Year's weekend. On the day I had planned to propose, Keturah got a voice mail from a friend saying, 'Aren't you so happy about your sister's (Mary Bruce) engagement?' I assumed this was some kind of intentional ploy to eliminate any suspicions Keturah might have had about the trip to Montreal. But then Keturah called Mary Bruce, asked if she was engaged, and burst into tears (of happiness) when Mary Bruce said that she was. I retreated to the hotel room closet with my cell phone to find out what this was all about. Mary Bruce told me that she had really gotten engaged, and that nobody had called to tell Keturah because they weren't sure if we were engaged yet. I congratulated Mary Bruce and went back to the drawing board on my proposal plans. However, Keturah was so emotionally drained that she decided to skip the dinner we had planned. In the meantime, Keturah's sisters called me to tell me to go ahead with the proposal because everybody was tired of waiting by the phone. Long story short, I ended up proposing to Keturah at the hotel. Thankfully, it felt very 'us' to do it that way."

Keturah and Jon were married May 25, 2008, at the Headley-Whitney Museum in Lexington. Their TLS attendants included Rebekah Gray '96, Mary Bruce Gray Alford '99, Seth Salomon '94, Beth Medina Ewen '94, Marshall Foster '90, Ben Hoffman '90, Curtis Montague '90, Carl Gray '02, Seth Rubin '17 (1st grade), and Erica Cohen '93. They honeymooned one year after the wedding, as the week after their wedding, Keturah was filming for an ABC News special about Appalachia and ended up traveling, alone, to Paintsville, KY. When they finally had a chance to take a vacation, they went to Disneyworld and to visit Jon's grandmother in Florida. According to Jon, maybe next year they'll take a "real" honeymoon.

Currently, Keturah and Jon live in Louisville, KY. Jon is an attorney; Keturah is a television producer. Their favorite pastimes include hanging out with friends and family, watching movies, jogging, discussing why Kentucky, and not Duke, is the true basketball dynasty of the 1990s, and contemplating their lack of furniture.

THE MAGIC OF 7TH GRADE: WHERE FUTURES BEGIN

Part 1: Holly Parrish Brown '82 and Norman Brown '82

Holly Parrish and Norman Brown began their future together in 7th grade when they decided to "go steady" and attend a TLS dance together.

"Steady basically meant we hardly spoke to one another," admitted Holly. "But I do remember our Christmas presents: an ELO album from the drugstore for Norm and a pink-and-green turtle belt for me. Our romance ended quickly, but then we became good friends."

"We were always friends with one another," agreed Norm. Friends not only at TLS, but long after.

"Yes. Norm took a keen interest in my life decisions," joked Holly, "as he disagreed with a lot of them, from my college choice to returning from boarding school."

After schooling they ended up in England together. "Our relationship blossomed in London," explained Norm, "beyond the microscope of Lexington. I was studying at the time and Holly was working."

The couple spent several years in New York City commuting back and forth between jobs and business school. They got married in 1996.

Were Holly and Norm in any of the same classes at TLS? "Holly was in the 1's and I was in the 2's," said Norm.

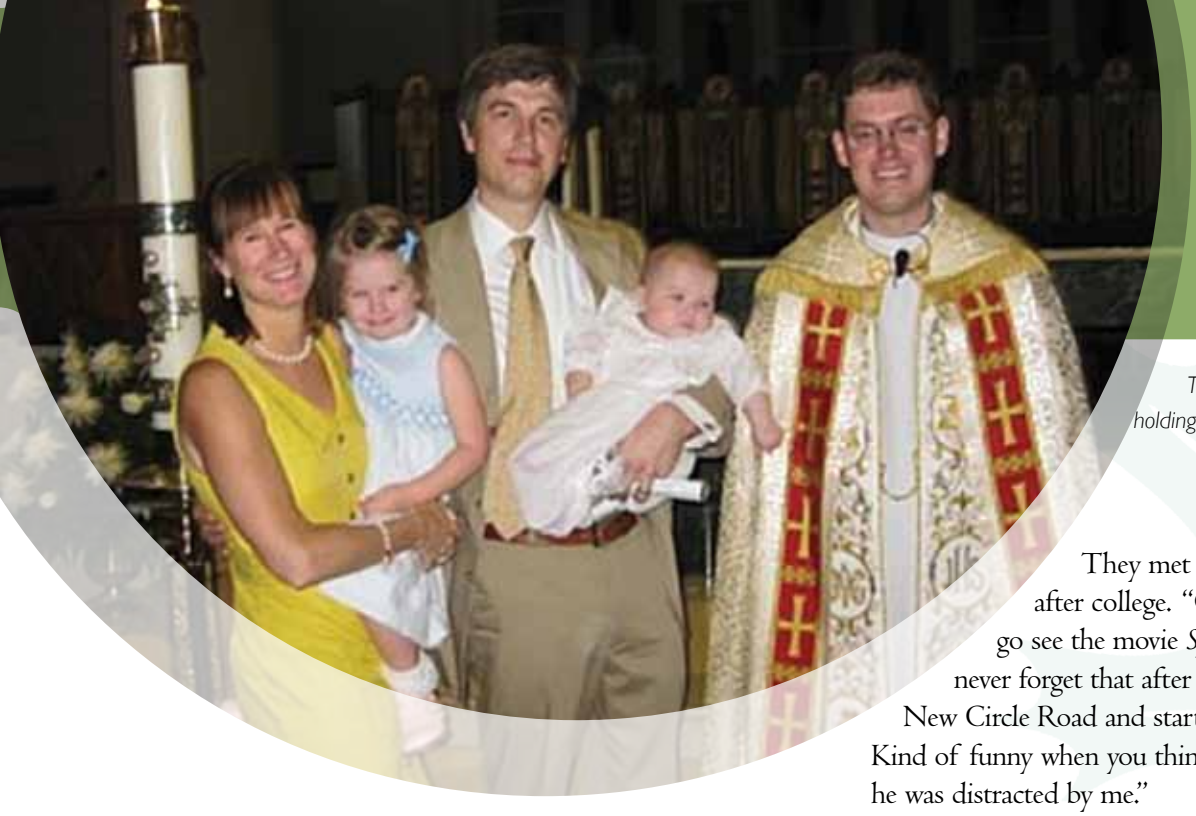
Currently, Holly and Norman live outside New York in Summit, New Jersey. They have three boys: Trip (7), Alec (6), and Ben (2). They considered naming one of their children Thomas, after Holly's grandfather, but the name Thomas Brown reminded them of their beloved TLS science teacher "B," and they decided that no one could hold a candle to him.



Charlotte, Norman, and Holly at the '80s Reunion



Norman Brown, Holly Parrish, Charlotte Gay **'82**, *and Christopher deMovellan* **'82** *at their TLS 7th grade dance.*



The Cassidy/Johnston connection with Laurel holding Eva Pace, Peter holding Emery, and Father Chris Clay **'89,** *following Emery's baptism.*

THE MAGIC OF 7TH GRADE: WHERE FUTURES BEGIN

Part 2: Laurel Johnston Cassidy '88 and Peter Cassidy '89

Laurel and Peter also began their future together in Upper School, when Peter was in 7th grade and Laurel in the 8th. They were both in Ken Lightell's advisor group, and they dated for about two weeks.

"I remember seeing him at soccer tryouts before school started and thinking he was cute," said Laurel. "After all, he was one of the few 7th grade boys who was taller than I was. Plus he was a good soccer player. I was super excited when I found out he was in my advisor group."

Laurel recalled that, at the time, the 8th grade girls took notice of the 7th grade boys. "Peter and I joke that we were the pioneers of the 7th grade boy/8th grade girls' romances, as there were many others that followed our lead. And unlike most romances that fizzled at that age, we actually kept speaking after we broke up since we saw each other every morning in advisor group."

"We still argue over who dumped who," said Laurel. "But deep down, we both know it was me who did the breaking up. After 14 days, it was time to move on."

After TLS, Laurel attended high school in Sydney Australia at S.C.E.C.G.S. Redlands School and then college at University of Vermont. Peter went to Groton School and then on to Vanderbilt University before attending law school at University of Kentucky. They didn't keep in touch during those years, even though Peter claims he ran into Laurel at a Phish show once at Vanderbilt.

They met up again in Lexington years after college. "On our first date, we went to go see the movie *Spiderman*," said Laurel. "And I'll never forget that after he picked me up, he drove to New Circle Road and started driving the wrong direction. Kind of funny when you think we both grew up here. I guess he was distracted by me."

Laurel claimed that at the time Hanly Ingram '89, a former classmate of Peter's, had been encouraging Peter to ask Laurel out for some time. And Peter had also been encouraging Hanly to ask out his current wife, Heather. "Looks like the 7th grade boys knew something about matchmaking after all," said Laurel.

Peter proposed to Laurel after work one Friday. "I had gone to a bridal shower for a co-worker, and when I got home and he was cooking something other than Zatarain's, I knew something was up. We ate and then he got down on his knee and proposed."

Peter and Laurel have been married since October 30, 2004. They were married at St. Peter's church in Lexington and held their reception at Idle Hour Country Club. Other TLS graduates in the wedding party included Anne Cassidy '97, Maggie Cassidy '87, Katie Cassidy Sutherland '86, Anne Kenan '88, Melanie Smith Leach '88, and Melissa Sparrow '94. Whitney Martin Collins '88 was a reader and Catherine Cowden Bryan '88 and Lisa Scully Stein '88 were guest book attendants. Groomsmen included Teddy Gay '89, Prentiss Douglass '89, and Crews Johnston '84; ushers were Andy Barr '89 and Hanly Ingram '89. Peter and Laurel honeymooned for two weeks in Spain.

Now, Laurel and Peter live in downtown Lexington on Mill Street. Peter is an attorney at Sturgill, Turner, Barker, and Moloney. Laurel sells advertising and sponsorships for IMG. They have two daughters: Eva Pace (3 1/2 years) and Emery (10 months). Their favorite pastimes as a couple include golf, seeing/listening to live music, and enjoying the downtown scene.

