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ABOUT CRANBROOK FOR ALUMNI

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QUAD RESTORATION
REFLECTIONS FROM CHARLIE SHAW
MILES LEVIN
Dear Alumni:

Welcome to the late fall issue of Tradition 2007! Our table of contents is overflowing with interesting stories, including a feature written by none other than Head of Upper School Charlie Shaw in honor of the 80th Anniversary of Cranbrook School for Boys. There are updates on school restoration and construction projects currently in the works, outtakes from conversations with our 2007 Distinguished Alumni Michael Barone and Kate Iaccoca Hentz, snapshots of the lives of teachers outside of the classroom and much, much more.

What I have come to enjoy most about coordinating Tradition is my visits to the Cranbrook Archives. The Archives staff is always eager to share their resources and offer their insight. On a recent trip, I found myself flipping through old photos of young men hard at work and play on the campus of the former Cranbrook School for Boys.

Although the school no longer exists, its traditions and spirit live on in the young men and women who attend Cranbrook Kingswood today. For me, this fact was never more evident than during our boys’ commencement ceremony last June when our promising graduates heeded the advice of alumnus, Bob Woodruff, and classmate, Miles Levin, before tossing their caps high.

For those of you unfamiliar with Miles, you should know his path proved to be quite different than those of his peers. Diagnosed with a rare pediatric cancer that returned with vengeance last spring, he impressively surpassed a personal goal to attend graduation and actively participated in all the rites of passage that come with the milestone. Unfortunately, Miles’ battle with cancer ended August 19 saddening people around the world who came to know of his story through his blog.

The Cranbrook community will not soon forget Miles Levin. His legacy lives on in his words expressed on graduation day. To share them with you, we’ve included his commencement address on page 24. Special thanks to Miles’ Parents Nancy and Jon Levin and his sister, Nina, who kindly agreed to let Tradition reprint this piece.

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A new dome rests atop the Cranbrook Quad Observatory Tower.

The copper shining from Kingswood’s roof slowly changes color. The walkways surrounding the Cranbrook dining hall are filled with new brick and fresh mortar. The old is becoming new again all over the campuses of Cranbrook Schools.

From the Quad to Kingswood to the Middle School for Boys and every point in between, crews are busy rebuilding, renovating and rejuvenating the architectural spaces that have stood as masterpieces for nearly a century. As someone who did not graduate from Cranbrook and who had never seen a campus like this one growing up, it is inspiring to walk these grounds and know that these buildings, these sculptures and this landscape have nourished so many young minds. We are fortunate to have this wondrous place in our lives. It is a treasure, and we are its stewards. As such, it is our duty to preserve and protect what has been left in our care.

Since the inception of the Campaign for Cranbrook, millions of dollars have been raised and invested in restorations and improvements for the campuses of Cranbrook Schools. More than $35 million alone has gone toward the replacement of the Kingswood Roof and the restoration of the Quad. It is our job to make sure Cranbrook’s physical setting continues to stand and flourish for decades to come. Each dollar spent is a dollar invested in a successful future.

That is why we have dedicated ourselves to using the finest craftsmen and the latest proven technologies in these undertakings. The Kingswood roof will stand strong for the next 75 years because we improved its underlying engineering. The brick being laid throughout the Cranbrook Quad will last generations because we have placed an advanced snow-melt system beneath its surface. While maintaining a deep and abiding respect for historical integrity, we also are putting our faith in new techniques and innovations which we believe will preserve and protect the structures we have all come to cherish. And by investing in these advances, we will not be burdening future generations with undue and unnecessary costs.

Truly, the only way to look toward a better future is to preserve and protect our past. With your help and your support, we have been able to make great strides in this effort. It is worth it just to know that 50, 75 or 100 years from now, students will be just as inspired by the beauty around them as all of those young men and women who came before them.

Rick Nahm
President
The most reputable schools in the nation are giving considerable thought to global education especially at the high school level. Some have chosen to make global studies their sole focus while others are simply adding new electives in religion, language and current affairs.

Arlyce Seibert shares her perspective on this growing trend below in this issue’s Director’s School of Thought:

For decades, Cranbrook has infused global education throughout its curriculum. Though our schools boast comprehensive world languages, religious studies and current affairs programs, we believe students must experience global education to truly benefit from its premise. For this reason, we maintain international collaborations with schools and communities abroad. We currently have formal relationships with the IRMAK School in Turkey and the village of Namtenga in Burkina Faso, Africa, both connect our classrooms to their classrooms through distance learning activities. Additionally, we are working on establishing a program with a school system in Chile and have reconnected with our sister school, Cranbrook Kent, of England.

Our faculty is another tremendous global resource for us. While teachers nationwide considered themselves off-the-clock this past summer, many of ours traveled to destinations worldwide in search of ways to extend learning beyond their classrooms. From Turkey to China and France to Korea, they visited schools, observed new teaching approaches and participated in professional development programs. These trips result in opportunities for our students to work directly with their international peers through group and individual exchanges via classroom assignments and Internet-based discussions.

This year, we also have approximately 240 boarding students from 16 countries. The daily interaction occurring in our upper school between students of varying countries, cultures and religious beliefs is truly unique. The atmosphere provides a natural venue for students to interact in diverse groups and to learn to appreciate people’s differences.

STRONG ACADEMICS STILL REIGN SUPREME

While global education is a top curricular concern for us, so is providing a challenging and comprehensive academic program. Our students need both to prepare for entry into the top colleges and universities worldwide. Many American schools, private and public, tout expanded Advanced Placement (AP) course offerings as the answer. Yet, in many cases, the students are not expected to sit for the AP examinations, which test mastery of subject matter.

We present our students with an array of AP classes and require them to sit for the correlating exams upon completion of course study. This paradigm works well and continues to produce top results for us.
According to the College Board, more than 90 percent of all Cranbrook Schools students who took AP exams during the last school year earned a three on at least one exam, surpassing the national average of 15 percent. In fact, during the 2006-07 school year AP students performed extremely well on multiple exams.

- Three Cranbrook students are National AP Scholars earning a four or higher on eight or more tests.
- 35 are AP Scholars with Distinction earning a three or higher on five or more tests.
- 28 are AP Scholars with Honors earning a three or higher on four or more tests.
- 36 are AP Scholars for earning a three or higher on three or more tests.

I am pleased with our upper school curricular focus on strong academics and real world global exposure. It gives our students an edge over their peers as they compete for placement in higher education. Ultimately, it prepares them early on for success no matter where life takes them. I confirm this fact every time I visit with alumni and learn of their choices for career paths and personal interests—politics, healthcare in third world countries, improving the environment and personally my favorite—teaching.

Please come visit us soon.

Arlyce M. Seibert
Director of Schools

Hats Off To You
Graduates of Class of 2007

Here’s to a Bright Future at Top Universities and Colleges Nationwide.

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PRINCETON  WELLESLEY  TUFTS  UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  YALE  WILLIAMS COLLEGE
I am happy to report that we opened the 2007-08 academic year fully enrolled with 1626 students from nearly 85 neighboring towns, 17 states and 16 countries.

This is good news and I share it with you for various reasons. Again this year, our alumni and parents helped spread the word about the educational excellence of Cranbrook Schools.

When we ask prospective families how they learned of our schools, the majority tell us alumni or parents were instrumental in leading them here. So thank you to all the alumni who continue to support us. There is no better gift to give Cranbrook than a potential student who will enrich our school community.

In line with the past several years, an extraordinarily high rate of students chose to return to Cranbrook Schools. Our 95 percent retention rate compares very favorably with the national average amongst independent schools. Our faculty and staff are proud of the health and vibrancy of Cranbrook and take pride in the abundance of satisfied families who return each school year!

Now more than ever before we are working diligently to attract exceptional new students to join Cranbrook Schools. In addition to an extensive travel schedule, Cranbrook admissions will host another all-school open house on campus January 13, 2008 from 1-3 p.m. Please encourage your friends and colleagues with school-aged children to come visit or call us soon. We assure you they won’t be disappointed… for a Cranbrook education is like none other in America today.

Thank you for your continued support.

Drew Miller
Director of Admission

"A Cranbrook education is like none other in America today."

CHECK OUT THE FACTS AMONG CRANBROOK STUDENTS...

27 percent receive financial assistance.
17 percent are legacies (parent or grandparent attended Cranbrook).
31 percent are students of color.
As part of the comprehensive Campaign for Cranbrook, the schools chose It Pays to Participate as this year’s Annual Fund slogan.

It was selected because our students, faculty and campus benefit greatly from your countless contributions in so many ways.

I will begin by expressing my sincere gratitude and appreciation for our Annual Fund donors—many of which are alumni. Each of you continues to help us supplement Cranbrook Schools’ operating budget, minimizing tuition increases and maximizing program offerings, classroom aesthetics and instructional abilities. During 2006–07 the Annual Fund reached $2 million, achieving a new height in giving at an increase of more than 18 percent from the previous year. Our current goal is $2.2 million and with your help we hope that history will repeat itself.

There are so many examples demonstrating the success of our fundraising efforts inside and outside of our schools. Walking the grounds, you may be rerouted especially on the Cranbrook campus where phase one enhancements of the Quad restoration project are still taking place. It was quite a sight to see a mammoth crane place a brand-new copper top back on the Observatory Tower. As the tower scaffolding came down and a snow-melt system and new bricks were laid through the Friendship Arch, we began to appreciate the impact of our fund-raising efforts.

Similar feelings of success resonate when visiting the Cranbrook Dining Hall and Library, where significant upgrades are now complete as well. To learn more about the restoration, history of the Quad and the next phases of this project turn to pages 8 and 9.

Construction is underway at the Middle School for Boys. To date, a team is hard at work building the new gymnasium, lunchroom and fitness center. Head Larry Ivens, and his staff and students enthusiastically await the finished addition and they won’t need to wait much longer. The project is scheduled for completion by next September. Take a look at the positive impact that more than $8 million in donations is making toward a better education for our middle school boys on page 7.

The Kingswood campus was slightly quieter this summer and fall. With the roof project complete, only a slight echo could be heard from the doors in the green lobby and the library. Both underwent restoration thanks to planned preservation funding.

A pleasant roar, however, came from the lower level of Kingswood when Head Fran Dagbovie received confirmation that the Kingswood Girls’ Middle School project is closing in on 10 of the necessary $16 million needed to break ground. On schedule, this project continues to draw substantial support from alumni and parents who share our vision for a much-needed state-of-the-art facility fit to educate young women. To see projected drawings of the proposed building please turn to page 7.

Finally, I’m very pleased to report that faculty compensation and scholarship funding is at an all-time high for a combined total of nearly $15 million. Timing could not be better, as our admissions team is experiencing a surge in requests for financial assistance from new and current students.

I have yet to see a donor constituency as invested and responsive as that of Cranbrook Educational Community. As this issue goes to press, the schools division has reached 90 percent of an $85 million goal for the Campaign for Cranbrook. This is a great accomplishment and we thank all who have contributed so far. With more than two years left in the campaign, I am confident we will reach our goal. In no small way, this will be possible due to your generosity.

Matthew J. Wawro
Chief Advancement Officer
MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT CK MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR BOYS
DUMP TRUCKS AND BULL DOZERS PAVE THE WAY
The makings of a drop-off circle appear through the dust at the CK Middle School for Boys, providing visible signs that exterior improvements have started on the much-anticipated construction project. Other noticeable changes to campus will appear when a two-story lobby and new gymnasium are built along with additional parking near the gymnasium, two playing fields and landscaping. The boys and faculty are now enjoying use of the new spacious dining hall, which was once the original gymnasium. The project does require some final funding for additional expenses such as furnishings, fitness equipment and landscaping. With $250,000 already raised toward the $400,000 goal, the office of advancement plans to raise the remaining $150,000 by year-end. Construction is on schedule and should be completed for the opening of the next school year.

By Michele Jasukaitis

SUPPORT INCREASES FOR BUILDING A NEW GIRLS’ MIDDLE SCHOOL
Alumni, parents and friends continue to support erecting a new girls’ middle school. Ten of the necessary $16 million has been raised to date. During the 2006-07 school year, Julie Fisher Cummings, K’73, and her husband, Peter, provided the lead donation for this project of $5 million. Once built, the new structure will be named Kingswood Girls’ Middle School. The latest plan features clusters of grade-specific classrooms and versatile common areas which double as performing arts, choral and dance rooms.

By Laura Mahle
As soon as the students dashed off for summer vacation, the hustle and bustle of construction workers emerged on the scene, clamoring through with site plans and sledge hammers to begin the enormous task of renovating the Quad.

On the day Tradition caught up with Bob Snapp, project manager of the Cranbrook capitol projects office, a construction crew hoisted the shiny, new dome on the Observatory Tower up past the scaffolding that has covered the tower for most of the summer.

"Topping off the tower with its dome was a significant milestone," says Snapp, who was at the top of the tower watching its ascent. "The dome-raising process required five people to put it in place and took 20 minutes to lift it to the top of the tower."

This dome is sealed tight, one piece of metalwork rather than the original dome which could be opened to reveal a night sky for students and instructors of astronomy. (By the 1930s, the Cranbrook Institute of Science opened with a planetarium which rendered the tower’s purpose obsolete.)

Repairs to the tower’s bricks, its copper walkway and a new guard rail rounded out the necessary renovations. Now complete, Snapp can check that project off of his extensive “to-do” list.

**DETAILED RENOVATIONS IN CAPABLE HANDS**

Surrounded by piles of plans, Snapp works side-by-side with Bob Reibitz from the Robert Reibitz Building Company. Together, they decipher the zones on each site plan and ensure calculations are accurate so that communication to the crew is precise. Reibitz has been entrusted by Cranbrook before, having renovated the Kingswood copper roof and many other projects.

Snapp and Reibitz have a long road ahead of them. The renovation project will take more than three years to complete. Referring to the project in phases helps break up the task into manageable chunks.

There are sewers systems to reconstruct, drainage problems to resolve and a snow-melt system to install under the brick walkways. There are new pavers to set and walkways to mend.

"The sewers have been a big challenge. Most were plugged so the company jetted them out," says Snapp. "The snow-melt system near the front walk has been in place for 12 years. It has proven to hold up over time so we have plans for other sidewalks on campus. It will help preserve the pavement and reduce maintenance."

The components of the Quad renovation are numerous and extend from the Friendship Arch to the drop off circle from Marquis Hall to Infirmary Alley to Page Hall and Hoey Hall.

"Hoey Hall’s lower plaza and entry ways will get a facelift with new footings and a retaining wall, better equipping it for accessibility," says Snapp. "We plan to reconstruct the entranceway to Hoey Hall by the Galileo door. We are making the buildings surrounding the Quad handicapped accessible in some locations.”

The guidelines for the renovation require that all updates be made to restore the original designs created by Eliel Saarinen in 1927. Knowing this, Snapp worked diligently to locate a tile supplier that could assist him with the library roof project.

Its unique clay tile, damaged from the outdoor elements, needed replacing. Snapp’s research paid off. He found Ludowici Roof Tile, which has been in business since the 1800s. With sample tiles in possession, Snapp took a road trip down I-75 to New Lexington, Ohio where the experts created exact replicas of the original tile. The tiles are installed on a grid of wood battens with bituminous underlayment over a gypsum deck. This process will preserve it and prevent water damage.

The renovations also encompass Alumni Court where repairs include restoring pillars, replacing brick and entryway...
Walkways are reset with new pavers and a snow-melt system.

**“WHEN YOU ARE IN THE QUAD YOU ARE IN A GEORGE BOOTH CONCEIVED SPACE,” SAYS COIR.**

benches. The Thompson Oval restorations will include improved stadium seating, re-grading of the Del Walden field and a new four-lane track.

A very delicate restoration will occur in the center of the Quad. Its fountain, made from limestone, is an exact replica of one found at Monreale Cathedral in Palermo, Sicily. Henry Scripps Booth discovered the fountain during a European trip in 1922. He convinced his father to buy a replica of it for the Quad. It will be cleaned and restored to its original beauty. Its steps will be replaced with brick and heated with the snow-melt system to minimize ice damage.

**ALUMNI DONATIONS MAKE RENOVATIONS POSSIBLE**

A renovation of this magnitude requires generous support from alumni. According to the schools’ advancement office, the combined cost for the Quad and the Oval projects amount to $8 million. Fund-raising efforts are underway with more than $2.5 million donated. Lead donors include Wayne Lyon, C’50, Robert Taubman, C’72, and Lucius McKelvey, C’63.

The restoration and preservation of the Cranbrook Quad will ensure that its unique beauty will endure for future generations to behold. For Snapp and all those bringing the renovations to life, completing this project is sure to be a career highlight of historic proportions.

By Michele Jasukaitis

**COIR REFLECTS ON THE QUAD’S ORIGINS**

Director of Cranbrook Archives and Cultural Properties Mark Coir shares an historical perspective on the development of the Quad.

**WHY DID CRANBROOK FOUNDER GEORGE G. BOOTH DECIDE TO BUILD A QUAD?**

The Quad was meant to give the schools a spirit of their own. The cloistered effect was borrowed from the English boarding schools. The Quad became the focal point of the school. It helped to organize the buildings that surrounded it.

**WHO DESIGNED IT?**

The primary architectural form was conceived by Mr. Booth in 1925. With Eliel Saarinen, noted Finnish-American architect, Mr. Booth worked to bring it to life. It would be Mr. Saarinen’s first completed work in America. It was built in stages—18 months to get the initial building up and running.

**WHAT WERE THE ORIGINAL PLANS FOR THE LANDSCAPE?**

Mr. Booth had the entire Quad landscaped on the weekend before the very first day of school at the new Cranbrook School for Boys in 1927. Its landscaping was very formal in the beginning and has been simplified over the years. The landscape was designed in the Cranbrook architecture office by C. DeForrest Platt.

**WHAT WAS THE THOUGHT BEHIND THE OBSERVATORY TOWER?**

When Cranbrook School for Boys opened, it was equipped with an astronomy department. Instructors used the tower’s telescope to teach. However, the tower was not properly footed to support the telescope and then there was a condensation problem within the tower so conditions were not ideal. In the 1930s, the planetarium opened at the Cranbrook Institute of Science. Studies in astronomy were switched over to the planetarium.

**WHAT IS THE HISTORY BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN?**

The fountain is a copy of a famous one that exists in Palermo, Sicily. A company called Chiurazzi replicated its form. It was sent to Cranbrook from Chiurazzi’s design facilities in Naples, Italy. The sculptured figures found in the Quad were gathered from ideas that Mr. Booth saw during his travels abroad from 1922 to 1927.

**“WHEN YOU ARE IN THE QUAD YOU ARE IN A GEORGE BOOTH CONCEIVED SPACE,” SAYS COIR.**
My school days begin in the disarray and confusion of a dimly lit chamber. Actually this chamber is an anteroom familiar to all teachers—that starkly vivid, but poorly remembered, slumber-to-wakefulness interval that is the threshold of consciousness. While the cast of characters and props tend to be mostly familiar, some urgent headline of the day never fails to arise. The settings of these purgatorial instants have been various over the years, ranging from the hallways of Marquis Hall, where I was housemaster for my first four years, to the soccer or lacrosse fields, where I spent so many hours with young men and women, to, more recently, enclosed rooms where meetings of great pitch and moment are taking place. From this grotto, I pluck some boon or balm that will allow me to attain the summit of each day. So the morning, oddly, starts with both a prospect and a reflection of the whole day.

I see many such prospects as I look back over some 32 years at Cranbrook. I am particularly susceptible to such images because Cranbrook is a campus of prospects, of which I have many favorites: the view from Marquis III South over the fountain, Siren with Fishes, next to the Infirmary; the pedestrian’s gaze up at the great massing of “heaven” forming the large crux at Kingswood; the Cranbrook Quad and central fountain from the second floor of the Farmhouse; looking east across the expanse of the Oval to a wintry Alumni Court ablaze with shafts of cloister lights.

The 80th Anniversary celebration of Cranbrook School for Boys prompts me to look over other prospects, formed by the men and women who beckoned me to join them for a privileged moment of clarity about the place, here or there. Cranbrook has been rich with such beacons, some of which I now sketch.

“To Know a Friend, To Live the Words ‘aim High’.”

As today’s head of the upper school, I have the privilege of greeting the entire school at convocation. Greeting is a point of great emphasis for me. I will never forget the brilliant May weekend in 1976 of my first acquaintance with Cranbrook School. I had never seen such joy and friendliness in the faces of students. Today I hold the school to the standard of the greetings I received then, and I ask today’s students if the same joy and friendliness are still to be found by visitors.

Each of the long-serving masters struck me as exquisitely polite and warm. Their classrooms had the burnished quality of a club. Their snapshots in my memory are as bright today as they were then: Templin Licklider’s ringing bass; Bob Steele’s still lifes for the creation of verse; Jake Jacobusse’s second-floor atelier, attended to by his beloved afghan named Adam. Some of these men instantly earned my admiration: Robert Hoffman for his wit and cheer, Scribner Jelliffe for his classroom pyrotechnics; Pete Slater for pure goodness of spirit; Ben Snyder for his daring of imagination.

Two homes in particular stand out. One was the Corkery home, which had a constant flow of guests. I was not a little surprised to learn that my Cranbrook interview would begin at Chris Corkery’s front door. After a leisurely cocktail came dinner around the large table, which was a swiftly moving turnstile of children. On more than a few occasions, I felt impelled to drop in at Chris’s home unannounced to talk about one thing or another. I also was a
frequent visitor to the Salas home, which was beneath my third-floor Marquis apartment. It did not strike me as unusual that the busiest man in the school would often be searching me out to discuss questions about the imagination, art, and literature. Upon the completion of his duty night or mine, he would often find me to come by and listen to music and have a glass of wine and a chat.

At the end of my first year, I was intoxicated by Cranbrook School. The siren outside my window had worked her way through my third-floor Marquis apartment. It did not strike me as unusual that the busiest man in the school would often be searching me out to discuss questions about the imagination, art, and literature. Upon the completion of his duty night or mine, he would often find me to come by and listen to music and have a glass of wine and a chat.

Sam and I spent many evenings talking about the work of house-mastering. His abiding lesson was trust. To listen was to confer respect. To confer respect was to earn trust. To earn trust was to rise above gamesmanship. Sam’s language of trust was irresistible to me. The waning years of the 70s and the early 80s had lingering notes of underground culture, drug experimentation, and rejection of authority. At no time was Sam’s faith in the power of one-on-one conversation ever shaken.

The trust that so characterizes this school was evident everywhere in the expressiveness of student and faculty alike. Dorm boys gathered in smoking lounges at night to share headlines and find merriment. There were no official times for boys to be in their rooms. In this antediluvian world, where considerations such as self-esteem, the chilly classroom, and litigation had not raised their heads, classrooms were jousting places for the teaching of wit and irony. Warriner’s dutifully memorized prepositions—about, above, across, amid, among, before, below, and so on—counted the ways in which students could be moved, by another student or faculty member, in a classroom. Boys did push-ups. Boys sang songs. Boys stood in place and jumped out of windows. The academic calendar was a more informal version of today’s, with allowances made for Earth Day, Field Day, and Interim (two weeks of experiential education, recently moved to early March and carefully observed in my first year by a young Kingswood teacher with long, Grace Slick-like blonde hair, later to become director of schools). The technology of phone messaging was very patient, and the advent of the helicopter parent was far off. Faculty would gather spontaneously for evenings at Lake Jonah, the Art Academy, or in the Senior Cabin. The Night Riders gained a gritty kind of low fame for their late-night bicycle antics. Faculty theater performances of “Butley” and “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf” were great pleasers.

“WHEN YOU LOOK BACK AND FORGETFULLY WONDER WHAT YOU WERE LIKE IN YOUR WORK AND YOUR PLAY”

But the felt experience of these days was one of hard slogging at the side of students. There was no stronger symbol of faculty and student side by side, than Del Walden. He had about him the aura of some kind of spiritual adept, in his blended roles of football coach, dean of boys, teacher of math, and friend. We all wanted to learn how to talk with students the way he did. In his office, as a housemaster, I learned how to give comfort and courage to students. In our assemblies, I saw him instigate raucous moments of triumph and quiet moments of self-examination. Boys felt free to be very funny or serious around him. On the fields, we saw him teach football players how to do their best.

For me, like most other faculty, the end of the school day brought athletics. When I wasn’t coaching, I was watching and listening to other coaches. Most of my coaching colleagues drew easily from their athletic endowment and accomplishments. Since my supply of these was meager, I listened very closely to their speech and mannerisms, which I had no difficulty appropriating. I had a keen ear for short sentences shouted over the din. The memory instantly evokes the speech of the likes of Dan Hazen, Chris Martin, Del Walden, Bob Rogers, Ben Snyder, Ted Kelley, Tom Graesser, and Jack Sanders. Before long, I was the veteran coach of many seasons with boys soccer and lacrosse.

It was during the second week of Interim—early March, of 1980, “Discover Detroit,” with Ted Kelley, Fred Pfister, and Bob Rogers—that I learned that my wife Sandra and I were expecting triplets. So it was by June of that year, we were moving down to Faculty Way. Our new family of five was an instant campus phenomenon. Schedules for the delivery of dinner and schedules for feeding rolled out. Suddenly life at Cranbrook was no longer a stage upon which I gazed. I was the stage.

I had never seen community so completely unfold itself. Summers changed abruptly from a gay rite of passage to exotic destinations to the long, sticky ceremony of the Cranbrook summer. This meant apprentice gardening alongside Frank Norton, Sarkis Halajian and Nelson Lebo. It meant long afternoons swimming at Lake Jonah and endless hours in the alley.

“BEAUTY LEADS TO TRUTH; SPARKS FLY UPWARD”

My domestic summers quickly brought Horizons-Upward Bound (HUB) into focus. Ben Snyder’s office, crisscrossed with citations, images, and relics from Detroit and around...
the world, was a brilliant new Cranbrook window for me. HUB employed me as a teacher of English, but, more importantly, HUB was an opportunity for me to learn the deeper craft of teaching. My dozen or so summers with the program called upon every skill of leading and living and placed me in the company of some of the brightest and friendliest students to pass through Cranbrook.

My young family meant that I rarely escaped the attention of Cranbrook and little of Cranbrook escaped mine. The place began to connect itself in ways that I could not have imagined. No season, path, or vista was a stranger to me. It seemed. Kitchen, maintenance, bus, and museum staffs were all extensions of our young family.

Conversation about literature and teaching and Cranbrook was never-ending. It filled my free hours, the dining hall, weekend dinner gatherings, and late night phone calls. To the point of cross-eyed exhaustion, John Hazard, Fred Roth, Chris Martin, John Shilts, John Morris, Scrib Jelliffe, and I would talk about teaching, students, and books. As the youngest member of our tribe, I was secretly proud and a little indulged. These were the men who taught me most of what I know about teaching, literature, and writing.

“Charlie is what I pictured as a head of an upper school before I arrived at Cranbrook Schools. His kindly, worldly manner, and wordy discourse make him a pleasure to listen to, enjoyable to work with and fun to guess what his next analogy or “big” word will follow his thoughtful pauses.”

Jeffrey Vennell, CK Upper School athletic director

“MAY ALL OUR WORK A COMMON SERVICE SEAL”

In 1983, we greeted the new Director of Schools, Dr. Lillian Bauder, with the keen anticipation due a highly accomplished scholar and administrator. Dr. Bauder was the first leader to acquaint us with the legacy and persona of Cranbrook. Her innovative energies soon raised the topic of merger of the two schools, Cranbrook and Kingswood. She cautioned us about a “retreat into excellence” and about the great stores of centrifugal energy that the Cranbrook institutions had historically expended.

But more than that, she persuaded the two faculties that Cranbrook could become much greater than the sum of its parts.

When the two schools merged in 1985, I was 35 years old, with three young children in love with their Cranbrook home. Within a few years of this historic watershed, some of my dearest colleagues decided to search other pastures. For me the idea and the language of one Cranbrook were very seductive. My decision was a clear one.

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days, trying not to seem shocked, I tried over and over again to get him to explain himself.

But his report had proved to be an accurate one. Cranbrook was very different from other schools, in that it allowed so many to try their hands at so many tasks. By age 35, I had had a chance to teach across the whole canon of English literature, to teach the great works of literature in translation, to teach interdisciplinary courses, to dream up my own electives, and to teach some of the most gifted intellectuals and the most ambitious minds to be assembled in one school. Cranbrook, it seemed, had inducted me into Keats’ “Ode to Autumn,” a still, seemingly unending moment of “budding more/ And still more.”

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thinnest beat,” my new family comprised sons and daughters too many to name.

The round of each year—soccer to lacrosse to HUB—played the all-important left hand to the melody of teaching, suggesting at times the impression that “warm days will never cease.” But before long I was to feel the chill of latency that intimidated limits that are much clearer to me from today’s vantage point. I had lost my father in late 1992, and my mother was getting frail.

I had a feeling that I had to reclaim something of, and for, him. In March of 1993, I decided to take up Frank Norton’s long-deferred invitation to join the Wilderness Expedition. Under what was to become the “snowstorm of the century,” I saw my six sophomores and my co-leader Meghan Nealis utterly stranded in 40 inches of snow on the bank of a roiling Forney Creek in Smoky Mountain National Park. Rescued by very brave helicopter crews, we were surprised to learn that our ordeal had become a national media frenzy and a sharp, unrelenting agony for our families. It was forcefully demonstrated to me that humans know no suffering of mind or body greater than that inflicted by the suffering of a loved one.

“CRANBROOK! THY NAME A GLOWING SYMBOL LIVE!”

Upon my return, I had the feeling that Cranbrook had fulfilled the ultimate parental sacrifice for all of us. Cranbrook had raised me from young manhood and now it was raising my children. I had watched guardedly as the symbol of Cranbrook had dared to be more. With its carefully articulated charter of coeducation, this young Cranbrook Kingswood, with its single-sex traditions, its single-sex classrooms, and its jealously guarded twin folklores, was still wobbly at the knees.

With the appointment of Arlyce Seibert as head of upper school in 1987, however, came the first hint of confidence among ourselves—that we were on the right track. Courage could be read in her quick smile, and courage in her determination to listen. Arlyce Seibert was convinced that the new cloth of Cranbrook Kingswood would be a brilliant reworking of two traditions. While Lillian Bauder was putting together a new campus before our eyes, Arlyce Seibert was inviting faculty and students to make a new school.

Many responded. Under the patient sun of her leadership, Cranbrook Kingswood proved a fertile field indeed. Merger had brought great vitality to reconstituted institutions such as the Crane-Clarion, Gallimaufry, and the World Affairs Seminar. It also provided the logic for the creation of new institutions such as the Passage of Leadership, while pre-existing traditions such as Ring Day and the Senior Pageant have lost none of their luster.

I was eager to learn these new skills of collaboration. Becoming head of the English Department in 1994, dean of faculty in 1995, and head of upper school in 2003 seemed to be the right place to test these skills. At every turn, my care has been to connect Cranbrook Kingswood with its origins, but at the same time to transcend confidently the feeling of pastness that can weigh upon a school of greatness. Over the last ten or so years, I have weighed carefully both legacy-guarding and legacy-building. With the work of a very talented faculty and student body, the school has earned unusual distinction—regional and national—for its academic achievements, its publications, performances, athletics, and visual arts. College admission officers regularly exclaim over the talent and character of our students. Recently a dean of admissions from one of the Ivies called Cranbrook Kingswood “the cathedral of high schools.” The genius of the faculty is everywhere on display in all its manifestations: in performances such as the Faculty Recital and Fanfare, the Bennett Reading, and the faculty art exhibitions; in publications of scholarly and creative writing, and in presentations and conferences the world over. The halls of Keppel Gymnasium are covered with the trophies and recognitions of recent years and our athletes win praise for their sportsmanship wherever they go. Cranbrook Kingswood is indeed the school of choice.

“If there is one grand ideal that I serve, it is the work of community. I constantly remind faculty that our classrooms extend to our hallways, dining halls, buses, and athletic fields. Three years ago, I began the Community Read, a summer reading of a book that all of the upper school could think and talk about over the course of the year. I constantly strive to make one body of a large campus. We refer naturally to “Cranbrook” as both the place, but also the sum of its institutions. Student and faculty’s shared knowledge of Cranbrook’s history, architecture and institutional greatness has never been greater. The students have never owned as much of Cranbrook as they do now. I challenge the students to understand that the obligation of Cranbrook is to greet the world. We still “Aim High!” We also aim “to serve.” So here’s to Cranbrook School for Boys at 80! And here’s to Cranbrook Kingswood: to future sons...and now daughters...an inspiration give.”

“Charlie’s office and home are places that returning faculty and alumni first stop by when they visit the school and the Cranbrook campus. His connections to former students and athletes are very special. Students speak of his impact on their learning and the confidence that he helped instill within them. He carries that same gift to his role as head of the upper school. He empowers the faculty by cherishing the role that they play in the classroom or on the playing field. Charlie is not just of the school, he is the school.”

Arlyce Seibert, director of schools
With their passports in hand, many Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School teachers took to the airways this past spring and summer traveling to destinations spanning the globe. They returned enlightened professionally full of ideas and opportunities to enhance students’ global awareness.

THREE KICK OFF INTERNATIONAL FACULTY EXCHANGE IN TURKEY

Last spring, English Teacher KAREN HAND spent 10 days at the IRMAK School in Istanbul, Turkey as Cranbrook’s first participant in the international faculty exchange program. Hand taught a poetry unit which featured American poets to the Turkish students and brought along original poems written by her ninth-grade students. According to Hand, the Turkish students enjoyed reading the way their American counterparts described themselves in their poetry. In return, the Turkish students wrote poems and letters about themselves that Hand incorporated into classroom discussions.

She says the experience has had a lasting effect on her teaching.

“It reminded me of the importance of integrating a sense of worldwide connectedness in the discussions and activities that occur in my classroom,” says Hand. “This trip was partially financed by a Vlasic Family Fund.”

Science Teachers JOHN TWEDT and GARY GERSON also visited the IRMAK School to co-teach a physics course as part of the international faculty exchange program. Additionally, they researched ways that IRMAK and Cranbrook Kingswood could jointly engage in long-distance classroom learning. They realized that there is potential for future exchanges between the two schools especially related to Internet sharing and robotics projects. They are encouraged by their findings and know that the dedication of the IRMAK teachers will help them accomplish the global experience.

Gerson and Twedt look forward to hosting IRMAK students at Cranbrook Kingswood in the near future. This trip was partially financed by a Vlasic Family Fund.

HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS TRAVEL NEAR AND FAR

In July, CHIP WISWALL presented his paper “English Royal Minorities and the Hundred Years War,” to attendees at an international conference on medieval history at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom. The paper is a portion of the research book he is writing on the succession of child-kings in medieval England. His trip included a stop in London where he spent time researching the topic at the British National Archives. Wiswall teaches a course called “Patterns in Civilizations.”

“My trip will remind students that the study of history is a dynamic and lively exercise with the constant possibility of discovery,” says Wiswall. The upper school Dads’ Club partially funded Wiswall’s trip with a grant.

JOANNE PARKER returned to Michigan’s western Upper Peninsula this summer to continue her research on Native American culture. She visited former fur trade posts and Ojibwe reservations. Parker

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UPPER PENINSULA

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LONDON

JOJO MACEY
LONDON, PFORZHEIM

PETER JULICHER
MOSCOW

SHARON PEACOCK,
JOHN WINTER
SEOUL

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TOKYO

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incorporated her findings within her lesson plans for an elective called American Indian Studies.

The classroom setting for this elective is unlike other electives as most of the sessions will occur outdoors and at the Cranbrook Institute of Science so students can examine Native American artifacts. Read more about the course on page 21. The Schulak grant helped support Parker’s trip.

PETER JULICHER spent five weeks in Russia this summer to collect material for an elective he is teaching students on Russia and Eastern Europe. Additionally, Julicher did research for his latest book about the classification and categorization of the Russian people. His book will be titled Enemies of the People, a term used during the Bolshevik Revolution to describe usually innocent people who were thought to be opponents of the new order.

As an instructor at the Anglo/American School in Moscow from 1977-1979, he gained first-hand knowledge about Russia and experienced a country that was very different than the one he discovered on this visit.

“When I came to Moscow this time, I didn’t smell gasoline, meaning they are driving better cars. It is so much better in every way,” says Julicher. A Schulak grant helped pay for some of his expenses.

HOLLY ARIDA published her first book this summer. She co-edited the book Etching Our Own Image: Voices from Within the Arab American Art Movement for the Arab American National Museum. A combination
of factors impacting the community, especially among its artists, inspired Arida to write the book.

“The book is a collection of essays,” says Arida. “Contributors include Arab American painters, playwrights, poets... who tell the Arab American story authentically.”

She uses excerpts from it in her senior elective course, Current Middle East Conflicts, to coincide with the class visit to the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn, Mich. It also is a tool for her use with different units in the course.

For Arida, this collaborative writing experience has motivated her to seek opportunities for her students to work together in a creative setting.

DR. IAN GREENSPAN traveled throughout South Africa on a Fulbright-Hays Scholarship, which was given to the African Studies Center at Michigan State University so that middle and high school teachers of history and social studies could learn about African culture, politics and history. During his one-month visit, he journeyed through four provinces (Western Cape, Eastern Cape, Kwa-Zulu Natal and Gauteng) several major cities including Capetown and Port Elizabeth, rural areas and game parks.

“The central purpose of the trip was to encourage the teachers to engage with South African identities (whether past or present) and, based on these experiences, incorporate curriculum projects into our courses,” says Greenspan.

One of the resulting lesson plans that Greenspan created for his sophomore students involves an in-depth study on Apartheid and post-Apartheid South Africa. Greenspan also received financial assistance from a Schulak grant.

ONE STUDIES JEWELRY DESIGN IN ENGLAND

In June, Jewelry Teacher JO JO MACEY took a class on traditional Korean jewelry design at the Birmingham Institute of Art and Design at Birmingham Central University in none other than Birmingham, England. She learned the intricate details of the Keum Boo technique, which involves fusing 24-karat gold foil onto sterling silver. Macey says this jewelry process has not been used widely for decades.

She is thrilled to be teaching this skill to both her beginning and advanced jewelry and metal-smith students, some which are of Korean descent.

“To teach this ‘lost’ technique to students is a wonderful way of sharing Korean traditions with them,” says Macey.

She also had the opportunity to visit Pforzheim, Germany where she conducted historic research at the only museum in the world dedicated entirely to the art of jewelry. Macey received funding from faculty development grants and a Schulak grant.

From 1700 applicants only 200 American teachers were chosen by the Japanese government to participate in their Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. Brookside’s KAREN BENSON was one of four from Michigan who made the cut, receiving a fully expense-paid trip this summer to conduct a “short-term study tour,” which lasted nearly three weeks.

Benson, who teaches art, learned of the opportunity at a professional conference. Her interest in visiting Japan and strong desire to study art in an Eastern culture, prompted her to apply.

The first leg of her trip consisted of a week in Tokyo where she attended lectures regarding Japanese economics, its educational system and governmental approach with other Fulbright recipients. Treated like royalty, they mingled with high-governmental officials, visited cultural landmarks and formal gardens, attended theatrical performances and heard from Hiroshima survivors.

Following Tokyo, Benson and 20 classmates traveled north to Nasushiobara, a city located in the prefecture of Tochigi, Japan to visit Utsunomiya University. She also toured junior high and elementary schools to observe classrooms and meet with art education teachers.

“I teach what I experience,” says Benson, who came home with a portfolio filled with ideas for curriculum enhancement.

By Michele Jasukaitis and Laura Mahle
And the Beat Goes on

Thanks to Sark

TOP, Under the tutelage of Halajian and his dedicated teaching staff, CK Upper School music students set a school record in 2007 receiving more than 100 medals at the Michigan Schools Band and Orchestra District Solo and Ensemble Festival.

BOTTOM, Sarkis Halajian (top right) with Cranbrook Private flute instructor, Carol Perkins (bottom right) and other members of the Cranbrook Quintet in the 1980s.

One evening just after supper someone knocks at his door. He opens it and a young neighbor peeks inside.

"Mr. Halajian... I really want to play the trumpet," says Gracey Bennett-Carpenter as his Dad Ben, Mom Lynn, upper school weaving instructor, and older brother, Nico, stand by for encouragement.

The words are like music to his ears. "Come in," says Cranbrook’s Performing Arts Coordinator Sarkis Halajian, knowing Gracey possesses the first ingredient of a good musician—enthusiasm.

In his 33 years with Cranbrook Schools, Halajian has reared scads of young students into talented musicians. He is proud of the effort and happy to have made it his life’s work.
Whether four or 17, he enjoys working with kids of any age and does so five days a week teaching concert and jazz bands within all divisions of Cranbrook Schools.

“Nothing’s better than when they’re ‘cookin’” says Halajian, “and they all do at some point even the Brooksiders.”

He actually turned down his first job offer from Cranbrook in 1975 only to be called back and urged to reconsider with a promise that he would have free reign to design the music curriculum. That did the trick. With his wife, Barbara, Halajian agreed to a five-year gig and moved from Boston to Bloomfield Hills.

Five, 10, 15, 20... who counts when he’s having fun? Certainly not Sark, as his Cranbrook friends and fellow colleagues like to call him. By the 1980s, the Halajian family grew from two to four, adding Jared and Elise, and had settled nicely into their humble abode on Faculty Way.

“We were happy here and wanted our children to attend Brookside to experience all its magic,” Halajian says.

Living in Metropolitan Detroit proved to be good for Halajian as a professional musician as well. He became a principle clarinetist in the Warren Symphony Orchestra and formed the Cranbrook Wind Quintet. Along the way, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra also invited him to sub for their clarinet section.

“That was fun but tricky because the schedules of an orchestral musician and a teacher conflict,” admits Halajian. “I’m glad I did it but would never trade it for my original career choice.”

Lucky for Cranbrook for under the precision of his wand, one of the finest private school performing arts programs has evolved. And like all good conductors, Halajian is quick to direct applause toward his ensemble cast.

“The success of our program is truly the work of many talented faculty members who love what they do and do it so well... I am blessed to work with them,” he says.

Still, there are many successes linked directly to him. Take the tremendously successful private musical lesson program. For years, CK Middle- and Upper-School students have worked closely with one of 26 private instructors once a week in addition to taking music electives.

No matter their creative aspiration—choir, band, orchestra or theater—a yearning to perform is stronger than ever among Cranbrook students of all ages and personalities. It begins during chapel performances in the Meeting House at Brookside and builds as they go on to district and state competitions throughout their middle and upper years. And while such commitment and depth of involvement definitely looks good on college applications, the true benefit of this rich curricular experience is self-expression.

“No matter their culture, people need to express themselves,” says Halajian.

Maybe that’s why so many Cranbrook students continue to perform long after the curtain closes and they graduate. According to Halajian, it’s in their souls.

By Laura Mahle
Historian Joanne Parker and Anthropologist Cameron Wood have much in common. Both work at Cranbrook, Parker in the upper school history department and Wood in the Institute of Science. Both are experts in Native American history and culture and both are interested in educating younger generations about the traditions and culture of North America’s indigenous people.