HE SAID, SHE SAID

Laura Parrish and Zack Bray

Laura Parrish and Zack Bray were in the same class at The Lexington School from 3rd grade, where Mrs. Pat Kline was their teacher, through 9th grade and then until they graduated from Henry Clay High School. Laura remembers that she, Zack, Ellen Stilz Plummer, and Jamie Nicholson were side-by-side in their school adventure. Laura also says she and Zack were just friends, but Zack remembers that it was "not for lack of wishing on his part." He remembers "teasing her, asking her to dances, secretly telling everyone that he liked her, and getting sent out of class to impress her." Basically, the way he remembers it, "Laura has always been out of my league, and it took me a couple of decades to sort of wear her down."

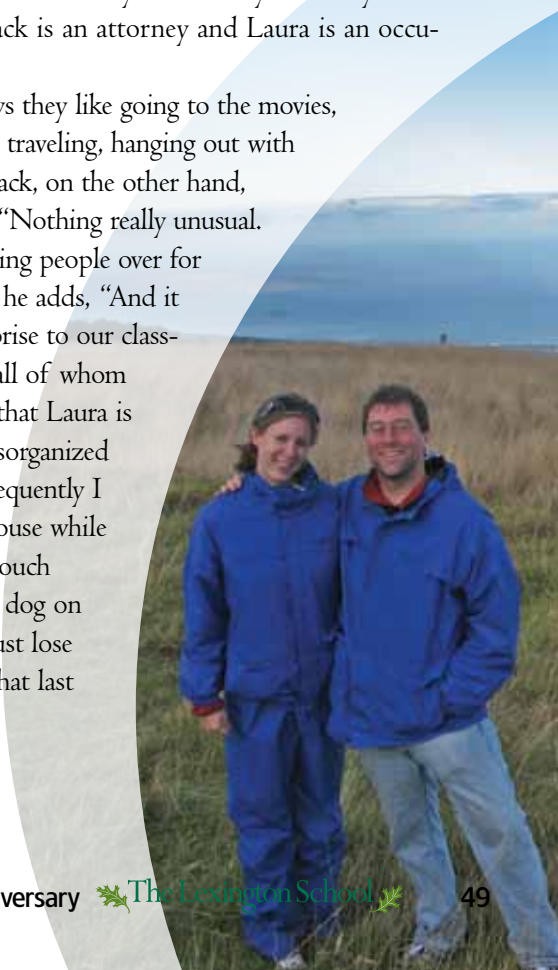
Laura remembers that their first official date was four years ago this June. "We had both lived out of town and were back in Lexington for the summer. We went to dinner at a bistro downtown," she recalls. Zack has a little different take on it, though. "Hmm. Well, it depends. We had a lot of false starts: a drive-in movie in the woods in Idaho, dances in high school and college, trips to Colorado and New York after college to see each other. But really, our first date was probably about four years ago, in Lexington. That date, however, was gruesome. I mean, Laura was beautiful and very nice, of course. But we went to dinner, and I was nervous, and then I didn't feel well, and then all of our friends were waiting to hear how it went after I took her home. *('Well, it sounds like you blew it, man.')* The less said about all that the better. Luckily she was willing to go out with me again."

The couple's proposal memories are similar, but Zack's are in greater detail: "It was spring (2008). We'd been dating for a couple of years, and I had just moved to L.A., and Laura was still living in Lexington, near Ashland. I told a lot of people that I was flying to Lexington for the weekend to surprise Laura and to propose, and surprisingly everyone kept the secret. I flew in on a Friday, picked up the ring, and then waited near Laura's apartment for her to get home from work. While I was waiting, many of our friends called to ask me how I was going to propose and to give me their suggestions, which were of course very thoughtful, but often kind of contradictory. *(e.g., 'You need to be waiting for her at work in the parking lot'; 'Keep waiting for her by her apartment, but closer -- maybe right next to her place. And when she gets home, just jump out or barge right in and finally get it over with!'; 'It is kind of creepy that you are lurking around, period. Can't you figure out another, less creepy, way to do this?')*

"Anyway, when I saw Laura driving home, I called her cell phone, but it had been sort of a rough day for her, and of course she thought I was still in L.A., so I was stuck outside her apartment while we talked, in great detail, about some of the things that had gone a little off for her. Finally, when she stopped to take a breath, I told her that I thought it might be more fun to talk about this inside, rather than over the phone. She was surprised at first, but then she agreed, and then we went to dinner, and then we took her dog, Chapel, for a walk around Ashland, and that's where we decided to get married. And then we spent the rest of the weekend celebrating with our friends and family. It was almost as much fun as our wedding weekend."

Laura Parrish and Zack Bray were married October 4, 2008, at First Presbyterian Church and then had their reception at Idle Hour Country Club. They currently live in California where Zack is an attorney and Laura is an occupational therapist.

For fun, Laura says they like going to the movies, taking walks, hiking, traveling, hanging out with their TLS friends. Zack, on the other hand, says that they enjoy "Nothing really unusual. Reading, hiking, having people over for dinner, travel." Then he adds, "And it will come as no surprise to our classmates and teachers, all of whom know or remember, that Laura is messier and more disorganized than me, and that frequently I like to tidy up the house while Laura flops on the couch with a book and the dog on her lap." Did Zack just lose his credibility with that last memory?



NEWLYWEDS: THE TRADITION CONTINUES

Kelsey Nicholson Tune '96 and Brad Tune '85

Brad and Kelsey were 11 years apart in school and never overlapped in the halls of TLS. But they're the newest Lexington School married alumni couple, having tied the knot this past July.

Brad was only at TLS for a while, before leaving for middle and high school in New Jersey. He later returned to Lexington and graduated from Henry Clay High School in 1988. He graduated from University of Kentucky with a degree in Landscape Architecture. Kelsey graduated from The Lexington School in 1996 and Lexington Catholic in 1999. She holds a degree in Legal Studies from Sullivan University.

Their wedding involved a number of Lexington School alumni, including Jennings Sturgill '96, Evan Tune '90, Jamie Nicholson '94, Luke Fallon '85, Jessica Bell Nicholson '64, Jessica Gay Bell (H'72), John Bell IV '66, Jimmy Bell '69, and Benny Bell Williams '72. They honeymooned in Maui and now live in Lexington where Brad is a real estate appraiser and Kelsey is a paralegal. They have two kids, Elliott '18 (Montessori) and Bennett '20 (KinderKlasse). Their favorite pastime is taking their children to the beach.





Front Row *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, Christine Thorn, 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.*

Back Row *Andrew Lock, Lane Pumphrey, Thomas Spears, Philip Carson, Sam Beach, Wes Alexander, Andy Hoch, John Tender, Alec Gilbert, David Dowden.*

The World of Higher Education for the Class of '05

Wes Alexander ..... Bluegrass Community Technical College (BCTC)
Kristen Arvin ..... University of Kentucky
Alexis Baldwin ..... College of Charleston
Sam Beach ..... University of Virginia
Devon Bradley ..... Ohio Weselyan University
Kegan Burgess ..... Sewanee: University of the South
Cory Cameron ..... University of Kentucky
Philip Carson ..... Loyola University, New Orleans
Shakaree Carter
Melanie Colgan ..... University of Maryland, College Park
Charlotte Cornett ..... University of Georgia
Elise De Camp ..... Centre College
William Derenge ..... Hampden-Sydney College
David Dowden ..... Wofford College
Alex Elswick ..... Centre College
Marshall English ..... Western Kentucky University
Ryder Finney ..... University of Pennsylvania
Kelsey Floyd ..... University of Tennessee
Alec Gilbert ..... Furman University
Jennifer Grasch ..... Vanderbilt University
Yohanna Hanna ..... Northwestern University
Andy Hoch ..... University of Kentucky
Julia Hunter ..... Haverford College
Chloe Irwin ..... Kenyon College
Jennifer Klein ..... University of Tennessee
Ridgely Knight ..... Birmingham Southern College
Caroline Langley ..... Southern Methodist University
Cameron Lindsey ..... Transylvania University
Zach Linton ..... Clemson University
Leanne Little ..... Wake Forest University
Andrew Lock ..... Transylvania University
Ashley Lockridge ..... University of Kentucky
Owen McCully
Rachel Moore ..... Agnes Scott College
Chloe Obert ..... Butler University
Jennifer O'Brien ..... Centre College
Lane Pumphrey ..... University of Kentucky
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Ravi Shukla ..... Butler University
Thomas Spears ..... Washington and Lee University
Ellie Steder ..... University of South Carolina
Jennifer Stutland ..... University of Southern California
John Tender ..... University of Indiana
Christine Thorn ..... Western Kentucky University
Carly Wolken ..... University of Miami

PIN NOTES: ALUMNI NEWS

by Mandy Helton

Esteemed lawyer and author **Philip Howard '63** has published his third book, *Life Without Lawyers: Liberating Americans from Too Much Law,* which *The Washington Post* has said "surely will be 2009's most needed book on public affairs." Philip has previously authored *The Death of Common Sense: How Law is Suffocating America*; *The Collapse of the Common Good: How America's Lawsuit Culture is Undermining our Freedom*; and the introduction to Al Gore's *Common Sense Government*. As founder and Chair of Common Good, a non-profit, non-partisan legal reform coalition, Philip participated in the 2008 launch of *New Talk*, an online forum where experts from many fields discuss issues affecting America.



Job "Darby" Turner '63 and his wife Charlotte became grandparents with the birth of Elizabeth Charlotte McCoy, born to their daughter Charlotte, an attorney, and husband, Dr. Mike McCoy, on May 18, 2009. Darby is a member of Greenebaum, Doll, and McDonald PLLC's Corporate and Commercial Practice Group and the Tax and Finance Group. He has been named to the Best Lawyers in America list for the past three years. Darby and Charlotte were gracious hosts for the 1960s reunion during the 50th Anniversary.