They met when Parker scheduled a field trip for a class several years ago to look at American history artifacts from the Cranbrook Institute of Science (CIS) collections. Parker was pleasantly surprised to learn Wood had come to Cranbrook after serving as director of the Nokomis Learning Center in Okemos, Mich., a Native American cultural center and museum. She too was extremely well versed in the subject area having earned a D.E.A. at the Sorbonne in Paris which culminated in a thesis project focusing on historical attempts to Christianize Indians.

This school year, the two are giving Cranbrook juniors and seniors an opportunity not available in most schools today, even in higher educational settings, a semester-long course in American Indian Studies. Held outdoors on the grounds of CIS, the class incorporates hands-on activity with the study of varying texts and essential artifacts. The objective is to familiarize students with the historical framework, trade activity, linguistic traits and contemporary issues distinguishing our nation’s original settlers. In four units of study, students will consider the perseverance of Native Americans despite a history marred by governmental and societal abuse throughout the centuries.

“This is a rare opportunity for students in a high school setting,” says Parker, “one that Cameron and I can offer by combining our knowledge and contacts with the resources of the Cranbrook Educational Community.”
Students must come prepared to work. The course is brimming with activities that require physical and mental acumen. On a crisp fall day in late September, they gathered to observe CIS Director Dr. Michael Stafford demonstrate the art of flint-knapping, a technique the American Indians used to make tools from stone. A natural teacher himself, Stafford helps students find their edge by chipping away at large pieces of rock while carefully avoiding cutting through their clothing or skin.

"Did any of you see the Survivor episode where one of the contestants attempted to make stone tools?" he asks. "It was pathetic—the guy had it all wrong but you will get it right!"

By the end of his demonstration, the students are bona fide knappers and come to know that this ancient art is still practiced today. In fact, as often as he can, Stafford attends "knap-ins" with people from all over the United States.

"Some people think men are better flint workers, but the best one I know, a good friend of mine, is a 90 pound French woman," he says. "There’s actually no way to tell if a man or woman has created the blade; it’s all about angles and technique."

Parker has other on-site activities planned to occur throughout the semester including hearing from Wood and a field expert regarding the construction of wigwams. Students will cover the technique of maintaining the existing wigwam located between CIS and the Sugar Hut on Cranbrook’s grounds. While they work, Wood will discuss the cultural significance of this ancient structure made by the early Indians.

"All buildings are based on the cultural beliefs of the society which builds them," says Wood. Students also will attempt to make pottery in a fire pit with the Head of the Art Department Joe Smith.

Though they are off to a great start, Wood and Parker still require funding for guest speakers and field trips. They would like to arrange a class visit to the Ziibiwing (place by the river) Cultural Center and Museum located on the home reservation of the Saginaw Chippewa tribe in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. There, the students can observe the modern lifestyle of an active tribe as well as visit a tribal administration center which houses the center tribal court, the governmental arm of the reservation.

"On the reservation, they can see a modern model of governance for Native Americans in full operation," says Wood. "It’s also an opportunity to see the tribe’s current business endeavor, owning and running the Soaring Eagle casino."

Parker and Wood hope their class will serve as a benchmark for other courses based on formal collaboration between the divisions within the Cranbrook Educational Community. Ultimately they hope funding will be made available to them through professional development grants. But for now, they relish in the smiles on their students’ faces daily.

"There is a great enthusiasm among the group," says Parker. "They enjoy looking at subject matter in different ways—the unpredictability of how to explore questions and the variances of life perceptions engage them."

Wood affirms the notion and adds: "We are enjoying it (the class) too. Rarely do I get to work with an older group of students in such an in-depth way."

By Laura Mahle
Thirty-five years ago, an aspiring young man named Jeffrey Welch took a job as a teaching assistant in the University of Michigan English department. In his *Great Books* class, a series of modest and exceptionally well-prepared students impressed him. By the end of each semester he’d have to ask: “Where did you go to school before Michigan?” Their answer: “Kingswood School.” “I had no idea where the school was, but it sure caught my attention,” says Welch smiling. “At the time, I was looking for a teaching position and discovered that Cranbrook and Kingswood were only 45 minutes away from Ann Arbor.”

Welch came to work at Cranbrook School for Boys in 1977 as an English teacher, resident faculty member and assistant JV football coach where he fell in love with the beauty of its campus and the allure of its culture and history. Thirty years later, he is still captivated and feeling more convinced than ever that Cranbrook Schools is an exceptional place to teach. Today, Welch serves as the academic dean for grades 9 and 10, a post created when Cranbrook and Kingswood Schools merged in 1985, a decision he feels was necessary for the future of the high schools. He credits the administration for orchestrating a successful outcome from two very different school programs. “They were careful to preserve important traditions of both schools and to retain gender-specific classes in ninth and tenth grades, easing students into a coeducational setting,” says Welch.

He speaks proudly of today’s upper school culture describing it as the best academic environment in the country. “It’s a tremendous atmosphere for self-expression,” says Welch. “Our students want to be here… they choose to come. It was that way when I came to Cranbrook and it’s the same today.”

To stay in touch with student preferences he also teaches senior English electives year-round. What makes them tick these days? According to Welch, technology does, so he integrates it appropriately into his classroom. He also expresses concern that today’s students are far more time-crunched than in years past due to college placement competition and have to budget their time effectively to experience Cranbrook outside the classroom. “Our job as educators is to help them manage their academic, artistic, athletic and social pursuits simultaneously. This will give them the best preparation for college,” says Welch.

Clearly, he has much to offer his students and peers on all accounts. Welch’s understanding of the resources and institutions within the sprawling 319-acre Cranbrook campus is definitely one of his greatest gifts. And he shares his perspective objectively and willingly. “Anyone who comes to Cranbrook cannot go away unchanged,” Welch says. “We become destinies to each other.”

This is true of Welch himself, who not only found professional satisfaction at Cranbrook but personal happiness as well. Here, he met and married Christine Goodale, a printmaker and teacher in Kingwood’s fine arts department, in 1982. They still reside in the Infirmary building across the walk from Marquis Hall.

By Laura Mahle

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Dr. Welch took a sabbatical leave for the winter semester in 2002 in order to do research on a manuscript left by the architect Eliel Saarinen, titled “The Story of Cranbrook.” At the heart of this manuscript is Saarinen’s testament to his enduring friendship with founder George G. Booth. The vision and funding were Booth’s, while Saarinen gave the community its exquisite visual impact and enchanting beauty. The Don Peterson Fund supported Welch’s sabbatical.

More recently, he has begun a second project sponsored by an Elizabeth Bennett Grant to analyze the decorative program of the Cranbrook campus, where Saarinen and Booth collaborated closely in determining the themes and commissioning the art objects that carry these themes throughout the fabric of the buildings and grounds.
Upper School Academic Dean Deborah Rutzen came of age professionally during the "Me Decade," the 1970s. While others were discovering themselves, Rutzen already knew who she wanted to be. With two diplomas in her pocket, a B.A. from Kalamazoo College and an M.A. from Oakland University, she came to Cranbrook to teach history at Kingswood School for Girls, for grades eight, 11 and 12. In the few short years to follow, she transitioned into a confident, articulate, successful educator. Rutzen fondly remembers those years.

"At Kingswood, we believed that leadership could be taught, that women should feel comfortable in different roles," she says. "So we encouraged the girls to find their voices and to express themselves publicly."

Though her current American history students haven’t the faintest idea who James Taylor and Karen Carpenter are, they have no problem relating to Rutzen for she has a timeliness about her that derives from knowing when to change things up. Whether that means engaging in new professional development opportunities, tackling instruction of new course materials or implementing new technology, Rutzen is not afraid to step outside of her comfort zone.

She determined early on that her success would stem from immersing herself in Cranbrook. For just as society was changing outside the impressive stonewalls of this special place, so was the culture inside. Academic departments were merging, gender-specific middle schools were established and finally the upper schools merged. All the while, Rutzen busied herself as one of six Kingswood instructors who took up residence on campus living in the Gate House, serving as a faculty advisor for the World Affairs Seminar, working as a ninth-grade class advisor and creating the Model UN Relations program in addition to her regular teaching duties.

Off duty, a curiosity and knack for research lead her to address her profession philosophically. In order to explore the art of teaching, she ventured off campus and developed ties within the history and social studies division of Oakland Schools, an intermediate school district. Through this affiliation, Rutzen connected with peers and planned some of the first teacher-to-teacher conferences in the area designed to address professional growth through discussions of pedagogy.

"In those days, opportunities for peer interaction within the profession were limited, so I looked for ways to create them," says Rutzen.

Her instincts served her well. As she rose through the ranks to administrative positions in Cranbrook Schools, first as a grade level counselor and then as an academic dean for grades 11 and 12, Rutzen also became a teacher’s representative on the Association of Independent Michigan Schools’ (AIMS) teachers committee. The group established a model for professional development in which the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) quickly adopted as a benchmark. She then served on the AIMS teachers service committee and co-chaired the first ISACS teachers conference for new professionals in the mid-1980s with fellow Cranbrook Teacher Debbie Dietrich.

"It was exciting to work with other teachers interested in advancing our profession in Michigan and throughout the United States," says Rutzen. "Together, we brought in top educational consultants to speak and developed workshops to help young teachers establish best practices from the beginning."

Her efforts to raise the bar paid off professionally and personally. During the 1984-85 school year, Rutzen received two Outstanding Teacher awards. Kingswood and ISACS bestowed her with the distinction. She also was asked to serve on a Council for Women in Independent Schools which now is the ISACS gender committee.

Today, Rutzen continues to seek out new ways of teaching by attending conferences herself. Along with 30 colleagues from the upper and middle schools, she participated in an internal two-day Great Books seminar this summer arranged by fellow History Teacher Holly Arida. She credits her colleagues for their dedication to subject matter.

"We have a very bright faculty. They see teaching here as a way of life not just a job," Rutzen says.

With a 40-year anniversary on the horizon, Rutzen epitomizes this philosophy and shows no signs of slowing down. Though she would be greatly missed at Cranbrook Schools, she is an excellent candidate to train America’s next generation of educators in a formal collegial setting. Why? Because she values teaching as an art and a science and practices accordingly. But for now, her young Cranbrook colleagues and students are fortunate to have her as a resource and mentor.

"Credibility in this profession comes from your passion for teaching and subject matter and your love of ideas," states Rutzen. "Every teacher feels vulnerable from time to time. The key is to be yourself around students so they feel comfortable doing the same."

By Laura Mahle
Sharon Peacock and John Winter, the current deans of students for CK Upper School, traveled to Seoul, Korea this summer. Peacock and her husband, Michael, taught English at the Winners’ Circle Academy (WCA) for ten weeks while Winter spent a short-but-sweet week visiting with Cranbrook alumni and the families of current Cranbrook students.

Both felt right at home among the 10 million people who live in the growing, cosmopolitan capital city of South Korea. “It was immaculate,” says Peacock. Winter agrees, “Everything is modern. The city was basically rebuilt in the early ’70s.”

WCA Director Adel Kang encouraged the Peacocks to serve as guest teachers and made sure they were welcomed with open arms. And, so it was. Not only were their high school-aged students appreciative and prepared, they encouraged the Peacocks to teach beyond their lesson plans.

Students attend WCA all year with the hopes of moving on to American boarding schools and often Cranbrook is at the top of their wish list. From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. they worked diligently soaking up all that the Peacocks had to offer. “For them, the golden ring is an American education—their ticket to success. They work extremely hard to reach their goals,” says Peacock. “I have a renewed appreciation for Korean students and respect how they work.”

Although most nights the Peacocks easily could have crashed in their five-star hotel room, an all-work and no-play attitude was not tolerated. After hours, they were taken as guests to the finest restaurants and personally escorted to Buddhist temples, ginseng tea factories and cultural centers throughout the city.

Winter had no choice but to mix business and pleasure as well, thanks to numerous hosts. Those who know him, are not surprised to hear that he preferred touring royal palaces and enjoying the breathtaking landscape versus shopping for designer labels in the world-renowned Itaewon District. The pinnacle of his trip was experiencing Korea’s 62nd Independence Day, a celebration of the country’s liberation from Japan in 1945.

Though the borders between the North and South are still closed, both Winter and Peacock learned that many Southern Koreans are proponents for ending the division. They also noted a consistent belief among Korean parents, alumni and students, namely that receiving an American education boosts Koreans to the top in their country professionally and socially.

A gathering of Cranbrook parents and students was held in Winter’s honor. Fifty three people attended expressing their resounding appreciation for a Cranbrook Schools’ education. Words of gratitude also filled the room when he met with the Cranbrook Korean alumni group. “I’m so pleased to see our Korean alumni group recognized as a part of CRAN [the Committee of Regional Alumni Networks],” Winter says. “They are a charismatic bunch and share great pride in their education.” Both Peacock and Winter say they would return to Seoul. “In a heartbeat... I feel obliged to give back as much as they give to us,” says Peacock.

“Our Korean population is an asset to the Cranbrook community—one we should nurture and respect,” says Winter.

by Laura Mahle
Life is a slot machine.

We are here on this earth having been thrust into a random situation we did nothing to deserve, surrounded by circumstances we cannot control. Sometimes chance is kind to us; sometimes we get the short end of the stick. I think the hardest pill we’ll ever have to swallow is getting less than we deserve. It stems from accepting that life isn’t fair. We want it to be fair. We want so badly for it to be fair. It should be. It deserves to be. On a very deep level, we need it to be. But it’s not. And whenever we fume over some injustice that has befallen us and then a wise friend reminds us, “life isn’t fair,” we have to admit with a certain existential resignation that they have a point; but somehow that doesn’t really help at all. How can I support the very existence of the universe I live in? I can’t. I can only shake my head, and rather without clout. I can fulminate; I can vociferate; I can raise my banner in protest of everything that isn’t as it should be in the world, but the universe is as the universe does. A pregnant woman will die in a car accident today, and I cannot change that.

What feels so deeply wrong about an unfair world such as ours is that it is unfair in a way that, almost by definition, doesn’t make any sense. At least not to me. Some people own private jets, others don’t have access to fresh water. I don’t get it.

So what I ask you is this: If you are born rich with blessings beyond your control, if good luck should catch you a taxi while an old man stands in the rain, if you are given the seldom talked about long end of the stick, do you have an inherent obligation to use your gifts, resources, and abilities, in a sharing and philanthropic manner? Does having good fortune come with the uninvited responsibility that we give some of it back to the less fortunate? The comfortable answer is: Yes. Feed the hungry children, absolutely. Support music and the fine arts in our school systems, absolutely. But really, no one can be blamed for what they have. You didn’t choose your lot any more than a hungry person chose theirs: how can you be held accountable for chance? And I’m not just talking about money. If you are intelligent and have access to an education, can you be a janitor? If you are brilliantly intelligent, and could, if you applied yourself, cure a disease and save thousands or even millions of lives, can you be the CEO of Marlboro?

Your initial reaction to my question about giving back was probably yes, we should. Our consciences are pretty clear in identifying the more generous path, but the top position at Marlboro reveals the complexity of the issue. It involves the question, “to what extent is your life your life, and to what extent must it be lived for others?” On the one hand, our parents here in the audience are a perfect example of the duty to sacrifice. For the past eighteen years they have sacrificed for us, and I’m gladened to see the pleasure they take in witnessing the fruit of that sacrifice today. On the other hand, who’s to say you can’t be a janitor if that’s what you want to do with your life. It’s not hurting anybody. In fact, it’s helping people, and I mean no disrespect to janitors, but it might not be helping others as much as you could be, and is that hurting them indirectly? Put your good where it will do the most, goes the old adage. It’s not, “do what you enjoy the most,” and with that comes a certain submission to the greater good. Being an operative for the greater is rarely fun or easy, but always gratifying.

So do you have a right to life your life as you wish? If it’s not hurting others, I say absolutely. Is this being selfish? Potentially it is. Where we draw the line is both personal and circumstantial, but I beg you... give your line some reflection.

We cannot be blamed for the things we cannot control, but that does not excuse us from taking charge of the things we can. And while we cannot be blamed for the blessings we cannot control, that does not excuse us from at the very least appreciating them. Often, people who have been in peril but escaped unscathed while others weren’t so lucky, look around and experience something called “survivor guilt.” “Why do they still get to live when others must die?” they wonder. I’ve never liked the term. I much prefer “survivor responsibility.”

Survivor responsibility carries no guilt, although you are enlisted to a certain moral duty by the default blessedness of your life. I suppose you could argue this is an onus forced upon you without your asking, without consideration that you might not want it, and you’d...
be right, but Paris Hilton could say pretty much the same thing about getting stuck with a few billion dollars.

You’ll have to look inward to see exactly what this responsibility means to you. I can’t tell you the answer, and even if I could, I hope I’d be wise enough not to. I will say that all of us here could have been born into poverty or orphanage or oppression… yet we weren’t. And I haven’t the faintest clue why. As far as I can tell, it was not merit’s hand that rolled the dice. I don’t think of myself as a better person than he who goes hungry, and I don’t think of you as better people than she who gets sick. But for some reason, we have been plopped into a world of comfort and opportunity while others starve and die.

In the end, how much responsibility this puts on you to make something of yourself and level the playing field is a matter of opinion. I can tell you no absolute truth; only ask with all my heart that you consider a) what an advantage we have all been given as recipients of a Cranbrook education, and all the other blessings you couldn’t even begin to count, and then b) what duties, if any, come with privilege as you head off to your colleges and onward into your futures. Would you be doing a dishonor to those without opportunity if you do not take full advantage of yours? I’m sure you’re all a little nervous about college, so I apologize for the extra pressure, but please do think about it. Thank you. — Miles Levin

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TOP TO BOTTOM,
Hundreds of thousands logged on to Miles’ blog often writing back with words of encouragement and praise; Levin with commencement speakers: Bob Woodruff C’79, Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker K’61, Anasa Hicks and fellow graduates.
Everyone enjoyed perfect sunny weather for Reunion Weekend 2007. Alumni visited with classmates and current and former faculty on the grounds of Kingswood, Cranbrook and Brookside. They toured campus, played sports or took a run on the grounds. They attended SmartBoard demonstrations, a picnic at Kingswood, and the Sunday brunch, the cocktail party and dinner on the Quad.

At this year’s Alumni Assembly, we honored Distinguished Alumni Award recipients, Michael Barone, C’62, and Kate Iacocca Hentz, K’77, and this year’s Kingswood Gratitude Award recipient, Anne Lerchen Hanna, K’62.

The weekend ended with the first Brookside reunion in celebration of the school’s 85th anniversary. Alumni and guests wandered the school’s halls and the Early Childhood Center, checking out favorite locations.

Former faculty who returned to campus included Jock Denio, Wally and Mayble Cripps, Hal and Jean Smart, Betsy Clark, former Head of School Honnie McClear and many others.
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For many more photos of Reunion 2007, see Media Gallery on the Web site.
At the time that Kate Iacocca Hentz, K’77, attended Kingswood she did not know exactly how the motto, “Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve” would impact her life. Thirty years after graduating, she finds herself living up to those standards in her post as president of the Iacocca Foundation where she works diligently to find a cure for diabetes.

During the festivities of Reunion Weekend, she received the 2007 Distinguished Alumna Award for her devotion to making a real difference to the 240 million people who live with diabetes. A grateful Iacocca Hentz accepted the honor with pride and enlightened her audience about the foundation’s progress and why she remains so dedicated to the cause.

**FOUNDED ON LOVE AND DETERMINATION**

Iacocca Hentz and her family started the Iacocca Foundation as a way to cope with the loss of her mother who succumbed to complications of diabetes 24 years ago. In the beginning, the foundation operated with a $25,000 fellowship. Then her father, Lee Iacocca, the now-retired founder of Chrysler Corporation, contributed $10 million in book proceeds to bolster the foundation’s efforts. Since then, the foundation has grown to $53 million and has distributed almost $30 million to researchers.

“The more money we give, the better it is to try and attack this problem,” says Iacocca Hentz. “I think mom would be pretty excited.”

She estimates that 380 million people will have the disease in the next 20 years. Iacocca Hentz notes that one out of every $10 spent on healthcare in America is spent on diabetes and the complications that come with it.

To fight this world-wide epidemic, Iacocca Hentz explains that the foundation supports researchers who study the disease from different angles. One team studies proteins involved in insulin secretion and the relationship between beta cells and the autoimmune system.

Simultaneously, a second team studies drug therapy. It looks for ways to prevent the destruction of the beta cells by the autoimmune system T cells. “If you can stop the destruction, then the islets will be able to regenerate, thereby reversing diabetes,” she explains further.

**NEW CAMPAIGNS FOCUS ON CHILDHOOD DIABETES AND CLINICAL TRIALS**

Recently, the Iacocca Foundation teamed up with the Harvard School of Public Health to tackle the current crisis of obesity among our nation’s youth. The campaign, "Coast to Coast Initiative," targets elementary and middle school children. The group developed a plan for schools to educate, train and engage families in the benefits of eating healthy and living active lifestyles.

In 2008, the foundation looks forward to the first human studies of the regeneration of islet cells by Dr. Denise Faustman at Massachusetts General Hospital. Faustman is an Iacocca Foundation researcher whose breakthrough studies on regeneration holds promise for discoveries in many other autoimmune diseases such as lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, and multiple sclerosis.

To directly support Faustman’s research, Lee Iacocca launched the campaign, JoinLeeNow. He encourages people to donate any amount they can to the cause.

“My dad came up with the campaign and decided he would make it a challenge grant. Our family pledged one million, and we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of friends and families who have been touched by this disease,” says Iacocca Hentz. “We’ve raised $10 million to date.”

She says the foundation reflected on its mission a few years ago, when it celebrated its 20th anniversary. Iacocca Hentz says the group asked themselves if they had made the world a better place.

“We looked back to see what we were most proud of,” says Iacocca Hentz. “We have funded more than 135 promising researchers that were Iacocca fellows who are now all over the world heading up hospitals, clinics and research labs from Boston to Japan and all points in between. They are really the seeds of what we’ve been trying to do.”

For more information about the foundation and JoinLeeNow, go to www.iacoccafoundation.org or call 617.267.7747.

By Michele Jasukaitis

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**KINGSWOOD LESSONS IMPACT HER LIFE GOALS**

How do we strive to fulfill our Kingswood motto? How do we learn to serve? Well, first, we need to learn to love, and when we love, we care, and if we care, we help and serve other people. What we learned here at Kingswood went far beyond what we learned in the classroom. The love, the caring and the support that I received was immeasurable. It was about real connections, with real people. The seeds of service planted here continue to grow and inspire me in so many ways. I’m sure so many of you have similar stories how your lives have been positively shaped and influenced by the great traditions and missions of this school. I remain forever grateful to Kingswood, the faculty and the students I met here. You will always be a huge part of who I am today and who I will become tomorrow. — Kate Iacocca Hentz, K’77
Growing up, Michael Barone was not like other kids. The U.S. News & World Report staff writer and frequent Fox News commentator came to that realization at a young age when other children would go outside to play in the sandbox while he chose instead to pore over statistical data from the Encyclopedia Britannica.

"My mother would tell me to go outside and play, and I would sneak back in to my books," says Barone, who told the audience at the Alumni Assembly where he received the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

"Cranbrook was a good place for me," says Barone, who started his Cranbrook education as an elementary school student at Brookside.

"It directed my eccentricities in a constructive way."

As a political reporter and analyst, what Barone calls eccentricities have proven to be enormous assets. His passion for demographics manifests itself in an uncanny ability to recall things like which Iowa district John F. Kennedy may have narrowly snatched things like which Iowa district John F. Kennedy himself in an uncanny ability to recall passion for demographics manifests proven to be enormous assets. His what Barone calls eccentricities have

As a political reporter and analyst, Barone's days at Cranbrook also have given him a leg up on the news analyst competition for the 2008 presidential election for the simple fact that he went to school at the same time as Republican contender Mitt Romney, class of 1965. He admits he sometimes has trouble looking at Romney "because I just see him as a 14-year-old boy."

Despite his jokes about the enduring youthfulness of Republican presidential contenders, Barone takes his politics seriously. For more than three decades, he has co-authored The Almanac of American Politics. Published once every two years, the tome is considered a book of almost Biblical importance in terms of accurate, valuable and sometimes unusual statistics charting congressional, senatorial and presidential elections.

Beyond the demographics, Barone also exerts his well-honed writing skills as a historical and contemporary analyst, authoring a number of books, including Our Country: The Shaping of America from Roosevelt to Reagan; The New Americans: How the Melting Pot Can Work Again; Hard America, Soft America: Competition vs. Coddling and the Battle for the Nation’s Future; and his latest book, Our First Revolution: The Remarkable British Upheaval That Inspired America’s Founding Fathers.

As if writing four books and a biannual almanac, covering the latest headlines as senior writer for U.S. News & World Report, authoring columns for The New York Times and The Economist and making appearances on Fox News to argue politics wasn’t enough, Barone also pens a popular, regularly updated blog in which he shares his views on all of the latest issues from the Middle East to domestic issues to the presidential race.

It seems likely that Carl Wonnberger would be proud to see his former pupil with pen pressed firmly to the authorial grindstone. It seems clear, too, that all those summer days Barone spent shunning the sun in favor of the Encyclopedia Britannica were not wasted either.

On a daily basis, Michael Barone helps shape opinions and untangle the messy world of politics from the inside out, providing clear, concise access for millions of readers and listeners throughout the country. Looking back, Barone could see the early seeds of his future career taking shape at where his education first took shape. “I’ve been able to make a living doing what I did at Cranbrook, working and talking about politics.”

By Liz Lent
WINTER REUNITES WITH KOREAN ALUM
Dean of Students John Winter journeyed to Seoul, Korea this summer to catch up with recent alumni and discover the wonders of their country.

CIS HOSTS ALUMNI
Many families visited the Cranbrook Institute of Science for the Annual Alumni Family night on February 26.

GREETINGS FROM DENVER
James Booth, C’85, helped coordinate a reception for Denver-based alumni and current school administrators, such as Jim Pickett (pictured below left), who were visiting the area.

GOOD TIMES AT THE GRILLE
Cranbrook Alumni Council Member Steve Pohl, CK’89, organized a social gathering for nearly 40 local alumni at Bailey’s Pub and Grille in Troy, Mich. Attendees noshed on pub grub while playing darts and pool.

ALUMNI ENJOY FIRST BOCCAGE BALL EVENT
Sally Carpenter Kerr, K’74, Leslie Petersen Price, K’74, and Cathy Roumell were among the metro-Detroit area alumni and friends who tested their bocce ball skills at the first-ever Alumni Bocce Ball Night at Palazzo DiBocce. Hugh Kerr, C’73, organized this fun event Italiano-style.

GAME OVER! STUDENTS BEAT ALUMNI, 2-1
Although Bill Holmes, C’79, put the alumni team on the scoreboard first, the varsity team beat the alumni team, 2-1, during this summer’s annual soccer game. Here, Bob Woodruff, C’79, makes his move toward the goal.

From left to right: Paul Gamble, C’82, Steve Pohl, CK’89, Aviva and Steve Susser, C’82

Dwijen Misra, C’76, Allan Levy, C’51, Jon Desenberg, C’51, and Al Bacon, C’73
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RICHARD HEAVENRICH, former faculty member at Cranbrook School, died on August 20. After graduating from Cranbrook School, he went to Swarthmore College, receiving his degree there in 1937. Before Pearl Harbor he enlisted in the Army and was in a field artillery unit, which engaged the Japanese army in its attempt to capture the Aleutian Islands. Later he was promoted to captain and helped recapture the Philippine Islands in the Pacific. After the war, he earned a master’s degree at Harvard Graduate School of Education and taught in the public schools of Quincy and Newton, MA, before moving to Cranbrook as a math teacher in 1955. He became the head of the math department and at one time was head of the lower school (7th and 8th grades). An early advocate of technology, Richard exposed students to the challenge of writing computer programs in the early 1970s, wheeling the school’s sole terminal from room to room. Ben Snyder said, “Richard was known as a teacher who placed no limits on time, energy or dedication in solving a student’s academic or personal problems. His love and understanding of mathematics enriched the lives of countless Cranbrook students, many of whom profited from his counsel and commitment.” In 1976, he retired to assist his brother, Walter, with management of Whaling’s Mens Wear in Detroit. He was married to the late Sally Brown Heavenrich, mother of his surviving children, Louis, C’68, Ted, C’70, and Alan, C’73. Sally died in 1972. Upon her death a memorial library fund was established at Cranbrook to purchase and repair books. In 1982 Richard moved to Scottsdale, AZ, and married Lenore Ginsberg Ruskin Heavenrich, K’38, who predeceased him. Richard is survived by his sons, five grandchildren and a brother, Louis. Richard was also an active member of Temple Emanu-El in Oak Park, MI. In 1999, Richard received the President’s Award for Excellence at Cranbrook. On a more personal note, Richard served on the Cranbrook Alumni Council and was usually the first RSVP received for any alumni event offered on campus, offering whatever help he could give. He was a quiet, generous, kind man who could be counted on.

Class Notes Editor, Kathy Discenna

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It has been 73 years since we graduated from Cranbrook, and time has taken its toll. There are five of us left: DAVE DORT, BOB HARGREAVES, JIM TALMAN, STUART WADE and JOHN CLEMENT. I was glad to talk to Dave who has seen the ravages of time. Dave is pretty much confined to his home but is hanging in there. BOB HARGREAVES writes that for the past three years he has been disengaged from his most favored activities: tennis, golfing and fly-fishing. Bob does have his family. Twenty-nine of them helped celebrate his 90th birthday coming as far away as Norway. Bob lives in what he calls God’s country (central Oregon among the Ponderosas). Bob has memories of an old silo on the Booth farm and about selling lemonade to the brilliant Italian stone masons carving the various figures on the buttresses outside Christ Church and actually skating up Lone Pine Road on a sheet of ice on some of those cold winter days. Those were the good old days. Talked to STU WADE who lives here in Toledo. Stu, like the rest of us, feels the effects of age but luckily is doing very well. JIM TALMAN is rated nationally in the top 10 in both single and doubles in his age group by the tennis association. He played in two tennis tournaments, the first in Boston on grass and the second at Pine Hurst on clay. Here are the results: on the grass court held at the Longwood Cricket Club at Chestnut Hill outside Boston in singles, Jim won his first round match, but was beaten in the quarter finals by the eventual winner. In doubles he writes that his partner and he lost in the first round, which made them eligible for consolation play. He reached the finals in both the 85-year and the 90-year division and won both. The clay court was played at Pinehurst, NC. Again Jim won his first match and was put out in the quarterfinals, this time by the #2 seed. In doubles he and his partner won third place. Jim was recognized for the sportsmanship award. He certainly deserves to be the class of ’34’sportsman of the year. As for myself, JOHN CLEMENT, I can report that Katherine and I are doing quite well. We are fortunate to have most of our children living in Toledo, and they help us in many ways. The class of ’34 may be small in number, but we all send our cheer!

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Still full of energy and interested in what is going on in the world and the lives of her children, MARTHA POE EGGER is a newsy chat. There is a lot for her to tell as she has three doctors, a dentist and a marine engineer that brighten her life. Soon her grandson, Andy, is marrying and taking his bride, Laura, to live in Indian Village in Detroit. Martha says these old houses are lucky if you want people to buy them and make them over. They are going to take out the radiators (remember those) and are getting a Rottweiler puppy to protect them. Martha is happily enjoying senior groups interested in books and current events, although I got the impression she is not in favor of a lot that is going on. But then who is. DOTTIE WARNER BOWIE is living the life of a happy 87-year-old optimist. Major problems are her back and her sight, but she has made a good adjustment to living in the slow lane and has life under control. Dottie’s granddaughter, Becky, is the current star in her life. She almost has her doctorate in art history and has spent a year in Giverny, France. Susan, her mother, has recently been over to enjoy the experience with her. Dottie says she has lots of Monet postcards. Eventually Becky plans to teach, perhaps in Chicago. Dottie says her life is about the same. She has an aide to help her shop, and otherwise she can take care of herself and enjoys talking books and her friends. JEANNE L’HOMMEDIEN TAYLOR is pleased they moved to their retirement community and find their days very busy and happy. Jeanne has been back to Birmingham on a visit to see her sister, Anne, who is in an assisted living facility there. While she was north, her daughter, Claire, came and picked her up, and they had a visit together also. In October, Dekie and Jeanne are taking a weeklong trip with their Christ Church group to North Carolina to see the mountains in the fall. Our bridge champion, BARBARA CURTIS JONES, is still at it. She says she plays every day. When I called her, she was surprised that I caught her at home as she had just walked in the door from a duplicate game. Barbara is living in her home and says she won’t leave, as she could never decide what to do with all her things. She is going to let her son worry about it. Barb has talked to Ruthie Hargreaves whom many of you will remember. Ruthie is living in Florida and recently went to Oregon to visit her brother, Bob Hargreaves, whom you also may remember as he was one handsome young man back when we were looking for them. In October MARGERY MC CANN CANFIELD is going to visit her youngest son who lives in Hanover, NH. Great time to see that part of the country. Her son has two children. A granddaugther, Anna, a Michigan honors graduate, is now working for Hillary Clinton. She says it is exciting and she loves it. Betty Levvy Langer still has a small practice. She is moving out of her office and into her home where she will do some consulting along with her private patients. Back surgery has slowed Betty down a good deal, and she depends on Bob to be her helper. They have decided to remain in their own home, which is close to the friends and the activities they love rather than uproot them selves and move into a retirement community. Betty reported that her cousin, Richard Heavenrich, who was married to our classmate, LENORE GINSBURG, died. Richard, a Cranbrook
It was a pleasure to hear from half of our class. Yes, there are only 11 of us left! Unfortunately four of us are unaccounted for and sorry to say that I did not hear from some. I am excited to share with you what information was shared with our classmates. HARRIET COOPER ALPERN sends warm greetings to her other lucky classmates. She is well and coping. She writes that she had a recent major loss. Her darling husband Bryce passed away. Harriet writes that he had a warm and sweet disposition that far outdistanced hers. They had enjoyed some classy trips with their first-class art museum and other group experiences to places like Morocco, Indonesia and New Guinea. With Bryce gone now, she stays home and meets her global neighbors. As a pediatrician on the staff of Children’s Hospital of Michigan, Bryce and Harriet became close friends with several delightful Indian doctors. Harriet has cultivated solid relationships with Korean-American-Mexicans. One Muslim colleague, Shahina will join the “get out the women’s vote” effort in Michigan. Kanta, from India, who heads a department at Children’s, offered to notify her church about our voter’s campaign. Hio, her dear Korean-American friend, and her talented daughter, both plan to participate in the activities. Harriet shares that her son, Dwight, heads the lat division for an environmental bureau of a federal agency in Washington. Her daughter, Abby, en famille, spent time last summer in Paris. Her grandson, Adam, 15, and Abby both spoke fluent French. Harriet awarded them four out of five stars for their efforts! PAT PIERCE LENDERMAN still lives in Florida and shared that Harry has had a year and a half of struggle with cancer, and it still goes on. The good news is that she had a happy trip to California for a grandson’s wedding. Pat also got to see her two great-grandchildren, ages 1 and 4. She also got to go to Indiana for another grandson’s graduation from high school. We will now attend the University of Wisconsin with his sister. Pat shares her prayer for everyone’s good health and peace in our world. DIANA BEEBE STEGER wrote that they are living in an Episcopal retirement community and enjoy traveling, sailing and duplicate bridge. All three of their children are in the medical field. Their son is a captain in Navy Medical in San Diego. A grandson is a retired Navy doctor in private practice. Her granddaughter is a graduate of RISD in architecture in San Francisco. Another grandson is a senior at MIT. Diana also has a one-year-old granddaughter. They just celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in San Diego! MARY JANE CLOONAN BLAKESLEE shares that life is very quiet but good. She still enjoys walks to the lake, and reading is her joy. Lots of family visited this summer. The youngest grandchild just graduated from high school, and the oldest great-grandchild started kindergarten this year. Mary Jane hopes all is well with everyone. CATHY EVANS DOUGLAS: Morgan and I have taken our last Kulus Golf Cruise. Although we had a wonderful time on their Sea Cloud II Baltic tour this summer, we will no longer be traveling overseas. Vail is so lovely that there should be no reason to leave! I am happy to share that our entire family is in Colorado now. Granddaughter, Carey, (daughter of Mary Ellen Douglas Anderson, K’64) has moved to Vail with her husband and their two boys, ages 11 and 9. Grandson Taylor (son of Mary Ellen) and his wife Ashley have recently returned to Boulder. Grandson, Chris, and wife Keri live in Denver with our other great-grandson, Jack, 4. Grandson, Jeff, is a student in Pennsylvania but spends all his breaks in Vail with our son, Drex, and daughter-in-law, Deb. With our open door policy we have family dropping by daily to visit! After several tough breaks, an ankle fracture and a fall that made me unconscious for 15 hours, I feel it is the end of my injuries, and I can enjoy Vail until I am called. Twice a week I exercise my brain by playing bridge, and Morgan and I play scrabble regularly. We still ski and play golf, however, not as proficiently as we used to, but we’re happy participating. On sad notes, DOROTHY LEEDER CONLEY’s daughter wrote that her mother passed away last year but not without sharing how much Dorothy loved Stephens. The post office returned my letter to her and reported that RUTH WHITTLESEY JOYCE is deceased. It has been wonderful hearing from all of you and please let us hear from all of you next time.

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Sadly, I report the death of ROBERTA COLE HOLCOMB last March. Roberta was ill and was advised she had only a few months to live. She elected to forgo treatment that would only put off the inevitable and bravely decided to spend her remaining time bonding with her son and daughter as they shared in her care. Roberta had owned an antique business and had a passion for collecting mainly American folk art. She loved her acquisitions and took great delight in distributing them to her family and friends along with the anecdotes they recalled to her. It was a joyful and rewarding experience for her daughter and son and an inspiring story for all of us. I had a delightful talk with PHEOBE CAMPBELL DEGRAFF. She still has a few adult students and has great joy in playing regularly on her Steinway (almost concert size) grand piano. They love their home of more than 40 years and will remain there. MARGARET MCMATH HERRING is having a struggle and is in a wheelchair. Her hip surgery was not an unqualified success, and this has to be hard for the ever-active Peg. MADELINE MCMATH SLOAN is still going strong with her 11-year-old golden retriever, Torie. She makes their visits to seniors and ill patients. Madeleine feels Torie has a strong awareness for her “patient’s” health. MARIETTA KREJCII TOBEY is as busy as ever between the family compound on Grand Isle and her activities at Wake Robin (head of the extensive library and managing a conch shell ping pong tournament). MARY MAYNARD ROBERTS still lives in Bloomfield and says she has no news to report but is well
and happy with her family near her. I, ALAN SCHWARTZ, advise that he is doing fine. He will be at the class reunion next June for sure.

WENDY HOLZWORTH says his family of seven children and eight grandchildren are doing fine. He will be at the class reunion next June for sure. MARK HILDEBRANDT retired from pediatric practice in January 2006 after 50 years and started a new life by marrying an old college friend. He has been working on the history of his local church, St. Andrews Episcopal. Their travels included a guided tour of the trams of Poland, visiting 12 systems in 10 days. Later they rode the VIARail train from Vancouver to Toronto, and this summer they are headed for Interlochen for the Chamber Music Camp.

STEVE BOOTH had a wonderful class reunion when he joined his wife Liz at her Kingswood 60th. It started out with cocktails at Cranbrook House and dinner at Thornlea where he grew up. Later he saw his youngest son, Woody, C’76, his wife Kate and granddaughter, Jess. Then they joined son, Charlie, and granddaughter, Louise, at the Brookside Reunion brunch on Sunday. Later, he and Liz ducked outside to enjoy the scenery that holds such memories for those who started school there. CARL MULERT advises that he and Rosie will not make our 65th in June. They are doing okay but no longer traveling away from home at Mount Airy, MD.

ALAN SCHWARTZ writes that his dear wife, three children and five grandchildren are all well. All three of his children are graduates of Cranbrook Kingswood. He continues to practice law in his firm and is influential in the Detroit region, being on the board of nine profit and non-profit companies. He plans to join us for our 65th. BILL SILL is at home fighting lung cancer. Wife Ellen reports he continues to be a Cranbrook gentleman and playful character. BOB BRODY and wife Rhea will celebrate their 58th anniversary in November. He says it has been 58 wonderful years. He is now semi-retired, having turned over most of his business affairs to his two sons. He and his wife recently traveled to Budapest, Vienna and Berlin. Bob has recently volunteered to be our 65th Reunion Planner, and as such will organize our forthcoming activities both in and out of Cranbrook. Thanks, Bob.

SALLY FARQUHAR SHUMWAY leads this report because she was the first to respond. I can imagine what a rush there will be to answer the call next winter! Sally is still a docent at Tohono Chul Park and at the Zoo. She and Richard both volunteer at Casa de la Luz Hospice. The most exciting news is that Sally has been interviewed for a Women’s History in Michigan Science and Engineering project, WHIMSE for short. She really enjoyed the experience and was good enough to share a copy of the interview with me. Wish we could print it in full for everyone to share.

It is very impressive. Sally, Richard, Cecil and I enjoyed a brunch together recently and discussed next year’s reunion. DORIS GETSINGER KINNEY reports that she is fine and feels among the lucky for having good health. She spent two weeks in July in Cambridge, England, studying the 19th century English novel and enjoying every minute. Doris also had a few weeks on Block Island, RI, with her middle-age children. She hopes all is well with fellow classmates and adds that it seems a long, long time ago when “we” snuck “Gone With the Wind” into study hall to sneak a peek on the sly. Does anyone else want to ‘fess up? JEAN GRINDLEY AKERSON and Charlie attended her 60th reunion at Wellesley College in June. It was a wonderful occasion with a very big turnout of the class of 1947. They agreed that they were fortunate to be in pretty good shape for their age. Also in the same time frame came the high school graduation for Anya, who will enter Bowdoin College in Maine. That is a new venture for the family as Laura is a Cornell graduate, Jared and Rosie will not make our 65th in June. They are doing okay but no longer traveling away from home at Mount Airy, MD. Nancy has been enticed to serve on the Resident Council at her home in Dearborn and has signed up with the Village Travelers group to go on a barge trip in September from Cincinnati to St. Louis. She is looking forward to the informality and the view from the other side. NANCY LOUD KERN writes that a back operation curtailed her summer plans but she could print it in full for everyone to share. Nancy is hoping to participate in the 65th reunion also.
activities. She and Dick attended his reunion last June. They enjoyed lovely cocktails and hors d’oeuvres at Cranbrook House followed by dinner in the formal dining room, as he was a member of one of the “golden classes.” All complimentarily and beautifully presented and catered. Nancy wants to spread the word, so everyone will come next year when we will be a golden class.