Caroline Thompson Burns '66 and her husband Charlie reside in Isle of Palms, SC, where Caroline is very active with the Charleston Historical Society, the Preservation Society, and St. Philips Episcopal Church. They miss all of their friends in Lexington but try to visit as often as they can. Caroline was able to attend the Lexington School's 50th Anniversary.

John Marshall '76 is the chief of Hematology/Oncology and director of clinical research for Georgetown University's Comprehensive Cancer Center. He has been elected president of the International Society of Gastrointestinal Oncology and will serve until September 2010.

On a recent visit to Charleston, The Lexington School alumni coordinator Mandy Helton was able to visit with **Marion Simons Letts '78** at Letts Atelier, Inc, the antiques and jewelry gallery Marion co-owns in Charleston, SC, with her husband. Marion trained at Sotheby's in New York City and is a member of the Board of Directors for Charleston's Arts and Antiques Forum.

In Memoriam: The Class of 1980 paid tribute to their classmate, **Amy Jo Rosenthal Saul '80,** who passed away in January 2009 after a battle with cancer. The class planted a tree at The Lexington School in her memory and held a small memorial ceremony during the 50th Anniversary weekend.

Holly Parrish Brown '82 has started a blog, tadashop.blogspot.com, in anticipation of the launch of her new business and website, which will feature children's products from a variety of merchants and stores and offer website visitors one-stop shopping versus going to their sites independently.

Elizabeth Kinkead Descarpentries '82 is back on our shores after several years living abroad. She now lives in Albuquerque, NM, with her husband, Christophe, and son, Louis, two years old. She works for Cisco Systems, Inc. as a project manager and writer and reports to former classmate **Sajida Syed '82. Sajida** lives in Creedmoor, NC, with her 14-year-old daughter, Rabiya. She is a business development manager for Cisco.

Caroline Turnbull Haagenstad '82 lives in Santa Fe, NM, with her husband, Todd, and three daughters, Kaitlin 19, Elizabeth 14, and Claira 6. She teaches 7th grade GATE language arts and social studies.

Anne Ades '83 has been named to Philadelphia Magazine's list of "Best Physicians Age 40 and Under" in recognition of her work as the creator and director of the Neonatal Stimulation Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Anne received her M.D. from Tufts University and completed her residency and neonatal fellowship at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Thomas Gaines '83 and his wife, Kimberly, were excited to welcome son John Francis Gaines on July 6, 2009 into the world. John joins big sister **Olivia Ryan Gaines'19**, who joined The Lexington School's KinderKlasse this year. Thomas is the president of KBC International and co-owns Gaines-Gentry thoroughbreds with fellow TLS Alumnus **Olin Gentry '82.**

Heather Clay '86 lives in New York City with her husband, Nick Frelinghuysen, and their two daughters Amelia and May. While she has served as a contributor to numerous literary magazines, her first novel, *Losing Charlotte*, will be published by Knopf in March of 2010, so keep an eye out at your local bookstore.

Dr. Emily Adams Haly '86 lives in Charleston, SC, and is married to Adam Haly. They have four children: Addison, Emily Catherine, Coleman, and Grace, born April 15, 2009. Emily is a primary care physician in private practice.

Alex Kinkead Mason '86 lives in Albuquerque, NM with her husband, Albert, and their two girls Ina and Lola. Alex is still painting and had a show in Atlanta in November of 2009. Her paintings are in collections all over the world including The Four Seasons in Dallas, TX; Bellagio VIP Lounge in Las Vegas, NV; Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas ; Ho'olei Wailea, Maui; The Four Seasons Hotel in Mexico City; Atlantis Hotel, The Palm Jumeirah, Dubai; as well as private collections in New York, California, Kentucky, Vermont, New Zealand, Japan and Hong Kong. In addition Alex has launched a line of fabrics based on her paintings. The fabrics are in showrooms in Los Angeles, Atlanta, and Lexington, and may be seen on-line at www.FerrickMason.com.You can read more about Alex and her paintings at www.AlexKMason.com

Elizabeth Carey Nahra '86 and her husband, Tyler, recently expanded their brood with the addition of son Woods, born on April 8, 2009. Woods has two older brothers, four-and-a-half-year-old Jake and two-year-old Nick. Elizabeth is a real estate agent with Prudential A.S. deMovellan Real Estate, serves on the board of the Lexington Cancer Foundation and is chair of the annual fundraiser McDazzle for The Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Bluegrass.

Blake Snyder Eames '86 and husband, Willie, welcomed an addition to their family on December 29, 2008, their son, Will Cooper. Will Cooper joins big sister Sara Grace and is the first grandson for former TLS teacher Ann Eames.

President Barack Obama has named **Joseph Aldy '87** Special Assistant to the President for Energy and the Environment. Joe completed his doctorate in economics at Harvard in 2005 and is formerly the co-director of Harvard University's Project on International Climate Agreements. Since 2005 he has been a fellow with Resources for the Future, based in Washington, D.C. He is slated to return to the Harvard faculty in the near future.

Mark Tatman '87 married Roxana Dehnad on March 28, 2009 at Mulberry United Methodist Church in Macon, GA. Roxana is an associate with the law firm of Ray & Sherman in Atlanta where Mark is an anesthesiologist.

Greg White '87 graduated from the University of Virginia in 1994 and worked in the environmental field for six years before going to the University of Texas for an MBA. After graduation Greg went to work for Dell computers where he met his wife, Jenny Burke. Greg and Jenny have three-year-old twin daughters, Harper and Lucy.

Whitney Martin Collins '88 is the creator of errantparent.com, a humorous alternative to traditional parenting publications. Whitney has contributed several articles to errant parent as well, with titles such as "You Put What Where?" and "Well Meaning Mother Literally Mortifies Teenage Daughter." Whitney is currently at work on several projects and enjoying her time raising son George.



In Memoriam: The Class of 1989 remembers Marine Captain **Eric Terhune '89**. In his military career, Eric completed two tours of Iraq. He was killed June 19, 2009 during a security patrol in Farah Province, Afghanistan.

Alicia Blomberg Copland '89 is a 2000 graduate of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine Physician Assistant program. She is now working part-time as an obstetrician/gynecology PA in Burlington, NC, where she resides with her husband Jason, who is CEO of Copland Fabrics, a textile manufacturing and finishing company. Alicia and Jason have a daughter, Hailey, who is four and a half.

Allison Eastland '89 is now living in Atlanta and working in the Fulton County Prosecutor's Office as an Assistant District Attorney.



Hanly Ingram '89 and wife, Heather, have two boys, Daniel, age two, and James, born in March 2009. Hanly graduated from Duke University in 1996 and from the UK College of Law in 1999. He resides in Lexington and is a partner at Stoll, Keenan, Ogden, PLLC, where he practices with his dad, Lindsey, and brother, **Lindsey '85**. Among Hanly's closest friends are a handful of fellow 1989 TLS grads.

Barbara Cohen Rubin '89 graduated from Indiana University in 1996. While working for a computer software company in Chicago, she met her husband, Mark, and they returned to Lexington in 2000. Barbara is frequently seen volunteering at TLS as mom to **Seth '16**, 1st grade, and **Abigail '18**, Prekindergarten.

Lisa Smith '89 resides in Columbus, OH, and is the Director of Development at Ohio State University, where she earned her one master's degree in art education and another in art history.

The Kentucky Children's Hospital commissioned an art piece from **William "Bill" Santen '91** as part of its UK Arts in Healthcare initiative. The result is a 25-foot relief sculpture of imaginary animals that can be enjoyed by patients and visitors. Previously, Bill's canvas work, sculptures, and 16-mm film have been shown throughout Lexington. Bill was a fellow with the Gaines Center at the University of Kentucky and this fall began coursework at the Columbia University School of Arts MFA program in New York City, with a focus in new genres.

Gene Slusher '91 is a grant administrator for Bluegrass PRIDE. His program provides resources to local governments, schools, and citizen groups in Central and Eastern Kentucky to improve the quality of their environment. Gene received his bachelor's degree from Centre College and his J.D. and Master of Studies in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School. During college, he spent considerable time abroad, living and studying in France, Mexico, and the Central African Republic. While in law school he focused on water law issues, water-related public policy, and environmental business strategies. In 2004, he was admitted to the Kentucky Bar Association. After spending several months fly fishing throughout Idaho and Montana, he spent a year working with the U.S. EPA on national water quality issues and then managed a local small business within the fly fishing industry before returning to public service.

Ginny Moore Smithwick '91 and husband, John, married since June 2005, welcomed son Collin Glenn on February 16, 2009. Ginny and her family have recently moved back to Lexington, where John works for Dent Supply International. Ginny continues her work as an advertising and planning supervisor for Chicago-based Leo Burnett Worldwide, Inc.

Jennifer Smith '92 graduated from University of Virginia in 1999. Jennifer is a vice president with MCG Capital Corporation and resides in Washington, DC.

Catherine Humphries Brown '93 and her husband, Nathan Brown, recently moved from Washington, DC, to Omaha, NE, where Catherine is enrolled in the doctorate program in public administration at the University of Nebraska, Omaha.

Joseph Hillenmeyer '93 has traveled the world extensively in his studies as a landscape designer and is the owner of Joseph Hillenmeyer and Associates in Lexington, KY. In spring 2009, Joseph returned to TLS and magically transformed The Lexington School's gymnasium into an enchanted forest in keeping with the theme for the annual CELEBRATION auction. His work wowed TLS!



Anne Shropshire '93 and Josh Shoemaker, both graduates of Wake Forest University, were married in June 2007. They are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Lucy Anne Shoemaker, on March 26, 2009. She was 7 pounds 12 ounces and 20 inches in length. Anne is back at work now as Chief Operating Officer at the North Carolina Association of REALTORS®. All three Shoemakers enjoyed their return to Lexington for the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Ann Mary Robertson Belek '95 and husband, Kyle, live in San Francisco, CA, where Ann Mary just finished her residency in internal medicine and started a fellowship in rheumatology. Their first daughter Margaret Lee Belek, nicknamed Maggie, was born on February 24, 2009.

Lauren Brock '95 is working as a physician assistant in orthopedic surgery and sports medicine in Asheville, NC. She has recently competed in several triathlons.

Holly Burns '95 resides in Washington, DC, and is membership director for the American Bankers Association. Holly is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and received the opportunity to capitalize on Madame Charron's teaching by taking further studies at the Sorbonne.

Charlie Dalton '95 spent a year in Santiago, Chile, working in an orphanage and was then awarded a Master of Teaching World Languages Degree from the University of Kentucky. He is now in his third year of teaching Upper Level Spanish at Sayre School.

Andrew Grimes '95 currently works as the Global Market Research Manager for Lexmark International and runs a photography website at InTheRestOfTheWorld.com. He completed his MBA at the University of Kentucky in 2009, and lives with his wife, Alison, in downtown Lexington.

Kate Mahan '95 is a special education teacher for 6th-10th grade in Charleston, SC, and she eagerly participated in The Lexington School's Colts 5K run during the 50th Anniversary.

Harrison Stuart '95 currently works as the development director and 6th grade math teacher at The Episcopal School of Knoxville in Tennessee. He and his wife, Katherine, have a one-year-old son named Edward Harrison Stuart, who is known as "Teddy."

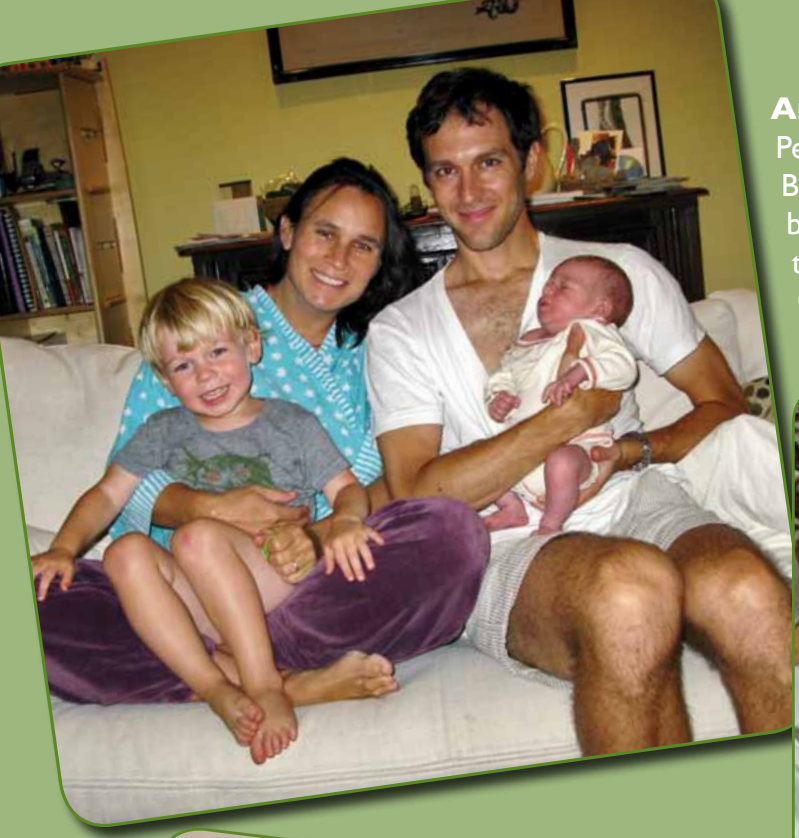
True Baker '96 achieved his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree at Auburn University in 2006 and now is in his last year of an equine surgery residency at Peterson and Smith in Ocala, FL. Upon completion of residency in June 2010, True plans to head back home to work at Woodford Equine Hospital in Versailles.

Wells Bullard '96 graduated from Harvard Business School in June 2008 and has moved back to Lexington, where she enjoys working for her family's business E.D. Bullard Company, in Cynthiana. Bullard is the "leading manufacturer of high quality personal protective equipment and systems." Wells enjoys being a godmother to Lauren Kathleen Counts, daughter of **Brooke Folley Counts '96**.

Shea Burns '96 is now living in Tucson, AZ, where he is working as a research specialist for the University of Arizona's School of Natural Resources.



Alex Cutadean '96 lives in Lexington and works with digital products for Blood-Horse Publications. Most notably, he has traveled around the country providing video coverage of the Triple Crown and Breeders' Cup. Alex's work as a videographer and editor can be viewed on an instructional DVD about thoroughbred conformation, available now on exclusivelyequine.com/conformation.



Anne Kenan '88 and husband David Perrin welcomed their second child, son Bodin Mitchell, on July 16, 2009. Bodin's big brother Rhese is three years old, and the family of four resides in New York City.



Wendy Parrish Berzanksy '84 and her husband Randy welcomed their first child, David Blaise Berzansky, on May 27, 2009. David is named for Wendy's father and her brother, Class of 1988.



Proud mama **Sarah Carney Latini '94** was happy to introduce sisters **Ann Carney Nelson '92** and **Rachel Carney '96** to her son Benjamin Michael, born on July 12, 2009 at 8 lbs, 6 oz, and 22.5 inches long. Sarah and her husband, Michael, live in Elkins Park, PA.



Hillary Lavely Corbin '95 and husband, Parker, celebrated the birth of their first child, daughter Lavely Pyne Corbin, on July 21, 2009. Lavely was 10 pounds 1 ounce and 22 inches long. Hillary reports that her mom and siblings **Vanessa '97** and **Benjamin '99,** have been a huge help. Hillary says, "It's been great to have so much family around!"

Breck Dorton '96 married fellow Lexington native Leigh Ann Hoskins on March 29, 2009 in Asheville, NC. **Rebecca Karem Hughes '97** served as matron of honor and **Abigail Dorton '00** and **Lucy Hinkle Lloyd '97** served as bridesmaids. **Will Dorton '98** served as the best man and was joined by groomsmen **Peter Barr '96** and **Gray Lyster '96**, and ushers **Bret Jones '96** and **Griff Van Meter '96**. **Aoife Lyons '88** provided violin music for the ceremony. Leigh Ann is a resident in general surgery at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Breck is a commercial real estate broker with Triad Commercial Properties, Greensboro, NC, and owns Premier Medical Direct, LLC. The couple resides with their dogs, Boone and Woodford, in Winston-Salem, NC.

Chad Miller '96 is currently living in Lexington and is president of LockNet, which specializes in security products and services. Chad holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science & Engineering from the University of California Los Angeles. Though he is an admitted workaholic, he says he still enjoys heavy metal and picks up the guitar from time to time.

Krishna Joshi Munshi '96 is considering specializing in child psychiatry after she completes her psychiatry residency at the University of California in San Francisco in 2011. She received her BS in psychology at Duke University and her MD at the University of Louisville. She has been married since 2007 to her college sweetheart, Vivek Munshi.

Roheen Raithatha '96 is completing his third year of residency in ear, nose, and throat surgery at New York Presbyterian Hospital in a combined program between Columbia and Cornell Universities. He is a 2007 graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine.

Elliott Miller '97 earned his juris doctorate in May 2009, becoming the fourth generation of the Miller family to graduate from the University of Kentucky College of Law. Elliott has been admitted to the Kentucky Bar and was sworn in on September 23, 2009. He joins his proud father, **Tom (H'07),** in the practice of law at the firm of Miller, Griffin and Marks, PSC.

Molly Nicol '97 and Robert Kay Lewis III were married on May 30, 2009 at First Presbyterian Church in Lexington. The wedding party was full of Lexington School alumni: matron of honor **Clay Chapman Underwood '94**; bridesmaids **Janie Romaine Jones '98**, **Lucy Hinkle Lloyd '97**, and **Emily Milward '97.** Groomsmen included **B. Nicol '91**, **Price Nicol '94**, and **Will Chapman '96** with ushers **Andy Barr '89** and **Bowen Chapman '01**. The flower girl, **Daphne Nicol**, an alumna-in- training, is currently enrolled in the TLS Kindergarten Class of 2017. Robert is the President of Global Advancement, LLC. Molly is a 2009 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, and joins the firm of McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland, PLLC as an associate this fall.

Drew Rodgers '97 received his J.D. from American University's College of Law in May 2009 and has moved to New York City in preparation to start his job as an associate at Shearman & Sterling LLP.



Anne Gay Donworth '98 and husband, Richie, had their first child, Margaret O'Dwyer Donworth, who will be called Maggie, on September 27, 2009. Maggie was eight pounds seven ounces, 20.5 inches.

Reed Grimes '98 currently works as a first-year doctor for the United States Navy at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda. He earned an MD from George Washington University in May 2009 and is living in Alexandria, VA.

Pamela Brown '99 is a weekend anchor and on-air reporter for WJLA, the ABC affiliate in Washington D.C. Pamela is a graduate of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Calhoun Clifton '99 is a 2006 graduate of the Fashion Institute of Design and Marketing. In spring 2009, her ad design for Saks Fifth Avenue was selected for display in the King Street window of the chain's store in Charleston, SC, where Calhoun resides.



Wally Letson '87 married Jettie Porwood on July 18, 2009. They are both graduates of Asheville School and met at an Asheville School alumni event in Atlanta, GA, where they reside. In attendance at the wedding was Wally's classmate **Anne Jefferson '87**, and his sister **Laura Letson '85** served as a bridesmaid. Wally is a patent attorney.



Courtney Bearse '93 and wife, Nicole, are the proud parents of daughter, Zoe Annabelle, born March 13, 2009. Nicole is an attorney with Hawkins & Associates in Frankfort, KY, and Courtney is the Director of Technology at Blood-Horse Publications in Lexington, where the happy family resides.



Holly Brown '96 married fellow attorney Travis Powell on May 16, 2009. The ceremony took place at Midway Christian Church, and Holly's parents, Bruce and Connie Brown, hosted the reception on their farm in Versailles. Holly's sisters, **Jessica '01** and **Sarah '03**, served as bridesmaids. Travis is Deputy General Counsel for the State Finance Cabinet and Holly is a corporate attorney with Frost, Brown, Todd, LLC.