Also she is offering an alternative to the day at Kingswood on Saturday. Arrangements could be made for a picnic lunch and pool party (weather permitting). Let’s all think about that, so you could respond in our next mailing slated for early 2008. Nancy has graciously agreed to be our reunion planner. Cecil and I are still enjoying La Posada in Green Valley, AZ, and our “children” are pleased with this choice even though we are not near Longmont, CO, Austin, TX, Edwardsville, IL, or Margate, NJ. They do spread out, don’t they? Cec celebrated his 90th in July and feels that he may get some respect around here now. A darling lady in one of our exercise classes was ecstatic about a five-year renewal of her driver’s license recently. When asked what birthday brought about the renewal, she responded 95th. Gives us something to think about, doesn’t it? I do want to tell all of you that even if you have not done something exotic, energetic or enervating in the past six months, a note saying “nothing to report” is good news. I have to admit that I am often overwhelmed by the activities reported and am reluctant to admit that the high point of my day might be winning a game of Free Cell on the computer. So please don’t be shy about just saying “hello.” My best wishes to each and every one of you.

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GLENN CARPENTER wrote, “I retired from my orthopedic surgical practice at Beaumont Hospital five years ago. I still live in the same house on Hawthorne in Birmingham but spend most of the winter in Tucson and the summer in Pentwater, MI, playing a lot of golf and some weak tennis. Our class scattered after leaving Cranbrook because of the war and few of us have kept in very close touch.” JOHN HAMEL sent a brochure piece called “Bravo” from the Princeton Symphony Orchestra, which included a profile on John. He wrote, “It shows what can happen to you if you happen to have been president of the Cranbrook Glee Club in your past!” John noted that the Orchestra won an award from the New Jersey Council for the Arts because of its management excellence. He says he is still active with the organization as an “advisory” Board member but doesn’t sing much anymore. John has lived in Princeton for nearly 50 years. The profile noted that he started his involvement while a Wall Street commuter in 1960, he “spent many an evening singing in the chorus and playing bit parts” and later served as treasurer and then president until the end of the 1980s. He made three trips to Carnegie Hall to sing with the Opera Orchestra of New York. He became treasurer of the Princeton Chamber Symphony in 1997 and was elected president starting with the 1999-2000 season. He presided over the expansion of the orchestra and its budget and saw the name changed to the Princeton Symphony Orchestra. Through a grant and the Symphony’s outreach, it expanded performances to local schools. This program was called BRAVO! The profile ended by noting that, “the Princeton Symphony Orchestra is by far Mr. Hamel’s favorite ‘ gig.’” On a sad note,” ANDRE ROUALET of Michigan died on April 8. He was a proud World War II Air Force veteran. He is survived by his wife June, children, Andre III, Timothy, Mark and Dean and seven grandchildren. Also, WILLIAM LEMESSURIER passed away on June 14 in Casco, ME, at the age of 81. He was a structural engineer who became a hero to other structural engineers when he detected and repaired a potentially catastrophic flaw in the Citicorp building in Manhattan. He was an expert on the structure of high-rise buildings and helped design the Citicorp building, one of the tallest buildings in the world. In 1978, after the building was completed and occupied, Bill discovered that it had a flaw. If hurricane force winds hit it at a 45-degree angle, it could weaken and possibly topple. He reviewed the calculations over and over and gradually decided the building didn’t have the required factor of safety. As noted in his obituary in The New York Times, “Mr. LeMessurier oversaw a furious schedule of repairs in August 1978, in which drywall workers, carpenters and welders repaired the flawed joints. Instead of being vulnerable to a potentially lethal problem from a hurricane of the strength that shows up every 16 years, the building is now believed to be able to withstand a storm of the sort that might occur once in 700 years.” Bill was born in Pontiac, MI, the youngest of four children. After graduating from Cranbrook, he majored in mathematics at Harvard and earned a B.A. there in 1947. He studied architecture at Harvard’s Graduate School of design and received a master’s from M.I.T. in building engineering and construction in 1953. Among his other projects were Landmark Tower in Yokohama, Japan, Boston City Hall and the Crate & Barrel building in Cambridge. He and his firm received many awards. In 1996, Bill returned to Cranbrook Kingswood to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award and addressed an assembly of students. When he received an honorary doctorate in 2002 from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, the citation read, “Your career achievements are many and unusual. They are, however, secondary to your ethical prowess.” Bill is survived by his wife Dorothy, children, Irene, Claire and Peter and seven grandchildren.

Class Notes Editor, Kathy Discenna

K1944

This column is a combination of old (Jan. 2007) and new (Aug. 2007). Unfortunately we were in the midst of remodeling the condo when my column was last due and because chaos and interruptions reigned supreme, I missed the deadline. Please forgive me. 2006 was a good travel year for MARLINE RIESE BUSHEY and Ralph. A favorite get-away spot is Club Trinidad in Palm Springs that they visited twice. They also enjoyed a fabulous extended length of time with their daughter, Laurie Maker, on her Conservation Farm in New York. When they returned back to California they visited son, Brad, and his family in Waterford, Ireland, their first trip to the beautiful friendly Emerald Isle. Detroit was their next stop to celebrate their 60th anniversary with family and long time childhood friends. Another trip took them to Branson, MO, for a round of shows that they always enjoy.

JOANN ANDRE POLSTON

ABOVE: “Nice Kitty” — Marline Riese Bushey, K’44, and Ralph with daughter, Laurie, in Namibia
friends throughout the years. Remember how much we liked the privacy of our senior study hall? Do remember it, as it no longer exists! There are no study halls left. The classes are too large and they have become classrooms. Thanks again, Gail, for representing the Class of 1944 at the school’s 75th. Gail and daughter, Alexandra, spent the holidays in Grosse Pointe after which Alexandra flew back to Chicago and Gail came south to Vero Beach for the winter. As for your scribe, in 2006 Bill and I enjoyed four magical days at the Beach Club in Disney World and when I say magic I mean magic! It was a beautiful November day, and the parks were all dressed in their fall splendor. The next morning we were greeted by massive, magnificently decorated Christmas trees in the lobby and garlands graced the balcony. The dining room had been transformed into a Christmas fantasyland, a wonderful backdrop for the Disney characters, who charmed the young and old alike! Fall mums had been replaced by masses of poinsettias. A life-size carousel had been placed in the lobby, and local bakers were busy transforming the four full-size horses into a fanciful gingerbread and chocolate display. The bakers were busy gluing slim slabs of gingerbread onto the horses while other artisans fashioned their tails and manes from large blocks of chocolate, while other artists were piping floral garlands around their necks simulating reins, and it was all edible as samples were passed around! A surround of poinsettias and white picket fence became the final touch. The elves were busy all through the park bringing Christmas cheer everywhere. Holidays are a great time to visit. Sadly, we’ve lost another classmate, PAT DEVAULT VICKERS, to the relentless, unforgiving ravages of cancer. Pat will be remembered for her light infectious personality. She had lots of pep, energy and bounce. Boarding at school brought Pat and JESSIE WALDRON SPACIL together, and they became fast friends, a friendship that lasted over 60 years! They both attended and graduated from Skidmore, and they attended some reunions at both Kingswood and Skidmore together. They also enjoyed visiting back and forth with their husbands. Pat loved her home in the Tennessee Mountains, volunteering locally and was a past president of PEO, a philanthropic and educational organization. Bridge and golf were her favorite pastimes. She leaves behind her husband Bob, five children and grandchildren spread throughout the USA. It warms my heart to see what close and everlasting bonds you boarders made. CONNIE BRADY HARVEY called me with the sad news of Pat’s death. Connie was getting ready to spend the summer at the family compound on beautiful Higgins Lake just as she did as a child. Daughter, Sara, and her triplets take over one of the cottages, and her other daughter and family visit when they can, the makings of a fun family reunion. Connie sold their winter home on Siesta Key in Florida after her husband Tom passed away and really doesn’t miss it. She’s happy dividing her time between Saginaw and Higgins Lake. PATSY PROWSE RAE wrote from her home in Claremont, Western Australia, which is near Perth. Sadly, Patsy lost her dear husband Gordon, a victim of Alzheimer’s a couple months prior, leaving a huge void in her life. She said the last few months were particularly painful for her, as he didn’t recognize her. Patsy, please accept our deepest sympathy. Patsy says she’s pretty well except for knee problems. A cane has now become a constant companion! Bridge and dear friends have replaced her passion for tennis and golf, two sports she dearly loved. She ended her letter with, and I quote, “Please send my love to all my dear friends at Kingswood. I shall always treasure you all in my memories. Please stay in touch.” So you can stay in touch, here’s her address: Mrs. Patrice Rae, 6B Cliff Road, Claremont, Western Australia. Another avid bridge player is MARY MCKINSTRY TURK who also likes the challenges of crossword puzzles. Mary and Tom, who is barely ambulatory these days, have six grown children and two great-grandchildren. Tom passed away and really doesn’t miss it. She’s happy dividing her time between the Crankbrook grounds dotting the extensive grounds. Europa and the Bull guard the mausoleum in which they are buried. MARY SCHLOSSER STINE had a wonderful trip through the glorious Greek Isles on one of the beautiful Crystal ships. She is looking forward to a trip through the Panama Canal in November. One can’t help but marvel at the history of cutting through the Isthmus of Panama, a feat well documented. It’s a thrill to go through the locks. Mary is returning to Naples for the winter, and we hope some way somehow we can have our own little reunion. As for Bill and me, we are pleased with the changes we made to the condo. In the middle of making these changes, Gail Essey Phillips drove over from Vero Beach for a few days before returning to Grosse Pointe for the summer. It was a refreshing and welcomed interlude between projects. Now we are preparing for another cruise, Vancouver to Fort Lauderdale, a trip we took last year but in reverse and different ports, and it’s never boring going through the Canal once more. We can use a little pampering! We lost Pat but surprisingly gained one! JOAN TEER! She apparently saw my column when I divided our class into living, deceased and lost just like the Alumni Office does. She didn’t like seeing her name in the lost column because she isn’t! She’s been living in Tucson, AZ, more than 30 years and is active in the arts and music theaters, besides trying to save the precious desert from developers and miners, and she was off to Egypt for Christmas. Too, she doesn’t wish to share her married name nor address with us! In closing, I wish to thank all of you who contributed to this column. It really warms my heart to hear words of appreciation so many of you have expressed for the 50 odd
years I’ve been your secretary. I’ve tried to keep us all together and informed. A few have slipped into the “lost” category by choice. Let me hear from you anytime. You write the column. I just report it. God bless you all.

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**K1945**

Sad news! Jim Bamborough died in early August from a blood disorder. **Marilyn Hopkins Bamborough** and all their children and grandchildren were there to help. His ashes will be buried at Cranbrook. **Helen Hutchins Rossano**’s annual visit to Houston last March allowed her to check out her eldest daughter Katie’s new son, Michael. They always have a good time together. From there Hutch flew to Tucson for the express purpose of helping **Sally Gerber Phinney** celebrate her 80th birthday. Hutch says Sally looked wonderful: thin and beautifully dressed and groomed, as always, and surrounded by most of her family and several former Gerber employees. Quite a tribute to the Gerber Baby. (Every now and then someone pops up claiming that role, but we all know it was our own Sally smiling at us from the label.) Hutch was looking forward to a Tigers game this summer and also the arrival of Diane Scripps, K’46, in July to visit her aunt in Grand Rapids and enjoy a luncheon and bridge game. Big news from **Connie Hadley Bachman** and Charlie, who sold their home in Tucson and are leasing a house in Lexington, MA; back to New England after 10 years in the west, where the altitude proved too much for Conl. Also now they are nearer many of their grandchildren: son, John, and Rebecca and their three children are four miles away; daughters, Chandini and Sarah, a day’s drive to DC, but Thomas and Mei Jian remain in Phoenix. The balance of Charlie’s technical and business archives were sent to Charles Babbage Institute in Minneapolis. Connie and Charlie were in Michigan in early April and had dinner at Fox & Hounds with **Franny Higbie** and **Nancy Sanders Chickering. Liz Sites Kuhlman** and **Franny Tobias Higbie** are taking an enforced break from their volunteer work at the Detroit Institute of Arts, which has been closed for renovation for nearly four years. Liz reported that her daughter, Sarah’s, oldest daughter graduated from Hobart William Smith in the spring and has a Fulbright Fellowship for a year in Makassar, Sulawesi, an Indonesian island, where she will be teaching and studying with plans for law school on her return.

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**C1946**

We heard from **John Robinson** who says he has missed hearing about others in the Class of ’46. He lives in Santa Monica near the ocean and leads an active life. He has a group of friends who meet daily. Occasionally he talks to Pierce Lewis, C’45, who seems to be well. John says he has many fond memories of Cranbrook and the excellent education he received. Jim Stadler, C’52, sent the following news: “On September 1, we had an early celebration of **Bill Stadler**’s 80th birthday. His actual birthday is September 13, but Labor Day weekend gave our family members an extra day to be together. The old family home outside Urbana, OH, is now in its fifth generation of ownership by Marc Stadler, C’71, and his wife Shary. Chuck Stadler, C’48, and Joan Patten Stadler, K’48, live close by and took main responsibility for the wonderful celebration and reunion. I brought my family up from Nashville, Karen Van Dusen, K’77, arrived with her family from Boulder, CO, and Bill Stadler, C’73, flew in from Dallas, TX.”

Class Notes Editor, Kathy Discenna

**C1947**

What a reunion it was! The weather was great, the company was better, we had a great time. It started at Cranbrook house, where we gathered with other classes before going to our own dinner at the Birmingham Athletic Club. **George Auchterlonie** did a great job in organizing the dinner. **John Albrecht** started us out with the invocation. We gathered around tables of eight to trade memories and tell lies. Altogether, 31 of us were able to attend the dinner. **Bill Beresford** reported that he was involved in a number of volunteer activities, as well as being involved in his company, which provides personal I.D. products, useful in our national security endeavors. Bill phoned **John Spencer**, to encourage him to attend. John lost his wife a couple of years ago, and he occupies his time in the outdoors, for which he has always had a passion. Bill says they were having a relaxing summer and playing some golf. **Jim Howlett** has retired from the active practice of law and remains a resident of Lake Angelus. **John Keydel** flew in from the East where he maintains contact with **Bob Neale** and **Roy Banwell**, neither of whom could come. **Bob Grindley** came from West Virginia. He spends his time helping his son in his business. **Don Koessel** was instrumental in contacting many of us to encourage attendance at the reunion. He and his wife are residents of Arizona. **Ivan Forbes** has retired from his law practice. He and his wife continue to live in Oakland County. **John Albrecht** has come out of retirement for the sixth time to serve as the priest at St. David’s Church in Southfield. (Old priests never die….they just pray on people!) John began our reunion dinner with an invocation, which is included below. **Lars Angstrom** flew over from Sweden to join us. He and his wife spent a few days prior to the reunion touring places in the United States. **Jim Holmes** has retired from active management of his company but enjoys “playing” the stock market from his home. (We remain grateful to Jim and Helen for hosting our reunion in previous years.) **George Auchterlonie** still enjoys...
hunting, fishing and visiting with his family. He lives not far from Cranbrook. TED REID demonstrated his determination to join the class. He was scheduled to fly from New York to join our dinner on Friday. However, a computer “glitch” grounded all planes in New York. Ted returned to his home, then went back to the airport to catch a 7 a.m. flight to Detroit on Saturday. He arrived safely, but, due to a baggage problem, he couldn’t get to Cranbrook until after 2 p.m. Undaunted, he stood proudly in the class reunion picture with the rest of us. BOB RAI SCH (our class “Don Quixote”) has embarked on a campaign to restore the Mounted Police in the Detroit Police Department. He has started a foundation to help fund the project. For those of us who would like to participate in Bob’s project, he can be reached at the Restore the Horse Foundation at res torthehorse@wowway.com. In addition to that venture, he stays active in his business, which is now operated by his daughter. “LUCKY’ QUESADA did not attend in person but sent a comprehensive report of his activities from Lima, Peru. A copy of his letter was distributed at the dinner. He is retired from a long and successful public service career, including service in the Peruvian Cabinet and Minister of Fisheries. He remembers playing soccer with DICK AUSTIN at Dartmouth. He records many fine memories of his time at Cranbrook. He closes with “Best wishes and kind regards to all you old (but young in spirit) Cranbrook classmates.”

CHARLIE SCHMIDT wrote that he could not attend the reunion because he was serving as a Rotary volunteer (dentistry) in Guatemala for the month. He plans to return to Kenya as a Rotary dental volunteer at the end of July. He will go on a safari to visit the Rift, where the animals are expected to be in full migration. BILL IVES not only enjoyed the reunion with all of you who attended but had the pleasure of sharing it with his granddaughter, Jennifer, who was celebrating her 10th reunion. She and her husband flew up from Texas for the event. Bill retired from chasing bugs several years ago, but the firm is still guided by his two sons, the eldest of whom is Russ, a Cranbrook graduate.

REMARKS BY JOHN ALBRECHT C’47: “Cranbrook was our home for a while, and you may remember what Robert Frost said about home: ‘Home is a place where, when you have to go back there, they have to take you in.’ And so, here we are after 60 years, and Cranbrook indeed has taken us back. Taken us back to refresh our memories, and more importantly, to reflect on the many blessings we received here. And now, as we have the prayer, let us join hands around the table. Dear God, our creator and sustainer, we thank you for the joy of life, the brotherhood we have at this fair school and the wisdom we found here. We thank you for the four seasons of each year. And we thank you for the four seasons of life. That we all experience, including the season of retirement. Give us eyes to see the beauty of each glorious season of life that we all pass through and watch over us in the years to come.”

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The following classmates gathered at Cranbrook House for a cocktail party on the Friday night of reunion weekend and later enjoyed an intimate dinner at Thornlea. Those present at the dinner were: VIRGINIA STODDARD PEEY, MARGIE WORKS GIBBS, DOTTIE WULZ FLOM, PHYLLIS BARTHOLOMNEW MALSTROM, POLLY WARD VAN DUSEN, CLARA GORDON WHITING, NANCY

TRUMBULL SEIBERT, ROSEY WILCOX DICKERSON, ROSIE RICE DECAMP and ELIZABETH BOYNE BOOTH. We were all so happy to see each other alive with many happy memories. Our class made a gift of $15,845 to Kingswood Restoration and Preservation.

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C1948
NORM BOWMAN wrote to say, “Chris and I still live in Gainesville, FL, and are both retired. We spend time at our condo at Crescent Beach, FL, near St. Augustine. I have been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and have been undergoing treatment at M.D. Anderson in Houston, TX. We have enjoyed University of Florida football and basketball the last two years. Hope to read news about all of you.” HUBERT Y. DAVIS JR. wrote: “Kathy, after almost 60 years, I have returned. I, we, Nancy and Hubie, have been married a little over 63 years. We have three children, eight grandchildren, not counting three step-grandchildren. We have lived most of our married life in Atlanta, GA, and have watched the city grow from a little city to one of the finest. I try to play golf several times a week and manage maybe one professional shot per round. The rest I don’t talk about. I was with the Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Company (now Lockheed-Martin) my entire career and retired in 1991. If anyone travels down south to Atlanta or nearby, please call. Our slogan is still ‘Welcome South, Brother.’ My best to everyone.”

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K1947
This is my last opportunity to invite you, encourage you, urge you, beg you and how about “bug” you to attend our 60th reunion June 6-8. I feel fortunate to be able to plan on being there. How about you? MARGIE BARTON and David VAN DUSEN are enjoying life in remote Maine at David’s place, and soon they will travel back to Tucson to Margie’s home for the winter. NANCY BERGDAHL and Neel ROBERTS have the most fun visiting and helping out with their children and grandchildren. Ditto! They spent last Christmas at Big Bend National Park with son, Charlie, and family in a charming place called the Gage near the park entrance. MOLLY BIXBY and Tom BARTLETT still live in downtown Portland and travel back and forth to their farm two or three times a month. Molly sees JUNE LAURIN GADDIE occasionally at Assistance League of Portland meetings. Tom Bartlett is currently on the board of the American University of Kuwait and emeritus trustee.
of American University of Cairo, so he travels to the Middle East three times a year, and Molly accompanies him to Cairo in late January. **Pat Chase Hartmann**’s biggest news is that husband Jan was selected Swedish American of the year 2007. The Vasa Order, who gave the honor, flew them to Sweden for the August 4th celebration dinner with the entire family. The Hartmanns also made a trip to Tahiti and cruised the islands there for two weeks. **Sally Driscoll Durrie**’s big news is she sold her home that she had lived in for 48 years and is renting a condo in a very nice retirement center in Kentfield, CA. There is no garden there, and Sally will not settle for anything but a townhouse or condo with a garden. Having sold their motor home, **Debbi Hardy** and Bud Roberts now rent a mountain chalet from Memorial Day to Labor Day in Breckenridge, CO, the same location where they had summered for 13 years. Returning to Phoenix, they will catch up with their four kids, nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, plus two on the way. **Sue Hubbard** and Loren Spademann spent most of the summer enjoying delightful New England weather and their gardens. Then in September they were off to Niagara-on-the-Lake for their annual theatre immersion with the Shaw Festival, six plays in three days. When Sue returned to Smith College for her reunion last spring, she caught up with fellow classmate, **Libby Smith Holden** reports, “no news this year but lots of travel and one shoulder replacement.” And after a busy summer of being able to ride horses in Montana and garden and golf in Ohio, I also will have another replacement, this time a knee. Before closing, **Dodo Booth Miller** wanted you to know that her dear husband Steven died April 27 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. They had been blessed with almost 11 years of much happiness and a special companionship. May Dodo know how much we hold her in our hearts. Next spring I will be sending you a letter about reunion and our class of ’48 plans with high hopes for your participation. Hopeful Joanie, that’s yours truly!

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**C1949**

**Dick Breck** and I had the pleasure of lunching with **Bob Hoffman**. The number of activities he engages in at his retirement community could challenge a lesser man. My call for news went pretty much unanswered. You all need to realize that our class is shrinking and is less active, so news is harder to come by, so I do need help. One of the best things is hearing from you with news, especially good news. The tough part is the sad news, slowing down, disabled and the worst: death. In my search for news I called **Sy Galperin** to learn he died three months ago. His wife said he just slowed down and went. I left a message for **Dan Taylor**, and a few minutes later his son called to say he died last October from lung cancer. Ten days ago I attended **Bill Saunders**’ memorial service. Christ Church was packed. Rev. John Albrecht, C’47, gave the eulogy. From the family comments, Bill and Sally had a great support group. Cranbrook was well represented by Ben Snyder, **John Kelsey**, **Dick Breck**, **Ron Ballantyne**, **John Ballantyne**, C’48, **Wayne Lyon**, C’50, **Tom Galantowicz**, C’50, **Mike Redfield**, C’50, **Jim Holmes**, C’47, **Cynthia Booth Ballantyne**, K’50, and **Bruce Smith**, C’48. I am sure there were many more I did not see or recognize. One of the speakers mentioned Bill in his U. S. Marines white dress uniform, which I can still picture him in at their wedding. **Tom Tomlinson** said to tell you he is still alive but slowing down. I asked if they were still dancing, and he laughingly said yes but only because Lois can hold him up. **Jack Spoehr** and **Warren Crosby** were the only two to respond to my e-mail. Jack said the usual, grandchildren, teaching elementary students Spanish and elders Mandarin. Interestingly our county administrator is pushing to have our elementary students learn Mandarin as a key to a successful future for our automotive community. Crosby is doing the usual skiing and fishing, which includes a trip to Australia to fish the Great Barrier Reef. He is heavily invested in education at OU and spends time daily in his office. I coaxed corrected e-mail addresses out of **Gunther Balz** and **Ron Ballantyne** but could not get a message. I am sure you all got the Living Legacy thanking Gunther and Susan for the $300,000 charitable remainder trust for Cranbrook students. I had a nice talk with **Dave Osnos** who is still working four days a week, had a knee replaced and still has contact with the Wizzards and Capitals if anyone comes his way and would like to see a game from good seats. **John Rice**’s real estate investment business with his son is doing well. They have an excellent Web site. He has joined the VFW having served with the occupational force in Germany after WWII. Sally and **Jack Bohon**
visited Alaska and the Yukon in August. They have now visited all 50 states. Jack’s learning Mandarin Chinese, is farming two acres of azaleas and counsels the homeless and indigent at St. Barnabas Church.

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in Paris and Venice, and he wishes he had

Anniversary. Unfortunately, they will be

invitation to celebrate Cranbrook 80th

the Serengeti in Tanzania and enjoyed it.

He has a house on the Yucatan where he

Maxwell was doing research when I called.

BOB LEISTER

DON JONES and CHARLES MAXWELL.

Don sold his 112-foot boat. His son then

got him interested in building a yacht,

which they did. They have an open door

for Cranbookians traveling through Naples.

Maxwell was doing research when I called.

He has a house on the Yucatan where he

spent a month each year, swimming with

the big turtles. He still works and has busi-

ness that takes him to Egypt. He did visit

the Serengeti in Tanzania and enjoyed it.

**BOB LEISTER** had a bad moment that

ended with him having a trip to the hospi-

tal and a heart catheterization and a stint

placement. He had a happy moment when

Sharon Academy honored him, recognizing

his years of service to students throughout

central Vermont. The plaque reads: “Robert

Leister, with great love and appreciation for

an extraordinary educator. THE TROOPS

(that is what Bob calls his students).

**DICK TOWNSEND** sent a long e-mail about the

invitation to celebrate Cranbrook 80th

Anniversary. Unfortunately, they will be in Paris and Venice, and he wishes he had

had more notice. He sends his best wishes and hugs to you all.

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**K1949**

After living 32 years in Florida Keys,

**JULIE PORATH HAMLIN** and spouse put

their house up for sale. Guess what? This

returning to New York for four days. Three

of their four grandchildren are in universi-
ties: one at U of Indiana, one at U-M in

business school, and one who graduated

from U-M was accepted in Albert Einstein

College of Medicine for a doctorate in

clinical psychology. Their fourth grandson

is a junior in high school and spent the

summer in Budapest with his tennis team.

She reports that **ALICE SPERO MARCH**

visited her for a month, and they had a

really good time. She intends to come to

our 2009 reunion and visit with all.

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**C1950**

**DICK ZEDER** (whose father was the chief

engineer who worked with Walter Chrysler

when the Chrysler Corporation began) was

in California on a free trip he won as a

Toyota dealer. He linked up with **HARLEY

WARNER**, and Harley guided the Zeders

on a sightseeing trip around the area of

Carmel, CA. He sent a picture of himself,

wife Starr and Harley. Dick also sent me

a picture of himself and Harley that was
taken when they were in basic training. I

ran into **WAYNE LYON** at Bill Saunders’,

C’49, funeral on September 6, and Wayne

had a leg in a cast again. Fifty years ago,

playing baseball, he broke a leg and dislo-
cated an ankle. Two years ago he had both

ankles rebuilt and was supposed to be pain

free, but one of the ankles was giving him

much pain, so he had to have surgery

again. They took out eight screws and

replaced them in different locations. A few

weeks ago Wayne got his first hole in one

at Bloomfield Country Club. Spoke with

**RUFUS BEARDSLEY**, and he’s still hang-
in there. He said that if he were to

move after he retires from his small busi-

ness, he’d move to Tennessee, closer to his

youngest daughter who lives in

Chattanooga, where she runs a cardiology

clinic for a group of doctors. His oldest

daughter is an editor for Houghton-Mifflin

in a small town close to Boston. **TOM**
LUFKIN spend their summers in a small town on the grandfather to 15 children. Howard and Marge few miles north of Bloomfield. Howard's fami-

LINDSEY LUFSKIN and I exchange a lot of jokes on the Internet. He is nearly finished restoring a 1939 pickup truck. IVAN SCHOLNICK, his wife Sandy and my wife and I, had dinner together a few weeks ago and all is well and good with Ivan. He is quite close to his grandchildren who live near his home and is proud of the fact that one of them is now in his second year at Brookside. Called and spoke with DAVE BALL who lives in Florida. His wife Kitty had surgery about four months ago but is doing well. They do a lot of cruising, but health problems have cut into their cruise time for the past couple years. Spoke with HOWARD GURNYE. He and his wife Marge live in Rochester, MI, only a few miles north of Bloomfield. Howard's fami-

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CHUCK FEAD to the phone from cutting his grass. He and Bev live on the St. Clair River. They don't do much traveling, but weekly he and some buddies go down a few miles in his 21-ft. Sea Ray for a traveling, but weekly he and some buddies go down a few miles in his 21-ft. Sea Ray for a trip to China with his wife and four grandchil-

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In the last issue of Tradition, there were nine pages of class notes preceding our class of 1950 and 63 pages of class notes following it. That's creepy! But rather than dwell upon those of us who can still hum faintly the strains of “Finlandia.” In Illinois, FRITZI KURTZ SCIANKY spent two weeks entertaining cousins visiting from France. And a proud moment, indeed, was to attend the graduation of her brother's eldest daughter, who received her doc-

ABOVE, Dick Zeder, C'50, wife Starr and Harley Warner, C'50
exhibit on her husband, Myron Goldsmith, on the 10th anniversary of his death. The exhibit that ran until April concentrated on ten of his projects, plus a large bridge model and a collection of the student work from 1962 to 1996. **BARBARA PRIEST JESKE** had just returned from an Alaskan cruise tour when she wrote that she was hoping to get in touch with our Cranbrook classmate, John Roberts, who, she learned via the last edition of Tradition, had moved into a retirement village across the street from her home. Small world. Barb reports that all is well with her family; grandkids are into sports and growing fast. Barb’s spinal fusion last fall worked well, and she is back on the golf course. Stu will probably get two new knees next this year, as he joins the bionic generation. We are all, amazingly, becoming regenerated with new parts. My husband can scarcely get through airline security without setting off alarms with his titanium implants. Weird.

**CAROLYN DAVIS CAMFIELD** reports likewise: a knee replacement on April 30 and more to come. She also reported a new grandbaby, Isabella (“Bella”), and that another grandson tied the knot in June. **SUSAN JOHNSON** is now in a retirement home and, unfortunately, suffers from severe arthritis, making her pretty much homebound. But she continues to knit, which gives her a creative outlet. **MONTY MONTGOMERY** died about 21⁄2 years ago, and overlapping just enough for the cousins to reconnect again. Sadly, though, Sharon wrote that Monte died about 21⁄2 years ago from lung cancer. He had not enjoyed good health for the past seven years. But Sharon is doing well and enjoyed visiting Martha’s Vineyard with her daughter last May.

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**QUIZ:**

1. Who designed tankers and container ships and was their home to a new condo in July?
2. What did Sharon write about Monte?

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**ANSWER:**

1. **SALLY SELOVER SAUNDERS** had been one of Grill’s bridesmaids, so I hope she was there, too. **CAROL ROBERTSON GRAY** is as busy as ever since she and Cliff seem to have children spread all over the lower 48. They will take off for Hungary and Slovakia this fall with some English friends with whom they often travel. Last year it was Poland and Berlin, Ach! Such fun! **GINGER FUNSTON BONE** became a Bronze Life Master last month (over 500 points) in Duplicate Bridge. The next step is Silver, but no time soon; it takes 1,000 points. She had a wonderful time in Daytona Beach last month with three of her four children and eight of her 11 grandchildren, and she will return there in November for a regional bridge tournament. **PATTY MORGAN SMITH** came in under the wire with a note indicating she saw HENRIETTA KLEINPELL RANDOLPH and Randy in early June in Washington, DC, just before they left for Michigan and that they both looked great! Patty also spent a few days out at the family beach cabin on Puget Sound, at the north end of the Kitsap Peninsula where Hood Canal starts. Doesn’t that sound divine? Our tennis star, **ANN PATTERSON MUNRO**, wrote that her Super Senior USTA team won their District competition and will go to State (of Michigan) playoff on Sept. 16. Following that, Ann and Don will go to Paris for two weeks in November.

**SHARON SMITH SAYLES** spent a great summer at her cabin in Leland, with all six children coming at one time or another and overlapping just enough for the cousins to reconnect again. Sadly, though, Sharon wrote that Monte died about 21⁄2 years ago from lung cancer. He had not enjoyed good health for the past seven years. But Sharon is doing well and enjoyed visiting Martha’s Vineyard with her daughter last May.

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K1951

BROOKE TUCKER DIXON writes, "We did have some nice trips this year. John and I first visited daughter, Betsy, and family in San Luis Obispo, CA, before flying on to Bangkok, Thailand. While in Chiang Rai, we met a great nephew who is working there. We even rode on an elephant! Then in June we went with daughter, Susan, her husband and daughter, Caroline, to Ireland. John is Irish and took us around to places where his grandparents came from. We learned a lot about Irish history and also saw some prehistoric sites." The Dixons spent the rest of the summer in Northern MI, and returned to Atlanta after Labor Day.

PATTI PRICE TRUMBULL was cruising on the Mediterranean. "Combly," she says, "But what the heck, it's new to the teenagers, and I certainly don't mind seeing it all again. Kingswood seems centuries away, and I've never been back, but the memories are still endearing." MARTY LUER BEGAN reports that she and her family were traveling toims and enjoying the ocean when they came to their cottage in Rhode Island. She writes, "We are going on a five-day cruise in September and will visit local islands: Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Cuttyhunk and Newport. Going with friends, which will be fun. We now have six great-grandchildren. Hard to believe." MARTY KEIL, NANCY SHILE SCOTT and FRANNIE DAWSON WOODRUFF went to JOANN HAMMAN DALEO's funeral service in Chicago. It was Indian Eastern style with people in saris. Marilyn says, "It seemed that Joann's illness took her so quickly, and we were glad the three of us could be at the service. Other news: We loved our time at Torch Lake in the summer, and in the fall we go to Michigan home football games in Ann Arbor. Winter months we are in Hinsdale enjoying the symphony and other Chicago activities. The past few years I've been playing duplicate bridge, and finally this spring I made Life Master. One last bit of news, Dave and I and Nancy Scott and her son went to a reception for Lee and Bob Woodruff, (who are both ex Chargers and accommodating.) The audiorium was packed, and they both turned out indeed. Ardis and I attended the cocktail conference in Traverse City. Then spent weeks rehearsing Carmina Purana at Orchestra Hall and Meadowbrook to perform on August 4 with the DSO and Maestro Christoph Campestirini – a thrill of a choral singer's lifetime. Also active with a global peace group called PeaceXPeace, involving trips to DC. In September a good friend and I went to Ireland for a month. And I'm an officer in the state, county and local Democratic groups. Biggest news-the arrival of my first great-grandchild May 17 to Mari's daughter, Hannah." NANCY SHILE SCOTT flew in from Chicago for Kingswood's big 75th birthday celebration. The Kingswood history book, written by former teacher, Betsy Clark, came out and for the first time was offered for sale. One of the pictures in the book was a tapestry of girls collecting apples. Nancy re-wove this as the original was badly deteriorated. It took her a year, and now the weaving is hanging in the Kingswood dining hall. I was one of the presenters that day, so I used that opportunity to make Nancy stand and receive a round of applause she so richly deserved. She said she wanted to kick me, but I was too far away. On a very sad note, GINNY ELLIS GREELY's husband Paul died on June 1, 2006. We send our deepest sympathy, Ginny. And those were the return postcards I received for this issue. If you haven't sent in your news for a while, please let all of us know how you are and what you've been doing.

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C1952

Here's a short report on the 55th Reunion: Thirteen members of the C’52 Class showed up on Friday and two more on Saturday. A good turnout indeed. Ardis and I attended the cocktail party Friday at Cranbrook House. We missed seeing DAVE WILLIAMS, but did see and visit with CHARLES CHEVALIER, SANDY and Rita KAPLAN, CHUCK and Ann HUCHINS, FRANK HUSS, BOB GILLOW, DICK and Joan JONES, CARL and Carolyn MARBACH, BILL SALOTS, JIM and Betty STADLER, and TOM and Marlene PLUM. Joining the group for dinner with Kingswood ’52 at Fox & Hounds was DAVE NOE. Due to unexpected arrival of out-of-town guests, the HIRTS missed the early festivities on Saturday, but we did get to the Quad in time for the class picture, cocktails and dinner. BUD and Heather REITZEL and BOB MAST joined us for cocktails and dinner. ALWAY, PARKER and YOUEL were planning to attend but had to cancel at the last minute for various reasons. EDISON was reported cruising the Mediterranean, FOSTER promised to quaff an absinthe in Paris in honor of the

55th, PATTERSON was with family in New England, but where were the rest of you? Those who attended seemed to have a great time, the weather was most cooperative (Michigan in early June is truly wonderful!), and the Cranbrook folks did a great job of organizing and accommodating. CHUCK HUTCHINS reports: "Ann and I leave October 14th for Darwin, Australia, for the 20th anniversary running of the World Solar Challenge. It will be my 14th race with the Michigan Solar Car team as they race their ninth and latest car called ContinuUM. I know it will be another rewarding trip." RICK FOSTER also reported in, saying: "Gretchen (Gretchen Meyer, K’wood, ’53) and I spent our 50th wedding anniversary in France this past June. Gretchen attended a 10-day watercolor seminar in the Dorgone River valley, just south of Bergerac, France. Each morning we went on an art history tour of the countryside; saw lots of 13th century churches and village markets. In the afternoon, the artists of the group painted what they saw in the morning. We had a lot of fun. At the conclusion of the seminar we spent a couple of days in Normandy where we visited Monet’s garden at Giverney just outside of Rouen. Then we spent five days in Paris, the city of light, which we hadn’t visited since 1957. It was even better than we remembered, and the French people were wonderful. It helped that we could speak a few words of French. All in all it was a wonderful trip. We saw Dave Noe, in a local tavern (where else?) with his wife Karen last week. He looks great. For those interested, Gretchen has a Web site with some of her watercolor pictures on it. It is: Gretchen Fo stwatercolors.comcast.net.” BILL and Ann SALOT celebrated their 50th anniversary with a family reunion at their west Michigan digs. All four daughters and families attended. At last report, they were all still speaking to one another. The SALOTS and HIRTS spent a delightful two days in Stratford, Ontario, attending Shakespeare’s “Merchant of Venice” and Oscar Wilde’s “An Ideal Husband” both excellent productions. Two of our Amherst classmates joined us for the visit. JACK ALWAYS has moved back to the Midwest and is now living in Maineville, OH. Jack underwent an angioplasty in the spring, which prevented his planned attendance at the 55th. He and Mary took their second trip on the Queen Mary 2 and traveled from Fort Lauderdale around Cape Horn to San Francisco. JOHN and Bev SLAYTER missed the 55th also because they were in Switzerland, leading a tour group of families and friends. World traveler FRANK HUSS checked in from Umbria, Italy, where he joined a group of artists and took many side trips, including Assisi and Todi. MIKE SCHIRMER continues to split his time between Wisconsin and Burt Lake in northern Michigan. JOHN and Penny EDISON also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family gathering (15 in all) at Beaver Creek, CO, ballrooms, ATV’s, white water rafting, etc. Please return the postcards or send me e-mail if you would like to see your name in print in the next Tradition. As always, I encourage you to remember the Class of 1952 in your charitable giving or estate planning. Hope to see many of you at the 60th Reunion in June 2012.
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C1953

Regular readers of my semi-annual reports might recall my frequent references to the impressive workings of the Cranbrook Kingswood “grapevine.” Well, it happened once again when Julie Hauser Gilbert, K’53, sent me a note with an article from the Washington Post. It was the obituary (five columns with a photo) of GARY SELLERS who sadly died at 71 last March in a tragic single-car accident in Virginia. I had not mentioned Gary in this space since 1995, but what an interesting life he led. After graduating from the University of Michigan and its law school, he went to Washington in 1965, where he became friends with Ralph Nader and was one of the first of Nader’s Raiders; Nader was Gary’s best man at his first wedding in 1968. His career on Capitol Hill can be covered by some important initials: DC, OMB, ABA, OSHA and ACLU. Since 1990, Gary also operated a popular 30-acre cherry orchard where people picked their own fruit. He leaves his second wife Sally, two stepsons and four grandchildren. Gary is our 12th deceased classmate; we now number 42, and each of you will be contacted regarding our 55th reunion next June. The date of the all-School dinner in the quad is easy to remember: the digital date is 6-7-8 (June 7, 2008). By the way, Julie’s connection with Gary is that her husband Jerry had been in the same law firm in Washington. Speaking of that area, I spoke with GRANT GRISWOLD in Virginia last July on the occasion of his 50th wedding anniversary. He and Jo continue to live in their 1795 stone house on 160 acres in Raphine (Where’s that? It’s in western Virginia on route 81 between Staurs Draft and Rockbridge Bridges – got it now?) Jo sold her classic restaurant, the Willson-Walker House, in Lexington after 20 years. Two other classmates celebrated their 50th anniversaries, observing the milestones with a month-long safari and a week-long sea kayak exploration of SE Alaska on a trawling vessel that carries only six passengers (Sarah Joe and PHIL LEMESSURIER). CAM HARLAN, our poet laureate, is now our third author (move over WARD JUST and BILL SOTER) with the publication of his third book, “Who’s Driving? We the People?”, a collection of quotations “by over 100 people of note spanning 2,600 years.” From this book, which I received from his home in Clarksville, GA, I learned that Cam has been everything from a truck driver, to a golf bum, to an entrepreneur who manufactured and marketed the first hand-puppet club-head covers to the golf world. His wife Mary does the artwork in his latest effort. Cam is a concerned citizen who ends the book with this poem: “Quick as a blink, I stopped to think of our world on the brink, this time with no wink.” I’m going to ask him to compose a poem (he’s written over 400!) for our 55th reunion. I found two supposedly “lost” mates for the Alumni Office: TODD CORLEY still lives in Alamo, CA, with Bonnie and their three teenagers, but he has been living in Tucson, selling real estate; BOB WHITLATCH writes that because of a house fire in Knoxville he had been living at another address. He and Jo now are back in Galesburg, IL, where he will retire in June from Knox College where he is professor of theatre and drama. Bob reports that he had a second hip replacement last summer and “the complications and recovery have slowed me down a bit.” JOHN WERT sends word that he and Marnie are becoming permanent residents of Florida; he retired from the investment business last January. John lives in Ocean Ridge, near West Palm Beach, where I saw him, Soter, Don Slotkin, C’54, and Rick Loewenstein, C’78, at our third annual visit with coach Jack Sanders and the Cranbrook Kingswood baseball team. Two other 1953 baseball Cranes, HARRY LOMASON and LOU MITCHELL, made news recently. In Harry’s case, it was his son, Harry III, who was featured in an article for playing in (and nearly winning) the Michigan Amateur Golf Championship. Young Harry (he’s 31) is the golf coach at Lahser High School. I talked with “old” Harry (no age given) last March when he and Mary Alice came through Florida on their annual “road trip” that covers 2,500 miles and ends in Augusta for the Masters. Mitchell received the Alumni Citation from Denison where he is a trustee and on the advisory board of the Granville Settlers baseball team in the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League. Remember to plan on our quinquennial (look it up – I had to!) reunion in June – think 6-7-8 and AIM HIGH!