Gunnar LaCour '99 graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law on May 8, 2009 and is the recipient of the Harry F. Stile's award from Tulane University, given to an outstanding student committed to an admiralty law career. In June 2009, Gunnar studied at the Aegean Institute of the Law of the Sea and Maritime Law in Rhodes, Greece, as part of Tulane University's LL.M program in Admiralty Law.



Beau Burns '00 resides in Charleston, SC, and is a money manager for the South Financial Group.



John Gilbert '00 scored in the 99th percentile on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and as a result earned a scholarship to the MD-PhD program at Yale University. Now in his third year with the program, John will complete his MD studies in spring 2010 and then begin his doctoral work. His mother reports that, upon completion, John plans to pursue a research fellowship.



Will Lyons '00 participated in the Teva Mountain Games in Vail, CO, in June 2009. Will also competed in the Steep Creek Championship, Kayak Freestyle, Vail Pass Half Marathon, X-Country Bike Race, DockDogs Speed Retrieve, and fly-fishing casting clinic. Ms. Una MacCarthy proudly proclaims that Will began his outdoor education on the Southwest trip at The Lexington School.



Andrea Waldman '01 graduated from Transylvania University in May with a degree in psychology and this fall has begun her studies at the University of Kentucky School of Medicine.



Lindsey Waldman '02 graduated from Vanderbilt University in May 2009 with a degree in communication studies. This fall, she has begun her graduate studies at American University in Washington, DC.



Maureen West '02 graduated from the College of William and Mary in May 2009 with a degree in history. She is now living and teaching in New York City as part of her appointment with Teach for America. She was one of 4,000 selected from an applicant pool of 36,000. She credits her wonderful teachers at TLS for inspiring her to serve Teach for America!

Caleigh Waldman '03, a senior at Middlebury College, is a Mahoney Fund recipient and spent the summer of 2008 in the jungles of Borneo interning with Specialized Wilderness Medicine. Caleigh spent four weeks providing basic dental and medical care and first aid instruction to the indigenous Kelabhit and Penan people. Caleigh's parents report that all three of their children "have said time and again the most important part of their education came from TLS!"



Heidi Zimmerman '03 spent the spring semester of her junior year in Israel, returning to Lexington for a summer interning for Camp Curiosity before beginning her senior year at the University of Pittsburgh.



Tim Gilbert '04 is a junior at Vanderbilt University. In summer 2009, he followed in the footsteps of older sister **Megan '03**, and gained valuable experience working at The Lexington School's Camp Curiosity.



Ben Van Den Broeck '04 collaborated with friends on a short cartoon called *Insecure 5*. Malcolm Barrett, from ABC's *Better Off Ted*, provided voice work for the piece. *Insecure 5* was part of NATPE NextTV Competition in April 2009.



Lindsay West '04, now a junior at Vanderbilt University, completed the 2009 summer management program at New York University's Sterns School of Business .



Alexis Baldwin '05 received the Art Award from the National Society of Arts and Letters at Sayre's Commencement in spring 2009.



During her senior year at Lafayette High School, **Cory Cameron '05** was the 1st place winner in the 2009 Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation's visual arts contest. Her winning entry was featured at the Blue Grass Trust Antiques & Garden Show at Keeneland.



As a senior at Sayre School, **Charlotte Cornett '05** was the co-recipient of the Abby Sayre Cup, and was named to the All-State team by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

Kelsey Floyd '05 graduated with honors from Tates Creek High School in spring 2009.

As a senior at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School**, Jennifer Grasch '05** was a National Merit finalist and one of Kentucky's three Presidential Scholars.

Julia Hunter '05 was salutatorian at Henry Clay High School's graduation ceremony in spring 2009. Julia is also a National Merit Finalist.

Chloe Irwin '05 was named Outstanding Student in the Creative Arts at Sayre's graduation awards ceremony. She also earned the Dance Award by the National Society of Arts and Letters.

As a senior at Lexington Catholic High School, **Leanne Little '05** was a member of the National Honor Society and also received recognition for art from the National Society of Arts and Letters.

Jennifer O'Brien '05 was the valedictorian for the Class of 2009 at Henry Clay High School.

Bennett Rieser '05 received the University of Kentucky Enoch Grehan Memorial Award while a senior at Lexington Catholic High School.

Ellen Sanders '05 is the recipient of the Alumni Association Merit Scholarship at Miami University of Ohio.

Ravi Shukla '05 received the Spanish Honor Society Award while a senior at Lexington Catholic High School. Ravi also earned a Trustee Scholarship to Butler University.

Thomas Spears '05 received the Fayette County Bar Association Award as a senior at Sayre School.

Sarah Atkins '06 has been named a Governor's Scholar. She is a senior at Henry Clay High School.

Alex Kiefer '06 received a perfect score of 36 on the ACT in March 2009. Alex is a senior at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and, like her siblings, is an accomplished competitive fencer.

Conrad Bandoroff '07 participated on the 1992 Olympic Development Program (ODP) in soccer. He was part of a squad representing Kentucky in regional competition with players from 12 states. The ODP is a national program to identify and develop youth players to represent their state, region, and country in soccer competitions.

Justin Bonanno '08 was named the Freshman Boy of the Year at Lexington Catholic High School 2008-09 Academic Awards Banquet.

Lee Kiefer '08 continues to rack up the awards in competitive fencing as a member of USA Fencing's Junior and Cadet World Championship Teams. In June 2009, Kentucky Utilities named her their scholar athlete of the month and reported that she was ranked 1st in her age group and and ranked 4th of all women fencers in the United States. Lee is a sophomore at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in the Math, Science, and Technology Program.

Leon Pickles '09 returned to Lexington with his mother, former TLS teacher Lynn Pickles, for the 50th Anniversary Celebration and enjoyed a reunion with his former classmates while they buried their class time capsule. Leon is a student at Chapel Hill High School in North Carolina.





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Olivia Hurter '96 married Timothy Swan on June 20, 2009 at First Presbyterian Church in Lexington. Olivia's brother, **Michael '94** was an usher, **Elizabeth Gambet '96** served as maid of honor, and the bridal party also included **Wells Bullard '96** and **Laura Bell Bundy '96**, who sang in the ceremony. Other TLS alumni in attendance included **Jonathan Salomon '90, Keturah Gray '94, Rebekah Gray '96**, and **Seth Salomon '94**. The newlyweds are living in Chicago, IL.



Laura Bell Bundy '96 has taken a much needed break from Broadway and has been living in Nashville for the last year, writing and recording a new country album. It will be released on Universal Records in early 2010. Most of her family, including her parents, still live in Lexington, and she has been visiting them more frequently in the last year. She loves being Auntie Laura to three nieces and almost four nephews.



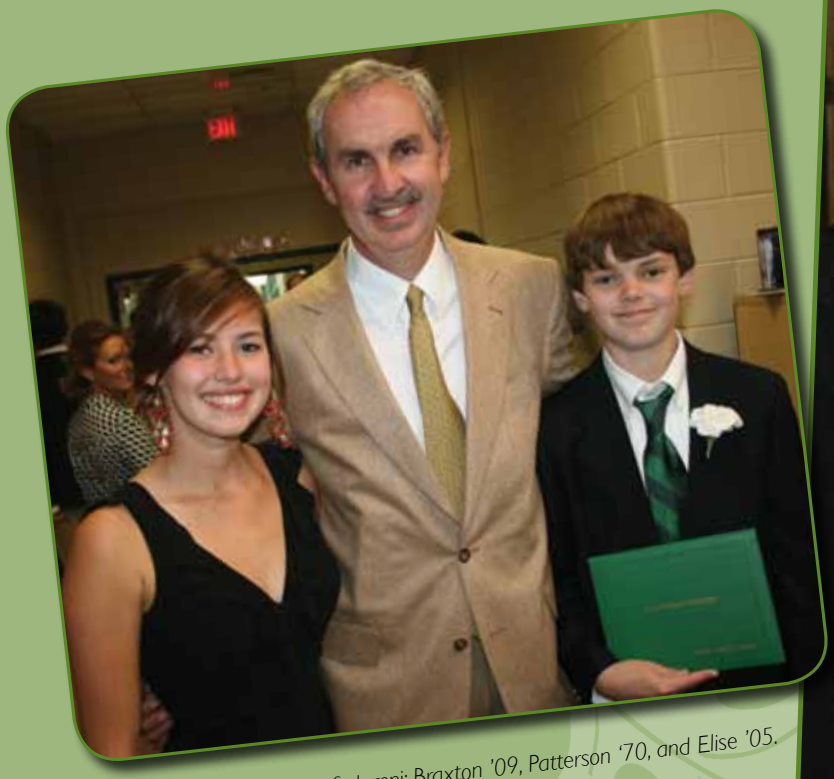
The **Class of 2008** returned to TLS in March 2009 to bury their class time capsule. Here, they celebrate their first official class reunion under the scoreboard that their parents gave to The Lexington School.