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When I called BETTY HAMADY SAMS, she was leaving the next day for the opening in New York of her daughter, Alicia’s, television documentary about Toots Shore. Tom Brokaw was giving the opening party. Alicia is also working on a documentary about Barack Obama. Betty’s son, Jim, is in London working for KPMG and hopes to move to Washington next year. Betty has decided to downsize and bought a new apartment in Washington, DC. She is working on the architectural plans and hopes to move in next year. She is very active on the board of the Washington National Opera. Betty hopes to attend our reunion next June. GRETCHEN MEYER FOSTER became president of the Mid-Michigan Art Guild this year. Gretchen and Rick spent three weeks in France, half of the time having the rare and wonderful experience of attending a painting workshop in the Dordogne. KIT NOLTE MORRIS has a granddaughter at the University of Kentucky. She pledged Theta and is a fourth generation member. Kit and her daughter went for the pledging ceremony. Kit hopes to come to the June reunion. SUE MARTIN TRITSCHLER and Fred had a lovely trip in May to Greece with a University of the South group. Her two oldest children attended college there. Sue keeps busy at the Tampa Museum of Art and volunteers at church. PAT BAUERVIC LEONARD continues to have her spring and fall lunches with SUE BLAIR LEMSER and Larry. They have been friends for 56 years. Jim and Pat are expecting their ninth grandchild soon. Last Thanksgiving Pat and her family of 19 took a wonderful cruise for her “special” birthday. GAY WRIGHT VELA painted her way around France. She traveled to Scandinavia and visited Elie Saarinen’s home. She reported the house was reminiscent of Kingswood. She also visited the Carl Milles home and then on to Denver to see daughter, Meg, and to Oregon to see son, Louis. LYNN ROMNEY KEenan invited me to a luncheon for her brother, Mitt, at the Village Club. Ann Davises Romney, K’67, spoke. Ann and Mitt met at Cranbrook and Kingswood. I wish all of you could have been with us! What a bright, beautiful and enthusiastic woman!
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY DOESN’T MOVE YOU, TRY THE FOLLOWING: I have heard from MICHAEL ROSS, who filled me in on the “last 50 years.” He has “migrated” to Canada for almost 40 years now (leaving the States in the Vietnam era) and, while there, has taught English at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, retiring about 10 years ago. He first married Elena from Italy, and the marriage ended 30 years ago. His two children from that marriage, both “somewhat coincidentally,” live in Cork, Ireland. I want to say “Now that’s a corks,” but I’ll resist. Son, Charles, is an electronic techie with Apple Computer, and daughter, Silvia, teaches Italian at the university. They have two children, and Mike is a long distance, air-traveling grandfather. For the past 20 years Mike’s been married to Lorraine York, who also teaches English at McMaster. They have produced 16-year-old Anne who “has a mad diversity of interests, principally ballet, drama and adolescent rebellion.” Michael (that’s what the professor calls himself now) has most recently published a book with McGill-Queen’s University Press entitled “Race Riots: Comedy and Ethnicity in Modern British Fiction.” It’s a “scholarly” work, with a “fairly jargon-free style.” Suffice it to say Michael’s long e-mails were replete with Rossisms, and he has reestablished his reputation as our class wit. His address: 8 Leisure Place (you’ve got to be kidding), Dundas, ON L9H 3X4, Canada. From Leisure Place Mike’s primary sports interest is watching World Cup soccer while sitting on his duff. Great to hear from you, Mike.

She spoke of experiencing MS, their time and the Salt Lake Olympics, and of her family. Her love of life and courage in the face of adversity made her a true inspiration. Mr. and Mrs. Romney would have been most proud. Lynn has two grandchildren who were just married, and her family meets every year at their cottage. One of the most enjoyable things I did this year was to return to Brookside for the 85th anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Cripps were there and looked great. He is still his old self, reciting the same wonderful “I see said the blind man, as he picked up his hammer and saw.” Wally and Mabel live in Mt. Dora, FL. I hope all of you will return for our 55th reunion in June. Kingswood is looking more as we remember it, you will return for our 55th reunion in June. Romney would have been most proud. Lynn and impressed. Congratulations! I hope a grand time was enjoyed by all. IF A CLASSMATE’S

I did not solicit news this time, but that doesn’t mean that you all cannot take the initiative and send it. KURT KEYDEL is the only one who gets an “A” in that regard. An e-mail came in from PHIL DONDERO after the spring ‘07 class notes were sent in. He has a granddaughter in law school, and I’m still waiting for my first grandchild. Phil was always one of those fast guys. He is still an adjunct professor in the College of Architecture and Design at Lawrence Technological University and does a bit of land development consulting on the side. He calls this retirement. Phil took his “new” boat out of the water last winter and rented a small apartment. KURT KEYDEL and his wife Carol (Kim) are now official residents of Florida (Melbourne) and the last I heard were casting about for a suitable retirement community in the Greater Baltimore area. He has taken great pleasure in GETTING RID OF STUFF. DOUG RICHMOND and his wife Diane attended a large and posh black tie gathering in Rhode Island on September 8, celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of HAYS and Linda ROCKWELL (Linda Hullinger, K’54). That chronological fact leaves me breathless and impressed. Congratulations! I hope a grand time was enjoyed by all. IF A CLASSMATE’S

ABOVE, Doug Richmond, Linda Hullinger Rockwell, K’54, Hays Rockwell and Diane Richmond

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ALAN CARLIN has continued his work at EPA, where he has been working largely on the economics of global climate change control. He has published two papers on this subject so far this year with another in the works. The viewpoint taken is that decreasing emissions is highly unlikely to solve the global warming problem and that high-tech approaches are the best but widely ignored option. Trips in 2006 included the Eastern Adriatic Coast starting in Athens, Igazau Falls in Argentina, an expedition to an emperor penguin colony in Antarctica on a large icebreaker in the South Patagonia including two more cruises. Trips in 2007 included two weeks on Maui, a weekend in San Francisco for his daughter’s graduation from medical school, and Bhutan in South Asia and Angkor in Cambodia this fall. Two grandchildren have been born in the last year, for a total of four. Marianne and JIM CURRIE have been enjoying the hot weather on Hilton Head. There always seems to be a good breeze to make the heat and humidity easier to live with. They report fine health. There are numerous opportunities for physical activities, which keep the joints and weight within bounds. They spent three weeks in Maine this year. I agree with Jim’s comment, “What beautiful, remote and uncrowded places. Much driving around and lobster eating.” Jim and Marianne planned to get back to Michigan in August to visit friends and family. Marjorie and DWIGHT DAVIS also spent time in Maine, at a family reunion. We were so fortunate to have most of our extended family at a place near Camden, where we ate good food and showed old photos of “Uncle Hubie” (HUBERT V. DAVIS), a teacher all of you had before graduating from Cranbrook. We took this opportunity to share a lot of family genealogy and passed out disks with my father’s and mother’s rambling “recollections.” PETE DAWKINS and wife Judi wrote the following, and I reproduce it here because it is meant for all of you. “The most significant one [event] was the death of our son, Sean, on March 23, from a massive heart attack at the young age of 42. It was totally unexpected and instant. He was a super athlete, the picture of health, a great father to his three darling children (9, 7, and 4) and a husband extraordinaire! His descending artery was 100% blocked. He was a wonderful son; you would have liked him a lot. By the way, BILL and Jan Raisch were with us in Louisville, KY, for the funeral, which meant so much to us. Otherwise, we are doing well. I’m hoping that Pete will consider retirement sometime in the next year or so. It has been a ‘full-court-press’ life for us over the past 46 years, and it seems
time to think about stopping to ‘smell the roses’ a little bit more! We have become golf fanatics (not very good, but having lots of fun trying). However, at the moment Pete is still Vice Chairman, Citi Global Wealth Management, and travels the world visiting and working with prospects and clients.” I include the following from USA Today. A classmate was kind enough to forward it to me. USA Today, Friday, May 18, 2007, “Former Navy star Roger Staubach and former Army star Pete Dawkins have been awarded the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame’s Gold Medal. It recognizes athletes who show integrity and honesty and achieved career success. Dawkins overcame polio at age 11 and went on to win a Heisman Trophy and become a Rhodes Scholar. He retired as a brigadier general and serves as vice chairman of Citigroup Private Bank. Staubach also won a Heisman and was a Super Bowl MVP. He is chairman and CEO of the Staubach Co., a Dallas-based real estate strategy and service firm.” BOB FRASER attempted to move the “Fraser Street” assisted living residence in Georgetown, SC, (near Myrtle Beach) but couldn’t quite swing it. He hopes to move to the Whitcomb Residence in Saint Joseph, MI, overlooking beautiful Lake Michigan and across the lake from his favorite city, Chicago. Bob would like so much to hear from a few classmates. Please feel free to contact me if you need an address. On Saturday, May 26, 2007, I went to see “Delirium,” a presentation by Cirque du Soleil, in Glendale, AZ, to a sell-out crowd in the JOB.COM Arena. It featured Jennifer Hamady, daughter of KARL HAMADY. What a performance! Jennifer has a remarkable voice that she can call up in both sensuous and operatic tones. She performed several solos that were accompanied by extraordinary circus acts. Later this year the company will travel throughout Europe. www.jenniferhamady.com. Take a look at this Web site and listen to some of her music. Jennifer’s original song, “If You Ask Me To,” written with Shedrick Mitchell, was selected from over 25,000 entries as a top 20 finalist in the American Idol songwriting competition! Karl is a very proud father and held a lunch for Jennifer June 23 when Cirque du Soleil performed on the East Coast. Some of our classmates were invited. At 8:20 a.m. May 5, 2007, Kenya Airways announced that flight KQ 507, bound from Douala to Nairobi had not arrived on schedule. Later in the day the airline announced that the plane had crashed. AL HENN was the only American on board. All perished. The new Boeing 737-800 aircraft took off from Douala, Cameroon’s commercial capital, and the plane was found just 12 miles from the town’s outskirts. The plane went down early Saturday in a mangrove swamp with 114 people aboard. The wreckage was found 36 hours after the plan vanished from radar screens. The cause of the crash remains unclear, but most believe it was weather-related. The plane had apparently delayed its take-off because of a storm. The following article was in the May 8 printing of Cape Cod Times (www.capecodonline.com). The only correction I am aware of is Al’s age, 70, rather than 68. I’ve consolidated all paragraphs into one to save space. “A seasonal resident of Cotuit who was managing an AIDS care and research center in Kenya died Saturday, one of the 114 people who perished in a Kenya Airways crash in Cameroon. Albert E. Henn, 68, of 611 Santuit Road was a medical doctor who was returning to Kenya after exploring expansion possibilities for the center in West Africa, a family friend in Barnstable said yesterday. He and his wife, Kristan Schoultz, 47, who works in international development in Botswana, have owned the Santuit Road house since 1994, according to county records and family friends. All 105 passengers and nine crew members on Kenya Airways Flight 507, a Boeing 737-800 airliner, were killed in the crash, according to The Associated Press. The plane took off early Saturday from Douala, a coastal city in Cameroon, and was headed for Nairobi. The plane plunged into a mangrove swamp 12 miles from the runway after being delayed for takeoff for about an hour due to storms. Rescuers found the wreckage more than 40 hours later, most of it submerged in murky orange-brown water and concealed by a canopy of trees. Investigators focused yesterday on the pos-
need in NYC. His health is excellent. He had a heart transplant six years ago and a hip replacement two years ago. He writes, “Finally, I must share with you my opinion of Cranbrook. I have attended universities (undergraduate and graduate), but in my opinion my Cranbrook experience was the most valuable and remains the most memorable.” ROGER MORRISON’s stepdaughter is entering her senior year at Oberlin and son, Quinn, his junior year in high school. Wife Linda spends much of her time with an organization helping families who have children with cancer. Roger spends a lot of time outdoors working on his “Place-to-be” down in the Finger Lakes. “After all those years of office life, it really feels good!” To honor JOE PRENDERGAST’s 70th birthday he writes, “I have elected to follow through with what Dawkins, Will and I said we would do with the rest of our lives when we were juniors at Cranbrook. There was another person a class ahead of us whose name escapes me at the moment. We all discussed becoming naval aviators who would be flying off aircraft carriers. I am going to undergo dogfight training in a Navy jet trainer. When done I will be able to out duel TOM WILL with all the advanced training I will receive. I won’t hurt him, of course, except for the deep wound to his pride. I will give you a follow up right after I touch down.” Following Joe’s touch down he wrote: “I had a great flight. I killed the other guy four out of six attacks. I have a great video to prove it. I had one helluvalotta G’s as I pulled out of the attack after I dove straight down to get behind him the last attack but was able to pull all the maneuvers not to ‘gray out.’ It’s that new L-arginine with the antiaging stuff in it that pulled me all together to perform. It is really good stuff.” PERRY RYAN writes that his son, Thad, is working on his M.S.W. at Arizona State University in Tempe. Deft turns of phrase, tricky melodies, alliteration, proper English humor and colorful characters are hallmarks of the Gilbert & Sullivan operettas, and the Barn Theatre’s production of “H.M.S. Pinafore,” on stage through Feb. 24, does great service to them all. Especially good are RICHARD F. SCHULTZ as Sir Joseph, Kristen Whalen (who has a beautiful operatic voice) as Josephine, and Amanda Dillon as the “bumboat woman” called Buttercup, who comes aboard carrying a dark secret. After a very good year as president of Japan Society, DICK WOOD told the board of directors that he should retire again in the spring of 2008. “Our centennial year is going very well, with a marvelous gala on May 9, at which Bill Clinton and Jay Rockefeller were the featured speakers. Still, while I like what I am doing and value enormously the work of Japan Society, it feels like I should make a third try at retirement.” I’ve lost email addresses for Frank Duncan and Jake Hirt and am totally missing a slug of other e-mail addresses. Please re-charge my e-mail bank when you get a chance, whoever you may be. I received six excellent photos from classmates and would have given anything to submit them all for inclusion in the next Tradition. Alas, I’m only allowed four. I’m saving the other two for next time. I hope all of you will supply me with photos whenever you can. As for me, I enjoy working with my children and son-in-law, appraising commercial real estate throughout the state of Arizona. I had a right hip replacement in late August, and I’ll tell you right now – these things work!

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GAYLE SMITH spent four days in Seattle with BARBARA KNOBLOCK RONA. According to Gayle, Barbara looks great. The highlight of her visit was eating on top of the famous Seattle Needle as the restaurant rotated around the beautiful landscape on a clear day. She thanks Barbara again for a most delightful visit. Mid-August Gayle hoped to move into her newly built house on the golf course. This fall she planned to tutor students in math and English grammar and possibly substitute teach in the local elementary schools, in addition to her involvement with the international students at UV. Gayle will also be taking classes, working towards a second B.A. degree in music. How do you find time to do all this, Gayle? Since ELLEN FLINT PRICE wasn’t quite to the big “70,” but husband Joe had already turned 74, Ellen’s daughters organized a fabulous combined “144 year birthday party/celebration” in June. The event took place two hours from Seattle at a resort called the Sleeping Lady, located at the base of the mountains in the woods. The pool was carved out of the mountain rock, and the resort was basically all separate buildings – a very rustic setting! LUANNE AULEPP, MELINDA BOOTH, Ellen’s sister, Susan Flint Cooper, K’58, JUDY EARLE GILLOW and I, in addition to many other friends, arrived in time for cocktails and dinner Friday night. Saturday was free to do whatever we wished: horseback ride, walk or hike up the mountain,
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The theme for this issue is ADVENTURE. Ken Walz has been the most adventurous of all in recent months having visited remote places on at least three different continents. His very long reply to my request for news came handwritten on the back of the page on which he had printed out my email. (He says he is not computer literate enough to reply to e-mails with e-mails of his own, but “lessons are on the horizon.”) Going back to 2005, he briefly described a Baltic Sea Cruise and a trip to New Zealand. Last year (2006) he took the Transiberian railroad, we learned about in Boyce Ricketts’ International Relations class, from Vladivostok through Mongolia and southern Siberia to Moscow 6300 miles away. In April of this year he started a trip through southern Africa in South Africa and went north to Zamb to see Victoria Falls, returning to South Africa through his “beloved” Botswana to the game preserve on the border of Kruger National Park for a photo safari. He reports being in a roofless Land Rover observing elephant herds “of a size and proximity greater than ever, including Kenya and Tanzania.” In between these trips across oceans, he has taken an auto tour of the southwest, California and southern Oregon and a cruise up the inland passage of Alaska, which he says was “unfortunately way too long and too fancy and too many people for us adults.” Not a surprising comment from a retired lawyer who adores his home in the isolated wilds of Michigan. Ron Hummel and wife Anne also went to Mongolia, but they did not experience it through the window of a railroad car. They spent three weeks exploring an unexplored part of the country “looking for birds and other wildlife and watching the nomadic herders make a living on raising animals in much the same way as they did hundreds of years ago.” Ron says they traveled over roadless territory in World War II Russian jeeps (“fortunately with knee high grass clearance”), sleeping at night in tents and “Gers.” Not knowing what a “Ger” is, I e-mailed Ron for a definition, and he quickly replied, “A ger is a Mongolian nomad’s ‘home.’ It is made of matted wool blankets placed over a wood frame. It can be taken down and put up in an hour...transported by pack animal. It is one room with minimal furniture and a dung stove.” I think the dung stove would be enough for me to seek shelter someplace else. By the way, Ron reports, “The Class of 1956 contributed $8,437 to Cranbrook Schools in 2007, a record for our class in an off reunion year. Of a total of 13 participants, nine contributed $5,800 toward the 1956 Maintenance Fund in the name of Henry Beam and other deceased classmates. Congratulations and thank you for your generosity.” Even the normally retiring retired radiologist, Bob Isbell, who is usually content to divide his time between their homes in Tampa, FL, and Telluride, CO, got into the adventure mode. He and Sue spent 10 days in France in July, including a two-day tour of Normandy D-Day landing sites, before attending a “destination wedding” in a chateau outside of Nantes. Just prior to their trip, Bob and Sue’s three daughters and 10 grandchildren feted them with a “pre-70” birthday celebration in Sun River, OR. Waxed philosophical at the end of his note, Bob writes, “I think frequently of the widespread violence in our world and wish that somehow we can eventually find our way to a greater respect for human life and for the fundamental rights which define the dignity of mankind.” I doubt that any of our classmates would disagree. The devil is in the details of how to accomplish that. Continuing with the adventure theme, Alan Shaver and Ellen were traveling in Switzerland to visit their daughter before spending five days in Venice at the time these notes were being written in September. We will look forward to a full report (and be sure, Al always gives us a full report) for the next issue of Tradition. Even after suffering what he termed a “major heart attack” in December of 2006, George Garry reports that he and Cathy took an adventure by visiting Spain and taking a Mediterranean Cruise following his recovery from having stints put in by the doctors. That sounds like something we could expect from the running back who couldn’t be slowed by opposing defensive lines in the Cranbrook oval in days of yore. Most of the Gary children and grandchildren also got together with George and Kathy at Lake Tahoe “for a great time.” One who wasn’t there was a grandson who is serving in the Army in Iraq. George says, “He is my hero.” George also says he is finally quitting the mortgage broker business and is taking a college writing class in hopes of making his autobiography a good read. Whenever Lou Meeke writes, it is an adventure of the mind. He has spent countless hours over the last three years taking the Education for Ministry course, which, among other things, prepares Episcopal lay people to have a fair fight with their priest. Actually, Lou and I do not fight, but his questions are always provocative enough to test the meager resources of my mind. We had a very lively correspondence concerning a number of the issues that are now distracting the Episcopal Church from its true mission of being witness to the reconciling work of Jesus Christ in the world. After asking me a number of excellent questions in his reply to my request for news, Lou concluded his report by writing, “As for the class notes – I’m working on my first fixer upper in more than a decade. Just wanted to see whether or not I was still up to it, or I’m a glutton for punishment.” The longest reply of the seven I received (I guess the rest of you were too busy taking your adventures and throwing them) came from John Raviolo, who did not report on an adventure but brought us up to date on all that he has done since graduating 51 years ago. On the other hand, he has had a number of adventures that are worth remembering, not the least of which was working “for several years as a foreign car mechanic, setting up cars for SCCA racing. My favorite was the Alfa Romeo Giulietta sprint velocette. We also set up an AC Cobra, I went to several races with that car.” Remembering his fondness for the auto mechanics’ lab, that stage of John’s life was predictable. What might not have been was his decision to become a lawyer 24 years after he graduated from Cranbrook. Following his Doctor of
Jurisprudence degree from Williamette (OR) University College, John served as a deputy district attorney before going into private practice. He retired four years ago with Alice, his wife of 36 years, to his farm in Cave Junction, OR, just seven miles from the California border, where he has a registered quarter horse, a mule and a burro. I’m back at this stand, as you all should know, because now that I am retired I have time to do this. In the year before I retired doctors discovered cancer in my wife Norma’s throat. We tried to battle it with radiation first, but as harsh as that treatment was, it did not kill all the diseased cells. So on Nov. 30, 2006, a great doctor removed her larynx. There are no more cancer cells left, but Norma now is speaking with a voice prosthesis inserted between her trachea and her esophagus. Much of my time during this first year of retirement has been involved in helping her recover by taking her to doctors and support meetings, but I have found time for my passions: writing spiritual reflections (see the “Weekly Reflection” section at www.christchurchcathedral.us) and sermons, playing golf, and following the 2006 World Champion Cardinals in their vain attempt to repeat. Keep those letters and cards (and e-mails) coming.

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Continuing...Since it was still summer when I began thinking about our “Class Notes Column” for this fall issue of Tradition, my suggested topic was “FUN.” Consequently, our following classmates have shared experiences and happenings that made them happy during the past seven months, with a couple of exceptions. JOY STAUNTON PULCIPHER, once again, participated in another “mini-reunion” when she was the “mystery guest” last January at one of the regular “deli lunch/gab-fest gatherings” of the KSC “locals” – JANICE (Jan) MALONE MYERS, JANE MCKENZIE MULLIN, KAY PERRING, BARBARA (Barb) BLACKWOOD BRADLEY and CYNTHIA (Cindy) COLE EUSEBI. When Joy visited the Birmingham, MI, area at the end of last January, Jan and she planned the “surprise,” unbeknownst to the other “locals,” some of whose reactions say it all. Barb: “What a hoot to be introduced to this stranger and find out that it was Joy Staunton, wearing Spaulding saddle shoes! Our luncheon lasted until late afternoon, and we were the only customers left in the deli!” Kay: “It was such a delight that Jan’s ‘surprise’ was Joy Staunton Pulcipher – all the way from Colorado! We shared years of stories, memories and much laughter.” Joy: “Kay came in first and was her sweet, polite self, extending her hand as if meeting someone for the first time. When I told her my name, she collapsed with laughter and hugs. When Jane came in, she sat down eyeing me and mentally asking herself, ‘Now why did Jan bring this friend along to our K’wood event?’ Jane then jumped out of her seat as I told her that I was Joy Staunton. As for Barb, I was the one who did not recognize her. She looked great, but nothing like her K’wood self. Cindy was so interesting to listen to as she told us about her then current art show in Birmingham and her work in watercolors. We were sad to learn that Kay’s father had passed away two weeks prior at the wonderful age of 102. 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One of Les’s daughters, Leslie, K’73, and friends from France shared the celebration with them. Linda has been invited to serve on the board of trustees of the Flint Institute of Art, starting this fall. The Institute recently underwent an extensive renovation and enlargement, enabling it to acquire and exhibit many more works than it could previously.

BARBARA (Babs) WELTHER completed her move to her new condo in May. She’s having “FUN” opening boxes and deciding where to put “stuff.” For breaks, she spent three weeks in July in Vermont, swimming, walking trails and participating in sketching and journaling classes. After which, she took a stimulating workshop in the History of Astronomy at Notre Dame, followed by a side trip to Chicago to see some historical telescopes and astrolabes at the Adler Planetarium. She and several colleagues were wined and dined on gourmet food at the Galileo Café, overlooking the harbor and spectacular skyscrapers. She was off to Maine in August, shopping in Freeport and feasting on lobster and strawberry shortcake. Retirement for her is truly a great time of life for such FUN activities!

DEBORAH MOORE GEITNER’s latest news was the adoption this past spring by her son, Jonathan, and his wife of a second child – they just ENJOY their four children, their mates and spouses and their children gathered to celebrate two wedding anniversaries (a 6-year and a 9-month), two birthdays (a 1-year and a 3-month), a christening of two grandsons and a welcoming of a new granddaughter. They were all captured in a phenomenal family photo. To quote Carol, “A somewhat sizable group – much to my surprise and delight!” She spends most of the year on Nantucket, working hard on building sites and escaping from time to time to visit friends everywhere, which she considers “absolute fun!” She wondered if any of us has read “…and His Lovely Wife” by Connie Schultz.

ANNE SAUNDERS KIRKPATRICK thought she would visit Dubai, but discovered with research that it is entirely manmade and glitzy – not her idea of “fun” travel. Instead, she and her sister decided unexpectedly to go on a cruise to Alaska last June, and to quote her, “It was fun and very interesting.” The highlight of the trip was taking an excursion by helicopter over four glaciers to one where they went dog sledding. The life of the musher of her sled revolves around the Iditarod. However, in the summer, he lives in a tent on the glacier and takes tourists (Anne hates to call herself that!) on dogsled rides. The dogs actually love pulling the sleds and become very excited when the helicopters arrive with people to pull! As mentioned in our last column,“ Anne was planning to go to South Africa and Botswana at the end of August and beginning of September. She’ll spend the first two nights in Johannesburg and the last four in Cape Town. In between will be Botswana, where she’ll take a small plane to Eagle Island on the Okavango Delta, then another plane to Savute Elephant Camp, and another flight to Khwai River Lodge, staying in each place for two nights. Anne was very excited about the trip. Last March, Anne hosted a Wellesley Salon, during which she met the Wellesley alum speaker, who was at the Peoples Energy annual meeting about four years ago where Anne’s son, Robert, was honored. Robert is a chemical engineer and used to work for Peoples Energy. He is in the National Guard and was sent to Kuwait and Iraq before Desert Storm, where he designed and oversaw the installation of the longest inland pipeline ever laid, the Fuel Delivery System, which delivered all of the fuel for the coalition forces. For this feat, Robert received a Bronze Star. Another alum at the Salon used to be the 20th Century curator at the Art Institute. She was very impressed with the art done by Anne’s daughter, Martha, and felt it should be exhibited. As a graduate of The School of The Art Institute in Chicago, Martha is a talented, starving artist with a history of bar tending in earlier years! Good news from CATHERINE (Cathy) STERRITT GARY that her husband, George, C’56, had made a good enough recovery from his heart attack on 12/17/06 for them to take a three-week vacation with close friends last May to the Mediterranean – five days in Spain and a two-week Mediterranean Greek Isle Cruise, stopping at Nice, Florence, Rome, Naples, Mykonos, Athens, Turkey, Santorini and Sicily. This summer they spent a week at Tahoe with their daughters and families. For the first time in about 20 years, they did not have their oldest grandkids with them. Their granddaughter graduated from University of Santa Barbara and had just started working for Pepsi Bottling Co. in southern California. Their grandson was sent to northern Iraq in May as a MP and is due to be sent to Baghdad. She asks us to keep him and all the soldiers in our prayers. She keeps busy quilting, egging, golfing, reading, working for the Guild of the OC Performing Art Center, and spending lots of time with her grandkids. In September, she’ll be in Michigan visiting her younger sister and possibly seeing some of the KSC "locals." Her motto is: "A day without laughter is a day wasted.”

We are extremely fortunate to have MARILYN MACKENZIE MONTGOMERY still with us. “FUN” was not her primary news. She unexpectedly had to undergo open-heart surgery – a double bypass. About a week after returning home, she awoke one night unable to breathe, due to massive pulmonary embolisms in both lungs – a life-threatening situation. She was in the ICU for 10 days, followed by 10 more days in Acute Care. Robert, her husband, said that the first words she uttered after coming out of five days of sedation were, “What the "&%# happened?” To quote
Marilyn, “You can't say I'm not a fighter!” Fortunately, she is now doing extremely well, is healthier than ever and has been having FUN ever since. Despite the summer crowds, she and Robert still find living in Sag Harbor a delight and enjoy many free concerts, fantastic beaches, good restaurants and great weather there. And, when it gets too hot, she just hangs out in their pool! She’s loving retirement! JUDIE BARBER COOK had many wonderful things happen during these past months. In April, one of her granddaughters, Mary Margaret, had her wedding aboard ship while sailing to Bermuda. Most of the family and many friends joined in the fun. In May, one of Judie’s dogs, Dutton, a 3 1/2 year old boxer from the UK, won “Reserve Winners Dog” (runner up) out of hundreds of boxers from all over the country at the American Boxer Club Show in Ft. Mitchell, KY, near Cincinnati. Judie was totally stunned and said that it was the most amazing trip of her life! In June, her youngest daughter, Gini, was ordained at the Bishop at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, which Judie’s family watched from their seats in the front row. Gini is a rather amazing woman. While at William & Mary, she got her undergraduate degree, her law degree and her doctorate. Now she has her Master’s of Divinity, magna cum laude, while at the same time she was raising with her husband their 11-year and 7-year old sons. Two days after the ordination, Judie and her husband John celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary. Judi feels very blessed with all her good fortune and wishes us all health and happiness. PEGGY DURHAM continues to love her life in Colorado and, especially, living in Evergreen, with the open vistas, the light and the altitude giving everyone a high and making it a very friendly place to get a new start. (The architect, Daniel Libeskind, said the light is most brilliant in Israel and Colorado.) Peggy has met wonderful people through her diverse and numerous activities: president of the Evergreen Audubon Society, Mountain Area Democrats, the Rocky Mountain Sled Dog Club, the Symphony Guild, the Arts Center and the Garden Club. The first garden tool bought out there is a pick ax. Her backyard carnivore visitors include bear, lion, coyote, lynx, raccoon and the usual small varmints. Her dog and she hike every day (dodging the sheriff since she’s a leash scofflaw!). She is in frequent contact with her daughter and granddaughter in southern New Hampshire and with her son who works for the UN in Switzerland. She comments that as she reads newspapers and articles using atrocious English, she is grateful to Miss Bennett and Miss Waldo for their excellent teaching of correct English, and recognizes how lucky we were to exist?). She is in frequent contact with Peggy. 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She comments that as she reads newspapers and articles using atrocious English, she is grateful to Miss Bennett and Miss Waldo for their excellent teaching of correct English, and recognizes how lucky we were to have had such good teachers. SYLVIA TRYTHALL LESLIE tried keeping herself sane by denying the tropical (hurricane) season in New York and spending five days on Martha’s Vineyard, MA, where their two granddaughters, their son and wife were renting a cottage. Nancy and her husband Dave spent another summer boating in the blue waters of the Great Lakes. They were planning to tackle the tricky weather and challenging waters of Lake Superior to attend the Great Lakes Boaters Organization’s annual “Rendezvous” in Duluth, WI, this year. Nancy wrote that neither Dave nor she could believe how well her back has been feeling, enabling her to really have “fun” and enjoy her life. Yes, I, COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI, too, have been having FUN. In May, I was in Williamsburg, VA, with my close friend from Grosse Pointe Country Day School. It was during the 400th year celebration of the discovery of Jamestown when Queen Elizabeth happened to be there to commemorate this first British settlement in the New World. I sort of “saw” her when my friend and I were standing by ourselves with the mounted police (amazingly, no other tourists in sight!), only about 10 feet from the Queen’s motorcade, as it rushed by on the historic “main drag” of Williamsburg. As I was quickly taking a photo of the Queen’s lips, my friend said that she saw a “hat” through the window! That was FUN! As always, I was so delighted and grateful to receive the marvelous response from our class “generators” and “contributors.” Each one of you continues to make our “column” fun and interesting.

To be continued.

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A good time was had by all – all who attended a wonderful 50th Reunion last June, that is. And those included the following classmates and some spouses and friends – AKERS, ASKEW, BLACK, CAMERON, COOPER, CORMACK, DIGIULIO, EWING, FECHHEIMER, HERMANOFF, JOHANSSON, KARLSTROM, KERN, LEE, LUDWIG, MCCAUL, MCKNIGHT, RANDAU, RUSSELL, SCHMIDT, SHAW, ROSS SMITH, THEOBALD, VARDON, WADDELL, WATERS and WOOLLEY. Think that covers everyone who attended. Festivities began at Commencement where a very emotional group of the above, heard alum, Bob Woodruff, C’79, give the Commencement address and hear senior,
Miles Levin’s, words of inspiration. After a two-year bout with cancer, Levin lost the battle in early August. His postings, a diary of feelings and wisdom, on a carepages.com Web site gained a worldwide audience of thousands and were followed diligently by a number of 57s once we heard of his story. A luncheon with Cranbrook president, Rick Nahm, and a C’57 dinner at the Science Museum capped the opening day activities for the 50th reunion class. School activities on Saturday and a brunch hosted by Mike Hermanoff at his wooded home nearby Sunday morn concluded what all considered a memorable weekend.

We’ll do it again five years from now. Oh, we must mention that the $57,000+ class reunion gift announced on Friday night was superseded by some additional gifts, which brought C’57 in just over a spectacular $60,000 by June 30. Unfortunately, last minute medical conditions caused Messrs. ANGEL, GRUBE and HARRIS to cancel. Phil Angel later in August reported: 1. New pacemaker 2. Two new stents and 3. sold house and moved (to 1116 Highland Rd., Charleston WV 25302). Otherwise just a run-of-the-mill summer, he said. So bionic Phil’s absence obviously justified. Another cardiac kid, Charlie, said he over-bionic Phil’s absence obviously justified.

THEOBALD, in August for gall bladder surgery in a rural Pennsylvania hospital and a September trip to UK cancelled. Pete adds he’s beginning to plan for post official employment. More medical reporting from BILL WATERS, who underwent surgery (details politely omitted – hint: Bill advises check your psa) in August via robot with the doctor on the other side of the room. “Not comforting, but efficient.” In and out in 24 hours. Bill and Anne now looking forward to 55th reunion (a sentiment expressed by quite a few other C’57s). CARL JOHANSSON and wife Anne cleaning up after two storms left a mess and no power at the house. Saved by a power generator... (312) 475-1131  jakers@bright.net

MOLLY MARTIN MILLER, provided this memory, which should take you back to our junior year. She writes, “It was during the autumn of our junior year. A debate was held on stage in our auditorium over whether General MacArthur should cross the Yellow River with our troops in Korea or obey President Eisenhower and back off. I was supposed to debate the position of MacArthur. I had prepared a convincing speech but was terrified about speaking in front of the Whole School. Just think that you are looking upon a garden of cabbage heads and give your speech,’ suggested my mom. I walked out on stage and stood behind the podium. I took a deep breath as I looked out upon a garden of cabbage heads; then, I began laughing. Everywhere I looked, my teachers and my friends were morphing into cabbage heads. I couldn’t stop laughing. The harder I tried to stop, the more I convulsed into further laughter. I could not get a grip upon myself. Hopefully, no one remembers this but me because before too long, I was hilariously escorted off the stage by one of our gentle teachers with all of you and the entire audience laughing at my uncontrollable foolishness.”

IN THE NEWS

WEINER did a superb job as our class agent as evidenced by her results. She reported that for the class gift our class had 79.55% participation, and our gift was four times larger than ever before at $16,590. Thirty-five out of 48 living grads gave, many for the first time. She reminded us that now that she is class agent, no one has heard the last of her! Ginny’s news includes that she brought home an 11-week-old Bichon Frise puppy in late August. She was looking forward to the San Francisco Opera season’s two Wagner operas including her personal almost favorite, “Tannhauser.” (Irritating plot, but glorious music.) Ginny retains her title and claim to being our Class Ring Head. MARY SHAW MOORE shared this reunion memory: “Crowned cocktail parties have never been my thing, but a chance meeting with Steve and Liz Booth on the way out of Cranbrook House led us on a journey into the past. She was looking forward to the San Francisco Opera season’s two Wagner operas including her personal almost favorite, “Tannhauser.” (Irritating plot, but glorious music.) Ginny retains her title and claim to being our Class Ring Head. MARY SHAW MOORE shared this reunion memory: “Crowned cocktail parties have never been my thing, but a chance meeting with Steve and Liz Booth on the way out of Cranbrook House led us on a journey into the past. She was looking forward to the San Francisco Opera season’s two Wagner operas including her personal almost favorite, “Tannhauser.” (Irritating plot, but glorious music.) Ginny retains her title and claim to being our Class Ring Head. MARY SHAW MOORE shared this reunion memory: “Crowned cocktail parties have never been my thing, but a chance meeting with Steve and Liz Booth on the way out of Cranbrook House led us on a journey into the past. She was looking forward to the San Francisco Opera season’s two Wagner operas including her personal almost favorite, “Tannhauser.” (Irritating plot, but glorious music.) Ginny retains her title and claim to being our Class Ring Head.

In keeping with our reunion spirit, I asked those who did not attend to share their most memorable recollection of our Kingswood days.
est son, Evan, his wife Amy and their three daughters, Sierra, Sydney, and Elena rode the train. We have a picture of them on one of the original train cars that were part of the Whysall train. We have a picture of them on one of the daughters, Sierra, Sydney, and Elena rode the est son, Evan, his wife Amy and their three

above, Sunday brunch at Judy Knudsen Christie’s home

A favorite reunion memory. She wrote that it was just nice to be there and see our classmates. She enjoyed the tour of Cranbrook House and its gardens and learning a lot about the Booths. On September 8, Nancy planned to go to France with her sister, Jeanne Ward Perkins, K’51. They will spend a week in Paris and then take a barge trip for a week through the Loire Valley. In October, she planned to go back to Mississippi for the third time to help with the Katrina rebuilding. JEANNE HARGREAVES GRAHAM made it all possible by generously providing her time and energy to organize and execute the many reunion weekend events. She wrote, “Loved reunion, finding that other classmates still share the 50-year-old memories and stories. I especially loved going to Commencement (five of us went) and sitting right behind the beautiful young grads and hearing all the same songs – i.e., “On Our Way Rejoicing” and “Beside a Lake” – very moving. Waiting outside the Church to get in, amongst the new grads and their families, I noticed such a difference from our time, though – it was like the United Nations! So many different nationalities were represented there and so many different languages were being spoken – and all being united in one graduating class and its proud families – awesome!” SALLY AUSTERBERRY DINAN wrote at summer’s close that she would be off to Florida before she knows it. Hoping to connect with Barb and Norma there and anyone else who journeys south. Sally wrote the best part of the reunion was ....Friday! All day

above, K’57 classmates at Reunion Picnic at Kingswood

A final stop for the weekend. Judy thanks to all who made our reunion truly memorable! She writes, “It was great and very well planned. I think the class of ’57 looks great, and we are indeed an interesting group. It was wonderful to have a weekend filled with somebody else’s planned events, for the previous weekend our daughter, Sarah, was married on Nantucket. Wow, a lot goes into pulling off a wedding, but we did and are thrilled with her happiness. I cannot express a favorite event from the reunion weekend, but I would say that the caring and friendship that all of us shared was remarkable. Years apart and we still felt connected. That meant a lot to me.” Jane reports that they are back at the Booths. On September 8, Nancy planned to go to France with her sister, Jeanne Ward Perkins, K’51. They will spend a week in Paris and then take a barge trip for a week through the Loire Valley. In October, she planned to go back to Mississippi for the third time to help with the Katrina rebuilding. JEANNE HARGREAVES GRAHAM made it all possible by generously providing her time and energy to organize and execute the many reunion weekend events. She wrote, “Loved reunion, finding that other classmates still share the 50-year-old memories and stories. I especially loved going to Commencement (five of us went) and sitting right behind the beautiful young grads and hearing all the same songs – i.e., “On Our Way Rejoicing” and “Beside a Lake” – very moving. Waiting outside the Church to get in, amongst the new grads and their families, I noticed such a difference from our time, though – it was like the United Nations! So many different nationalities were represented there and so many different languages were being spoken – and all being united in one graduating class and its proud families – awesome!” SALLY AUSTERBERRY DINAN wrote at summer’s close that she would be off to Florida before she knows it. Hoping to connect with Barb and Norma there and anyone else who journeys south. Sally wrote the best part of the reunion was ....Friday! All day
weekend’s magic moments and an increasing appreciation of what a great job our classmates did in pulling it all off. I regret the events missed, mostly due to Northwest Airlines. Everything I attended was ideal – company, venue and weather. It was a kick to reminisce about senior moments when they had an altogether different meaning. I share the hope that all will try to make it to our 55th. Save the date now and spread the word.

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The "mix-up" about our class notes, which you received by mail rather than in Tradition, resulted in some contacts that I haven’t had since I started doing this job! The first one that comes to mind is PETE ORDWAY. He lives in Hickory Corners, MI, Naples (Bonita Bay) FL, and Jackson Hole, WY. He sent me his business card, which has all his addresses and telephone and fax numbers front and back. So if anybody asks, I know how to get a hold of him! He sold his family business in 1997, which was a manufacturing company centered on “the movement of oil,” 80% of which had to do with oil refining. The business was 112 years old! He says he’s “looking forward to June of 2008.” So he’s planning on coming to the 50th reunion! As I understand it, that will be his first reunion since he graduated. Looking forward to seeing you there, Pete!

DAN CROWLEY is living with wife Sukí in Boston (actually Dorchester) in a small apartment. He says he is retired from full-time priesting but now does interim ministry about three quarters of the time. At present he is serving a parish in North Andover as they search for a new rector. Dan’s three kids are spread around. Son, Matthew, lives in Lexington, MA, and is a teacher. He has three children: Daughter, Janna, lives in Charlotte, NC, with her husband and daughter, Madison, 3. Kate is in Homer, AK. She and husband Jeff have an infant son, Henry. She is a partner in a bakery there. Dan and Sukí just marked their 44th anniversary “and still have fun.” Dan says it will be hard for him to get to the reunion. FRED LAVERY and wife Kitty have been married for 40 years and still live in Birmingham. Fred continues to work full time in his retail automobile business. His younger son, Shane, graduated from Cranbrook in 1995 and was married in July of this year and lives in San Francisco, also running a retail automobile business. Older son, Evan, is the only one that has a “real job.” He owns and runs a fly fishing store, Beaver Kill Angler, in the Catskill Mountains of New York state. Now that’s an occupation! ED WHITE writes that he often thinks of Cranbrook with great fondness and has written about the school in some of his novels: “A Boy’s Own Story; The Beautiful Room is Empty”; and “Nocturnes for the King of Naples.” He is living in New York City and teaches writing at Princeton. He has been back in New York for the last 10 years, and for the 16 years before that he lived in Paris. He has spent most of his life in New York. Ed gave a talk at Cranbrook a few years back, which was his first time back since graduating. We hope you’ll be back for the 50th! Ed!