Front Row Tara Marshall, Palmer Thomas, Anya Molyviatis-deKwiatkowski, Emily Deller, Vanessa Fu, Ali Boone *Row 2* Francesca Spirito, Candace Smith, Cavitt Bradley, Olivia Breeding, Maria Ortiz, Ashton Aurland, Maggie Duzyk, Lizzie Walsh, Ellee English *Row 3* Yesmina Zakharia, Zea Wang, Kelsey Bonanno, Meghan McGinty, Ally Bailey, Erin MacLeod, Emma Beck, Sammy Farish, Morgan Garrett, Samantha Scheib *Row 4* Ben Davis, Will Oldham, Danny Caudill, Jonathan George, Travis McLaughlin, Logan Gardner, Jacob Rackmil, Andrew Betts, Braxton DeCamp, Connor Lakofka, Cooper Van Tatenhove, Jack Totty *Back Row* Jake Linton, Sanders Platt, Duncan Courtney, Wyatt Stonebraker, Haddon Alford, Cameron Boone, Antonio Woods, Tadhg Young, Jacob Mannino, Adam Falluji, Taylor Acree, Nica Pearson, Russie Hunter

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Taylor Acree ..... Sayre School
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Ashton Aurland ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Ally Bailey ..... Bryan Station High School
Emma Beck ..... Deerfield Academy
Andrew Betts ..... Lafayette High School
Kelsey Bonanno ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Ali Boone ..... Sayre School
Cameron Boone ..... IMG Academies & St. Stephen's Episcopal (fall); Lexington Catholic High School (spring)
Cavitt Bradley ..... Sayre School
Olivia Breeding ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
Danny Caudill ..... Sayre School
Duncan Courtney ..... Sayre School
Ben Davis ..... Sayre School
Braxton DeCamp ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Emily Deller ..... Lexington Christian Academy
Maggie Duzyk ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Ellee English ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
Adam Falluji ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School MSTC
Sammy Farish ..... Sayre School
Vanessa Fu ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Logan Gardner ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Morgan Garrett ..... Sayre School
Jonathan George ..... Asheville School
Russie Hunter ..... Lafayette High School SCAPA
Connor Lakofka ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Jake Linton ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Erin MacLeod ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Jacob Mannino ..... McCallie School
Tara Marshall ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Meghan McGinty ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Travis McLaughlin ..... Lexington Catholic High School
Anya Molyviatis-deKwaitkowski ..... Asheville School
Will Oldham ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School MSTC
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Candace Smith ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
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Wyatt Stonebraker ..... Sayre School
Palmer Thomas ..... Episcopal High School
Jack Totty ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Cooper Van Tatenhove ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Lizzie Walsh ..... Paul Laurence Dunbar High School MSTC
Zea Wang ..... Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy
Antonio Woods ..... Sayre School
Tadhg Young ..... Sayre School
Yesmina Zakharia ..... Sayre School



The DeCamp family of alumni: Braxton '09, Patterson '70, and Elise '05.



The Fu family of alumni: Vanessa '09, and Ting Ting '00.



The English family of alumni: Jordan '02, Eli '09, Victor '74, and Marshall '05.



MR. BALDECCHI'S HISTORY LESSON: *The Brewer Years*

by Chuck Baldecchi

FOR THE LEXINGTON SCHOOL, THE BOARD of Trustees personifies the role of the volunteer. It is the board's job to hire and fire the Head of School, plan and map the strategic future of the institution, and ensure the financial health of the school for years to come. Over the past 50 years the Board of Trustees has done its job well.

The fledgling school, started by the Abercrombies on the corner of Georgian Way and Lane Allen in 1959 with 59 students and a single building, has grown into a nationally recognized leader in elementary education with a 25-acre campus consisting of 114,000 square feet of building space, one of the largest endowments for a school of its kind, and 522 students, which includes students from 7 counties, 23 zip codes, 13.5% students of color, and nearly 20% of the student population receiving some form of financial assistance. To say that the school has changed and evolved in its 50 years is an understatement.

A board family affair brings the past and the present together. The current President of the Board is Robert A. A. Brewer '85. The Brewer name is not new to The Lexington School Board of Trustees as Rob's father Robert M. Brewer (H '72) served as President of The Lexington School Board of Trustees from 1970-1980. Recently I sat down with these two gentlemen to talk about The Lexington School, their commitment to service, leadership, and family.

HEAD OF SCHOOL (CDB): Mr. Brewer, how early were you involved with The Lexington School, and why did you and your wife choose to send your children to this new start-up, The Lexington School?

BOB BREWER (BB): Our oldest daughter Jean was born in September of 1962. We were living in Mercer County. Since I commuted daily, we investigated Lexington options, and Jessica Bell (H'72) suggested I contact Bud Pritchett (H'81) at TLS. I knew Bud through Lexington Rotary, and he arranged a tour. Once we toured the school, met the teachers, and discussed with them their commitment to independent education, we decided that this would be the place to raise our children.

CDB: Amazing, so how did you become board president?

BB: We wanted our children to be enrolled in a preschool program so as to give them a head start. We were persuaded that the Montessori program should be our beginning, and we were invited to chair a fund-raising effort to establish such a program at TLS. Josephine [Abercrombie] (H'00) agreed to match our new Montessori classroom with a new Kindergarten room to "even up" the building and provide more feeder students into Lower School. While raising money for the new wing, we became involved with the full board on a regular basis, and I was invited to become a member. At our second meeting, Rufus Lisle, chairman, asked to take a leave of absence due to an important lawsuit against Southern Railroad, his largest client, and asked the board to have me serve as chairman until he could return. Since I had just finished my term as president of Rotary, he felt that I could handle his responsibilities temporarily, and he agreed to assist me if I needed guidance.

CDB: And, as they say…the rest is history.
BB: Yes.

CDB: What were the early issues facing the board at that time?

BB: The needs of the school when we first arrived were first and foremost to recruit new students, recruit new faculty members who understood the independent education philosophy, and build strong ties with the parent body to spread the word about what TLS was all about, specifically the exceptional opportunity TLS offered for character development and a challenging educational opportunity.

CDB: Rob, do you remember your father's involvement with TLS? Did it occur to you how much time and energy he was dedicating to your school?

ROB BREWER (RB): Absolutely! I was born in 1969, and Dad had to beg Mr. Pritchett to take me as a not quite three year old. I started TLS in 1972 and graduated in 1985. They didn't have a three-year-old program then. Dad said, "Just stick him in a corner. He won't bother anyone." [Lots of laughter and joking.] I remember a lot of late nights. It took us 45 minutes to get to TLS, and Dad would often drop us off at school before the custodian would get there. Mom would pick us up at three, and I recall that Dad would not get home until nine o'clock some nights. This was because after the work day he would go back over to the school to work with Mr. Pritchett, and they would go over the numbers and work on the issues that came up at school. So it's actually hard for me to remember life before TLS.

CDB: Mr. Brewer, looking back on all the issues you dealt with as president, what moment strikes you as the most defining point?

BB: I am not sure there is just one, but if pressed, I think it was the time Josephine Abercrombie made it clear that TLS needed to go it alone. Back in those days, I would meet with Josephine at the end of every school year and talk with her about the school year and the needs of the school. Every year about that time, I would call Bud Pritchett and ask him what the number was. That number was the number needed to bring The Lexington School back into the black. At our meeting, inevitably Josephine would ask what the school needed, and I would slide her a piece of paper with the number on it, and she would write me a check then and there for the school. One summer I went to meet with Josephine. As she was writing the check to the school, she told me, "I am going to write you a check for next year as well. The school will need to live within its means. The following year it will be for two-thirds that number; the following year it will be for a third of that number; and then the school will be on its own." I remember going to the board that fall and informing them of her intentions. The point was, Josephine saw us growing. She allowed us to grow; then she turned us loose.

CDB: Mr. Brewer, I want to take the time to recognize your leadership. I consider myself a student of schools, and when I look back at The Lexington School's success, I see you and Mr. Pritchett's tenure and leadership as defining moments in the school's history. It needed stability, and you and Bud provided the school with leadership and constancy. For that, I want to say thank you.

BB: Well, thank you. If I can say one thing about Bud Prichett…

CDB: Of course.

BB: Bud Pritchett is the most loving and gentle human being I have ever known. He set personal standards in behavior and in dress that were emulated by the faculty, and ultimately by the students. His leadership was marked by the belief a student could overcome deficiencies if that student was willing to dedicate himself to working closely with his teacher and have the support and involvement of his parents. He followed the academic progress of every student after graduation and joyed in the ultimate success of each one. He was surely the good shepherd for each of the sheep in his flock, and parents and students loved him for that concern.

CDB: I am sure Mr. Prichett will be moved to hear those words.
Rob, if I can switch back to you for a second, why did you decide to send your children to The Lexington School?

RB: Obviously, TLS was a big part of my life, and I wanted The Lexington School education for my youngest, Carter, but it wasn't a slam-dunk. There were two issues that Kelly and I weighed before sending Carter. First, Kelly attended public school her whole life and supported public education. She wanted to make sure TLS was the right way to go for educating our children. Once she toured the school, she saw the opportunity and education TLS could give our children. Number two was the financial part of it. This was over ten years ago, and I was just beginning to build my business. I don't know if sticker shock is the right word – perhaps the cost of this investment is a better way to look at it – because, as you and I have discussed before, TLS is an investment in your child's future and education. It's funny – every child of mine at TLS has started younger than the other. Carter started in Kindergarten, Clay started in Prekindergarten, and Smith came as a three year old. It is because I saw the value and the importance of laying that foundation earlier and earlier with their education that we decided to send our children to TLS earlier and earlier.

CBD: Did you feel any pressure, when you were asked to become president of the board, to fill the big shoes of your father? In addition, what accomplishments are you most proud of since being on the board?

RB: I guess the pressure I felt coming on the board was that I was fortunate enough to have some excellent board presidents before me, my dad being one of them. TLS was in such a good spot that I felt like the bar had been set pretty high. The issues of the board have gotten more complex over the years, and the goal of any trustee is to leave the school better than you found it. That gave me some pause. When I came on the board, the idea of a waitlist in admission was just a pipe dream. Now we are full and enjoy a healthy waitlist. Also, the growth of the Annual Fund has been meteoric over the years. Five years ago, we were raising just over $200,000 and now we are raising over $600,000, which really helps us keep pressure off of tuition. My concern about taking over the reins as president was, can we sustain this? What has made taking on this responsibility that much less daunting is the group



of trustees we have assembled. It is a fantastic group of people. Each one works very hard and adds his or her expertise to make the school the best it can be. It has been an honor to work with them.

CBD: Listening to your responses has made me wonder what is it like to carry the responsibility of heading the board of trustees. It is hard for me to fathom. Running The Lexington School is my day job, as they say. For trustees and especially for the president, it is a second full time job. In addition, you are figureheads in the community. What is it like?

BB: You take this one.

RB: Ahh thanks! [pause] When you're a trustee, it is a full time job if you want to do the job right. One of the things I have tried to do is to ask previous board presidents and members, not just my father, but many of them who have served over the years, "Were you glad you served on the TLS Board?" The common response from many of them was, "Rob, I have served on a lot of non-profit and corporate boards over the years, but none of them were as satisfying as working on that TLS board, because I was able to see through the maturation of so many students and watch them grow up and go on to live very productive lives and be successful at whatever path they have chosen in life. That was very rewarding to me." All those long hours served make you hope that you made a difference. I hope I have done that.

BB: I couldn't have said it better. Now, you understand why his mother and I are so proud of him.

CBD: Let's end on that note. Let me just say thank you to the two of you for serving this great school. You and your colleagues over the years have left it a better place. The Lexington School is indebted to your service and the service of every trustee over the years. Thank you.

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A Memory from Hillyer Rudisill III of Don Robinson '63

I VISITED THE LEXINGTON SCHOOL IN THE first year of its existence from my home in Charleston, South Carolina, but I didn't begin teaching there until the fall of 1960. I had previously taught German at the University of South and taught several subjects at an all-boys military high school. I was assigned to teach the 7th grade, which for three more years was to be the senior class and the school's first graduates.



Though I may have had some impact on my students, I should be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the terrific effect on me and my subsequent career of seeing a school done right by Ms. Abercrombie, the founder; of Fred Luddy (H'99), the first director; and of Bud Pritchett (H'81), the second leader and long-time headmaster. I later went on to found six schools, using The Lexington School and its founders as my guide.

As I look back on my four years in Lexington, I think it is amazing how many people connected with the school took an immature 25 year old under their wings and tried to mentor him. It was difficult to select one student to write about because I felt close to many girls and boys and their families. The person whom I finally selected is representative of a couple of dozen students and their families who were so delightful and interesting to interact with.

Don Robinson was one of the first students enrolled in The Lexington School. His mother, Lois-Don Robinson Beard, was intensely interested in seeing that Don and his sister, Amelia ('66), were successful in school and later in life.

As I began my teaching of Latin, English, and history to the 7th graders (yes, they had me three periods a day in 1960), there was a slight, blond boy who sat low in his chair near the back of the room. Generally, he seemed to want to avoid calling attention to himself, but when he felt comfortable, he could be bubbly and even mischievous. Anyway, Don coped well and later outgrew his shyness and a bit of hesitancy in his speech. In the 8th and 9th grades he even read in front of the entire student body.

Until 1964 I continued to teach Latin, history, and English to Don and his classmates and several lower grades in The Lexington School. In order to tie the history classes into everyday life, we did a variety of activities. One of these was to have each student, including Don, bring a sterling silver teaspoon to class, which we arranged from the most classical pattern to the most romantic pattern to contrast Greek/Roman classicism with medieval romanticism and mysticism.

Another activity was to have everyone in the class chip in a dollar to purchase a single share of stock. This was the outcome of a week or so discussion of economics. Don's class bought a share of Pan American World Airlines for $18. When the dividend check arrived, I cashed it and gave each student a penny to show how capitalism works. This was featured in the Merrill Lynch national magazine. I had worked for a stock broker when I was eleven years old and bought my first share of Packard stock. I later went on to own a dozen Packard cars.

Outside of school, several of the students, including Don, helped me with my hobby which was repairing and tuning pipe organs. One of the churches in Lexington we worked in was the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

My final memory for now was when Don called me one day to say that he had seen a 1930 Model A Ford two-door sedan for sale for $275. Since he knew my fondness for and ownership of old cars (I had a 1932 Packard limousine then), he wanted me to check out this Ford. He did buy it two years before he had a driver's license. He drove it around secretly for a while and then rebuilt the engine.

Today Don Robinson is the owner of Winter Quarter Farm and vice-president of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association/Kentucky Breeders Association and former president of the Fayette County Farm Bureau. This past January he was named as a member of the Breeders Cup Board of Directors. His son Ferran '92 followed in his footsteps to The Lexington School.

All in all, Don Robinson represented the intelligence, wit, curiosity, and good nature of the students of The Lexington School, which made it so much fun and so satisfying to teach there.

Patricia Cordy Henricksen on the Playforth Family



PEOPLE WHO KNOW me understand that my definition of "being in Heaven" is any time spent at The Lexington School. Some people even know that my initial introduction to "Heaven" occurred in the fall of 1971 when Kathy '74 and Salli Playforth '76 (later joined by Karen ('83) when she was old enough), three wonderful "sisters" of mine and daughters of Maggie Hartowicz and Herman Playforth, were admitted to TLS. The transition for the two older Playforth girls from public to private school was eased due to the actions of students and teachers who welcomed Kathy and Salli with open arms into the TLS family upon their arrival. The individual, focused attention of the teachers provided such a positive environment, which nurtured their love for learning. One especially significant event for Kathy occurred during her second week of school when Mr. Pritchett (H'81) stopped the new 7th grader in the hallway to compliment her writing style in an English paper assignment he had personally read. That simple gesture by the Headmaster, and the fact that he already knew her by name, boosted Kathy's self-confidence immeasurably. Consequently, she happily adjusted to the small classes and the camaraderie of her classmates despite the newly intensive workload of homework.

Salli, already self-motivated and self-directed, flourished under that same kind of individual, focused attention. She recalls that Mr. Bortz (H'82) and Miss Ragland both inspired her love of learning, fortified her strengths, and fostered her leadership skills, while incorporating healthy competition for success among her fellow classmates. Well-prepared scholastically, Salli's efforts were rewarded when she was named valedictorian for the class of 1976.

Karen was fortunate to enjoy the total Lexington School experience, entering in Kindergarten and graduating in 9th grade. Karen embraced her TLS education experience with enthusiasm and her own measures of success, especially under the tutelage of such icons as Miss Bale (H'00) and Miss Cowling '64.

All three Playforth girls are now married with families of their own, and each credits the foundation, the challenges, and the learning environment experienced at The Lexington School with preparing them for high school, college, their future professional endeavors, and even in raising their families.

Kathy received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in special education from UK and has taught special education classes for the Clark County School System since 1983. Her husband, Jim Grawe, has been an attorney with the Kentucky Attorney General's Office for nearly 25 years. Son, Ben, is a sophomore at Transylvania University and daughter, Molly, will be heading to college next year upon her graduation from high school. Kathy developed an instant rapport with teachers at TLS and credits their influence with her gravitation and dedication to the teaching profession.

Salli earned high honors upon graduation for both her undergraduate and medical degrees from UK, interned in Asheville, NC, and became a partner in a family practice group where she initiated and developed the Hospice Center of Asheville. Salli and husband, Lyman Whisman, who owns Whisman & Son Fencing Company, returned to Kentucky in 2005 and bought a horse farm in Woodford County where they raise, train, and board horses while enjoying the country life with daughters, Caitlin and Emma, and son, Avery, who are each flourishing in their own right in school. Their eldest daughter, Clare, a graduate of the University of Vermont, still lives in Burlington, and travels the world through her work with a computer software company. Salli is now Senior Medical Director of Hospice of the Bluegrass.

Karen graduated *magna cum laude* from Wellesley and earned her medical degree from UK in 1999 but became a New Yorker while interning at Saint Luke's in Manhattan where she is now completing a Fellowship in Maternal Fetal Disorders. Karen and husband, Scott Shapiro, Vice-President of Health Grades, have three sons, Will, Sam, and Jack. Karen and her family are preparing to return to Lexington where she intends to provide her sons with the same opportunities and extraordinary educational

foundation that she received at The Lexington School.

Following in the footsteps of his sisters, John Playforth '99, son of Herman and Elizabeth, also attended TLS beginning with Kindergarten and graduating in 9th grade. He also feels that his love for learning and sense of success was nurtured by his Lexington School experiences. John earned a degree in social studies from Harvard University in 2006, graduated *magna cum laude*, and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. He was the Executive Editor of the *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*, and a Juris Doctor Degree was conferred upon him at graduation from Harvard Law School in May 2009. John is currently working in Lexington and is engaged to be married to Krupa Bhojani upon her graduation from Vanderbilt Medical School in May of 2010.

Judging from the remarkable successes of just these four students from one blended family, the mission of the school has been immeasurably fulfilled. They, like their peers, each received an education of the highest quality in an environment that instilled integrity and a life-long enthusiasm for learning. Each one has developed the skills to take risks and to make wise choices, as exemplified by their life experiences and the professional avenues that they have chosen. As they look back on the impact that The Lexington School has made in their lives, they may also think of Heaven whenever they return for visits, for fun, or even to enroll their own children.



Madame Betty Mills on Ruth Belin

I HAVE MANY WONDERFUL MEMORIES from my 10 years (1977-87) of teaching French to the students at TLS. Most of our students succeeded easily in academic , and some even seemed to enjoy the rigors of learning a foreign language, in this case, LA BELLE LANGUE FRANCAISE! One of these shining examples in my classes was Ruth Belin, who was always more than prepared, participated enthusiastically, and had a marvelous smile on her face even on the normally dreaded test day.



I also remember Ruth very well from one of the group trips to France led by Madame Charron and me. After an unfortunate fall in front of a chateau in the Loire Valley cutting her knees quite seriously, she was still in a great mood, ready to see and learn more, bandages and all!

Twenty some-odd years later, Ruth is now quite a busy woman. She is an endocrinologist at Eli Lilly and company developing new treatments for diabetes and obesity. She helps identify innovative therapeutic mechanisms and leads early studies of potential medications in people. She develops plans for testing whether new medications safely answer current medical needs.

Previously Assistant Professor in the Division of Endocrinology & Metabolism at Johns Hopkins, she cared for patients, taught, and researched. She has clinical and research expertise in metabolism, bone mineral density, and thyroid disorders. She was principal investigator of two grants studying relationships between endocrinologic disorders and environmental exposures.

Ruth received a molecular biophysics and biochemistry degree from Yale University, a medical degree from Harvard Medical School, internal medicine training at Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and endocrinology training at Johns Hopkins University. She obtained a public health degree with a focus on epidemiology from Johns Hopkins University.