BILL MCGAUGHKEY says that the best news is that neither he nor his wife were on the I-35W bridge in Minneapolis when it collapsed three miles from his house. He says he’s still a landlord and too poor to self-publish any more books, so he is creating Web sites instead. Bill is another one planning to attend the 50th! BOB SCHULTZ has been very involved with the reincarnation of his “Stardusters Band.” If you remember, Bob had another band by the same name when he was at Cranbrook. The new one has been active since the first of 2005 and they perform at many concerts and private parties. A second back surgery was Bob’s main event in August. He calls it back fusion. This is his second fusion, the first was in November 2005. We all wish you great success for this, Bob. All the best. “Except for my back, my life has been great.” Bob has been retired from General Motors since July of 2001 and now he has time for all the things he’s wanted to do, especially the band! He and wife Brenda live in Clarkston where he has lived, I think, forever. BILL DUNCAN writes that he and his wife Peggy live in Fairfield, CT. He’s lived on the East Coast since college. Until 2004, when he retired, he worked for JP MorganChase in finance after which he spent two years at Stoney Brook University as director of international studies in the MBA program. He’s now back on a couple of boards and enjoys traveling overseas and seeing his children and grandchildren in Greenwich, Denver and Tucson. In May LARRY DAN'TO closed his practice in general and endocrine surgery after 42 years being on call. He’s not sure what he’s going to do, but “I’ll figure something out.” For the time being he is still on their hospital foundation board and running for their homeowners board. He’s also working as a starting member (the term “docent”) at their resort golf club and will likely instruct skiing on the hill this coming winter. His wife appears not to share Larry’s total immersion approach to the Sierras, as she is looking for a place to winter near their children in Southern California. Both of their children live within blocks of one another with their own children. In addition, she has joined a country club down there, so Larry is running out of excuses to stay in the mountains during the winter. Well, Larry, I’m sure you and Linda will work out your marital difficulties and reach an understanding. I suspect the “understanding” will be to live in golf weather year around! We look forward to seeing you both in June 2008. BOB
KLEIN wrote that he and wife Wally continue to live in three places – La Jolla in the winter, Charlevoix in the summer and Detroit in fall and spring. Most days he’s out playing tennis, but in his free time he continues his activities with charitable organizations. Though he has given up some of these activities, he is still involved with Beaumont Hospital, University of Michigan Law School, and, of course, Cranbrook where he is a trustee. About Cranbrook he says: “I think our classmates will be pleased with the progress Cranbrook has made during the past several years. The successful conclusion of the current campaign ($150 million community wide) will not only provide real assistance currently for facilities and programs but will lay the groundwork for additional improvements in the years ahead.” Bob deserves a lot of thanks from all of us for all the work he has done for our school over the years. FRED WOODWORTH wrote from his cabin in North Carolina that he and wife Anne are finishing up some projects before returning home to DC. He said he would follow up with more information, but I haven’t received it. He did close by saying that “if the great primal force wills it,” he is planning on attending our 50th. DAVE WALSH writes that he is “considering #50.” He would like to see several of you and would be hooked if you’d come. DON LEMESSURIER is receiving a considerable amount of pressure from wife Marty to give up his business and spend more time at his furniture building, the results of which has been selling moderately well considering that it is only marketed for about 10 weeks in the winter. She also wants us to have more free time to travel. Guess I’d better mind her and do it! So that’s my plan for this fall if I’m able to. I’ll be corresponding by letter before next June plus there is one more issue of Tradition before then as well. Plan ahead for June 6, 7, and 8, 2008!

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As the seasons turn once again, it is time to share our news. From last year at this time (her postcard missed the deadline), JULIE ALLEN LARSEN wrote, “Life is good! – I am still smiling and making people laugh!” (What a gift.) She and Swede skied for 40 days during the winter of 2005 and hoped to do the same in 2006. They also bike 20 miles a day as often as they can! They had a new granddaughter in 2005, born in Pasadena to daughter, Kike. Son, Jon-Erik, lives with his family in Portland where he is director of graduate admissions at Pacific University. GILIAN SHALCROSS writes from her home in Sheffield, MA, where she has lived for two years since retiring from her job of 35 years at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She loves her house with its rural setting in the Berkshires, where she enjoys birds, flowers, meadows and Bears Den Mountain. But she has found the transition difficult in terms of being “alone” and in finding a place of belonging. She works several freelance jobs in the area of art history and is weavring, knitting, reading, exercising, taking photographs, volunteering and accompanying her dog to classes in behavior-mod. Daughter, Katherine, is a forensic social worker with the criminal division of the Legal Aid Society in NYC, and son, Benjamin, and wife are currently in St. Petersburg in the Foreign Service. Her last paragraph is worth a direct quote: “Brought up on a farm, I have always wanted to return to living in the country. But I never thought that I would be growing old alone. Still, most of the time I feel lucky and optimistic about my future. And the bluebirds that nested in the box I put up successfully hatched, raised, and fledged their young this spring.” I visited Jill last March along with my sister, Deborah Moore Geithner, K’56, on our way to a workshop at the Kripalu Yoga Center. We had a lovely girls’ luncheon and were delighted with Jill’s artistically imaginative-created spaces. She has a 19-year-old goldfish named “Bo!” PAT THOMPSON WRIGHT is looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th Reunion in June and hopes for a great gathering. On that note, SUSAN FLINT COOPER has offered to be Reunion Planner. THANK YOU. She has had a busy summer traveling and visiting and spending lots of time with her three grandchildren. She saw BARBARA HEDRICK BOWMAN (who is presently traveling in Africa) and MANDY MATTHEWS LUNGHAMER (on her way to China) at Walloon Lake, visited son, Andy, in California and will be seeing NANCY TREGENZA LITTLE and KATHY VAN DUSEN SYLVESTER in Chicago in September. In October, Susan herself will be going to Antarctica with her daughter, Debbie, to see emperor penguins. KATIE WILLIAMS STEWART and husband Jimmy have just returned from Scandinavia and St. Petersburg on the Sea Cloud II, with golf along the way. Their seven grandchildren are ever a joy living so close by. CAROLINE CROSS CHINLUND finds that reading history is a consoling pastime in her life. She enjoys “work, grandchildren, good colleagues and wonderful times” with husband Steve in NYC and their vacation get-aways in France and Italy. She is grateful to be in touch with other classmates and the school through her work with the Elizabeth Bennett Grant project, along with ANNIE SANDERS, PEGGY BRANT WILKINS has at last retired to the Eastern Shore of Virginia and lives in a village that has its own harbor. “For a fisherman to live between the bay (The Chesapeake) and the sea, that’s the pinnacle of life.” Both of her children are in medical professions, her daughter working with children and adolescents and her son in cardiology. TOBEY HALL is still working at the North Carolina Zoo and teaching English as a second language, as well as doing art commissions and pottery. She is “enjoying Life and grateful for Life as it flows.” Birds, deer, her own dogs bring her “joy packed with experience after experience.” She is thrilled with retirement – “free to be you and me doing just what we love to do.” She heard recently from ANNE HUSTON DOW who is working hard to improve the lives of others and “joyfully engaged in life.” KAY LEVY MELET and Michael are amazingly busy with life and family. Daughter, Nancy, a jeweler located in Ann Arbor who recently displayed her pieces at the Art Fair there, is expecting her first child, and Kay is thrilled she will be so close by. Visits to Montauk to visit son, Bob, Pamela, and granddaughter, Sunny, Knoxville, TN, for granddaughter, Sydney’s, participation in the Jr. Olympics in the jump rope competition were enjoyed. Michael has by now undergone major abdominal surgery and will be facing a 6-8 week recovery. Your secretary LYDIA MOORE DuPERTUIS is still enjoying life in retirement on Cape Cod. I still feel that I have come home and remain in love with the North Atlantic and all the inland coves and ponds. I traveled to Utah in May for the graduation from the University of my son, Nathaniel, with a degree in Japanese, Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa, all at the age of 41 while working full time and playing upright base in jazz gigs! My granddaughter, Maeve, now 4, still deeply holds my heart. I had some surgery early this summer, and I will never forget her small comforting presence at my side as I awoke. This fall I am playing the flute, some piano, taking more poetry as well as a class in digital photography (I’ve finally succumbed), and volunteering at a near-by hospice. I still haven’t figured out quite how to work significantly for peace and sanity in the world, so I’ll just walk here one step at a time. Blessings and salutations to all. And think about coming to reunion!

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It is my unpleasant duty to report that TOM WAYLETT passed away. RICK WILLIAMS attended the funeral on Kiawah Island, SC, and he had this to say: “I had the honor of delivering one of three eulogies, mine focusing on his early years and the others on his business years, where he was enormously successful as the CEO of a major consulting firm, and retirement, which he enjoyed immensely, honoring his golf game to a single digit handicap. Alas, Tom succumbed to a rare form of cancer (small cell) that eventually attacked his brain. He fought the disease with great courage, through multiple operations, insisting on a tour of his favorite River Course just four days before he died. He was devoted to Karen, his wife of 14 years, who supported him through a bunch of operations that eventually pecked away at his brain
and left him without some motor skills but with a vitality that defied the medics: friends told tales of Tom cutting down trees and doing his own heavy landscaping even while he was being treated for chemo – the doctors told him that staying active was good therapy; naturally, Tom carried it to an extreme. The day ended at sunset out on the 18th fairway of the beautiful River Course, which overlooks the inland waterways and marshes of Kiawah. There, in salute, 21 of us simultaneously drove his favorite ProV Titleist golf balls into the distance, followed by a single bag piper who marched from the green down the length of the hole into the distant pin oaks, as his friends prayed in silence for him. “To continue the bad news, Mr. Dick Heavenrich died from heart failure Aug. 20, 2007, at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was 91. Fortunately there is lots of good news. DALE RANDS reports that he and Robyn have been in Snowmass since the latter part of June and will be back in Michigan after Labor Day, following a long weekend in New York with their grandson, Steven. They are taking him there for his bar mitzvah present. He can’t believe he has a 13-year-old grandson, and yet I have no problem believing he is old, in spite of being younger than I. On the 19th of September, they headed to Portugal for a nine-day cruise, followed by a few days in London. They have begun demolition on the property they acquired next to the Southernmost on the Beach in Key West and expect to have 76 additional rooms ready for the 2008-9 winter season. If any of our classmates happen to be headed for Key West, he would be happy to make arrangements for them to stay at their hotel on the “preferred plan.” That sounds like a pretty good deal to me! He adds that if anyone would like to join us in the planning of our 50th a year from June, please have them contact him at DGR1942@aol.com. While I’m on the subject, please, every one of you, send me an e-mail to update your latest electronic address, street address and telephone. I will be getting into planning our 50th shortly, and I need all the help I can get. Remember, I’m at Hankthird@aol.com. Think of me as retarded and send it even if you think I know it! GORDON PETERSON reports that he and his wife have quietly been raising Warmblood horses in Highland Township, MI, and their four-year-old stallion, Tailored Fortune, is currently in first place for all four-year-old event horses in the country with the U.S. Eventing Association. He will be competing in the finals in September. BILL HESTER reports that he has moved to Leipzig and that they have improved themselves a bit with the apartment; the interior is a little more ornate Victorian style 11-foot ceilings with rosettes, carved door frames, double doors with oval windows, all at only 20% of what the rent would cost in Munich. They are also on an arm of the Elster Canal, which flows between the International School and the place where Bogda works, so there is not much driving to do. The cycling path along the canal goes almost the whole 2 km to her work and the school. Their son, Nathaniel, will be starting with the pre-school group there in October, when the remodeling work has been completed. He thought he would be going more the way of a diplomat with his three languages (English, German and Polish), but he has taken a decided turn in the direction of an interrogator and dicta- tor, typical for his age. TOM BRAY has been tabbed to be the chairman of a special blue ribbon committee to oversee the independence of the Wall Street Journal once Dow Jones is acquired by Rupert Murdoch’s Media Corp. This is a really big deal, although Tom, in usual fashion, downplays it. RICK WILLIAMS has happy news: he reports that his son, Tod, (named after his uncle) is a budding filmmaker and writer. His first film (financed by someone’s other dad) is “Trainwreck,” now making its way through the film festival circuit. He wrote the script and directed the film, kind of amazing for a then 28 year old with no significant prior credits. It is an independent film still looking for distribution, but gaining traction. Variety recently gave it a great review, and it likely will be on the circuit within a year... we shall see. You can Google his name and find a good bit on it. At the same time, his first novel, “Knifeboy,” is being published by Simon & Shuster. It’s not for everyone, but the Hank Hoffmans of the world will find it hilarious. (I interrupt Rick’s comments here to say that I have always agreed that my sense of humor is at best challenged, and I intend to order a copy right away.) The book is set in his days as a Dartmouth College student, when, in the summer following his freshman year, he became the number 1 Cutco salesman in the U.S. A modern day “Catcher in the Rye.” Rick is not well hidden in it. Rick also recently became engaged to Karen Bowman, daughter of Barb Hedrick Bowman, K’58. He says, “Karen is an incredible lady, and I am thrilled!” Great news, Rick! You have now officially taken the title of class cradle robber from Bill Hester! Are you planning on capturing the youngest child title too? CHIP WOOD and I and our ladies are planning a cruise around the Horn in South America next February when it’s cold in the U.S. It is being offered at half price and is a really good deal. We’d be delighted if some of you joined us! Chip is also writing a conservative e-newsletter available at www.straighttalkletter.com. I say it’s a good read, without espousing anything political myself. That is all the news that’s fit to print or that anyone has sent me. Please update your addresses and let’s have that reunion, tentatively planned as “Last Dance at Cranbrook,” before we lose anyone else.

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ABOVE, Kathy Pinlaw Pahler, K’82, and Chip Wilson, K’59

ABOVE, Betsy Wright Jacobus and Jill Doner Kagle, both K’59

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If you are reading this article and have not been contacted, please let me know for I have attempted to contact each of you in the last year. Some of you have acknowledged my attempts but wish to remain “silent,” which I appreciate and will respect. Barbara Lenz and Barbara Morgan are the only classmates the Alumni Office, classmates and I have not been able to find. Letters to Inge Lemmerz and Rosa Olascoaga have not been returned, so perhaps I shall hear from them at some point. I spoke with SHERRY GATLEY WARD’s stepson, who will convey my message to her in Santa Cruz, CA. I have no contact information for Sherry Paasch Aragon, but JAN VARY KUTTEN is in touch with her and told me Sherry and her husband are very well, living in Mexico, where she grew up before attending school in Switzerland and then Kingswood. Sherry continues her longtime career as a librarian. The Aragons have two daughters, one son and now three granddaughters and a grandson. Their daughter, Molly, lives in Boston and is a buyer for an international food company. As for Jan, she and her husband continue to live in Grand Rapids. Their daughter, Sara, who is very artistic and excelled in computer studies in college, has some delicate health issues so lives with the Kuttens with her 9-year-old son. Jan’s daughter, Alicia, who lives nearby has six boys and a baby daughter, Isabel. Jan had a visit from her good friend, MARYANNE MOTT, last spring. Maryanne’s husband, Herman Warsh, and Jan’s husband became fast friends, which, Jan said, added a deeper dimension to their longtime friendship. Maryanne was in Grand Rapids viewing the famous Meijer...
Gardens, for her Flint homestead, Applewood, is contemplating a similar garden. Much to my delight I did hear directly from Maryanne, who splits her time between Santa Barbara and Montana where she has a working cattle and draft horse ranch near Yellowstone Park, which she and Herman purchased in 1978. Very sadly Herman died in April 2006. Maryanne continues her work on three family foundations: C.S. Mott Foundation, Ruth Mott Foundation and C.S. Fund. Her two children, Marie Mott Meynet Stewart and Jean-Charles Meynet, are grown with families of their own. Marie lives in Topsfield, MA, with her husband Bill and their three children. Jean-Charles lives in Santa Ynez, CA, with his two children. Maryanne travels for work and pleasure, plays tennis regularly and loves photographing just about anything. She mentioned that she saw RUTH HANKEY BROWN recently. Ruthie had mentioned to me how fond she was of Herman and missed seeing Maryanne. How nice they have remedied that. Another classmate not heard from for some time is CAROLE DYE LANDIS. In 1993 Carole suffered a stroke, which ended her real estate career and her ability to drive. Upon reading a MLS (Marketing Library Services, I am assuming) book and finding her way by talking with clients, Carole’s disability became slight but, of course, very real. She was only inactive for a year, then was able to substitute teach in a high school in Scottsdale, where she has been ever since. Her condo is not far from Hank Hoffman’s, C’S9, whom she breakfasts with occasionally. She is a political news junkie, plays scrabble, bridge, mah jong and enjoys reading. This past year she has visited Santa Barbara and Park City. Carole often sees her daughter, Kim, and son, Ted, who live in the metro Phoenix area. Kim is a middle school principal, and Ted travels the world as a partner with Accenture. Both children have two children, whom Carole loves to see and appreciates not having to raise. She said she is very happy to re-establish a strong connection and thanks MARYBETH HEINRIC for searching for her. Speaking of Marybeth, in May she asked if I could get together a group for breakfast in the Bloomfield area. I did. Seven of us, plus Marybeth’s sister, Lynne Heinrick Schaeffer, K’S5, met at a local eatery and had a ball. Assembled were: JOYCE HARLAN, SALLY WADDELL GOSHORN, STARK WALKER FOSTER, SHERRY MARKER, KAREN VANFLEET STARK, Marybeth, and I. As we chatted, photos of adorable grandchildren were circulated, Ruth Mott was in town from Chicago to visit Lynne, Sherry was here from Northampton via San Francisco via Greece to see her mother on her (Sherry’s) way back to London, and Sally came down from Walloon Lake in northern Michigan for just that morning. The only disappointment was not seeing the other local classmates who chose not to join the festivities. We missed you.

JOYCE HARLAN is now single and traveling more than ever. Biking continues as her favorite pastime. Last year she biked from Amsterdam to Brussels, and fall of ’08 she will bike Lake Constance in Austria. When not on her bike, Joyce quilts, attends classes in Monterey, Elk Rapids, OH, and Arizona, and is very much a hands-on grandma to her adoring twin grandsons. Bill and SALLY GOSHORN spent two months last year in Pinehurst, NC, golfing and biking when not looking for property. Unfortunately, it was a cool spring, and Sally was disappointed not to horseback ride as much as she had hoped. This past summer, however, was hot, hot, hot on Walloon Lake and she and Bill enjoyed spending long weeks with their progeny. STARR FOSTER and Mitch are as active as ever and travel to Philadelphia often to see Megan and her three children. The youngest turned one this September, and the twin boys are just 3. Chuck lives here with his two absolutely precious children, 3 and almost 2, whom I see regularly at church and the BAC. Son, Mitch, lives nearby as well. Starr continues to garden, which includes trying to control invasive plants on their properties on Lake Angelus and up north. She is also active with the Nature Conservancy. Last April she chaired an invasive symposium with the Gardner’s Guild and the Conservancy. Then in July she had a dinner at their house for a conservancy program in the Bahamas. In April ’08 Starr and Mitch will be traveling to Madeira with Dick and Alison Brewster Jones, K’S5.

SHERRY MARKER celebrated granddaughter, Hannah’s, first birthday and first steps with her in San Francisco. Sherry and her two daughters, Sarah and Jessica, and Jessica’s husband Josh and baby, Hannah, were here in May to celebrate Sherry’s mother’s 89th birthday. When Sherry returned to see her mother in July, it was difficult, for her mother had failed and caregiver issues abounded. So many of us can relate to this, I know. Very sad. Sherry’s spirits remain in tact somehow, and she has not given into jet lag. As this goes to press, I have heard from Sherry who is in Greece. The fires there have been horrific, but fortunately her area has escaped much of the devastation. She says it will be a good century before the trees, etc., come back. Olympia was part of the destruction, but the fires were stopped just outside the ancient site. She understands from friends that there is no green anywhere, just black burnt stumps. Sherry will return to teaching in Northampton come spring. KAREN VANFLEET STARK finds herself in Ohio more than she ever thought, but not often enough as son, Greg, Amy and their daughter, Emma, live in Columbus. MARYBETH HEINRIC, in addition to college counseling in the Deerfield community for 30 years, consults to cappex.com a new dot.com for helping students and colleges find each other. She also consults to two not-for-profit scholarship groups. She recently published the 9th edition of the “K&W Guide to Colleges for Students with LD/ADD.” When not working, she is spending time with her seven grandchildren and traveling to locations such as Bulgaria, Slovakia and Israel where she spent two weeks on a mission to study social issues. I cannot thank her enough for instigating our mini-reunion last May. In Washington, DC, VALERIE FRENCH is recovering beautifully from what was eventually diagnosed as pneumo-nia bacterium, which hit her dramatically and virtually incapacitated her the summer of ’06. She is now able to travel with Bob. In January they beached on Anguilla with Sherry Marker, who introduced them to the area, and in June they visited their newest grandchild, Jane, in Austin, TX. Val loves retirement, although she continues on dissertation and national prize committees.

JILL DONER KAGLE retired in 2002 from her position as dean of the School of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is still active professionally and has recently completed the 3rd edition of “Social Work Records” to be published in December. She suggests we all buy two copies for Christmas gifts! Steven and Jill divide their time between their home on Cape Cod and their condo in San Francisco, where their two sons and five grandsons live as well. They also spend time with BETSY (Bitsy) WRIGHT JACOBUS and her husband, Clay Copeland. Jill, aren’t we disappointed that Bitsy did not respond to my e-mail? You work on her, my dear. BARBARA ZUELZER KUSKO in Poughkeepsie, NY, e-mailed that life goes on and is good. So nice to hear from her. HARRIETT BRAFF COOKE sounds just the same and is still teaching preschool three days a week and enjoys working in pastels, exercising, playing mah jong and participating in her book club. Ken has retired from his work in Carlsbad, CA. When I spoke with her, she was just recovering from foot surgery. Not surprisingly her spirits were up. Harriett’s good friend, DEBBY HOEY, recently retired from teaching but is continuing to serve as an aide three days a week to a fellow teacher. It was her first day back to school when I talked with her, and she loved it. Debby has three children and two grandchildren. She is looking forward to our 50th reunion and regretted that end-of-the-year school activities prevented her from attending other reunions. In 1998, SARA BOWERS BRESCHER also retired from 35 years of teaching kindergarten in Watchung, NJ. Her husband Joe retired after 37 years in corporate law. Sara volunteers at church and sings in the choir. She played flute with the New Jersey Symphony for years, and, now that it has disbanded, she plays with a group that plays in nursing homes and church. A couple years ago Sara had spine surgery and now practices yoga to maintain her health. The Breschers enjoy gardening, reading and travel. Not too long ago Sara and her husband were planning a trip and came across Sherry Marker’s words of wisdom in “Frommer’s Guide to Greece.” She loved it – the info and the country. She sends greetings to you all.

ABOVE, Sara Bowers Brescher, K’S9, and husband Joe at New Jersey Shore
Becky asked each grandchild to submit two stories of the island full time. On her 65th birthday, her mother in eight cars from seven states attended on Isle au Haute, the farthest island off the coast of Maine, where the DeWitts spent their summers for years. Her mother’s ashes were scattered behind the parsonage there, as it was where the senior DeWitts spent their honeymoon. Becky’s two brothers, Rob and John, live on the island full time. On her 65th birthday, Becky asked each grandchild to submit two stories they would like to do with her. One child asked, and received, frosting cookies and a food fight. Oh, what I miss. GALE HUMMEL NILL’s mother continues to be in good spirits and health, so Gale does get “home” to Michigan now and then. In May Ken and Gale’s youngest daughter, Jocelyn, flies! The timing could not have been more than 20 years, from 1955 thru 1976. ANDY BILLESDON is among several classmates that had not been heard from in a long time. He provides this input: “We are just about to move into our new home in Hilton Head, SC, this month and become permanent residents. Carolyn and I picked the Belfair Plantation due to its ambiance (as you drive in, you almost expect a Confederate soldier, musket in hand, to leap out from behind the 100+ year old oak trees that line the road out of the way in). Also, Belfair has two designer golf courses, plus tennis courts, a fitness center, as well as several outdoor and indoor pools. We are also looking forward to using our screened-in lanai, with pool and hot tub, and outdoor kitchen for our combined five children and 10 grandchildren. Still can’t get over Jim Williams passing (but, alas time does pass). We’re looking forward to our 50th reunion in 2010.” In February, BOB BRAUD sent this in: “Not much exciting to report (might be a good thing at our age!). We had a great visit over the Christmas holidays with our daughter, Ellen, and her family. Her husband Massimo is in medical school in Washington, DC (he is an Army officer), so he has very little time off. However, they all spent a week here in Portland. It gave us some quality time with our two granddaughters (3 yrs. and 7 months).” Soon after they left town we had a snowstorm, and I could not get out of the house for two days. Of course, the Internet and phone still worked, so I was able to keep in touch with my salespeople. We changed the name of our company in 2007 and are expanding. If we can find some nice office space in downtown Portland, we hope to add at least 10 real estate brokers more in 2007. The people from Social Security and Medicare have been filling my mailbox with information and questions. I just am not ready to be 65 this year, but I sure the alternative is worse. Fortunately, I have been blessed with good health (due to some daily Chardonnay?), and I do not feel like someone who should consider retiring. Hey – who can afford that today?” Then Bob added this for this month’s report: “Very sad to hear about Richard Heavenrich. He was a fine and respected master. We recently moved our real estate office to the Pearl District in Portland (very trendy)! Just then our largest client by their lenders, the buyers all but disappeared and the lenders are now falling like flies! The timing could not have been
worse. We tripled the rent and our income has gone down by 2/3! Maybe I should have taken more math classes after all! We have 23 licensed brokers now and hope to add two more by the end of the month. One of my favorite fellow Army officers from my time in the military (late 1960s) has retired, and he and his wife of 40 years purchased a floating home on the Columbia River. I am godfather to their first-born son, so we have stayed in touch over the years (he was a career officer – I was just a 90-day wonder). Houseboats provide a nice, peaceful living environment, so Chris and I enjoy visiting and sharing war stories (Chris was an Army nurse – that is how we met).” From TIM COUGHLIN: “Bumper crop of grandchildren this year – Mary Greta Tod born March 7, and Logan William Coughlin, born June 29, have joined sister, Eliza, and brother, Joshua, respectively. The entire Coughlin family is healthy, I am still playing tennis, and the investment advisory business is going well, notwithstanding turbulent market conditions. Contact any classmates traveling to Washington would be welcome.” As noted below, Denise and I saw KEITH DAVIDSON and TED SEYFARTH during our visit to Chicago. Keith took us out for a very pleasant Italian dinner the night before departing for Vancouver, BC. “I very much enjoyed the evening with you and Denise…. Whistler was a good place to vacation. My son, who is age 16, dragged me into a three-hour ATV adventure and a Zip trek ride over treetops and a river, and hiking. But at least it was satisfying to have survived it all despite the aches and pains. As you may know, Whistler and Vancouver have the Winter Olympics in 2010. Much construction for it was going on now, but I imagine it would be great fun to go there for the games in 2010.” Two items from CHARLY HEAVENRICH. In February, he sent this from Boulder: “We’re having a real winter here. Right now it’s 5 degrees, and it’s snowed every weekend for the last seven with more to come. So I’m going on heading over to New Zealand for a month. By then, spring will be just around the corner. I’m scheduled for five more Canyon trips this summer. Hmmm, Medicare and 1100 miles of rowing, not what I had in mind when I was a naïve Cranny.” Charly added this in August: “I’ve just returned from my 86th Grand Canyon trip and have one more on September 11. That will be my sixth trip this year, rowing a heavily loaded raft 226 miles. I’ve never done six trips in one season and am delighted I can still do such demanding work. I just sold a printing of my book, ‘Dancing on the Edge’ and have a manuscript for my next book, ‘Journey of a Lifetime’ which I plan to publish this fall. I was a ‘B-minus’ English student at Cranbrook and never in my wildest imaginings think I would become an author. My DVD, “Spirit of the Canyon: A River Journey Through Time,” continues to sell, and I plan to spend part of the fall/winter expanding it with new tracks. Still loving living in Boulder, CO, although the drives to Flagstaff for my river trips seem to be getting longer. All the best to my classmates. How many of you plan to attend our 50th in three years?” A short note from TOM LEE: “The Lee family is having a big year this year. Our disabled daughter, Lisa, qualified for her first service dog in February. Dexter, a golden retriever, has been a wonderful addition to the family. Our son, Matt, is getting married on 9/15, and our other daughter, Shannon, is giving us our first grandchild in November. It’s hard to beat all of that!” TED SEYFARTH had some comments on our Chicago visit and also some ideas for our 2010 reunion: “Mitch, I enjoyed the e-mail photos and hope you enjoyed the trains. Next time you are here we should plan more time and look at some of the other good things to do in Chicago. I would suggest that you use the column to solicit volunteers to be point men for collecting classmates for the 50th. I rather suspect that some of the Michigan-based alumni have stayed in closer contact with one another than those who have scattered, and we really need one or more of them to be the fulcrum for the event, since any activities will need to be coordinated by a local force. Charly Heavenrich’s asking who is going to attend the 50th, suggests there is more than a little interest in the event.” Here is PHIL SKED’s input from last February: “One of my 14 grandchildren has autism. For the last three years, my one son-in-law (out of five) and I have successfully held a Midwest Bike Race (the Capitol Classic) to raise money for autism. It’s held on the state capitol grounds. With the help of the governor and other state senators, the events have been very successful. We have also been successful in fielding our international bike racing team that will tour in Italy this summer. That has taken four years to raise the money, gain sponsorships and build the better bikes. Keep your fingers crossed on that one. Some of our bikes will be exhibiting new-patented design features not out on the circuit. We are hopeful these features may give some of our riders an edge.” A short note from JOHN SPRAGUE via STEVE BROWN: “We have transitioned our Jazz and Blues Fest from October to April by doing one night in Oct. ’06 and the second night April 14 of this year. Next year we will do two days Friday April 11 and Saturday the 12th. I’ll keep you abreast of what’s happening.” We’ve got two great acts for Blues night (Fri) and Neena Freelon plus another jazz quintet for Sat. Neena has just opened the Newport Jazz Fest, so we have a real winner. Tim Morgan may be coming to visit here in Connecticut in Sept. I’m getting ready to start pressing on our 50th reunion. Don’t want to start too soon, but a few teasers in 2008 will hopefully whet the appetite.” Then this item from BOB STOLOROW: “Here’s a little update on me for the class news. Believe it or not, I have been devoting my summer years to graduate studies in philosophy and am currently a doctoral candidate at the University of California at Riverside. My dissertation will be a revised version of my recently released book, “Trauma and Human Existence: Autobiographical, Psychoanalytic, and Philosophical Reflections” (New York: The Analytic Press, 2007).” As for me, my first El Al 777 flew away on the morning of July 25, 2007. Soon after, Denise Pauley, K’62, and I departed on a two-week trek via Amtrak that took us to the indescribable scenic splendor of Glacier Park and then to Chicago, both via the Empire Builder. The first evening in Chicago, as noted above, we had dinner with Keith Davidson. The next day Ted Seyfarth escorted us on a tour of the Museum of Science and Industry, especially the 1934 Burlington Zephyr streamline train. The next day was spent touring Chicago by water and by bus. We then boarded Amtrak’s California Zephyr for Emeryville, CA. Some disappointment when we learned that, from Denver to Salt Lake City, the train was being rerouted around the Rockies up into southern Wyoming. After a few days in and around San Francisco and Sacramento, it was back to Seattle on the Coast Starlight. Saw lots of amazing scenery, had some good conversations in the diner (despite the food), all in all another reminder of what a big and wonderful country this is. Soon after our return, the second and last El Al 777 departed at 3 a.m. on August 17. As I write this, I have one more week at Boeing then knee replacement followed by a two-to-three month convalescence, then full retirement around the end of the year. Then it’s full speed ahead to 2010, the year we renew contact.
have given me six grandchildren. Bob’s five children have nine, so 15 grandchildren.” Last summer Brookside School turned 85 years old, and there was a special reunion in June with many former teachers and students attending. It was fun to see Wallace and Mayble Cripps (who you all should remember as the 6th grade math teacher and his wife as pre-kindergarten teacher and secretary), along with teacher Harold and wife Jean Smart. Photos from the past were displayed all over the school with most of them from the Brookside archives. Of course, Brookside has grown so much over the years, but what I miss is the courtyard where we played jacks. I loved going early to school back in those days and hanging in the math room with Barb Cripps Tracy and her dad, Wallace Cripps, who told me a story. It had to do with the blackboard, but now as I try to tell it, I am unable to remember it – maybe in the next issue of Tradition, which to tell it, I am unable to remember it –

ABOVE, Reunion at Brookside’s 85th Anniversary

have traveled and met wonderful people! I went on a Mediterranean cruise with my two sisters this summer. I am still involved with antiques and my own flower business. I am looking toward to our BIG REUNION! I will be there. I am sending a photo of my baby horse, Socks. POLLY OPPENHEIMER WEISBERG has had a lot of events happen over the last several months. Her husband had a heart attack on the tennis court and had emergency triple bypass surgery. He has made a startling recovery and is about ready to start playing tennis again, and Polly cannot believe how lucky they are. “My miniature horse farm continues to do well. We have had several National Champions last year, and I am gearing up to go to the National Show again the end of September. If anyone would like to see what a mini looks like, they can go to my Web site: www.losarbollesfarm.com. I would be glad to provide any fellow classmates or their grandchildren with one of these little charmers.” It was great to hear from MAUD COOPER PLUMER who says “all children, daughters-in-law are healthy, happy and employed at jobs they like – what more could you ask?” I’m feeling a little ancient as my oldest and only grandson is driving. He isn’t too bad either. Last fall drove to Maine, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, water everywhere and lovely little towns and friendly people. We continue to volunteer at Lighthouse and were honored as volunteers of the year, last year. We feel as though we make a difference in some lives, and that is a good feeling. One of the programs at Lighthouse takes in homeless and/or abused women with children and teaches them to clean their apartment, budget and write checks. They must work or go to school for a two-year period – that program over 10 years is 92 1/2% successful. We have our lovely home on Lake Charlevoix and have been there a lot this year. I still knit a lot and have found a new yarn shop. While talking to the women who work there, I mentioned that we have a home up north, and I knit four hours coming and going. One of the women asked where I live. I told her East Jordan, near Boyne (no one knows East Jordan). She did, as she grew up there, and her parents still live there, small world. One other coincidence that happened was when we went to Mexico and swam with the dolphins. We were separated into two groups. I was with three young 12- or 13-year-olds. We asked where everyone was from – two girls from Alberta and one from Bloomfield Hills. I asked her where she went to school, and the answer was Cranbrook. The world is small. My best wishes to all.” Speaking of coincidences, MARION MERCER-HALL also had one. “I had a wonderful small world experience this summer at Chautauqua, NY. I was standing by my house talking to a friend, and I heard a voice behind me say ‘Duckins’? When I turned around to look, I said, ‘You are from Kingswood, and I recognized my ‘little sister,’ Carolyn Hastings.
Above, Kameron and Stephanie, great-grandchildren of Susan Fead Coflin, K’60

She was visiting a friend and had learned from our newsletter that I was visiting Chautauqua. Actually, we both have family connections there that go back to the early 1900s. We had such fun getting reacquainted and spending time together. My other news is that I have retired from teaching, and Robert has sold his company. We want to rent our house for a year, travel and generally relax. After that, it’s anyone’s guess where we will be and what we will be doing. BARBARA BOWEN OBERG made it in time. She writes that her husband Perry and she celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a wonderful stay in Italy (Rome and Umbria) this summer. “Truly wonderful – both the trip and our 25 years. I continue to, with great pleasure and challenge, teach history and do research on Thomas Jefferson at Princeton University. In between, I serve as a ‘flying nanny’ sometimes (this phrase taken from an article in the New York Times), flying to Portland, ME, for example, to watch after my 4-month-old granddaughter while her parents (both doctors) are on call for the same weekend. One of the pleasures of recent years has been being in touch with both MARY-LOVE RUSSELL HARMAN and SUZIE HAPKE BOWMAN. It has been wonderful seeing and communicating with both of them.”

HANLEY BIRD COX has had a year of great travels. “First a wonderful trip to Morocco with a group called Botany in Action. What a fabulous way to see a remarkable country. This was followed by a trip to France to visit a college friend who had a mini reunion of college friends at her husband’s family home. Finally, we had fun visiting family and friends throughout the year. Besides travel, I keep busy with work, still organizing and also working part time for an interior designer. I also am involved on a volunteer basis with a local agency that assists those in need in our community as well as provides subsidized housing for low-income seniors in the area. Life is good – I am very lucky.”

EDITH FOLEY STRUIK told about her mom having a major stroke while vacationing in southern France last June (Ob), and Edith has been traveling to see her in London, England; Detroit, MI; Olympia, WA, and Sarasota, FL, for a week each month to be with her and to encourage her in her rehabilitation. “All of the children and grandchildren were at our beach house on Sunset Beach, NC, the first of August.” Edith and her husband Henk will leave for the Netherlands, Geneva, Switzerland, and southern France to visit family and friends. “This fall we will attend a University of Michigan football game, cheering on our beloved Wolverines. We still love living in North Carolina and welcome any classmates who are in the area.” Three of our classmates live in Harbor Springs, MI. First was a note from JOSIE JOY MACLEAN who keeps in touch with Margie Burch and GINNY CROSS WALDEN. “We’ve had a wonderful summer with day after day of sunny, warm weather, which has been very conducive to kayaking and swimming which I do with Margie Burch. I sold our family cottage last winter and moved into a condo across the harbor with a beautiful view of my former house. I really love my new space as it is just perfect for my needs. It allows me more time to do things in the community and spend my time helping others. I opened a Christian Science practitioner’s office in Petoskey with two friends last December and also as a mediator for the Northern Community mediation. Our area planned parenthood is hosting a fundraiser in October. My three boys are all here right now, having spent the summer working in restaurants in the area. They enjoy being here and whenever they have a day off, they go the UP (Upper Peninsula of Michigan) to surf when there are big waves and high winds. I go to California to visit family – mom, step-dad, Jim, brother, Jeff, and sister, Patsy. Mom is always busy in the kitchen creating something yummy, and Jim walks their two rescued Goldens. Jeff treats us to cookouts and a swim at the La Jolla Beach Club, and Patsy is coming for a visit in October from Geneva. Take care and give everyone my love. I hope all our classmates are enjoying life and are healthy.”

BARBARA DAY GIESEN has a cottage near Mackinaw City with a dial-up connection, so even checking e-mail is tedious. “The big change in my life since the last letter is the arrival of my first grandchild and the news that a second one is on the way. Evelyn was born in March to my daughter, Berry, and her husband Jeff who live in Chicago. My other daughter, Katie, also lives in Chicago. My son, Jim, and his wife Anne are due in September. Unfortunately for me, they both teach at Mississippi State. I’ve spent two weeks at a ‘dude’ ranch in Arizona in February the last two years. It is beautiful country, and we ride every day, but it has been 35 years since I’d been on a horse. I still knit and weave a lot, try new weave structures, new fibers and play with color. It’s a great way to express yourself and to forget about any other stresses in your life for the time being. On the whole, life is good and I’m enjoying it. Hi to all.”

SUZIE WAGNER MOSSMAN has a cottage near Waubay Beach in Watertown, WI for a two-month bicycle trip in Europe. My daughter, Kameron and Stephanie, live in Maryland. That
Andy Good sent me the following information.

**THOMAS PUTNAM KINGSBURY**
died Aug. 30, 2007, after a difficult bout with pancreatic cancer. Condensed from his obituary – he wanted to be remembered as the vital and enthusiastic man that he was. Tom thought of himself as a numbers and teacher guy, but he was so much more than that. His life revolved around sports and his family. He spent most of his life based at or near the Minneapolis area, but it was often just a jumping off point for places around the world. He worked with computers and airlines; programming them, training in new applications, marketing new systems and working with staffs to support the new systems. As a major part of working for Unisys Airlines Division for 25 years was that he lived and worked around the world, from Tokyo to Denmark to Madrid with stopovers in Australia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Portugal, and finally several years stay in Helsinki. His daughters started school in Europe and were fluent in several languages when the family returned to the USA. Living in the USA gave him the chance to coach his daughters’ softball and soccer teams which he really enjoyed as he worked with them into high school. In his spare time, he was quite active in other sports such as basketball, soccer, skydiving (as a certified trainer), golf and SCUBA (also as a certified trainer). Up to the end nothing was appreciated more by him than doing something with his family, such as a good game of golf. A good friend of his, Jacque Potter, said in his e-mail reporting Tom’s death, “I would like to think he is getting birdies right now on the best golf course he has every had the opportunity to play.”

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many years heading up the family business, manufacturing highway guardrails, they sold the “family farm” in 1985 and moved from Flint to the Detroit area. “It turned out to be a great move for me in that my business took me into the private equity and venture capital arena. My company, The Anderson Group, has been acquiring and managing various companies since then. I guess you would say I’m a deal junkie. It’s been fun and I probably work harder today than I have at any time in my life. I now live in Franklin, MI, and my office is in Bloomfield Hills, a stone’s throw from Cranbrook.” He and his wife Nancy are approaching their 40th anniversary. They have three boys, all graduates of Cranbrook, Billy, CK’89, lives in Boston, Adam, CK’91, in Denver, and Stephen, CK’96, in San Francisco. He says that Billy and Adam are married to terrific women and are enjoying life. His youngest, Stephen, has his own tech firm and is doing well. Adam has two children, Evan and Dessa. Although Barry still can’t accept the fact that he is old enough to be a grandfather, he admits to the pleasure they bring. He has a vacation home in Aspen and uses it to bribe the kids into visiting. Nancy spends the winters and summers there, and he joins her as often as he can. He would love to hear from any and all of his classmates, especially in Michigan or Colorado. JOEL COHEN writes that most recent news is his son, Adam E. Cohen, started as assistant professor of physical chemistry at Harvard July 1, 2007. He also knows how to cook. His daughter continues her serious responsibilities at Pfizer in New York. “They are each a blessing to me,” he says. As for me, I continue my new career in stained glass and trying to get information from our classmates.

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DAVE BENHAM (dad@dodgeboy.net) has entered a new stage in life. “I retired from Chrysler at the end of May. I don’t miss work at all, at least not that work. I do miss the people though. Our son gave me a retirement present of a one-week trip to anyplace we wanted to go. Long story, but he was waiting until a family retirement party to tell me (my brother-in-law retired the week before I did). The party got postponed several times in order to line up attendance of the maximum number of family members. By the time the party came off, it was too late to research a good cottage situation, so we rented an RV, and my wife, dog and I went to the Apostle Islands, Porcupine Mountains and Copper Harbor and a 1700+ mile whirlwind tour which we just completed. We had a ball. Other than that, a long list of honey-do’s continually awaits me.” JESS BREWER (jess@jck.net) “I’ve started the retirement process: starting 1 Jan 2009, I go on half time, meaning I go fishing Jan-May and just do research in the summer. We’ll see if that gives me enough space to write that great SF novel. Just to get myself in trouble, I wrote the following letter to the Vancouver Sun about an article they ran on Dawkins’ new book: ‘The Trouble With

Religion: Margaret Somerville’ (‘Attackers of religion....’, Aug 20 Issues & Ideas) faults Richard Dawkins for his ‘fundamentalist atheism’ and praises the ideal of an inclusive secular society built on shared ethics. I applaud that ideal, but I think she glosses over the main problem: we don’t have such a society today. Atheism may be gaining ground, but (as she points out) that just adds another faction intent upon taking over the world of belief. The trouble with religion starts when two or more of you are gathered in His name (whoever you think He is) and speak those dreaded words, ‘We believe....’ Religion Is a good thing, but only as long as the believer has the strength of conviction to believe without reinforcement from others. Religion is personal and private. People must be judged by what they do, not by what they claim to believe or by which tribe they join. People must be seen as individuals, not as representatives of an organization. Organizations have a universal mandate to expand and achieve domination and therein lies the trouble with religion. I agree with Somerville that religion is often good. But I agree with Dawkins that Organized Religion is universally evil. What is my religion? None of your damn business!’ They published it, minus the last line and without all the clarifying capitalization. I expect a Vatican death squad at my door any minute. They’ll have to fight it out with the teams from other tribes to see who gets to kill me first.”

PETE CUMMINS (comart45@tds.com) took some time off from operations and hospital stays to play with his toys. “After letting the new seven coats of paint on the MG rest for days, I wet sanded from 400 grit, 600 grit, 800 grit, 1000 grit, 1500 grit up to 2000 grit on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Tuesday I grabbed the Makita DA polisher with 8” foam pads and first used 3M Perfect-it Rubbing Compound, then 3M Perfect-it Polishing Compound, then 3M Perfect-it Finesse Finishing Glaze. Emily even came out and wanted to work on getting rid of any and all compound that was left built up in all seams. It looks so great, extremely deep with a mirror shine. I’m scared to take it out on the road. (The last paint job was done at a body shop with just okay upper surfaces, but orange peel on sides, chrome strip on down). No orange peel at all this time around. Every time I go in the garage I have to stop and stare at my nice work. It is better than a factory paint job. A side note: I got rid of the old luggage rack on the trunk and filled welded the holes.

A friend in Memphis who owns an MG repair shop has always said that he hates luggage racks on MGs because they ruin the nice lines of the bodywork. I have to agree with him. The car does have beautiful bodylines, and it looks so much better without that big chrome rack sitting on top of the trunk. Oops, the boot.) Thursday was to be my day to change gearbox oil, lube U-joints, brake cable and front end and to just do a general check of the underside. Maybe some undercoating. Emily was going to pour the oil into a funnel with long tube snaked down to the side fill plug on transmission while I stayed under the car ready to put the filler plug back in when the oil started to overflow. She enjoys helping and turning wrenches with me on the
MG. I wanted to get this done, since I’ve had the car jacked up extra high on tall jack stands for doing all of the body work and painting, much more room underneath than normal. I got on the creeper, armed with breaker bar and 3/4” socket. Shifted my body to my left side so I could have a better attack position. As I was rolling on my left side, I felt a ‘Pop’ in the left side of my rib cage. Crap! Never even got to put the socket on the drain plug. Laid back on my back and stayed there staring at the greasy underside of the car for at least 10 minutes, angry at my luck. I was wearing a large abdominal binder to protect my ostomy. Well now that binder will be used for the rib. Emily insisted on taking me to ER. The last place I wanted to be since all of my hospital time this year. That was an all-day affair. Got x-rays that showed nothing according to the x-ray techs. Never did get the results from the ‘kid’ doctor (who spent more time in the beginning lecturing me about smoking).”

STEVE JAFFE (stephenrjaffe@gmail.com) e-mails from San Francisco: “My youngest son, Jordan, CK’00, finished taking the California bar exam last July and young son, Jordan, CK’00, finished taking the California bar exam last July and passed! I am so proud! I attended the ceremony and spoke to my son. My other son, Steven, 16, lives with his mother in our old house in Walled Lake. I have moved to our house in Greenbush, north of Oscoda on Lake Huron. It is pretty lonely up here, but I have two very companionable Basset Hounds, Lucy and Lassie, keeping me company.

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A number of our classmates wrote to let us know of their pleasure in celebrating some of life’s milestone events. MARCIA DENTON ROSSETTO joined CLAYTON DORN COBURN in the fall of 2006 at Glenlorn, the Dorn family property in Bradford, PA, to celebrate Clayton’s 60th birthday. Marjoe’s son, Matthew, 33, is pursuing his interest in the arts. From the Boston area, PENNY HAUSER-CRAM writes that she and Bestor are not moving to another place anytime soon as they have a teenage daughter at home. Bestor is still running his film company, making lots of films for museums, and Penny continues “professing” at Boston College. Last spring Penny had a wonderful experience working with the cross-border commission for the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland as they work together to develop programs for children. It was encouraging for Penny to see the strong economy in Ireland and the many changes toward peace in Northern Ireland. ANNE CLARK CARLYLE sends a big “Hi” to all. Jim and I look forward to the completion of our home in South Carolina and hope to celebrate the 2007 holidays there.

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BRUCE HENDERSON continues to forward occasional pieces of political commentary but has sent nothing lately about the Henderson clan to pass on. After moving his Turnip Video production company from Carrboro/Chapel Hill to Durham, NC, JIM MCGUARD completed his short film, “After the Peak,” about the end of cheap oil. He showed the film in March at a local meeting on energy issues to an audience of 200, drawing good reviews. Jim is seeking a cable outlet and to record interviews with Steve and his employees and some of the gallery staff and private collectors with whom Steve works. Jim has yet to edit the material, but he found doing the piece “a lot of fun.” No word from Steve. Inveterate summer traveler and post card reporter, BOB TAGGART, dropped a note during his latest annual trip with Karen, this time to northern California, where they visited Eureka, Lassen Volcanic Park and the Napa and Sonoma wine country. Did not appear they were traveling Sideways, but the post card shows a breathtaking view of the historic Point Reyes Lighthouse and its 308 stairs. Janine and I will spend a long Labor Day holiday in Carriacou, Grenada, so these Class Notes must anticipate the Tradition deadline by about two weeks. Anything received after August 22 will be included in the spring issue. Will mail post cards this fall to those classmates who do not have e-mail in hopes of inviting material. Best to all.

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ABOVE, Santiago Perciavalle, grandson of Margarita Espanol Perciavalle, K’64

in January 2008 during Uruguay’s summer. In April SUSIE SHILE BLACK was mother of the groom at a destination wedding for their son, Ben, CK’97. NANCY EMERMAN SOLOMON and I had a great chat this summer as Nancy and Steve complete their first year of living in Delray Beach, FL. Enjoyment of unstructured time and meeting “lots of nice people” agrees with Nancy. Steve is “working” on learning to play golf under the guidance of the staff at Golf Tech. Her daughter, Julie, 30, lives nearby and is studying to be a surgical technician with a plan of working in a medical examiner’s office. Julie’s husband is opening a restaurant in West Palm Beach, FL. Back in Birmingham, MI, Nancy’s son, Matthew, 33, is pursuing his interest in the arts. From the Boston area, PENNY HAUSER-CRAM writes that she and Bestor are not moving to another place anytime soon as they have a teenage daughter at home. Bestor is still running his film company, making lots of films for museums, and Penny continues “professing” at Boston College. Last spring Penny had a wonderful experience working with the cross-border commission for the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland as they work together to develop programs for children. It was encouraging for Penny to see the strong economy in Ireland and the many changes toward peace in Northern Ireland. ANNE CLARK CARLYLE sends a big “Hi” to all. Jim and I look forward to the completion of our home in South Carolina and hope to celebrate the 2007 holidays there.

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ABOUT ALUMNI / LATE FALL 2007 / 63
Tom and Sandy are still "going strong." This May they attended the Berkshire Hathaway annual meeting in Omaha and found it "fascinating" (?). Tom says: "It really is the Woodstock for adults, and I [presumably Warren Buffett and Charlie Munger were in fine form?]!" Now, I didn't follow up on the "fascinating" aspect of Brother VanHorn's trip, but I did check out BH's stock today and it is $119,300, up $910 at the close. Practice of law pretty good, in Wisconsin, is it, Tom? I heard briefly from BOB MCCORMICK, but he asked if he could get a pass for this edition until after SID BARTHWELL's 60th birthday bash in Detroit. We're going to hold you to that, Mackie! We want details! SPENCE "Buzz" MIERAS and I also exchanged a couple of e-mails since my last report. He made me promise not to mention the hole-in-one (this second) that he got last April, so I won't. Otherwise, things are fine with Spence and the family. JOHN ALLEN spent his 60th in Rome where he and his family went to celebrate his older daughter's graduation from University of Wisconsin and his younger daughter's graduation from high school. Daughter No. 2 is also off to UW this fall. The family visited Rome, Sienna, Florence and Venice. John and Jeanne are not looking forward to empty nest- ing. And this edition's winner of "The Most to Share with his Classmates Award" goes to RON SILL. (I found his e-mail in my "junk" box, stuck between "Your case of CAlis is ready" and "You, too, can be 3 inches longer!"). Ron had this contribution for all of you (get comfortable, now): "OK, this has been the driest year in recorded history here in SoCal, and so I've spent some time landscaping with rocks, astro turf and drought tolerant plants (for the most part). Our middle daughter asked us to throw an engagement party for her, so we kicked up the projects to include a new deck in the backyard and about 1000 sq ft of sod. Up in the high desert (Mojave) the sod gets cut after sundown and is delivered before sunup, so I got my son to stay up until about 3 a.m. to direct the delivery folks to the right spot so our gardener could get it on the ground later that morning. All the work got done in time for the party, which was a big success. Commuting, as I do, on the train everyday I have about an hour (each way) to read, nap, whatever, so I've read more in the last couple of years than I've done in a long time. Recently it's been Pulitzer winners, McMurtry ("Lonesome Dove," et al.), Pen-Warren ("All the Kings Men"), Steinbeck (thrill of not grapes yet, I re-read "Cannery Row" [4th time] and "Sweet Thursday," "East of Eden is next after I finish the scroll version of "On the Road"). I've read a bunch of Hunter Thompson and P.J. O'Rourke, Tom Friedman, Bob Woodward and Tom Paine to get primed for the race to the White House... Ah, the White House, what the heck are those bozos thinkin'? Do they really think that those of us who vote are all that dumb, blind, uninformed, unplugged or otherwise removed from reality as they seem to be? I used to think that the Constitution had some degree of sway over the shenanigans going on, but who knew that dried up yellowing old document could be so completely ignored after Nixon bolted. Ah, but we do still have some of those Nixon cronies around, don't we? Been trying to keep up w/ The Gov, didn't I say I thought it was likely it'd shoot for the WH? It looks to me like he'll get the GOP nod. Of that pack of rats it's hard to see who else has the legs to finish. And if Hillary or Barack get on the ticket I can't say if America is really ready for either of them and Edwards, well, who knows, I can't make up my mind there, yet...Enough of that. While we took some time off our horse activities we got back into the swing doing a block party down in South L.A. for one of my wife's friends. We had about 50 kids and a handful of adults up on our big horse (standing, supported by our daughter and spotted by my wife) while I walked the horse up and down the street. We also brought our potbelly pig and our miniature horse. The kids down there were really excited, since most of them have never been that close to any horse let alone a huge one and a tiny one. Our son made balloon animals, and his girlfriend did face painting, a good time was had by all. We could have booked two more events like that, but the two-hour trip to get back down there led us to decline for now. We really enjoy doing these events as opposed to competition I think I've had about as much of the intensity of prepping for competing as I can stand. As you pointed out we have reached a certain milestone in our lives. Not that I feel old, I sure don't. I'm sure there's more, but that's enough for now. "Ron, you're the greatest! As for moi, I celebrated my 60th with three wonderful — I almost said old — friends from Kingswood-Granbrook: Stu White, C'66, Fran Stair White, K'65, and Judy Conrad Sherman, K'66. This quartet has been drawn and held together by the Internet over the years. When the topic of what each of us was going to do for our birthdays was raised in May, we decided to celebrate together in August (my birth month) at my vacation home south of Ocean City, MD, near Assateague Island. Stu (from Ann Arbor), Judy (DC area) and Fran (Westport, CT) with spouses, to our place, where we wore shirts that read "60 Rocks Reunion,” ate entirely too much food, played CDs from the 60s and 70s, and told stories for 48 hours, all the while sipping only sparkling water and chamomile tea. My son put together a particularly poignant collection of songs whose lyrics dealt with the more serene
aspects of aging: e.g., "This could be the last time" and ...what a drag it is getting old" (Stones), "When I get older, losing my hair..." (Beatles); "Dr., my eyes..." (Jackson Brown); "That old feeling" (Chet Baker); "It’s getting to the point where I’m not fun anymore" (Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young). Cute kid! Despite it all, we played golf, went on boat rides and generally had a great time with one another. It looks like my golfing days are numbered, temporarily at least. A nagging pain-in-the-butt turned out to be an arthritic hip, which will have to be replaced soon. I did manage to play all night during the summer solstice in Ostersund Sweden (just below the Arctic Circle). Probably wasn’t the smartest thing to do with a bum hip, but it was quite an experience. (Buzz. Ever hit a wedge off the parmacrof? Don’t I!) I thought we might have heard from PETE WERBEL. In his last letter he said he was planning a killer 60th “Zinfandel” birthday party in April. Anybody take him up on his invitation to attend? As for MITT ROMNEY, consult your local newspapers for time and station. That’s it for now. Don’t forget that Tradition has a spring edition. I expect some 60th birthday stories from you “younger” members of the class later this year. Keep in touch. PS: If you e-mailed me and I didn’t report it here, I apologize. I have an aggressive spam-detector at home and although I check my junk box regularly, I may have missed your e-mail if that’s where it ended up. Please resend the e-mail but send it to my law firm gmdonald d@turnermcdonaldlaw.com. We let anybody in there!

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Most everyone who sent news this time had a comment about this being our “big” birthday year. I am confident we will all make the transition into our 60s with verve and style! SUSAN BIRNDORF wrote that she has had a very full and exciting summer, finishing her first term in distance master’s program in public health at the University of Washington in Seattle. She said “had to spend a month there… twist my arm, what a gorgeous city!” She was able to rendezvous with RUTH WILNER ENGELBERG and since she has to return four more times, hopes to carve out more time to see Ruth. Susan’s oldest daughter, Malkah, got married in Detroit and happily cast off her hyphenated name to become Malkah Bird. Her son, Levy, is finishing his Ph.D. in geochemistry at Arizona State, and her youngest, Chava, just started law school at Columbia. Susan had dinner at Fran Stair White’s house when she attended Chava’s college graduation. Susan claims she is exhausted and is just going to sit quietly and wait for her 60th birthday, so she will be able to party again! LOUISE BOWEN LECKLITNER says that not too much exciting is going on in her life right now but says that is just fine! Her family is well, she enjoys being a grandmother, and she “has been with the same man for 16 years!” She continues to work for the county in San Diego and claims that most days she enjoys what she does. GINA BURNES NUTTALL is waiting for a date for her left-hip replacement surgery (right one done a year ago) and is not staying too far from home. She did travel to California in May to visit her dad who is in a nursing home in Santa Monica. Gina said it was an emotionally difficult trip, but her son, Dan, and sister, Kathy, from Boston, were with her for support. Gina says, “if you have to suffer the slings and arrows of growing old and infirm, there’s the place to do it!” Gina claims that the big 6-0 event crept on her quite unexpectedly one day in May, and suddenly overnight she has become what the Brits call a “pensioner,” and she can’t get her head around that because retirement is not an option, either financially or preference- tially. She is torn when she goes to the movies between the agony of admitting her senior status or the ecstasy of a cheaper ticket! Her work with children’s educational publishing, however, keeps her “young- attuned.” Current projects include commissioning and editing a series of action adventures for reluctant boy readers and co-writing an illustrated first dictionary based on Nickelodeon characters, so she is guilt-free watching kids’ TV. YVETTE DAUNIC HOWARD writes that she just returned from spending a week on Cape Cod with her whole family. After a week with four children under the age of two, the grandparents need another vacation. Their nine-bedroom beach house, formerly a B&B, had plenty of space and everyone enjoyed the sand and the water. Yvette is still quilting and serves on the board of an art center. She has “endured the dreaded anniversary.” Her family felt very safe at her leisure. Feral cat patrol and a bag of cat food keep the seagulls aloft! Betsy extends an invitation to any classmates who want to come for a visit for fishing and swapping tall tales! BONNIE HUMSEY HELMER admits that she has been out of touch for a while. She moved to Orlando and married Joe Helmer in January 2003 and subsequently moved to Miami where Joe’s son, Robert, was enrolled at the University of Miami. A back injury forced Robert to give up catching for Miami’s baseball team, and he graduated this May with a degree in civil engineering. While in Miami, Bonnie and Joe started their own ecommerce business selling DVDs on eBay, Half.com and Amazon, but missed Orlando and Disney and moved back there last summer. Their business has been down since February while they complete a system redesign to add CDs and books to their offerings and hope to be back up and running by the end of September. Bonnie felt she would be the last person in the world to be a businesswoman and credits Joe with helping turn this into a viable business and keeping her sane through 16-hour workdays and months with no breaks. Bonnie enclosed a picture of her and Joe having dinner at Akershus in Norway at Walt Disney World. CHRYSTINE JONES TAUBER connected with Mary Weir McCann in Ocala, FL, while spending the winter in Wellington. Chrystine spent her time in Florida judging horse shows, attending meetings and riding and training a few horses. She and George have finished the addition to their house in New Jersey, “seven months behind schedule over-over-budget.” They lost their beloved Norfolk terrier, Hannah, this summer at age 13 and are looking for a puppy to be a companion to Maggie, age 11. New Jersey summer weather has resulted in a bumper crop for fruits and vegetables, and the Taubers are becoming adept at making preserves, pies, applesauce, etc. under the label of “Topsmead.” George will retire from the Tewksbury Township Committee in January and is contemplating going back into the business world. They are avidly

ABOVE, Bonnie Humsey Helmer, K’65, and husband Joe

are amazed at how the two years since their marriage have flown by. Ann’s daugh- ter, Jennifer, continues her hard work as president and publisher of C Magazine and Santa Barbara Magazine. Jennifer and hus- band Nick recently celebrated their ninth anniversary. Her son, Michael, continues his DJ career around the country and has grown his background music business to 20 clients. His Web site is: smitheventmusic. com if you want to hear some “cool” music samples. Ann returns to Michigan on occasion to visit her sister, Suzy, and hopes to see Kingswood classmates on her next visit. BETSY HARRIS writes that she wishes she had outrageous news to share but is happy that her home front is pleasantly peaceful. She enjoys eBaying her way through retirement at her home on Coldwater Lake in Weidman, MI. Betsy rid herself of her “money-pit” of a pontoon boat, built a longer dock and enjoys fishing at her leisure. Feral cat patrol and a bag of cat food keep the seagulls aloft! Betsy claims that most days she enjoys what she does.
following Mitt Romney’s campaign. Chryistine is now secretary of the U.S. Equestrian Federation as well as vice-president of the U.S. Hunter Jumper Association and has a busy fall schedule of meeting and judging numerous equestrian championships in the northeast, Washington, DC, and Los Angeles. She hopes to find time to enjoy foxhunting with the Essex Fox Hounds in New Jersey. After nearly 33 years in Seattle, BETTY KRAUSE RUDDY moved to Manhattan 10 months ago after a divorce. She is finding NYC an exciting, noisy and stimulating place she has barely begun to explore. She had lunch recently with Fran Stair White, and they have plans to explore the city together. Betty’s children, Katie, 27, and Walter, 24, also live in New York, and Betty has enjoyed having them close by. Katie is in her second year of graduate school at the NYU Wagner School of Public Policy and is passionate about educational reform. After working on a U.S. Senate campaign for a year, Walter has just started a job with a reinsurance company. Betty is trying to figure out how to spend time in her new single life. A year ago, she received her MFA in writing and literature from the Bennington Writing Seminars, which she thought was fantastic. Now that she is settled in her new apartment, Betty hopes to do more writing, especially essays. Betty ran into Anne Fuchs Towbes at the Hertz rental car bus in Detroit and hopes to keep in touch with Ruth Wilner Engelberg who was her neighbor in Seattle. Betty reports that she had three parties to “cushion the blow” of turning 60. Betty urges Manhattan visitors to give her a call at (212) 249-5908.

KARIN CHRISTIANSEN FOWLER reports that she is now working full time as director of marketing and communications at the central Indiana Easter Seals affiliate and loves it almost all the time. She and Andy just celebrated their 40th anniversary and enjoy their seven “adorable” grandchildren. Candy says “life is good”!

MARY WEIR McCANN shares that all goes well on “The Farm” in Ocala, FL. She and husband Lynn built a new barn with guest quarters attached for visiting kids and grandkids (five so far) and perhaps a caretaker/farm manager quarters when they get older and can’t do the farm work. Mary’s parents will move into a house next door that she and Lynn built for them. Mary’s mom has Alzheimer’s and her dad is 87; Mary doubts they will return to Bloomfield Hills next spring. She enjoyed seeing Chrystine Jones Tauber — hadn’t seen each other in 30 years and they ended up calling KARIN CHRISTIANSEN FOWLER for a good chat. Mary and Lynn celebrated her 60th with a trip to Costa Rica and Panama and said the rainforest was amazing and traversing the Panama Canal was truly an experience. Son, Brit, 35, is happily living in the Virginia Highlands area of Atlanta, and Katey, 32, is nestled in Burlington, VT — both are happy, healthy and wonderful. Mary and Lynn are working hard on their farm, which they love, and it helps keep them in shape. Both are avid golfers; Mary is club champion at the County Club of Ocala, crediting her golfing prowess to her field hockey days at Kingswood — same swing! I have been amazed that being class secretary has re-connected me to many of you. I called Mary Weir McCann for news of the Gore and Roosevelt travel, and both of us mentioned the Galapagos Islands as a place we’d like to visit. After thinking about that talk, I booked a trip for John and me with “National Geographic”; we leave at the end of November. Then Ilene Rogers Tyler e-mails her news of a trip there and sends me their on-line photo album. From the Kingswood address list, I noted that JANE MAYS LYON lives in Williamsburg, VA. After my youngest son’s wedding in the northern neck of Virginia on 9/8, John and I planned to look at Williamsburg as a potential retirement spot, so I e-mailed Jane, and now we are meeting Jane and her husband Chuck for dinner to check out where they live and the reason they chose that area. Jane shared that five years ago Chuck sold his business, Jane closed her interior decorating business, and they moved to Williamsburg from northern Virginia. John and I will be in Orlando in early November and hope to visit Mary Weir McCann in Ocala. What fun all these re-connections are! Our first grandchild, Eliza, was born in May to my eldest son; I am sure I might have a photo or two to share in the next Tradition! Thanks for keeping in touch.

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I am deeply saddened to report that I did not win the aforementioned trip to Branson, MO, (two weeks at the Yakov Smirnoff Pleasure Palace) for soliciting the most responses from a single class. I am undaunted and will visit Branson anyway on my route to Las Vegas where I will move in with JEFF STARR for an extended stay. Rhea writes, “Mitt Romney came to Vegas briefly to speak to his volunteers, and I weaseled in as part of the media corps (media I’m not). At any rate I got to speak to him briefly and was interviewed by the local newspaper. He remembered his old buddy, Rhea, who he used to ‘torture,’ and actually he is quite the impressive speaker. Just think how much taxation goes up at our alma mater if he’s elected.” My winter plans were to personally visit all the members of our class who did not make it for the grand 40th Reunion: kind of a farewell tour. I will give you a few days notice so that you can arrange full hookups for my Winnebago. It was with sadness that RAY BUCH notified me that our honored and legendary math teacher, Richard Heavenrich, passed away earlier this summer at the age of 91. All of us have some emotional imprint of this man from our youth. Dr. BEN BRYANT, from Battle Creek, wrote, “I’m sure you remember the stories about ‘Ernie’ when he used to be the designated master patrolling the dorms at night and how he used to take one shoe off and then run down the hall, so the shoe would make a sound only every other step, and it would sound like he was walking. This allowed him to approach a suspect room more quickly than people anticipated. This story is probably apocryphal, but it was believed at the time.” BOB “Thal” GOLDENTHAL got sentimental when he essentially remembered that same story. I saw tear stains that Thal’s e-mail. “I’m very sad to hear about the urn. I remember his using sneakers to catch culprits in the residence halls. But at my age, I’m having trouble remembering the specifics. Anyway, so long, Mr. Heavenrich, you were always respected throughout the adolescent merrymaking. I hope to live as long as you did.”

Thal gathered himself and continued, “As for the Goldenthals, not much has changed, thankfully, since the 40th. The family — Claudia, David, Hayley and Steven, plus Keno (the white fang) — and me are all healthy and busy. Claudia continues to counsel at Andover HS, David will be a sophomore in your town (at U-M), and Hayley and Steven begin their junior and freshman years at Andover. I continue to survive at the New Chrysler under Cerberus, crafting a powertrain strategy which meets anticipated customer demands while satisfying the hysterical politicians in my home town.”

Capt. LARRY OLSON, from Wilmington, NC, opined as follows, “I can remember standing in fear in my dorm room as ‘Ernie’ inspected it on his hands and knees on a Saturday night. They may have been sending his white-gloved hand under my bed to see if there was any dust on the bed rail. You always
felt like he knew what was going on, so you better wait till he wasn’t around to do whatever it was you weren’t supposed to be doing. He even checked out the bathrooms when he was on duty in Stevens Hall, don’t remember seeing other masters do that, to make sure nothing weird was going on, because plenty of weird stuff did happen in those bathrooms, and there you were feeling guilty even if you were luckily only brushing your teeth. But it also seemed that he cared about you too. I think he was the most parent-like adult in my home-away-from-home, like he was there and watching even when he wasn’t, eyes in the back of his head, knew your secret thoughts...” Past Class Secretary-extraordinaire, STEVE TROXEL, had this to say, “The news of Richard Heavnenrich’s death was a blow! He lived out here in the Scottsdale/Phoenix area for a number of years in the late 80s/early 90s, and I actually tried to contact him once, but got his answering phone, as he was visiting family back east. Damn! I never followed up and now I’m sorry! I respected him greatly!” I missed JEFF KURFESS on the Platte River in Benzie County this summer, but he sent this along: “I went on my annual ‘trip of a lifetime’ to Sitka, AK, to fish for salmon, halibut, spotted tail shrimp and Dungeness crab. Sort of a commercial fishing dude ranch really. Lot of fun. This was with a group of guys we call the Renegade Indian Guides tribe, the dads who stayed as a group after the kids scattered. The family went, as we do every year, to my cottage in Saugatuck, MI, then to my in-laws’ cottage on the Platte River in NW Michigan. Fishing was slow due to low, warm water. Weather, however, was excellent – not too hot, not too cold, very little rain. Much better than usual. My wife Kathy, who grew up in Petoskey, says there isn’t any weather in a typical Michigan day than in a California year!” BILL PRICE, from Ann Arbor, wrote, “Approaching year 33 working for the State of Michigan. I have been involved with delinquent youth (and their families) in residential care, Children’s Protective Services as an investigator/case manager, teenage sexual offenders in Washtenaw County as a peer group and family counselor and recently as a facilitator of meetings involving both CPS and foster care families. While in Washtenaw County – with a short stint doing the same in Livingston County while the two counties were under joint management. My current position is in an intervention model that was introduced by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. I foresee about two more years until retirement, unless Michigan offers a buyout, in which case I will hang it up and focus on my golf addiction. Personally, I am married (couple times), never had children, and I live in Ann Arbor – where I will likely remain until the end. After Cranbrook, I was fortunate enough to serve in the follies of military service, which included a 13-month tour in sunny Southeast Asia – Nha Trang. Lovely country – too bad our countries brain trust thought that this was the place where communism needed to be stopped once and for all (starting in the late 1950s – don’t let anyone kid you that that conflict actually amped up in the mid-60s). Recently GW has been espousing his distorted views about how Iraq is ‘same same’ to Vietnam, and I can only wonder, how does he know? He managed to hide behind his father’s power and mother’s skirt during his prime fighting years! Politically, I lean to the left – not quite as radically as in my youth but still there. Educationally, I was able to finish my last couple years of undergraduate and a couple years of grad school (social work) with the G-I bill.” JIM FONDA checked in from California, “I have great fun working in the software division of Apple. We are in the process of finishing the latest version of our Mac OS X operating system, called Leopard. Apple works all of its employees to death, but we produce great products, so I love working here. My memory of Mitt Romney, C’65, is about a small article my mother found in the Akron, OH, newspaper decades ago. It incorrectly said that Governor George Romney’s son had left a hoity-toity prep school and had enrolled in East Lansing High School. I showed the article to Mitt, and he offered me a dime for it. But, I wouldn’t sell it to him. Speaking of Candidate Romney, his brother-in-law, ROD DAVIES, took time away from the campaign and contributed this: “This one is from the campaign trail. I have just come back from the cornfields of Iowa and am now focusing my efforts on Florida where we raised our children. Although Cindy and I have now settled in the Rocky Mountains, we are relocating to Florida for the next few months to give all the support we can to building volunteer efforts in this critical early primary state. I have spent the morning with Mitt, Ann Romney, K’67, who was speaking to a group in Orlando and was with Mitt last week in Florida at three separate campaign events. The five Romney boys are also on the trail, my youngest daughter, Krystyna, has moved to Boston on campaign staff, brother, Jim, C’71, is leading volunteer efforts in San Diego; so it has become a real family affair. The pace is grueling but invigorating, as Mitt’s message seems to be connecting in the key early states.” Long-time RANDY JUDY has finally checked in with the following: “I still practice a little law, teach SCUBA, lead dive trips, serve on the Birmingham Board of Zoning Appeals and travel. I just won a second place in the State Bar of Michigan Short Story Contest. I remember when we were at Cranbrook, The Detroit News was always running essay contests, and all these students were winning things from the paper. I never entered. I also remember Bob Chambers, C’64 (Tom’s brother), telling me that he and some of his friends would break into Mr. Wonnberger’s office and put all his reel to reel tapes into different boxes so that he never could play the correct play or reading. I told his daughter that story in the 90s, and she said, ‘Poor Daddy!’ It was pretty cruel. My best Cranbrook story was that I was at one of the Gala de Cuisine fundraisers and Rev. Albright was there. I reminded him of the famous flash-powder-in-the-candle-snuffer incident during one Chapel service. He immediately asked me if I had been responsible, and I told him that I wished that I could have taken credit for that one. That remains the perfect prank. No one was hurt, no property was damaged, and everyone who was there must remember it. That would be a great Cold Case: Who put the flash powder in the snuffer? If anyone knows, please tell me. They deserve a banquet. I’m married for 34 years and have a 25-year-old son who’s a firefighter-paramedic in Atlanta.” Old friend, STEPH LADY, checked in from the Golden State with this, “I’m kind of busy getting this nail and wig parlor I bought in Compton up and running, so I’ll have to get back to you later.” I sent a group e-mail out to the entire class asking for a cyber-holler, and Dr. MIKE MUIRHEAD sent the following, “Holler...” Your secretary had dinner with BRUCE HUNTER and his daughter, Annabel, in Interlochen, MI, in July. The “Ern” has just retired and needs some activity. Please send him suggestions and donations. Additionally, my wife and I drove to the Maryland Eastern shore in August and spent an outlandish weekend with Graham “Butch” McDonald, C’65, Judy Conrad Sherman, K’66, and Fran Stair White, K’65. We had been communicating by e-mail for months as ol’ chum, Mitt Romney, C’65, gained some national traction. Dozens of crab cakes later, we said our goodbyes and promised to meet again if the Mittster gets the nomination.

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Every class should be so fortunate to have a SHERIDAN STRICKLAND to nudge classmates to tell their stories. Sheridan has been telling me for months about the interesting life stories among our classmates, and she succeeded in getting many of you to share yours. MAGGIE SHOPEN THOMPSON and JANET DOOLITTLE BRODESSLER have gone back to school. Janet is pursuing a new career as a licensed practical nurse. She calls this phase of her life her “unretirement,” and her schedule sounds like anything but retirement. “I get up, as we say, at 0400 to drive to the hospital for the day shift, and when I get home, all I can think of is basic animal needs: FOOD! SLEEP! But what I have to do is get my homework done for tomorrow before I forget how to do it. Some of the other students are so much smarter than I am, and since most of them are under the age of 25, I try hard not to let it get to me. Smart as they are, I can tell myself I know how to talk with really sick patients,
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this is important. I came to a few conclusions. 1. It's
not what I do that is important, it is whom I
love; 2. Life is not meant to be endured, it is to
be savored; 3. Most importantly, it is what it is.
With all this said, my husband asked me if I
would stop working and take care of him and his
15 y/o son. My ego and arrogance seemed to
have been squashed a bit from the experience,
and I was able to prioritize, placing my family
first. The three most important men in my life
needed me. My dad is 88, and it has been a joy
to spend time with him. I had never paid atten-
tion to his stories of his youth, and now I am
able to see him often. Because of my schedule, I
am able to travel with my husband on business
trips and take care of our son when he is gone
for extended amounts of time. Each day I am so
grateful for the gifts I have been given. I start-
ed a couple of groups this year for the court sys-
tem, anger management and relationships, so I
am still able to practice in the mental health
field for fun. It is only one day a week, so I am
able to be continually reminded that giving back
is what makes me truly happy," Marjie
HAUSER FEDERMAN, HATTIE RHODES
CANNON and ANITA MANHART
MCCONNELL have all moved. Marjie is in
Florida. Hattie is back in Seattle and Anita is
back on the East Coast in Wilmington, NC.
Hattie wrote in her Christmas letter, sent out
this summer that they have a new house, boat
and an office. They have come full circle with
their new home, which is on the same street
they lived on when they first moved to Seattle.
Moving back to Seattle cut Hattie's commute
time from three hours to three miles. Hattie is
doing a combination of international relocation/
consulting and psychotherapy and getting some
writing done on the side. Anita is thrilled to
move back east. "This was an answer to
prayers. In Wisconsin, I was unable to secure
employment in my field of education. I finally
did a bit of preschool teaching, but nothing was
'the perfect position.' I was worried that due to
my age I would again have a difficult time
securing employment in Wilmington. But I knew
I was not yet ready to retire. I spent about six
weeks actively applying to prospective employ-
ers. Finally I was asked to interview at several
schools. I began in August as the director of a
very large church related (another denomination
from our family church) preschool and kinder-
garten program (200 children). We love
Wilmington and being back on the East Coast
and in 'civilization.' I am looking forward to the
'wild' here and find life in Wilmington much
easier from October – late April. It is also sooo wonderful
to be back in the South where people are warm
and welcoming and very accepting of differenc-
es." MARY LARSEN HOLMES is teaching at
Case Western Reserve University this fall, but
her big news is that her older daughter, Sarah,
got married at their home on September 1.
Sarah continues her modern dance career and
teaches Pilates. Sarah and her husband Carlos
will live in San Francisco, so he can complete
his study of acupuncture. Younger daughter,
Molly, who was the maid of honor, (and came to
our 40th reunion with Mary) is a sophomore at
Middlebury College this year. AMY WALSH
also reported a wedding in their family. Her
daughter, Kate, got married June 29 in a beau-
tiful NYC wedding. Kate decided to follow her
dad into private school administration – he is a
headmaster in L.A. Kate's wedding day was also
Amy's deadline for an online catalogue of
French oil sketches at the LACMA (Los Angeles
County Museum of Art), which went "live" on
July 11. "This was our first attempt to create an
online catalogue that would draw information
from the database. My task as author was only
part of a group effort of web designers, pro-
grammers, database managers, etc. It was a
major learning experience. I am in awe of the
complexity of the process and the skill of my
coworkers." DEBBIE STACKABLE BOWKER
didn't write until Sheridan nudged her. She
claimed that she wasn't sure anyone cared to
hear about the "oldest living mom of a college
freshman." "It's just that I'm also a grandma...
actually the year that I was pres. of the PTA
four years ago! I became a grandma...you talk
about a "Sylfi" episode!!" Deb and her husband
still live in Charleston, SC, and are thrilled at
the prospect of being empty nesters. "But that
has been thwarted by the fact that our youngest
child, Ripley, lives in a dorm one block up and
three blocks over. So much for our evening skinn-
ny-dips in the pool! She has been warned to call
but cannot believe that geezers such as her par-
ents could be so gross. I hope she doesn't bring
home an audience!" Their son, Travis, finished
his first year of college. "The school has worked
well for him with his dyslexia. He loves tortur-
ning me, telling me that he is failing out...but he
has a 3.1. Boys are so much easier than girls!!"
Daughter, Angie, her husband and granddaugh-
ter, Emma, have just moved from Texas to
Wisconsin, just outside Minneapolis. Deb adds,
"They have been saved from the Texas mind set
just in time for Emma to start school next fall.
Abby, our eldest, 38, has finally got the job that
she loves as chief of staff for a judge in
Hartford. After she passed the bar in
Connecticut and New York, we thought she was
going to clerk forever." Deb concludes, "I feel
like a three ring circus swirls around me as I
continue to mother children both far and near,
and my five dogs and five cats...only tweed is a
safe clothing choice in this home." Several
classmates are either involved with international
issues or have been traveling outside the U.S.
Wonderful news from SUSHI HORWITZ. "I am
alive and well. At my age, daily I become more
grateful for each of those gifts! I continue to be
part of Madonna House. In June I was trans-
ferrred to our house in Edmonton, Alberta,
Canada. It was a great move. I am very happy
to be here and find life. MUCH happier than
at my last assignment. I am so happy I was able
to get to our 40th. What a wonderful reunion it
was. The biggest joy for me was to have a clos-
er and deeper friendship with my classmates
than 40 years ago! Love and friendship are a
wonderful gift." MARY FISHER continues her
work as a special representative of The Joint
United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.
When I sent out the e-mail regarding class
notes, Mary wrote from Africa, where she has
established support groups for women infected
or affected by AIDS to help them earn a living.
In Rwanda and Zambia, women now produce
hand-beaded bracelets that Mary designed, as
well as hand-woven baskets, which are for sale
in the United States. If you go to Mary's web-
site: www.maryfisher.com, you can see the
ABOVE, Mary Larsen Holmes, K’66,
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shape than I am. So it evens out on paper."
Janet has carved out a specialty in her ability to
deal compassionately with the elderly. She was
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with Alzheimer's patients to not correct them but
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tough schedule, Janet recommends returning to
academia after retirement, "Putting yourself
out there where there is something at stake (if
only your own pride) gives structure to your
days and gives you opportunities 'to use what
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Since there is virtually no tourism here, we were usually the only visitors at some of the most significant sites in the world. I did note that Muslim women seem to be more covered now than in 1965, at one extreme by a token head scarf to go with tight designer jeans and stiletto heels, through the whole gamut of body covering to a black tent-like thing with a transparent (to them) veil over the whole face and even gloving in the summer heat, not to mention head-to-toe covering in the swimming pool. Cairo is in general poor, chaotic and dirty, and by comparison Mexico City looks like a model of city planning! The tourist infrastructure in Egypt is slick, aggressive and expensive (after all, they’ve been at it for a long time!), but a necessary evil in order to have access to the archeological sites. The experience for Marc was like going to heaven, though my heaven was hanging out in the central Asian carpet section of the Damascus market, and the tentmakers’ section of the Cairo market, and also listening to traditional Arab music in concert halls, restaurants and taxis.” Of their home front in Mexico, Cicely writes, “Our local political situation is guardedly stable, though the causes for the unrest are not resolved. Tourism is picking up a bit, and I’m now in the throes of organizing the Sixth Organ and Early Music Festival of the Instituto de Órganos Históricos de Oaxaca from November 8-13.” I think SHERIDAN will be glad when 2007 comes to an end.

“2007 will go down as the year I sorted out big questions: How do I want to die, after witnessing my mom’s frail elderly stage? Would I rather live alone, after being intensely jealous when Michael’s book was published? What can I do to make the world a better place, after seeing yet another Vietnam-style tragedy unfold? How do I adjust my athletic self-image, after scrutinizing the increasingly creaky body in the mirror? I have learned being a drama queen doesn’t help. Instead, don’t mull too long, laugh more, cry less.” I have enjoyed sharing e-mails and lunch with Sheridan this year as she has mulled through these issues. It has been a very busy year for me. With Congress returning to control of the Democrats, it has meant a lot more work. (Democrats really do like working on health care more than Republicans.) In addition, this spring a 12-year-old Maryland boy died of a brain infection caused by an abscessed tooth. This tragic incident led to five new bills focusing on improving access to dental care. Our office has gone through a small reorganization, and I was named Director of Congressional Affairs for the American Dental Association. I maintain my own lobbying assignments and have two other lobbyists under me. Butch McDonald, C’65, Stu White, C’66, Fran Stair White, K’65, and I, along with our spouses, met in Berlin, MD, this summer to celebrate Butch’s 60th birthday. Stu, being the creative genius of the group, had amassed rooms full of pictures (mostly of Butch) from our high school years. Lots of memories and stories to tell. I haven’t laughed that much in a long time. Made me realize that Washington, DC, has become a very angry town, and I am looking forward to escaping through retirement. It’s hard to believe that we are all facing turning 60 in 2008. If anyone wants to come to DC to celebrate, just let Sheridan and me know. We would love to see you.

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CRAIG TALLBERG

was on a business trip in Australia the week before the reunion. Craig continues to sell yachts out of his two offices in Hilton Head, SC, and Wilmington, NC. Several weeks after the reunion, I had dinner with PETE STRYKER, his wife Kathy and Pete’s mother when they were vacationing in New England. Pete is a professor of mechanical engineering at Bucknell University. Pete’s mother reminded Pete and me that we had known each other since we were in kindergarten together on Grosse Ile, our hometown in southern Michigan – 54 years ago! In mid August I saw Pete and Kathy again, this time at their home in Lewisburg, PA, while dropping off my youngest son, Andrew, at Bucknell where he is a freshman-engineering student. I heard from BOB STRONG in August explaining he was unable to attend the reunion because

ABOVE, Jamie Burns and Brad Host, both C’67
his daughter was getting married that weekend. He added that he was sorry to miss the reunion, but “one must have priorities.” Another classmate who couldn’t make our 40th was STEVE PETERS. Steve was planning to write a few words about Mr. Wonnberger’s English classes but was relieved to see several other classmates mentioned the preeminent English Master in their profiles that were written for the reunion.

JOHN FINGLETON wrote two long e-mails after the reunion to say how much he enjoyed seeing everyone and how glad he was to be part of such a great group of people. Throughout the weekend John was a rolling fixture in his Mustang convertible or as he called it, his “MenoPorsche.” He then added that the day before he was to leave Bloomfield Hills his back seized up, he was in great pain and unable to move. John reports that he is doing better after “a combination of physio and hydro therapy,” but laments he is “no longer the natural athlete he once was.” (Note: I so enjoy having John in our class as he always makes for great copy in these little write-ups.) A year ago last August DOUG MORAN and his wife Rosy and sons, Patrick and Alan, moved from their home of 20 years in Canton, MI, to a new home “up north” just outside Gaylord, MI. As Doug put it, “we emptied the nest (youngest son, Alan, headed off to Western Michigan University), flew the coop and landed at a place called The Loon.” Their house is located on the back nine of The Loon Golf Course. And lastly, during the reunion weekend I was fortunate to have attended the commencement exercises and saw our classmate, JON PAVLOFF. Jon was there to see his son, Alex, graduate as a member of the class of 2007. Jon was unable to stay after commencement and headed directly home to be with his wife Sue who was extremely ill. In August I received a note from Jon that Sue had passed away a few weeks earlier. I am sure everyone in the class, and many others in the Cranbrook community, send their sympathies and best wishes to Jon and his family.

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Bloomfield Hills could not have had nicer weather for our 40th reunion, the second weekend of June, and I was really pleased that almost 20 people turned out from our class.