The challenges she's faced in optimizing individual patients' health—and in maintaining healthy behaviors herself and within her family—has spurred her enthusiasm for safely innovating care and improving public health. Her other passion is for family—including husband Mark Salzinger and three-year-old son Max.

Ruth feels that TLS provided a unique environment, where inspiring teachers and administrators, bright students, and caring parents came together to provide a uniquely stimulating educational environment.

She says, "I often reminisce about unforgettable and beloved teachers. I'm sure many circa 1980 graduates appreciate the fundamentals instilled by endeavors such as weekly story-writing in Mrs. Lastinger's class, Miss Cowling's riveting accounts of Egyptian history, Mrs. Bell's computer lab filled with TRS-80s, Mrs. O's enthusiasm, Coach Woodward's 7:30 A.M. basketball practices, Mrs. Orme's clue of the day about great scientists, Mr. Brost's Watergate explanations, Mrs. Eames's free-writing exercises, Mrs. Cox's university-level mathematics lessons, and Madame Mills's and Madame Charron's contagious love of French culture and language.

"I still marvel at the talents of my fellow students. Remember the Upper School's performance of Oliver? Or The Edge, our own truly quintessential 80s rock group? The annual 9th Grade Shows filled with dancing and stories and sketches and music? And how about all the speech and drama, French language, basketball, soccer, and cheerleading teams?

"And I recall many engaged and stimulating parents. I have memories of a trustee giving a graduation speech comparing TLS to succotash, parents making Little Kentucky Derbies and festivals happen, brave chaperones of Pine Mountain and Washington DC field trips, and dedicated carpool-drivers waiting in long lines of cars. Finally, I appreciate the enduring nature of my TLS education, which stimulated a love of lifetime learning and inquiry."

Each student and faculty member from The Lexington School has poignant memories of the school. Yet, somehow, these experiences have a universal ring. The formative places of our youth and our professional lives make deep impressions, and we are grateful to remember together.

Mrs. Judy Apple on Sarah Ford Thompson '91

SARAH FORD THOMPSON GRADUATED from TLS in 1991and began a career journey that few of us can even imagine attempting, much less accomplishing. Currently she is the Associate Artistic Director of Hyde Park School of Dance on Chicago's south side and functions as the Director of the Modern Department. In addition, she serves as the Director of Outreach, taking programs into schools and community centers. She teaches ballet at the Joffrey Ballet Academy and will be teaching at the new public performing arts high School (ChiArts) opening this fall. She says, "I feel blessed to have a career solely based in the arts."



Sarah's artistic journey began during her TLS years and continued at Scott County High School. She performed as a junior company member of the Lexington Ballet dancing the role of Clara in *The Nutcracker* for two years and had other roles in *Little Red Riding Hood* and *Sleeping Beauty.* At Scott County she participated in drama club, performing in the production of *South Pacific* and playing the role of Anita in *West Side Story.* After that performance she was invited to audition for the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music in the musical theater department, a department that is very competitive and respected within the industry. Her audition was set up after their cutoff for admissions for the fall. For the audition, she was asked to sing two songs and perform a monologue. That audition led to an invitation to attend CCM in musical theater.

After one year in the musical theatre department, she transferred to the dance department, yet continued to study voice and theatre as electives. During her college experience she was fortunate to train under exceptional teachers such as Oleg Sabline of the Paris Opera Ballet, Suzanne Farrell of New York City Ballet, and James Truitte of the Lester Horton Company and Alvin Ailey Company. She maintains that Truitte's class introduced her to the kind of dance she really wanted to perform. His technique using the Horton method helped her to realize that her first love was modern dance, especially styles that

are based in African movement. Sarah graduated *summa cum laude* from CCM in 1997.

Sarah began her professional career in Chicago, IL. She taught dance in various studios in the area, including Ballet Chicago and Hyde Park School of Dance. She became a company member with an African American modern company called Deeply Rooted Dance Theater and remained with them for ten years, touring nationally and teaching workshops across the United States. In 2004, Sarah began her own dance company called Nucleus Dance Collective, performing in the Chicago area and running outreach classes for youngsters who might not otherwise have access to dance. She continues to run that company on a project-to-project basis.

While running her own company, Sarah assisted Dr. Marian Fitzgibbon and Dr. Melinda Stolley of the University of Illinois doing health promotion research. She helped to devise a developmentally appropriate nutrition and exercise education program for preschools, training public school teachers to administer the program. The program was written to target under-served communities and was implemented in schools where the student body was primarily African American or Latino. Sarah produced and performed on a program CD for preschoolers, complete with fun nutrition songs and 20-minute dance workouts for children. She left this position in August, 2009, to accept a teaching position at Chi Arts. She will continue to teach ballet at the Joffrey Ballet Academy and serve as the Director of Outreach.

Sarah met her husband, Damien Thompson in 2001. He is a professional, freelance photographer and also plays drums and percussion in a band called "Bedfellows" (previously called Watchers). They have a beautiful daughter, Sekai Thompson, born in 2008. Sarah says that Sekai has not started taking dance classes yet, but she already executes a *plie*, *releve*, *battement*, and *pirouette.*



Sarah Ford Thompson has indeed followed a remarkable and successful journey beginning with her years at TLS. What a wonderful journey she continues to take. Her work ethic, creativity, and talents will continue to benefit all for many years to come.

Mrs. Samantha Kemmish on Sam Hunter '03

I SMILE AS I REMEMBER PULLING UP TO THE lodge at Cumberland Falls. All the fifth graders were anxious to begin our six-mile hike down Dog Slaughter Falls Trail when Sam Hunter appeared at the top of the bus stairs, not in standard hiking gear, but in rubber waders. Before I could fully comprehend the picture before me, he tripped, tumbled, and broke his leg at my feet.

Sam was one of those brilliant students who could tell you how many electrons were on shell P of an atom, but he couldn't tell you the location of his math book or what happened to his homework between home and school. And then there was his locker. He was sure it existed only to complicate his life. As a self-admitted member of the "organizational club," Sam just didn't see why anyone would waste time on organization when there were so many more interesting things to think about…all foreshadowing his life now.

After graduating from TLS in 2003, Sam attended the Liberal Arts Academy Program at Henry Clay High School. Then he followed Mr. Platt's footsteps to Kenyon College. He was drawn to Kenyon's Midwestern atmosphere, friendly student population, and the college's reputation for having an outstanding English department. Though Sam has completed his junior year at Kenyon and has yet to take an English course, he is still enamored with the college he chose three years before.

Sam spent the first two summers of his college career doing very bad jobs in Lexington. So this past spring, he was determined to find a summer job that would feed his passion for infectious disease, pediatrics, oncology, and obstetrics and gynecology. Sam did what any techno-savvy college student would do when faced with a question in 2009. He Googled it. He searched "pre-med sum-



Sam Hunter '93 is flanked by his mom, Dr Katz, and Learning Center director Mrs. Jane Childers.

mer." After scouring through many opportunities, he was delighted to find two exciting options in India. He knew that India was hot and humid, and he would be going during monsoon season, but India offered programs in infectious disease, pediatrics, and obstetrics/gynecology. How could he resist?

Arriving at the Mumbai airport, Sam was surprised that the only question he was asked was whether he had swine flu. After answering no, he was allowed to enter the teaming urban metropolis. In this economic capital of India and popular tourist destination, Sam stood out, literally and figuratively. His height, pale skin, and American walk immediately gave away his non-Indian descent. He noticed that the residents walked in straight lines. They didn't swing their arms, and they didn't look around. The American walk simply takes up too much space in such crowded streets.

For the next month, Sam lived in a flat with two other American pre-med students on the outskirts of the infamous slums of Mumbai. He spent nine hours a day doing rounds in out-patient units in hospitals and private clinics seeing everything from flu to malaria. His last week was spent doing observations at a leprosy hospital where patients had been cured of the disease but still suffered from the physical deformities it left behind. They were learning new trades in order to re-enter society, despite the cultural stigma attached to their disease.

From Mumbai, Sam traveled to Pune to spend a month doing rounds in pediatrics and obstetrics/gynecology. Pune is known as the Oxford of India due to the large number of universities rooted there. The atmosphere is green and relaxed. Because fewer westerners make their way to Pune, this tall, pale, American-walking westerner was overtly stared at; nonetheless, he enjoyed both his work and the city. While there, Sam discovered the main difference between American and Indian hospitals was the practice of "defensive medicine." American doctors order extensive tests for their patients. In India, too many people and not enough money make it imperative that doctors have "probable cause" before ordering any diagnostic tests. Patient care is slightly compromised by the lack of these tests, but Sam feels that if you learn all of your medicine in the states, then you accept western philosophy as fact. As a result, he feels that both Indian and American doctors would benefit learning from one another.

Sam's experience in India began as a quest to feed his passions and not to have another bad summer job. Ultimately, his summer job left him with a purpose and a direction for his career and his life. He is less sure now about the branch of medicine (which is a healthy place to be at age 21), that he will choose to follow, and he hasn't Mapquested it yet, but he does know that he wants to practice medicine for the poor, either as the primary or a major focus of his life. Sam has been heavily influenced by Paul Farmer, an infectious disease doctor and professor at Harvard who spends much of his time practicing medicine in Peru and Haiti. While in India Sam read Tracy Kidder's book *Mountains beyond Mountains* about Dr. Farmer. It must have made quite an impression, because Sam quoted Farmer several times during our interview. This quote struck me: "If as a doctor you save one life, it is worth it, but the chance to save a million lives, man I dig that." I have no doubt that Sam will get the chance to dig that.

Sam attributes his successes in high school and in college to the work habits he learned while a student at The Lexington School. He feels the most important talent is the talent for practice, and The Lexington School specializes in this. Because he was exposed to high expectations and a heavy work load at such a young age, he is not repelled by hard work, like many of his peers. He has also graduated from the "organizational club" and is capable of managing his own life. Although he did mention that his mother called him the morning of his MCATs, just to make sure … (old habits and all).

As for the future, Sam will be applying to medical



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