Those attending were CHARLON MCMATH HIBBARD, GINNY RUMELY MUELLER, KRISTIN VANDENBERG WHITFIELD, ANN BRAND HANEY, BROOKE THOMAS DOLD, DEBORAH FIELD CAVANAUGH, PAT HERRMANN, MADELEINE DENK-CARTER, LYN MOON SHIELDS, TERRY GOLDBERG AXELROD, LIZ MUMFORD WILSON, JOANNE GOSLING, SUE WILD, ROZ FREDERICKS RYMAL, JOAN MACARTHUR MENGE, PETIE KAHN THOMPSON, DEBBY WALKER STAMPS, ANN FITZGERALD LACKS and myself. Kudos to Charlon and to Jack Leone, C’67, for all their work organizing our dinner party on Friday night, catered by Jack and held at the Design Center in Troy, and for making arrangements for our After Glow party at Cranbrook House on Saturday. The events went beautifully, and the food was terrific. Ann Haney commented, “It was wonderful seeing everyone, but especially those whom I hadn’t seen in 20-40 years. We have ‘matured’ amazingly well. Those who could not make the 40th need to mark their calendar for the 45th, for sure!” Roz thought the reunion was fantastic. “Some of the people I saw had actually known since kindergarten. The interesting thing to me was that some of the boarders I barely knew were so much fun. It was great to go back in time, and I didn’t even get to see everyone I had hoped to see.” We would have had one exchange student at the reunion, MONI SCHINDLER, but that weekend the East Coast experienced some sort of computer blackout and Moni’s plane to Detroit was canceled, then she finally flew in Saturday night.
C'67, who felt that so watch for details about this. After I depart ment, which are wanted and needed, entire class of '67 can get behind. We Kingswood, and I hope it's a project the raising money for a class gift from us to altogether, we discussed the possibility of airport mess." While the 19 of us were plane. I suspect you lost a fair number of but we had our own mini-reunion on the headed for his 60th and I for my 40th, the Cranbrook reunion! Of course, he was funny story, though. The man sitting two control system had broken down. Here's a one of those unfortunate planes stranded the reunion in June. I tried. But I was on wrote, "I was sorry not to have made it to seems more of you in five years.

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DAVE DYE plans to be at the 40th Reunion June 6-8, 2008, and keeps in touch with MONTY MITZELEFF, RICHARD SLOAN and KARL SPORK. PETER JACOBSON has offered to help on the reunion. He wrote, "Sold the stereo retail chain in 1988 after 13 years. Still in the computer software business, silver anniversary in 2005. Most weekends spent riding motorcycles. If you are in southeast Michigan and enjoy full-days rides (200-300 miles) or touring, drop me a line (paj@abssoft.com). Recently picked up my father’s life-long hobby: HO scale model railroads. It looks likes this one will keep me busy for a long time." JIM NORDLIE says he was in La Paz, Mexico, design- ing a couple new golf resorts. "I have nothing startling to report in my personal life except an ever growing appreciation of how lucky we are to live in the U.S., especially since I am designing two new resorts in Delhi and Bangalore, India. It’s always a good reminder that we are all on ‘real time’ and need to appreciate it all at the moment. In fact, I have com- mitted my firm to support an orphanage in each area that we are doing work in India and have gotten ITCWelcomgroup, our client there, to match our funding. Had dinner with PETER ROBINSON and a lovely new girlfriend (Lisa?). Have seen LARRY RAYMOND lately, and he looks great and is doing well as always. I have talked with RALPH MARGULIS and have seen his new ‘Tara’ residence in Bloomfield Hills – quite the spread for a country bumpkin lawyer from Bloomfield Hills! Besides architecture, I have been helping to develop a new search engine to compete with the likes of Google and Yahoo, in case anyone is interested in investing in the early stages. We are in Beta testing and hope to launch by October this year. I have mainly been spending spare time at my little places in Harbor Springs and Naples regaining time zones and sanity. Charly Heavenrich, ‘C60, is still on the Colorado River until the end of August but surely will get with him in Boulder in September.” CHRIS RAY, “This retire- ment thing really suits me. Kim and I have just returned from our sixth trip to Africa, and already we can’t wait to go back. This time we visited South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Mozambique. Loads of pix, which will find their way onto my Web site once things quiet down a bit. My shooting pix of St. Francis Yacht Club regattas continues apace, but the big news is that Kim has accepted a two-year post- ing to the UK as SUN’s managing director and president there. So we’re moving to London for a couple of years. So, get your second bedroom requests in early, as the ‘inn’ is already starting to book up. My e-mail and Web site will continue to be crayiwp@yahoo.com, and www.crayiwp.com respectively.” LARRY RAYMOND has volunteered Peter Robinson to plan the big 40th this summer. I’m not sure though what Peter has to say? PAUL SAMSON, “I was playing golf with a friend of mine about a month or so ago, and he also invited a couple of young co-workers from his office. I was chatting with one of the co-workers, whose name was Andrew, and asked where he was from, etc. He told me Detroit; I asked where; he said, ‘Bloomfield Hills,’ so I asked where he went to high school (I forget his answer). I said, ‘I went to Cranbrook.’ Andrew answered, ‘So did my father, Otto Kern.’ (1970). Small world. By the way, while Andrew is a better golfer than I am, that isn’t saying much. Other news: our son, Mark, is getting married on Sept. 2, 2007. We are all looking forward to the event. His fiancée, Valerie Giglio, is lovely, and we will be very happy and excited to have her join the family. It takes a wedding to get our other son to come back to visit from Bangkok, where he has been living the past two years since he graduated from Emerson College (he previously had lived in Bangkok for two years between...
his sophomore and junior years). He is producing and directing a television program on the Thai government-owned travel channel, with occasional movie making and acting in comedy shows. He also speaks Thai, so if anyone happens to be traveling to Bangkok, feel free to give me a call, and Jonathan will be happy to show you around — it always helps to have someone that speaks both languages fluently (and I am always happy to get a report on Jonathan)."

MICHAEL SEALDE

s (seadle@iib.hu-berlin.de): "I am also keeping a blog about my experiences in Berlin for those who might be interested: http://michael-in-berlin.blogspot.com/. Our 40th reunion is unfortunately in the middle of the semester here, so the odds of my making it are small. Too bad. I always liked ‘Forty years on when afar and asunder...’ Back then, of course, I didn’t imagine quite how ‘afar’ from Cranbrook I would be in 40 years.”

RON FALLON: “It’s hard to believe it’s been 40 years since we graduated from Cranbrook. I still feel ‘young’; I’d say 60 is the new 35 for most of us. Our minds are sharp, but the body can’t live up to the expectations. My last project was to complete a detached garage with large play court area. Now I just have to fill it with a classic car. The court area is about 3/4 of a basketball and tennis court area, complete with lines. I take my daughters out and practice, reliving my days at Cranbrook on the tennis and basketball courts. Rachel, 8, is a budding tennis star, and Danielle, 12, likes basketball. Donna and I travel more now, Amsterdam and Belgium this summer. Retirement is still a ways off with another 15-20 more years of work as a nurse. I met up with our Crane editor, Michael Kinsley, had, and ABBY LEVENTHAL, Frank Bell, Mark Neithercut, Bill McGraw and Rob Northwood on a fly-fishing trip

our Clarion editor, Shelley, has a star-studded career with Microsoft?). She is in charge of community programs for the Central Region, which means 18 states and a bit more travel. This includes Detroit, and she has our 40th reunion on her calendar! Mark does health care consulting and has also begun a new business, building affordable housing in southwest Michigan. Daughter, Stephanie, attended Spanish camp in Minnesota and also studies Chinese. She is quite the world traveler, was in Israel a year ago and is planning on going to Finland and Estonia in the spring with her band group. BARB HAYES THOMAS had a busy summer looking at colleges for son, Mike, who is a senior in high school. Barb’s long-time career with Pitney Bowes took a turn when P-B was acquired in a merger last year, and Barb is considering many options. LAILA TEMMES MATTILA responded to the Alum Office message on Missing Alums — her address is: YLÄKANGASKATU 7.a.9 53100 Lappeenranta FINLAND. BARBARA MILLER finished nursing pre-requisites and left her corporate job in July, a year earlier than planned. I started nursing courses at University of Maryland last August, and I will graduate in 2009 with RN/BSN. I am working part time while in school at the ER of the hospital, where I was inspired to nursing as a volunteer in 2005. Career change is impoverishing but exciting and wonderful. I feel blessed to be able to do this and hope for 15-20 more years of work as a nurse. I met up with Pat Murphy — “coincidentally” my childhood friend from St. Clair, MI, and wife of Tom Murphy, C’68, at the Seattle airport last March. Pat and Tom will be at our 40th reunion. JAN DECKER BURGGRAAF has had a career change of sorts as well. Husband Jim lost his job in January and has not been able to find another job in manufacturing. Jan was offered the full-time position of human resources manager at the three-club athletic facility where she has worked part time for almost 20 years. It definitely has been an example of “life is what happens when you’re making other plans.” She loves spending time with granddaughter, Dylann, but isn’t able to see her nearly as often as she had hoped. The whole family spent a week together on Hilton Head Island last spring, and Jan was able to catch up with KATIE LERCHEN NELSON while there.
Chapter 4 – I had a nice chat in July with SANDY HEAVENRICH, who says he has two lousy knees, so he’d fit right in with the rest of us on the Class Orthopedic Ward. Sandy and wife Kate were about to pick up stakes and move from a small town on the California coast to central Virginia, nearer to Kate’s family. I also talked with Sandy’s 91-year-old mother, Annie, one of my all-time favorites, who although clearly frail, still has the same sparkle she always has had. Sandy’s oldest, son Jeb, is a sophomore-to-be at Princeton, where he plays football. As good as our football team was at Cranbrook, imagine how much better we would have been if we could have stolen Sandy from the soccer team. I picture Sandy as a linebacker. Anyway, he and Kate have two girls as well, a high school senior and an 8th grader. JOHN HATTON lives in Brattleboro, in the Independent Republic of Vermont, where he and his wife Kate Bullock are the proud parents of two kids, a boy and a girl, who Kate (a former teacher) home schools. John sent wonderful photos from a class trip to Italy. We only got to go to the zoo when I was a kid. JOHN WINKLEPLECK reports that although he too might be a candidate for the Class Orthopedic Ward, he has added playing squash to his routine. John and his wife have been busy remodeling their house, with a view to selling it and downsizing. Their adult daughter is in Chicago, a stone’s throw from Wrigley Field. As for your Class Secretary, we have just moved after 20 years, abandoning the house we hated in the neighborhood we loved for a new house in a new neighborhood about 15 minutes further away from downtown Seattle. Our one and only, son Kyle, is a junior at Harvard and is in the same house as Maia SHWAYDER, niece of MARK. And, in news just in, I have the sad duty to report that another classmate has died: STEVE FREEMAN, in July. As Steve and I were not only Cranbrook classmates but fellow graduates of Fairlawn Elementary School in Akron (Class of ’63), I knew Steve to be not only a very bright guy but a truly nice guy, with the notable exception of when he was playing cards, at which he excelled, enabling him to be downright wicked. Steve lived in Fort Jennings, in northwest Ohio. He had been a teacher of economics at Rhodes State College in Lima and the University of Akron and also an executive with FirstMerit Bank for over 20 years. Steve is survived by his wife Jerri, three children, and five grandchildren. Our condolences go out to all the Freeman’s.

Another six months have passed since I wrote my last news, and as luck would have it many of you responded to my pleas. Let me begin with some sad news with notice from KATE McGINNIS FEINZIG of the passing of SARAH STOCKTON SELBY. Kate and Sarah were longtime friends, the latter having attended Kate’s wedding in 1997. Sarah passed in December of 2004 as a result of a terrible car accident. Kate reports that she has not heard from Sarah’s husband Philip since that time, but I do have an address for him if any of you want to write him. A quiet, private person, Sarah impacted those she was close with at Kingswood, like Kate. Recently Kate wrote me that she and husband, Herb Feinzig, were celebrating their 10th anniversary with friends and family by riding the VIA train from Toronto to Jasper, Alberta. She said they enjoyed magnificent scenery and great weather. Her most exciting news is that she and Herb will be first-time grandparents in late September. Her stepdaughter is expecting a boy. She resides in Colorado not far from LYNN GAWNE HUGHES, where she practices cytology, as director of cytology for Smith Clinic Beecham/Quest Diagnostics, and in her free time she pursued equestrian endeavors until a back injury sidelined her. LESLIE WATERMAN BANKS, grandma emeritus, enjoyed two weeks with her daughter and granddaughters this summer. She and Bill live part of the year in Miami, FL, and part in northern Michigan. It was up there that she ran into Barb Fuller Wallace and Jill Harris McGee and said they both look great. Speaking of those ladies, JILL HARRIS MAGEE wrote that she and husband Tim still live on a farm near Jackson, and her interior design business has been involved with the Suite Dreams Design Show House in Birmingham. Sons, Chad and Tyler, live in Colorado, prompting ski visits from mom and dad. Jill saw KATHY TELFER recently and noted that though our KSC days were a long time ago, the memories remain so vivid. BARB FULLER WALLACE had a son graduate from the Naval Academy and he is currently stationed in San Diego. Daughter, Lizzy, CK’99, is expecting the first Wallace grandchild in January. They love Harbor Springs and see NANCY BRETHEN STRICKLAND and Tom frequently, who are also expectant grandparents. JOY KELLEY FOSSEL wrote from western Michigan that daughter, Lily, spent the summer studying at Cambridge and managed to escape the floods that plagued much of the rest of the United Kingdom. She is applying to colleges this fall, including her parents’ alma mater, Stanford. Son, Zan, will enter his second year at Hillsdale. Joy continues to practice law and work on her novel, “Murder By Heart.” She frequently is in contact with AMY SKILLMAN, who had a wonderful trip to New Zealand and just passed her tests for coastal navigation and bareboat chartering. Does this mean a Kingswood alumnae cruise soon? SALLY MCINTYRE MACBETH also wrote, but I lost most of her first e-mail and only remember that she is still teaching and mentioned something about Mona Majzoub… sorry, Sally. ELISSA FINNEY said fires in California are also an issue this summer, as they have been here. Her bookkeeping business is going like a wildfire (good analogy, eh?) She said she has so much business she is turning away clients. Their home remodel turned out quite well, and since she is so entrenched with her business, her husband has taken over much of her former duties like cooking, gardening and the laundry. They did some traveling to visit friends and family in the Midwest and Canada and also in Colorado. She heard recently from DEBBIE SLABECK BAKER, and that will be my segue into news about her. Debbie
Elyse Pivnick earlier in the year as well. Jane’s son, Alex, is 16, and she is now dealing with the driving thing. Her words were, “we had kids, why?” Love it. One of the many voices from Colorado I hear is that of Marne Tutt, who is living a whole new life as a legal aide for a trusts and estates attorney in Denver. She said she even learned to use the RTD light rail to commute. Her constant companions, dogs Stuart and Annie, don’t like her working all day, so she took them on another road trip to California. She saw Howdy Jones and his mother and on their return trip visited 12 National Parks, Sedona, AZ, and Pismo Beach, CA. You go girl!

Liza Newell Kirk writes me often, and we share horse stories and talk about life in general. Her beautiful ability with words makes me think this woman should be writing novels as well as poetry. She traveled to Michigan for her mother’s 80th birthday, and said she had an e-mail from Pam Tucker with a picture of Pam and Nancy Brethen Strickland. Of course, none of us has aged, and we all look marvelous as always. Liza’s oldest son is in college, and her youngest keeps her busy with sports and activities. For respite, Liza has returned to riding horses. Kati Zeller Buehler wrote that her husband, sons and daughter-in-law are all well, and she has a new job. Kati is associate director of gift planning at Westmont College in Santa Barbara. As we are in Montana, she is suffering the plague of summer wildfires and living with smoke, shifting winds and forced evacuations. Other than that, life seems to be pretty good. Kathryn (Kitty) Kolbert and partner, JoAnn, had their son graduate from Wharton School at Penn in May, and he has moved to L.A. Their daughter starts her sophomore year at Penn this fall. Kitty still produces her talk show, “Justice Talking,” on PBS and is organizing a large conference in New York bringing women leaders from around the world to discuss national and human security issues. She is excited to host such fantastic powerful women. Claudia Kane wrote her aloha from Hawaii, noting that they were dealing with a small tsunami and new lava flows on the Big Island. She is busy with the Ford Iron Man World Championship race as the event director’s assistant. NBC will show this December 1 at 4:30 EST. Her husband Ted has retired as director of Special Olympics West Hawaii and looks forward to training for more triathlons. Sons, Jason and Ian Drury, still live in Sacramento and will finish their degrees this year. She and Ted also enjoy all the aspects of grandparenting their granddaughters too. Gail McCue Leavines responded to my call from Colorado too but gave her current info on her self, Chica Love, Lynne Gawne Hughes and John Cwiakala to Kit Denio Jospe, and it must have missed me. She and her husband enjoy life on some acreage south of Denver with three horses and two huskies. Batya Weinbaum wrote from Michfest (whatever that might be) where she had a palm reading booth, and added that she is teaching palmistry online for SUNY-Empire State College this fall, and as of this writing she was on her way to another fair to see if the psychic needed an assistant. Natalia Martin Smith is planning her escape from Chicago to South Haven Beach the very minute their fourth child graduates in the spring. Meanwhile they are still churning out tuition. Oldest child, Erin, starts her MBA at Loyola, Caroline graduates from U-Texas Austin in September, and the youngest daughter lives in Chicago and will graduate Loyola in advertising in May. Son, Andrew, starts college next fall. Natalie and husband Greg hit it right with the business, Global Energy Solutions, Inc., which sells power generator equipment fueled by biomass, wind and waste products. Hot stuff these days. She is excited to look forward to simpler times I believe. Of course I heard from Leslie Erb Liedtke via e-mail and then immediately called her to visit for at least an hour and catch up. She and the twins, J. Hugh and Lark, and her oldest daughter, Mimi, spent most of the summer traveling. I mean traveling – like to London, to Kenya and a safari, the Seychelles Islands and back to Birmingham and Bayfield, Ontario. They camped most of the trip to Africa, and she sent a few stunning pictures. One of the guides was with the Cranbrook Institute of Science trip in the 70s, and Leslie said he was as wonderful as ever. The highlight of the Seychelles was a helicopter trip to two islands. The twins will be juniors at Colorado Academy this fall, and Mimi returns to Skidmore as a volunteer. John Liedtke, K’70, and family

ABOVE, Leslie Erb Liedtke, K’70, and family recently moved to Saugatuck from Glencoe. Their son, Alex, became engaged and will be married next summer. Daughter, Molly, is at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and was awarded a full scholarship for her senior year in interior architecture and design. Debbie is having a show in Chicago in November, and one of her pieces was chosen by the Art Institute of Chicago for a design for holiday cards this year. So cool to be artistic and recognized for it! Debbie and Jane Schelberg took a nostalgic walk around Kingswood this summer, and Jane noted that she had seen

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The great news is that some of our classmates checked in for the first time in years. Donn Ross is in his third career, working as a licensed drug and alcohol therapist. Donn lives in Gahanna, OH, near Columbus, and enjoys sailing a small boat at a nearby reservoir. “I’m enjoying this time in life – my family is ‘doing their things,’ and I am more at peace with my accomplishments (such as they are).” John Longley lives in Fairfield, CT, and runs a business in midtown Manhattan. He lives only two miles from classmate, Harold Siegel, but they don’t have the chance to get together often enough. Recently John saw a red Triumph TR-4 with the top down coming at him on a nearby street. Sure enough, it was Hal, “with his mostly still black hair flying in the breeze.” John’s oldest daughter, Taylor, from his first marriage, just finished up an internship with the ABC news affiliate in Orlando and is now back in school at the University of Miami (FL) in the Communications School. Fortunately for John, Taylor has earned plenty of academic scholarships. John and his wife Gaye, married since the early 90s, have two kids. Casey, 10, is in sixth grade and just got her braces. Son, Jackson, is 8 and in third grade. “Between Casey’s soccer, swimming, sailing, basketball, singing in various choirs and Jay’s baseball, football, soccer, basketball, these guys are either going to keep me young or kill me not-so-young!” John’s own sports passion is sailing. He’s getting back into it, having spent 30 summers racing on the Great Lakes and the Eastern Seaboard. John most recently completed the Vineyard Race aboard a beautiful 69-foot yacht. The 240-mile race runs from Stamford, CT, to Martha’s Vineyard and back, via Block Island.
His crew took first in class and second overall. "I know of no better way to break away from the everyday work and return with a clear head and a new perspective." KEVIN BUTLER and his partner, Jim, live in Maynard, MA, 25 miles west of Boston. Kevin is a Webmaster for a computer company. His younger son, Scott, is in his junior year at the University of Toronto. Kevin is proud that Scott wanted to live somewhere that George Bush is not president. Older son, Eric, is in the Ph.D. program at the University of North Carolina and was married in the fall. Kevin is enjoying doing a bit of community theatre, which all started back at Cranbrook. "I am delighted to see that '110 in the Shade' is on Broadway—having performed in the chorus of that rarely-performed play back in perhaps 1967. I'm alarmed at how many of the lyrics are still on the tip of my ancient tongue." FRED KINNOR reports that last spring he enjoyed a mini reunion hosted by STEVE GERISCH and attended by CHRIS MORTON and BRUCE MCDONALD. Steve lives in Granite Bay, CA, in the Sacramento area. According to Steve, this was a "rather liquid weekend together with our wives and girlfriends having a great time reminiscing about the 'old days.'" Fred returned the hospitality to Steve at his new condo in the gaslight 'old days.'" Fred returned the hospitality to Steve at his new condo in the gaslight district of San Diego. Steve is vice president of sales for VistaPoint Technologies, a wholly owned subsidiary of Frecontronics. LEROY and Martha JONES live in North Hampton, NH. Roy is still working as an intensive clinical manager at Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership, and Martha is a librarian at the Rye, NH, public library. Daughter, Cally, is with the Animal Place in California, a vegan rescue operation for farm animals. Roy claims she has come a long way from opposing and parading to change a litter box. She now works hard mucking out stalls and cleaning wounds. Son, Ian, graduated from Marlboro College with a bachelor's degree in ceramics and socio-cultural anthropology. He's been studying Japanese for six years and was able to converse when spending a semester in Osaka. Roy's dad is 92 and doing well, still teaching Qi-Gong and visiting his kids to avoid hurricane season in Florida. Some of Roy's verse has been selected for the Space Poetry Chosen poem (renshi) to change to the web. The judge originated this form in the 1970s. You can experience his poetry at this Web site: http://iss.sfo.jaxa.jp/utilizi/renshi/index_e.html. Roy is link number 6 under his penname Wry Welwood. DAVE REYNOLDS' love of music is keeping him busy at the Detroit School of Arts, where he teaches voice and plays piano for ballet classes. He's also been doing a lot of singing, mainly for the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Archdiocese of Detroit) as one of the cantors. His vocal performances have taken him to the British Isles, Norway, Holland, Belgium and Christmas Mass at the Vatican. Unfortunately, last summer Dave lost his voice due to cancer on a vocal chord. He is undergoing chemotherapy and radiation at the U-M Hospital. The prognosis is good, and Dave is looking forward to returning to singing next year. PHILIP HITCHCOCK is also making a good fight against cancer. His most recent blood work numbers are very good: "I must declare that chemo is going quite splendidly indeed, even caught myself saying, at the cancer center last month, that if I'd known I had cancer it would be much more fun that I'd have done it a long time ago. Needless to say, the people nearby looked at me like I was a most peculiar soul. Funny how so many cancer people just lie around like they are only waiting for the mortician." As his health improves, he's hoping to do some traveling. JIM DAVIES is somehow finding time away from his medical practice to hit the campaign trail with his favorite candidate for president—surprise, surprise—brother-in-law, Mitt Romney, C65. The Iowa straw poll was quite a family event. Jim teamed up with his sister, Ann Davies Romney, K67, and Mitt, their five sons and wives, 10 grandchildren, and 96 members of the Romney and Davies families. Despite the 100-degree heat and humidity, Jim felt it was a truly remarkable experience, both politically and as a family reunion. Jim and his wife Rebecca are thrilled to have their eldest daughter's family, including five grandchildren, only five minutes away from their home. Grandchild number five was born in September. CHRIS WILHELM is a member of the Cranbrook Alumni Council, and I would say that his life is currently focused around Cranbrook. He and his wife Susan live only two miles from campus, which is a good thing. Their two sons, Kurt, 15, and Mark, 13, both attend school there. Kurt is a sophomore and is really into football. Susan is the "team mom" for the JV football, and they are very involved with Cranbrook as a family. "I had great times as a student at Cranbrook, then good and bad times through the years and now a stable and steady life again centered around the 'old school.' Another classmate taking care of our old school is BILL GOLDSMITH, who has become a trustee, in addition to his governor's duties. For his orientation he spent time with the leaders of the entire Cranbrook community. He feels that Cranbrook has never been stronger. He is in charge of more of our class who have not yet given to Cranbrook's first comprehensive capital campaign to do so. "I remind my classmates that the tuition which our parents paid did not cover our costs, and that someone else subsidized part of our education—we as we need to do for the current students. Additionally, many capital projects on campus need funding." Bill and Shelley's younger daughter, Marisa, has entered middle school at Kingswood. She loves horses. GEOFF and Patricia RAWLING are officially empty nesters. Daughter, Becky, graduated from Kingswood and did very well in her first year at Skidmore. Son, Alex, is now Lt. A.J. Rawling, Space and Missiles at Kirtland AFB in NM, after becoming a Distinguished Graduate of the Virginia Military Institute. Now Geoff has more time for tennis and has taken on the challenge of being a USTA captain of a 7.0 mixed team. He had to lose 25 lbs. just to be competitive. At this writing Geoff was looking forward to a Cranbrook Kingswood special alumni event in Los Angeles: an outing to the Galaxy soccer game hosted by former world cup player, Alexi Lalas, CK88. ROBERT WALKER lost his mother to cancer last year. "It was a brutal experience. I feel very fortunate to have spent that time with her before she died." Robert and his wife Jill manage the Shambhala Meditation Group in the Kalamazoo area. They also sell Buddhist educational materials and help people use them, especially those of Pema Chodron. Robert teaches a lot and produces some of their local classes on CD for others to study. Robert and Jill celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary last March and have adopted three cats. Robert spent a day with ARMAND ROTHSCHILD last year when he was teaching in Louisville. He also hosted a visit from JAGUAR, the artist formerly known as REG WELLS. MIKE and Debbie ZAHN have finally completed their barn-to-house renovation project and moved in during the fall. According to Mike, it was a long, fascinating project. Their son, Hayden, is continuing in falconry, fencing and music. He fancy himself as a Celtic fiddler and is asking about a trip to Ireland. Mike's orthopedic practice is very busy, but the family was able to get away to Italy for two weeks in June. Mike says he is also "scooterizing," a rather cryptic note. Perhaps he brought back one of those noisy things on which young people in Florence buzz around. Last summer, New York City-based RON QUINTERO expanded his business to Arizona, Dubai, Qatar and Kuwait. "Whatever misgivings I had about being an American traveling in the Mid East rapidly vanished, as I found the people whom I dealt with to be some of the friendliest people that I have met in my various travels. The places that I visited are about as dangerous as Bloomfield Hills; in fact, even they are safer since you don't have to worry about drunk drivers because alcohol generally cannot be served in public places, and the penalties for morals-related offenses (alcohol, drugs, prostitution, etc.) are severe." Ron is gearing up for a trip to Viet Nam. TOR and Aimee SHWAYDER claim to inhabit that transition zone between being childless and being grandparents. However, they are still on the "CTP" (continuous tuition program), with both sons in graduate school and a daughter who is a Harvard sophomore. For the first time in 20 years, Tor was unable to play in the annual Cranbrook alumni soccer game, due to a bad knee meniscus. "I hope all my old classmates are staying healthy. The fifties are the 'youth of our old age.'" JEFF and Linda GERARD are expanding the Fairyline product line that Linda created.
They will be opening two new stores in Florida this year, so that more girls can discover their “inner fairies.” The line now includes fairy tea parties, original children’s books and a Fairy Girls Club. The club is based on a concept Jeff used while coaching youth hockey in Anaheim, CA: the Disney Goals Hockey Program, in which older kids mentor the younger kids. BRAD and Mary Jo LEITHAUSER are moving from Massachusetts to Baltimore, where they will be teaching at Johns Hopkins University. However, they are determined to hold on to their Amherst house as long as they can, so they can spend summers there. The Mt. Holyoke Art Museum opened a show in September devoted to Brad’s collaborations with his brother, Mark. The show’s opening coincided with the publication of “Toad of a Nightingale,” their new book, which consists of Brad’s light verse and Mark’s drawings. Brad writes that he is still “floundering along in what I think of as my ‘Detroit novel,’” though he hopes to see it published in 2008. I hope all old classmates are doing well. MILES and Virginia HOISINGTON have battled drought this summer on their farm in Westport, MA. Their sheep have suffered in the extreme heat, and their pastures have turned brown. Still, they have a nice flocks of ducks this year – Peking, Campbell, Buff – and had one for dinner the other night. Your class secretary should also report that he has been the lucky recipient of several of Miles’ favorite recipes – Miles knows how to raise it and prepare it! When he is not tending his flocks, Miles practices law: “I know how to raise it and prepare it! When he is not tending his flocks, Miles practices law: “I swear I am going to practice until I get it right!” He continues to work with RON QUINTERO, taking advantage of his forensic accounting skills and his “refreshing and reassuring humanity (how many other expert witnesses can I call up at 6:00 a.m. to go over his report and end up talking about Tiger Stadium? Or how much money we should leave to Cranbrook?)”

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The reunion was sparsely attended by our class, but those who went had a great time as usual. At the last minute, REBECCA SCHUBERING MCNAUGHTON invited a group from our class and those around us over after the Friday cocktail party and proved that sometimes those impromptu parties are as fun as the ones planned out months ago. Since I thought Rebecca and Jack, C’71, still lived in Ohio, I had to give her a call. They did live in Ohio for a few years but returned to Michigan about six years ago. They have two children, Sarah, 13, who just entered seventh grade at Kingswood and son, Grant, 8. Rebecca was in advertising for many years but recently has been more involved in her children’s schools, promoting character education. Also at the reunion was DEBBIE DIETRICH who is now an empty nester and a POG (Parent of a Graduate in Cranbrook lineage.) Her eldest daughter, Amelia Zukowski, C’03, graduated from MSU with double honor degrees in communications and journalism and is now working for Corporate Executive Board in San Francisco. Her “baby,” Kelsey Zukowski, graduated from Kingswood in June ’07 and just started her freshman year at MSU. She really misses Cranbrook, not home. Debbie is living our motto “go forth to serve” by teaching sixth grade geography at the Cranbrook Kingswood Girls Middle School. Classmates visiting Kingswood should stop by and see her! JILL WHEATON MARTIN visited PENNY HANNETT FLOYD (who attended the reunion) in July on her drive to Michigan this summer. Stopping for a night, she was able to attend a going away party for Penny and Frank’s oldest daughter, Elizabeth, who was leaving for a job at Goldman Sachs the next day. Jill said, “It was so much fun to see the whole family, including daughter, Molly, sons, Franklin and John, all attractive and active, keeping Penny in the same kind of shape. Penny is also busy with her SAT tutoring business and has created the most beautiful garden.” Jill’s summer also included a visit with son, Chris, in Japan, where he is pursuing his doctorate in primate behavior at the Primate Research Institute of Kyoto University. He is located in a small town outside of Kyoto in central Japan, so the trip was challenging because there is not a whole lot of English, either spoken or written, in that part of Japan. He will be there for five years, which means Jill has some time to improve her language skills! CATHY RADNER has reconnected with “lost” classmate, MARGARET COLLINS, through their daughters who are friends! Sounds like Cathy has started the college search process with daughter, Gina. There was a welcome surprise e-mail from CINDY STAFFORD BRANNON who has lived in Houston, TX, for 31 years. Her daughter, Sara, graduated from Houston’s High School for the Performing and Visual Arts where she concentrated in vocal performance. Sara is a freshman at Lawrence University in Wisconsin, studying music. Look for her some day on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House! Their 10-year-old Charlotte is going into the 5th grade and is just great – like most 10-year-old girls! Cindy runs a non-profit social service agency that works with the homeless. She says it is heartbreaking, sometimes funny and always exhausting but probably that good exhausting feeling. Thanks to Betsy for passing my plea for news on to SUSAN LEWELLEN LEFEVER. In December, she finished her graduate degree in theology (M.Div.) at the University of Dubuque Seminary. She wrote, “After 25 years, it was great to be back at school, and this time around I really enjoyed the homework, papers and exams. I spent three long years commuting every week from Milwaukee to Iowa, and finished just before gas prices went sky high! I have been called as Associate Pastor to North Shore Congregational Church in Fox Point, WI, and was ordained and installed during a huge snow storm on Jan. 22, 2005. I am getting used to the 60-hour weeks, and I love every part of ministry – especially the preaching and teaching. Life is good! Dean Sung and I are already talking about the 40th reunion in 2012 so get ready! Who wants to help? Let us know. If you haven't checked out the Cranbrook Web site and CranNet, you should. There’s lots of great information, and it’s such an easy way to keep in touch. www.cranbrook.edu.

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HENRY WHITING II has recently written a fascinating account of his restoration of a Frank Lloyd Wright artist’s studio on the Snake River in Idaho. His book, “At Nature’s Edge” is beautifully done. Anyone interested in architecture or restoration would enjoy it very much.

RICK STRING is the director of The Etruscan Foundation, involved with archaeology projects in Italy. KARY BALL and his family returned to Michigan a few years ago. They enjoyed the Alumni Bocce Night last spring; his son demonstrated considerable natural talent on the court. Kary was also on campus for Reunion ’07 and attended the Brookside Reunion program as well. AL BACON has recently joined the Cranbrook Alumni Council. He brings his extensive business experience for the benefit of your Council. Welcome aboard. AI is consulting with businesses as a CFO on an ad hoc basis.

ART KLEINPELL has enjoyed success with a granola company called Kingslake and Crane. Sound familiar? He makes an excellent product and is planning to move to California.

BARRY ROSTEK has been in California for many years. He is an associate clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine and a lecturer of pediatrics. He and his wife Valerie live in Mill Valley. They have three children: Julian, Emily and Hayley. He often sees ’72 grads David Green, Johnny Schoetz, Paul Drescher and Paco Leon. He also stays in touch with LANCE STONE. He sends photos of his family and friends and says, “Life is good.” Boy, is he ever right! JOHN GERARD is an artist living in Germany. His medium is papermaking. He has a Web site with many examples of his fine work. Check it out.

MIKE ELLEDGE reports contact with JIM SUKENIK, who is working in the area of design in western Michigan and with JEFF D’ALLEMAND, who is in the area here, working in the medical profession. His faithful secretary, HUGH KERR, continues to seek news from fellow Cranes. I have been in touch with Jim Olsen, C’72, and spent time with John Berman, C’72, at his home in Boulder. Both are still pickin’ and grinnin’, and so am I. I also hear from Alan Davison, C’74, regularly. He is a musician and fine woodworker in North Carolina, and, as always, an inspiration. JOHN BEATTY sends word of his grandson’s 13th birthday! He is also receiving a degree in American Military History from American Military University. He and his wife visited Cranbrook last summer. Many were saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Richard Heavenrich this summer. His son, ALAN HEAVENRICH, Ted and Louis, were with him here in his final days. We honor his memory with deep respect and offer our condolences to his family and friends. Please send news, contacts, exaggerations and all other relevant fabrications to me at hughkerr@gmail.com.
Also, we are making preparations for our 35th class reunion coming up this spring. Let’s all try to get back to Cranbrook again in June. Meanwhile, keep those cards and e-mails coming!

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Hello, all! I want to first mention that when I received my Class Secretary packet of postcards and address lists. I found among them a letter written to the Alumni Office from classmate, MERA JETTON KOHLER. Attached to the letter was an article that appeared on the front page of the Sports section of the Traverse City Record-Eagle dated June 2, 2007. The article is about fellow classmate, LAURA MCEVY BURKE, three kids, Barbara, Douglas and Emily, and it discusses their academic and athletic achievements. It is a marvelous article and can be found at www.record-eagle.com. Under Archives, type in “Burke” and then click on Local Sports. The article can be found under the aforementioned date. As Mera mentions, Laura truly is a “remarkable woman,” and I have no doubt a proud parent as well. Received many e-mails for this issue and once again I want to thank you for helping keep our small corner in Tradition “up and running” over the last several years. Many of you who recently wrote had cc’d your news to the others on my e-mail distribution list, so if this encourages people to stay in touch, I’m glad to be of help! For those who do not get my e-mails, LAURIE PROCK MORGAN writes, “Dana and I spent 10 days in Tarpon Springs, FL, at my mom’s vacation condo, enjoying the beaches and the Gulf of Mexico in July. After being assigned some new regional responsibilities in my position at Volkswagen, I decided to begin Spanish lessons. Whew! I’d forgotten how challenging learning a new language is at the beginning! It’s fun, though, and probably good exercise to keep my brain stretched.” I also received e-mail from SARAH ELLISON JACKSON, who writes, “I officially retired from classroom teaching. Now I am teaching technology in a lab for K-4th grades. It is fun too! My husband works in Texas, so we have made a trip to visit him there, and we all went to Arizona this summer to see the Grand Canyon and other points of interest. My daughter graduated from high school and is headed off to college to study English and marketing in a couple of weeks. My brother, Billy, C’70, took his family to Spain and Morocco this summer. He has changed careers from hotel management to teaching languages. He has gone to Prague to teach English at a university, and soon he will be teaching Romance languages to English teenagers. He still lives in England…” I was delighted to get e-mail from a fellow Detroiter, DARNELL CARR NEWSUM. She writes that it has been a difficult year, part of which was enduring knee surgery and the long recovery afterwards. However, she adds that while, “It has not been the easiest thing to deal with… strength is returning, and I am nearly back in shape.” Darnell also writes, “On the positive side, I have seen or been in touch with some of our classmates – COLBY BENNETT, LOIS BRYANT, JULIE FISHER CUMMINGS and SHERYL GHEZZI. I went to Kingswood’s 75th birthday celebration in October 2006 – it was wonderful to go back.” JOLIE KALMAN BEHLANDER writes, “I just returned from taking our only daughter to her first year at Rollins, which should be an enjoyable and hopefully educational experience. She was deciding between Syracuse and Rollins, but after the 8 feet of snow in Syracuse last winter, her mind was made up!” Nice note from BAT-SHEVA NIVY LERNER in Israel, who writes, “I’m sorry I missed you all at the reunion (those who attended and those, like me, who didn’t). I’m sure it was great fun. One day I’ll actually make it to one. I was just at a two-day ‘pajama party’ with some college era friends (10 of us). Two full days of talking, eating and watching chick flicks (with a bit of swimming – or rather talking while immersed in water – thrown in for good measure). It was like a Wendy Wasserstein play. I’d love to do that with our class of ’73 one day. Not much has changed since my last installment. Chani, my 22- (almost 23-) year-old daughter, will be working full time on her music this year (after she comes back from another two-month trip to Asia – this time to Thailand, Laos and Japan). You can hear some of her music and see new pictures at her Web site if you’re interested. The Web site is: www.myspace.com/chani.lerner. Gil, our 20-year-old, has another one and a half years to go of his compulsory military service (he’s in the Air Force). Once he finishes, he’ll move on to university. It seems he’s interested in filmmaking – which brings up the question, how did two totally uncreative parents manage to produce two exceedingly creative children? Maybe there was a switch at the hospital? Aaron, my husband of 29 years, continues with his vocation (international trade) and avocation (he also has a Web site if you’re into politics, I’m not – as surprising as that may sound). You can Google him if you’re so inclined (Aaron Lerner IMRA). As for me, I’m obviously still working at Amdocs – it keeps me off the street. Actually, I freelance for them part-time. And last but not least, our dog, Buffy (the vampire slayer) is now about a year and half old (we’ve had her since she was two months old). She’s half Labrador/half German Shepherd and 100% crazy. She’s very different from Sunshine and Sandy (our two dogs before Buffy). You can see her picture (and Sunshine, Sandy and the rest of the clan) on my Web site, which I created one day during an attack of complete silliness. The Web site is www.myspace.com/bethandbuffy. If you happen to be in my neck of the woods, let me know. Dinner is on me (at the very least). I’ll be in Detroit for one of those if it’s-summer – it must-be-fundraiser-time affairs in early November (they found a way to ensure my attendance, made me a dinner co-chairman). I’d be thrilled to see anyone who’s in the Detroit area at that time.” LUCY CHASE WILLIAMS and her husband of eight years, Gibby Brand, are still happy and healthy in Glendale, CA. A little work (LCW, writer/public relations consultant, GB, actor), visits with family, plus an extended four-week spring holiday in Scotland, have kept them busy. For Lucy, attending the Brookside Reunion in June was the experience of a lifetime: “I hadn’t been back to Cranbrook since my 20th KSC reunion, and not to Brookside in 40 years, but the opportunity to see Mr. Cripps, Mr. Smart, Mr. Denio, and other beloved faculty meant the world to me and my brother, Bart Williams, C’76, so we made an adventure out of the weekend and drove up together from his home in Cleveland. Incredibly, seven other members of the Brookside Class of 1967 were also there: Kary Ball, Colby Bennett, Lois Bryant, Julie Fisher Cummings, Hugh Kerr, Betsy Taylor Fox and Caprice Wilson Baun. The years disappeared, and we were grade schoolers again! We walked the hallowed halls, reminiscing about what classes we’d taken in which rooms with which teachers, and Colby and I even posed for a picture on the playground turtle that was still there! I had brought yellowing memorabilia to boost faded memories, including biographies & class photos from 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades; the 2-page mimeographed script from the 1966 Christmas program, which Mr. Smart had written; and a page of math problems that were ‘well corrected’ by WC. Schools administration, particularly...
Brookside, and alumni office did a wonderful job of organizing the event, with a luncheon buffet from the 1964 parents’ and teachers’ cookbook (available again in a facsimile reprint courtesy of publisher Brian Forbes, C’77). I was brought to tears by a placard identifying a dish as a recipe from my mother, Susan Cunningham Williams, K’49. The Class of 1967 sat together and disgraced themselves by giggling as loudly as we were during the singing of the Brookside song. The ovations for returning faculty nearly brought down the roof, and seeing so many alumni representing all the decades was wonderful — including my aunt, Ellen Flint Cunningham Price, K’55, and her daughter, Libby Cunningham, K’82. The DVD presentation of old school photos was a highlight, especially when we all identified a picture of me holding a snake, standing next to Bruce Margulis. Clint Moore, C’74, gave us some tips on finding missing Brookside classmates, and we vowed to meet again next year, which will also be our KSC 35th. On the drive back to Cleveland, Bart and I telephoned our Brookside 5th grade teacher, Susan M. Rice, who lives in New York, to tell her how much she was missed. Now that the dust has settled, Julie and I think that we should set up a Blog or someplace where we could all share memories, and information about the upcoming reunion, to build up excitement and convince as many classmates as possible to attend. I am happy to be in charge of this, so please write to me at LChaseW@aol.com or call 818-244-3404 with any ideas. SEE YOU ALL IN 2008!”

LOIS BRYANT writes, “I started off the summer with some reunions — 30th at Brown University, 40th (I think) at Brookside. I had a BLAST at the Brookside reunion. Then I went to New York City and Long Island, which is the first time back since I moved from there to Ann Arbor four years ago. Went to nine museums — about one every third day — exhausting! And didn’t see them all! Got together with one of my favorite people in NYC; former 5th grade teacher, Susan Rice! That was a lot of fun. Also went to Boston and upstate Michigan. Now… I’m looking for a job in the Ann Arbor area — anything vaguely related to art would be nice – graphic design, working at a gallery or museum, etc. My resume is on Monster.Com, MLive.Com, and Jobs.Com. If you hear of any openings or leads, I would be interested… You can look me up any time you’re in the Ann Arbor area.”

Lois added in a later e-mail that while in New York, she got together with DARNELL CARR NEWSMAN and spent a very pleasant day with her at the Brooklyn Museum and the Brooklyn Botanical Garden.”

JULIE FISHER CUMMINGS asked me to mention that there will be another big Brookside Reunion next summer, that coincides with our 35th reunion and that LUCY CHASE WILLIAMS is organizing it. Julie also writes, “I am off to graduate school this fall in New York City. I plan on attending Columbia for a dual master’s at the Social Work School and at SIPA (School of International and Public Affairs). However, at the rate I am going I will be graduating when I am 90! So if anyone passes through NYC, please let me know. Both our younger kids are in the city in real estate. My daughter, Caroline, CK’99, is finishing up her graduate degree in art history at the Institute of Fine Arts at NYU and rehab old buildings. Tony, CK’98, got his master’s in real estate at Columbia last year and is now working at Related Companies. It is nice to be in the same place! However, my husband is commuting between Florida (our real estate business is located there), Michigan and NYC. Our eldest son, Casey, runs the RE business and is the father of our three grandchildren, ages two to eight.”

JENNIFER JAKUST THOMAS writes that she has been very busy tending to her several acres of land this summer, growing different pumpkin varieties and 15 gourd varieties. She adds, “I decided to try to grow giant pumpkin this year, just for kicks. My hopes were dashed when the biggest of the specimens slowed growth at around 85 pounds. The main vine had completely rotted. The numerous large pumpkins will still attract plenty of attention sitting out on my front lawn this fall. It has been a fascinating experience, since the pumpkins can grow many inches overnight. I am already planning for next year. My health took a turn for the better about four years ago, which surprised me. I am now working with computers part time... it is certainly the best place to work during this hot weather, since computers require cool temperatures.”

SUSAN SHOWEY HOWEY sent a brief e-mail and wrote, “I was at Hands Along Woodward (200-year anniversary) last weekend. (Aug. 23, 2007) on ‘our stretch of the road’. We had a good turnout despite the rain. I also enjoyed the Marshall Fredericks exhibit in Saginaw with friends this summer. My lesser art work is selling locally, and I’ll be at another gallery in the fall. Hope some of us can get together soon to talk over reunion plans for next year.” I was wonderfully surprised and delighted to hear from MELISSA REED who writes, “Well this e-mail request is rather fun — due to the Reply All option, I was happy to check out Chani’s info and Bat-Sheva’s Web site too (you look great, Bat-Sheva, and your daughter is a lovely singer and obviously adventurous)! There is nothing too easy here. I am still in Madison, WI, and probably always will be. I really love this city. Tom and I have now been married for 27 years and have two children and a beloved cairn terrier. I am working for a private, non-profit insurance company — the health side is somewhat precarious, but I work with disability as a continuation of all those years working with Social Security claims. I have spent the last three years working on the design and development of a claim management computer system, which led to a three-week trip to India in May for a colleague’s sister’s wedding. Several of us traveled together and had a great time — we are now eyeing other parts of the world for a possible repeat. In the meantime, Tom, my son, Christopher, and I will be heading to El Salvador in November. My daughter, Emily, is in the Peace Corps there, and we haven’t seen her since February 2006. She is anxious to show us her town and have us meet everyone. She has a place of her own complete with a dirt floor, snakes, fruit bats and a recent flea infestation. We are really anxious to see her but are planning to stay elsewhere. Christopher just graduated from the University of Minnesota in May and has settled in Minneapolis where he is working as a pre-school teacher. We are happy to have at least one child within driving distance — and at last I can unload all the ‘kid apartment stuff’ we have accumulated over the years. If anyone is ever passing through Madison, let me know. I have been terrible at keeping in touch with anyone, but it would be fun to have mail or mail our years at Kingwood and activities since. Also love to dispense restaurant, shopping and local attraction information at the slightest provocation.”

After a long absence from the newsletter, SHERYL RAE GHEZZI writes that she still practices family law, in particular child custody cases, putting in long hours. “I am... on trial for about two weeks, putting in 18-hour days, seven days a week, and now I am exhausted. Tomorrow is another battle, and we are doing well so far. Hope the fates are with me, and my client, a nice young Neuroscience Ph.D. from Northwestern University seeking custody of his 5-year-old daughter. Gender Bias being what it still is, I am on a mission for one of the most wonderful young men I have ever met. My family is doing well. My daughter, Amanda, spent the summer at Cambridge studying and traveling. She made a stop in Venice on the way home. She is in her senior year at Loyola Academy and looking at every party school in the country for college. Auntie LORI (DRESNER) calls her my ‘mini me,’ so you all know what I must be going through. Lori was here last month and is on her way back to France this weekend. COLBY BENNETT and I talk once a week and BEVERLY MCNULLY and Susan Kalman Andersen, K’74, and I also communicate quite often. I love my friends. They are absolutely my rock. We have a reunion approaching, I am planning on going and look forward to seeing everyone. As time goes by, I appreciate my KSC roots more and more.”

Your Class Secretary has had a very busy year as well. I spent the first part of it searching for a new job and finally was hired in April 2007 as a Student Accounts and Accounts Receivable Manager in the Business Office of a private co-ed college in Grays Woods, Maryland. I find I enjoy working in the world of academe, but admit that performing for-profit functions in a not-for-profit environment has its challenges! Last September, I flew back to Detroit to attend a Class Secretaries’ meeting at Cranbrook during Homecoming Weekend. I enjoyed meeting my fellow class secretaries and visiting the Cranbrook and Kingswood campuses. While there, I also saw buddies, TINA DENISON and NANCY ALBERT, and had the usual wonderful time catching up and laughing our selves silly. Then when I got my past was done catching up with me I was contacted by a friend with whom I went to summer camp and who I had not seen in over 30 years. This was a camp in New Hampshire that all my sisters and I had attended between the mid-1950s and 1974, and it had made a great impact on us when we were growing up. A group Web site was set up so that we could stay in touch, and in April 2007, a reunion was held in New York of gals who had not seen or heard from each other in over 40 years! Sadly, I was unable to attend because I had just started my new job. Nonetheless, I found it amazing and marvelous that we were able to seek each other out after all those years. Speaking of reunions, I hope to see you at our 35th Class Reunion! Be well.
**CLASS NOTES / 1970S**

**K1974**

Greetings, class of 1974, from your class secretary! It is fall already and before you know it, the holidays will be here. The summer flew by. I hope everyone enjoyed their summers. **CAROL BREITMEYER** is practicing family law with offices in Detroit and Troy. **LINDA ESCH** is still in Beaumont, TX, where she remains active in the Red Hats, Spindletop Stitchers, Lamar Alumni Association and St. Mark’s Episcopal Church where she is an acolyte. She continues to work at the Beading Master Craftsman program in the embroiderer’s Guild of America and is determined to complete all eleven Master Craftsman programs. **REBEKAH DORMAN** was recently promoted to senior program director at the United Way of Greater Cleveland, where she oversees the investment in all programs that serve children and families. Her husband is still working in research at NASA and recently applied for his first patent. She keeps busy with three teenagers and their “crazy schedules.” **KIM AIKENS** and her husband Peter are now empty nesters. Their youngest daughter, Lauren, graduated from Cranbrook Kingswood in June and is now a freshman at Bates College in Maine. Her son, Peter, is a sophomore at Bates College, and her younger daughter, Kristin, is in Madrid teaching English. Kim keeps busy with her digital photography and riding horses – dressage. **MELINDA LINDQUIST** is still working full time, heading a medical education company, developing educational programs for physicians in oncology. Her oldest daughter also started her freshman year at Bates College, and her younger daughter is still at Concord Academy, where her husband, Parkman Howe, teaches English. They live in the Boston area. **LISA SCHWARTZ DIAMOND** reports that she still has her dried cherry/gourmet products business, and her husband Steve is still a partner at the DC law firm, Arnold and Porter. Her sons are now both at the University of Michigan, which is Lisa and Steve’s alma mater. Lisa is thrilled to have them join 11 other relatives who have graduated from U-M. Both Lisa and Steve are on alumni boards at U-M which brings them to Ann Arbor frequently. She also keeps busy cooking, gardening, reading, biking and skiing. Lisa keeps in touch with **DESIREE CALDWELL ARMITAGE** and Jamie Roth and their families. **DIANA SHARER** is the proud parent of two high school students. Her son, Danny, is a senior at Cranbrook Kingswood, and her daughter, Sarah, is in ninth grade. She spent much of the summer bicycling and kayaking and plans to reenter the workforce in the near future. She sends regards to **KATY IRWIN**, **WENDY CLOUTIER** and **BETSY RITTER CARR**. JULIE BUTUS spent one month last winter in Laos touring with her son, MacAllister Griffiths, and Vassana Achavong. She traveled by tuk-tuk, mopeds and even rode an elephant! Julie was able to experience life in the family and observed cooking with traditional Lao methods. She describes this as a “trip of a lifetime” and looks forward to returning in the future. **EVA ZELLER SANDLIN** and husband Mike finally completed their new home in Westlake, TX, which is in a golf community. They love it and are now golfing together. In addition, they have joined Exclusive Resorts and will be traveling to Costa Rica, Greece, Croatia, Italy, Puerto Vallarta and Bhutan! Wow, how fun! Their eldest son, Jonathan, has been married for one year and is working in the family business, selling Sandlin homes and doing very well. Stephen is a senior at the University of Oklahoma, and their youngest, Andrew, is at home this semester working and hopes to return to Oklahoma State University next spring. She keeps in touch with **MOLLY MCNIFF MENEGAY** and knows all is well with her household. **MARTHY NATSIS** is still living and working in the Chicago area. I have seen her a few times this past year during her visits to Michigan. She has come back to go to the Ann Arbor Art Fair every year since 1983! She states she has almost run out of wall space for all of her art treasures! As for me, your class secretary, my life is busy with my solo allergy practice and traveling. Mark and I have been to Vienna, where we saw the Vienna Boys Choir and the Nutcracker ballet at the Opera House. In addition, we have been to Idaho, Montana, California and Utah. I continue to teach medical students and resident physicians and lecture to primary care doctors in the community about allergic disease and asthma. I am also a member of the Kingswood Alumnae Board and have enjoyed visiting the school campus and seeing the changes there since we were students. I am able to see **KIM DONDERO PIERCE** who is also on the Board with me. It is nice to have a classmate on the Board. The Alumnae Association still sponsors Giftorama, and this year’s event will be held November 9 – 11. That’s all the news I have for now. Thank you to all of you who sent in your news. I would encourage everyone to submit news to me whenever, and I will keep you updated with each edition of Tradition. Please send me your e-mail addresses too. I hope this finds everyone well and happy.

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**C1975**

In my first season as your Class Secretary, I have been in electronic communication with those of you who have provided your current e-mail addresses to the alumni office. The rest of you will soon get a card by regular mail; please respond for the next edition of Tradition. And please send in your e-mail addresses! Reports from the e-mail correspondents: **DON RODIE** – who gets points for being the first respondent – has been working at Cushman & Wakefield in commercial real estate for nearly 25 years, representing corporations on transactions in the U.S. and abroad. He and his two sons, Hartley, 19, and Preston, 18, live in Scottsdale, AZ, but take climate breaks at a second home in San Diego. Don stays in touch with **GREG WYSOCKI** and Patty Hogan Bandemer; he also spends time each summer in northern Michigan with Jim Kopka C’74, and **PETER NEITHERCUT** and his brother David, C’74. This year Don ran into Jenny Squibb Armstrong, K’74, while in Harbor Springs, MI. **TOM LYNN** writes from Havertown, PA, where he is an associate professor of English at Penn State Berks. (Tom, if you have any critique of my writing, please send it on!) Tom is married to Jessica Hirsch Lynn and has two sons, Jeremy and Jonah, and a step-daughter, Samara. **CRAIG DOLBY** is, in his words, “doing fine, retired; living on Seabrook Island in South Carolina.” You set the standard for the rest of us, Craig!

**BILL POWELL** lives in Cleveland with his wife Sandra and his apparently well-educated and athletic daughters, Lindsey, 23, Davidson College/ Villanova Law, tennis; Read, 21, Denison University, field hockey and lacrosse; Cameron, 18, Bates College, tennis and lacrosse; and Whitney, 14, Hathaway Brown School, soccer. Bill and Sandra are both active at the Hathaway Brown School, Sandra coaching middle school tennis and Bill serving on the board. Bill remains general counsel for Summa Health System in Akron, OH. Bill saw **DENIE CASH**, **STEVE HOLMES**, Jim Parsons, C’74, and Jim Holmes, C’73, in Charlevoix, MI, this past summer. He also keeps in touch with John Winklepleck, C’69, who lives in nearby Shaker Heights. **ABOUT ALUMNI / LATE FALL 2007 / 79**

**Pamela Georgeson, Class Secretary**
hundreds of opportunities for world travel; he, his family and students were in South Africa in ’05, Vietnam in ’06, and provided Katrina relief in New Orleans this year. Ben writes that he sees JAMIE GILBERT, JOE FULLER and RUTHANNE SCHWARTZ FULLER pretty regularly, so “Cranbrook connections continue to run deep.” JON KOTTLER reports that his son, Zach, celebrated his bar mitzvah over Labor Day weekend (congratulations, Kottler family!); the festivities were attended by NEAL MOZEN, MARK KOGAN and Zach’s good friend Michael Fenkell, CK’05. Jon also spent time this past summer with GREG LEON, TONY COULSON, MARK KOGAN and Amy Miller Weinstein. As for me, I am settling into a new home down here in sunny — and, as of the date of this writing (knock on wood), hurricane-free — Texas, FL, learning how to enjoy outdoor activities in 95/95 weather (degrees/percent humidity). Which actually has not been too hard; and the benefits of year-round warmth are quite appealing. Of course, the weather is really 74 and comfortable every day — in my office. Still practicing law, working in commercial real estate (shopping centers throughout the U.S.), and playing drums periodically, primarily at community events and for non-profit organizations. Both of my daughters are now college graduates — Sherri, CK’01, graduated from Northwestern University in 2005, and after a few years in the real world, has enrolled in a master’s program at University of Illinois; and Tracy, CK’03, graduated from Washington University in St. Louis earlier this year and will be working for a while before heading to law school. I could not be prouder of both of them! Earlier this year I was surprised by a 50th birthday party, which was attended by ROGER SILVERSTEIN, PETER HILZINGER and Pamela Georgeson, K’74; despite the nature of the occasion, it was great seeing them all. If you are ever in the Tampa Bay area, please give me a call. And send in your class news! I’d be remiss if I didn’t send to you in early fall. PAM BACON CABOT. “Whenever we see each other, the years fade away, and we are the same best friends forever.” DIANA LAWRENCE e-mailed back from her home in Denver. She is looking forward to a Santa Fe trip and writes, “Thanks for doing this.” BONNIE HEITSCH sent a nice note from Salem, OR. “We are fine – chugging along, and like many in our class, beginning to send kids off to college.” Bonnie’s first two children are attending schools in the east (for her) Minnesota and New Hampshire. Karen’s daughter is at Clemson, and Pam’s son is at Vanderbilt. SARA FLOM MUSHRO has some time before her two girls are off to college; one is in 3rd grade and the other in kindergarten. She lives in Flagstaff, AZ, only a six-hour drive to Santa Fe. The next reply came from someone we hadn’t heard from in a long time, MARY TAYLOR KIRKPATRICK, who is living in south Denver and would like to join us in Santa Fe. She regrets that reunition times are in June, a busy time of the year, as her youngest son is in 8th grade. Mary’s comment is, “Well, I can’t believe we are 50, although I keep reminding my friends that 50 is the new 30, so when we’re 70, we can feel 50. Not til then!” SUZANNE TAICHERT e-mailed this from Albuquerque, NM. “Hello, ladies. It’s wonderful that you’re putting together a Class of ‘75 trip to my father’s birthplace, Santa Fe.” She plans to join us, is still playing the piano, Celtic/Irish music, the 12-string guitar and works as a radiology medical specialist. We need help finding DIANE BENAVIDES, ANITA BOLES, SUE McGOFF LOVE, VERONICA SOLER, AMANDA ROLF, KATIE VAN DUSEN and LYNN JACKSON WALKS. If you know the whereabouts of any of the above, please let me know. May I take this opportunity to say “Thank You” to everyone, your response to the news of the death of LAURIE DAVIS MCNERNEY in March 2007, has been most solicitous through your contributions, letters and e-mails. Laurie will be missed but will always be remembered through our efforts. I’ll be seeing some of you in Santa Fe, our first attempt at a Kingswood Class of ’75 trip. Just keep the letters and e-mails coming for more “Words from the Swirbs.”

K1975

Classmates, thanks for responding to my memos sent to you in early fall. KAREN CLIMIE LAKANEN was the first to reply. She lives in the other Birmingham, Alabama, that is. With temperatures between 100-105 degrees in late August, Karen is “the only one who lives the heat and humidity!” She spent her 50th birthday in Michigan and visited with PAM BACON CABOT. “Whenever we see each other, the years fade away, and we are the same best friends forever.”

C1977

Greetings, everyone. I hope your summer was a good one. Here in Houston, it’s Labor Day weekend, it’s raining so hard my DirecTV can’t find a signal, and my Wolverines just lost to Appalachian State. Normally this would be a great opportunity to blow off some steam behind the lawn mower or head to the gym, but my yard is under water and the gym is closed. My only alternative is to generate some inspiration at the keyboard, so here we go. The first thing I need to talk about is our 30th Reunion. The weekend couldn’t have turned out better, and the turnout for our class dinner exceeded our wildest expectations. Normally, I would try to
list the names of everyone in attendance, but we had almost 80 people in attendance and probably too many names to write here. However, I think I got pictures of almost everyone in attendance and you can view them on our class yahoo Web site: (http://ph.groups.yahoo.com/group/CranbrookKingswood1977/photos) For those of you who have never visited the site, it’s an open site, so you will need to send e-mail to Julie Rodecker Holly, and she will grant you access. For those of you who attended, it was great to see everyone, especially those who had not been back since we graduated. I know there’s that old saying that you can never go home again, but for a few hours during reunion weekend, I did just that. The school never looked better and I think the same can be said about our class. To top off the weekend, Brookside celebrated its 85th birthday with its first ever reunion. As a “lifer” at Cranbrook, it was a very special event and my first time back to Brookside since we were in school. The big gym was absolutely packed and many of our old teachers were in attendance and asked to introduce themselves during our brunch celebration. In particular, I have to mention a few very special teachers in attendance: Wally and Mayble Cripps, Betsy Clark, John Denio, Don Brown, Hal and Jean Smart and Gloria Lusk. Wally Cripps not only got a standing ovation, but there wasn’t a dry eye in the house. When I finally got the chance to catch up with him, he told me something that I can’t resist sharing. I asked him how retirement was treating him, and he told me that prior to making the trip back to campus, he was helping his son dig up stumps on his property in Florida...this coming from someone who is 93 years old and still going strong! Okay, time to catch up with a few classmates.

This time I have to give top billing to one of my long lost MIA’s, SHAWN REEDY. Shawn writes in to say that rumors of his demise are greatly exaggerated, and he is alive and well splitting his time between Florida and Japan. Shawn recently returned to the U.S. after spending the past 20 years in Japan as a professor of linguistics. He has also spent three years in the Philippines and one year in Micronesia. He has three children: Louie Toshihiro, who is 93 years old and still going strong! Okay, time to catch up with a few classmates.

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Reunion to remember, both the old days and the new! Just today I was going through some paperwork and came upon a thank you note from CINDY HEITSCH CORRIGAN regarding the 25th reunion. One of her favorite parts of the weekend (although she loved it all) was Friday’s party at the Cranbrook Senior Cabin. Well, thanks to SUSAN AIKENS POST’s phone call to the alumni office, the cabin is already reserved for the class of 1978! We so missed those of you who could not make it to the 25th, but now is the time to set that 2008 weekend aside! My daughter, Charlotte, who is in tenth grade already, really wanted to see Stevie Nicks, and as it turned out, her concert was at Pine Knob the very night of reunion this year. I bought us tickets for that night, but first Charlotte accompanied me to the cocktail party on the quad, where she and I, along with PATTY SMITH MOSS, sold beverage tickets for an hour and a half prior to rocking out at The Knob (which is now called DTE Energy Theater... tooo!) We just LOVED seeing our pals from the wonderful class of 1977. It was such a beautiful night, perfect for all occasions! Allison, K’77, and ERIN PORTER attended and looked as beautiful as they did in school. Erin and LAURA WILNER CRAIG were roommates in the dorm and visited their room together to reminisce. The girls were overwhelmed to find the notes they had written still etched in their desk drawers. How cool is that. Erin is working for a company called Reactix in Silicon Valley, and she commutes between Minneapolis and San Francisco. She and husband, John Livingston, just celebrated their third anniversary at Little Barndoor Island at Lake San Francisco. She and husband, John, have such fun with MISSY ZIEVE when Missy and her family rented a home in Tuscany years back. Alice would love to catch up with Harry Johnson, Sue Lubes, Ann Ellis, K’79, Julie MacCallum, K’79, Emily Cinader, K’79, Charlene Grant, Wendy Hovey, John Hazard, CK’92, Lisa Brehm, Scribner Jelliffe and so many others. Alice is running in the San Francisco Marathon in October (Nike Women’s Marathon) to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. By the time she had written, she had almost raised her goal of $4000. You can visit her Web site at: www.active.com/donate/tntx/tntxAFrankl.com. I do hope the race went well. KEN SCHNEYER, his wife, Janice Okoomian, and their children, Hannah Schneyer Okoomian, 13, and Arak Okoomian Schneyer, 8, have returned to their home in Barrington, RI, after six months of living in a one-bedroom apartment in Providence during a major renovation. “The original purpose of the renovation was to add another bedroom (to prevent fratricide) and another bathroom (to prevent infanticide), human nature and the advice of architects being what they are, an entire second floor, and a completely reorganized layout unfolded. The relocation was long and painful, but the home we returned to made it all worth it. Everything has more space and more light and is far more livable than before.”

He is super-busy with work, wearing many hats right now, but is taking care of business! JULIE GREENBERG HAZAN and her hubby are adjusting to having only one daughter at home... almost empty nesters. Son, Jamie, went off to Ann Arbor this fall, where he joins his brother, Josh, a junior, at U-M. Julie says that thanks to MARY ANN OANCEA LIEVOIS, NANCY SEIGEL HEINRICH and LAURA SEGAL, she has a great time keeping in touch. JOHN HORVATH and his ladies (wife and 10-year-old daughter) were able to spend some glorious time up north this summer. Their 15th anniversary was in October. John often finds himself enjoying the likes of the Cranbrook grounds for hiking and visits to the science museum with the family. John has been working hard on a new Chrysler product soon to be released, the Dodge Journey. He also hopes “Sue Ann remains his neighbor for a while longer” (my home has been for sale for a year and a half). Ouch! I will miss being the Horvaths’ neighbor (when the time comes). That’s for sure. ALICE FRANKLIN SCLAVANIDIS writes that she and her husband are back in the United States after living abroad for 21 years! Welcome Back! They moved back to Dallas last June after the passing of her mother (so sorry about that) to be close to her father. Alice is making the adjustment much quicker than her Italian hubby. Both are professional photographers, a passion that Alice developed while at Kingswood many years ago, under the guidance of Jim Seligren. “Amazing when I think of it,” Alice stated. She wants everyone to know that because of their jobs they are always available for travel and would love to meet up with others, wherever! Alice specializes in fine art, portraiture and still life, while her husband has worked for the past 35 years in oil and gas, travel, editorial and architectural photography. He has done numerous books of countries the world round. They had such fun with MISSY ZIEVE when Missy and her family rented a home in Tuscany years back. Alice would love to catch up with Harry Johnson, Sue Lubes, Ann Ellis, K’79, Julie MacCallum, K’79, Emily Cinader, K’79, Charlene Grant, Wendy Hovey, John Hazard, CK’92, Lisa Brehm, Scribner Jelliffe and so many others. Alice is running in the San Francisco Marathon in October (Nike Women’s Marathon) to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. By the time she had written, she had almost raised her goal of $4000. You can visit her Web site at: www.active.com/donate/tntx/tntxAFrankl.com. I do hope the race went well. KEN SCHNEYER, his wife, Janice Okoomian, and their children, Hannah Schneyer Okoomian, 13, and Arak Okoomian Schneyer, 8, have returned to their home in Barrington, RI, after six months of living in a one-bedroom apartment in Providence during a major renovation. “The original purpose of the renovation was to add another bedroom (to prevent fratricide) and another bathroom (to prevent infanticide), human nature and the advice of architects being what they are, an entire second floor, and a completely reorganized layout unfolded. The relocation was long and painful, but the home we returned to made it all worth it. Everything has more space and more light and is far more livable than before.”
ABOVE, Keith Taylor and Richard Gage, both C’78, and families

24th year at Beaumont and has been a nurse in Admission/Transfer for the past 14 years. Tim continues to enjoy early retirement, and the rascal has a lot more time to devote to working on his golf game. Susan’s son, Griffin, is 14 and an 8th grader this year. He enjoyed summer camp at Cranbrook and a week at Boyne Mountain Junior Golf Academy. At 5’9”, Griffin will have a better advantage on the basketball team this year. “Griffin obviously towers over me by almost a foot,” Susan exclaims. Susan’s stepson, Ryan, just turned 26 and has moved to Grand Rapids for his work at Maxim Health Care. Susan continues to volunteer at Christ Church Cranbrook, knitting for the Prayer Shawl Ministry, which she finds so unbelievably rewarding, making shawls and delivering them to those in need. Susan is looking forward to the 30th and hopes we have a great turnout. PHIL FORRER attended his 25th college reunion in Boulder and is well aware our 30th is coming up. Phil has been working on a construction support contract with Genentech, a new pharmaceutical packaging (fill/finish) facility in Hillsboro, OR, (near Portland). Jet setting every Monday and Friday to his home near south Lake Tahoe, and getting a week working from his and Norma’s house in Berkeley once a month, Phil cannot imagine a better gig! He is planning extensive travel in the UK and Europe through the winter, testing equipment before it is sent to Oregon. Also, planning on another big ski year. His big event for last year was a deer-hunting trip with (yes, you are reading and seeing correctly!) Ted Nugent that Phil bought at a charity event auction! “Talk about a Right Wing Week!” Phil shares! Ted’s wife Shemane works on a non-profit charity called Freedoms Angels. It is a support network group for families, friends and supporters of our courageous military personnel at home and on the battlefields across the globe. This gave Ted and our Phil Forrer four days on his ranch near Waco, TX. Phil was able to celebrate Ted’s 58th birthday with him that week. AND, Phil closes his note to me with the sentence, “No doubt I will be at Cranbrook for our 30th, next June!” BEVERLY BROWN RUGGIA starts her letter off with the hope that she will be able to attend the reunion. Beverly is C.O.O. of the non-profit organization, The International Center, in New York, where she has been for many years. Beverly’s husband James is a travel writer and editor for a travel trade publisher (hey, connect Beverly and James up with Alice Franklin and her husband!). James and Beverly have a lovely little girl named Celeste, 12, and they live in New Jersey. She is in regular contact with Jennifer Sibley Clement and Jennifer’s sister, Barbara Sibley, K’80. She also hears from Matt Tuchow and BEE HOWES. Bee is an architect living in Boston with her husband and children. After Beverly’s computer crashed, she lost Bee’s information and would love to get back in touch. Beverly would also love to hear from Joey Pickering Buglye, K’77. Natalie Ford and after running into someone at a party who knew Dawn Kranda, C’76, Beverly would like to catch up with her, as well as many others. DAVID RABINOWITZ is still enjoying living in Houston. He is the senior attorney for a crude oil marketing and transportation company called Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. His son, Jonathan, is 5 this year. David hopes to see everyone at the 30th Reunion! MEG MEURER BROSSY, her husband Guy and the boys had a fabulous nine weeks in Leland, each day full of tennis, golf, sailing, swimming, tubing, water-skiing, hiking, fishing...and the list goes on. Meg’s parents and siblings all visited in the course of the summer, as did Cindy Heitsch Corrigan with her two boys and Sally Etterbeek Swets (whose brothers are Jeff Etterbeek, C’75, and Jon Etterbeek, C’80, and her two kids. The Brossy family also ran into Jack Ingold and his family, including his mom, and Edie Ingold, K’79, in town one evening. That same night they ran into Scott Koeze and Jo and Jeff Koeze’s parents. Meg ran into Paula Shuler, K’77, and her husband Jim and Clark Shuler, C’76, in Traverse City, which was great fun after 25 years. Meg caught a quick glimpse of Gigi Collins, K’79. Gigi lives in northern California. In the month of July Meg says they had visitors every night except three, which led to a lot of bed changes, towel and sheet washings and many a beer run for re-loading the guests. That’s what they love about their new home in Leland! Sharing great fun. Sadness did strike, however, when Meg’s 96-year-old grandmother passed away (her mom’s mom), and Guy’s stepfather of 41 years passed as well, the very day after visiting them in Michigan. What a blessing they had that time together. On a happier note, Meg played in the national 45s in Chicago in May and did well. “Body willing I will play in it again next May (2008).” Meg’s parents celebrated their 50th anniversary (congratulations!) this past year, and all the Meurer kids and their children spent a week outside of Santa Barbara in the village of Montecito. Both of her parents are in good health! Meg will be at the reunion — right, Meg! She hopes to be. KEITH TAYLOR sent a great picture of him and his family alongside RICHARD GAGE and his family. The Taylors and Gages got together for the second year in a row at a family property on Squam Lake in New Hampshire. They both figured that no one would remember who they were (wrong-o buckos), but they hope some will. Both families have teenage kids that hit it off immediately. The Taylors also met up with Maury Wood and Maury’s wife, Shelly Ziegelman, who summer on the lake as well. Twenty-nine years later it just seemed like a few weeks between friends. They are all planning a trip to Mexico, hopefully by the end of the year, to commemorate our trip there senior year with teacher, Jake Jacobsus. MATT RHEAD and his family are ready to redo Mexico as well. Any of you who experienced that trip and are ready for another, e-mail Keith at keithtaylor@comcast.net. TORY SMITH SAWULA’s oldest son, Will Chichester, has graduated from Cranbrook and is now a freshman at U-M! Baby, Michael Emmet Sawula was two in October, and everyone is really enjoying Michael’s toddler years. He plays with his cousins, Bo and Stoney, sons of Drew and Jennifer MacLeod Smith, both C’87. Tory is looking forward to next June. MAURY WOOD and wife SHELLY ZIEGELMAN had a busy summer of travel with their children, Alex, 16, Zaac, 14, and India, 11. As noted above, they met up with the Tayors at Squam Lake and also traveled to Greece and Turkey. Shelly is very busy with her architecture practice. They are hoping to commence construction on their new (and I believe “Green”) vacation home in Baja California, Mexico, this winter or next spring. The kids are busy playing tennis (Aleix), drums (Zaac) and soccer (India) and are adjusting to high school and middle school. Maury took a jazz camp this summer, played jazz bass and practiced yoga as much as possible. He wrote me from China, where he is working with customers and design partners on portable media players, multimedia accessories design and development using analog devices/microchips. Maury has been doing this for 15 years. JENNIFER SIBLEY CLEMENT’s most recent novel, “The Poison That Fascinates,” will be published in January 2008. Jennifer’s New and Selected Poems will also be published in early 2008. She lives in Mexico City, Mexico, with her daughter. SUSAN AIKENS POST is looking forward to our 30th and hopes “that all of our local classmates will be there and many, many of those who will travel from afar!” Susan got to catch up with LISA WIEMER LILLELUND (Lisa writes that she will be coming to reunion and looks forward to catching up with everyone) and KATHY HOGAN APPEL on the shores of Lake Charlevoix this summer. Lisa and Kathy were there from Massachusetts; Kathy was visiting her parents with her husband Jim.
Mandy Whelan Hoar was in Charlevoix at the end of July, but they were not able to connect. Mandy’s daughter, Katie, is a freshman at Hamilton College this year. Susan, husband Nick and the Post family were happy to celebrate the high school graduation of Andy, C’77, and Laura Wilner Craig’s son, Jake, who is off to Michigan State this fall. Chris Jones Juneau came up to Harbor Springs from Connecticut with her husband David and their kids, Ben and Grace. They enjoyed their visit hunting Petoskey Stones in the Dunes of Petoskey State Park. Susan had a chance to catch up for lunch with Martha James Quay. Martha was on her way to London to spend time with her eldest son, James, who studied this past summer in London and was to be celebrating his 21st birthday. Susan sees Charlene Reuss Grandelius regularly. Susan’s youngest daughter, Libby, and Charlene’s son, Nick, are one grade apart at Cranbrook. The Posts and Grandeliuses have fun catching up at school events and more. We had a very special speaker at this year’s reunion. Our very own Bob Woodruff, C’79! We are all so proud of Bob, what he has done in the past, how far he has come in the present and the wonderful future that is paved ahead for him, his family and all of the people in the world that he will be able to inspire! Susan Aikens Post closes her note to me with the following: “I had the privilege of seeing Bob Woodruff, C’79, speak at graduation this past June. He was quite amazing, and the service was most inspirational, as he spoke from the heart about his past year and his friendship with Cranbrook senior, Miles Levin, who lost his life to a rare form of pediatric cancer this past August. They met by chance while Bob was on his book tour, and Miles was traveling for a cancer treatment. They forged an incredible friendship. You can read more about Miles’ inspiring journey on the Beaumont Hospital Carepages at www.carepages.com and search for Miles.” And, you can read Bob’s inspiring journey in a memoir written by he and his wife, Lee, called “In An Instant!” (at all bookstores and libraries).” And me? What am I up to? I started my own design business, Interior Innovations, and I love it. I am enjoying my children immensely, no matter what ages and stages they go through. Charlotte is driving with a permit, and I pretend I don’t notice how close those mailboxes look sometimes (must be an illusion!). No, actually, she is a good driver. She gets great grades (god love her that she is in honor’s chemistry and honor’s math...whose kid is she again? Her tennis seems to suit Don; though he tries to get back to Michigan as often as possible to spend time with his wife and tradition over the summers at the family’s cottage in Bay View near Petoskey. During the 4th of July weekend, we saw Sarah Aikens Post and her family waving from a car in the Harbor Springs annual production. Adam practices family medicine with a subspecialty in sports medicine: “I do a lot of non-surgical care for acute injuries. My big focus is concussion management. I serve as team doc for a local high school.” Adam also teaches residents and medical students at his base hospital. In his free time, he sings in the Greater Middletown Chorale or “cranks on bass” in pick up bands. Bob Schwartz has also continued to enjoy his musical pursuits. Bob has his own jazz group to keep him busy when he’s not at work in the mortgage title industry in Cincinnati. “Outside of work, I keep busy playing drums – gigging around the Midwest with my own jazz, doing community theater, and going to jazz festivals around the world.” Bob’s daughter, Samantha, is a freshman at Kent State University, and his son, Eliot, is a high school freshman. Bob writes, “If anybody is ever motoring down I-75 through southwest Ohio, stop and say ‘Hi’.” Stephen also recently caught up with Andy August, who just published his second book, “The British Working Class, 1832-1940.” Augie teaches at Penn State Abington and lives in the Philadelphia area with his wife Barbara and their two daughters, Maddie, 8, and Talia, 6: “I’ve been at Penn State Abington since ’95. The campus is in an inner-ring suburb of Philadelphia. It’s a great place to work, and we really like living in Philly.” Augie was back in Birmingham last spring for the wedding of his brother, Tom, C’99. Jay Houck is also in education at a prep school on the east coast: “I am currently the dean of students at Tabor Academy in Marion, MA. My wife Jill and I have two boys, James and Liam, ages 4 and 2, respectively. We spend our summers at our log home in northern New Hampshire so that I can decompress from the school year. I maintain my interest in golf, as I both serve as Tabor’s varsity coach and have acquired my professional instructor’s certification.” Kevin Maroni managed to send me a quick note, fresh back from his recent world tour: “The kids seem to be at a perfect age – mobile and no diapers but not yet treating us with teenage disdain and contempt. So over the last year Polly and I have taken a ton of family trips – South of France, London, Utah, Wyoming and Italy this summer. Our window on that is closing fast, so we are cramming in as much as we can before they start getting summer jobs, refusing to be seen in public with their parents, etc.” When not racking up frequent flyer miles, Kevin is chair of the board of his kids’ school in Brookline, MA, “fast learning how much I didn’t appreciate about Cranbrook.” Other than that, he maintains himself “basically a sharpy” for his 14- and 12-year-old daughters and 8-year-old son. Keep up the good work, Kevin. I’ve had several good conversations with Don Parsons, who after business school at U-M, moved to Denver to join a venture capital firm. In 2002 he started Appian Ventures, another venture capital firm which invests in early to growth stage software companies in the western U.S. The mountain life seems to suit Don; though he tries to get back to Michigan as often as possible to spend time with his wife and tradition over the summers at the family’s cottage in Bay View near Petoskey. During the 4th of July weekend, we saw Sarah Aikens Post and her family waving from a car in the Harbor Springs.
4th parade. Don also expected to see Tim Davenport in Charlevoix, as Tim was to visit his father at the Chicago Club. Back in Colorado, Don did the 120-mile Triple Bypass road bike ride from Evergreen to Avon: “A long way that ‘scared’ you into shape through the spring and early summer.” Don and Mark Stephens were instrumental in rounding up our Brookside classmates for the School’s 85th Anniversary. Thank you again, Don and Mark. Another classmate, who regularly gets back to Michigan during the summers, is first-time writer, Robert Jones, who checks in from Scottsdale, AZ, where he lives with his wife and two boys. “After graduating from U-M Law School, I moved to Palo Alto, CA, where I first worked as a technology licensing and then a labor and employment lawyer. In the ’90s, I married a Stanford girl and moved to Arizona, where I am the chair of the Labor and Employment Practice Group of Midwest-based Quarles & Brady Streich Lang, LLP. We enjoy living in Scottsdale, but we get back to Michigan a couple of times a year to see family and cool off in the lakes. If anyone is ever in the area, look me up at rjones@quarles.com.” It was great hearing from my old buddy, Dave Robinson. Dave is back in California where he has a successful money management practice at Howard Capital. He is married, going on 16 years, with three kids (10, 8 and 6). Dave and I spent a good long time chatting on the telephone. He filled me in on life generally (California seems to suit him) and his brothers, Tom, C’78, who is an associate professor of medicine at the Stanford Prevention Research Center at Stanford University School of Medicine, and Jim, C’83, who is assistant professor of the history of Judaism in the Divinity School at the University of Chicago. ‘I’m glad we had time to catch up, Dave. Speaking of old buds, I also heard from C.J. Ghesquiere. As many of you know, within the past year C.J. dedicated a surgical specialty center for children at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. The Ghesquiere Family Center for Children’s Surgery (see last Tradition) is designed specifically for children. The Center offers the best care medicine has to offer in a setting designed just for children, including a “river” floor, “stars” in the ceiling, red wagons to transport patients, a video wall with kid-friendly images, bright paint colors, and original artwork provided by students from Cranbrook Kingswood. C.J. has been on Beaumont’s board of directors since 2000 and continues with his work as an auto dealer executive in Bloomfield Hills. I also got a call from Tim Davenport, who checks in from Connecticut. Tim heads up Bear Stern’s bond trading floor, derivatives marketing group. He has four children, triplets (9 years old) and a son, 5. Tim filled me in on seeing my sister, J.J., K’78, in Beaver Creek, CO, last spring and taking grueling bump runs with former classmate, Scott Lasser, in Aspen: “I went skiing in Aspen in February and looked up Scott Lasser on a whim. We managed to catch up on my last day and skied together. He took great pleasure in taking me to the steepest run with the biggest moguls and forced me to eat humble pie… but it was really fun. Scott is a financial consultant for Smith Barney and continues to write.” Tim is happy and enjoying life to the fullest. He stays in regular touch with Mark Stephens and Phil Smith and recently caught up with Mike Acheson over dinner in New York. It was great to hear from Carl Norris, who runs a very successful staffing and executive placement firm in Farmington Hills. Unfortunately, in April, Carl’s office building burned down, but he is back up and running in his new office and doing better than ever. Carl’s daughter, Tiffany, is a junior at Farmington Hills Harrison High School and an accomplished performer, having been accepted to the highly regarded Detroit Opera House Dance Repertoire over the summer. Evan Moore filled me in on his veterinarian practice and sent me pictures of his beautiful family: “I have been busily working, and along with my lovely wife Amy, raising our three girls. I have a busy equine veterinarian practice with two-part-time associate vets. We live in a log home that we built in 2000. Our girls are 6, 4 and 1. They love to ride their pony and spend time at Crystal Lake.” John Cohen is still in the D.C. area, working as a lobbyist for Washington Group International, a large engineering construction company based in Boise, ID. John writes, “My wife and I just celebrated our 21st wedding anniversary – no way can we be that old! We have two kids – a son, 13, and a daughter, 10. We’re just beginning the teenage years, which so far have been fun but challenging.” John regularly gets back to Michigan to see his dad and sister who live in Birmingham and to spend time at the family’s lake house in Glen Arbor. David Randall continues his ear, nose, throat and facial plastics medical practice in Springfield, MO. He and his wife Shelly, who he met while at Camp Lejuene (doing payback for medical school), get away to their 38-foot Chris Craft on Table Rock Lake and travel whenever possible. In his spare time, he continues to write a variety of review articles, with a goal to figure out a way to make tonsillectomy a less miserable procedure. “This is a simple, common surgery yet hurts like Hell.” David donated his bassoon to Cranbrook and wants anyone that has instruments collecting dust to consider donating them to Cranbrook (Sarkis Halajian now director of performing arts). David periodically gets together with Mark Dunning, who he says is still at Chrysler doing HR, and Boots Leitch, who is now back in the mental health field after a four-year stint in landscaping (Boots and his wife Bonnie work at Kingswood Hospital): “I still do the outdoor stuff on the side, but paid vacation time is nice too. We now have three grandchildren: Wyatt just now five, Ruby soon to be four and Jessie who will be one in December. With these names it seems they were destined for the move they made to Austin, TX, two years ago September. Grandchildren are great fun, and I recommend them to everyone!” Boots continues to take great interest in Cranbrook and encourages all of us to contribute to fundraising for the improvement of the grounds: “We see some of the statuary and stone retaining walls around Cranbrook House deteriorating horribly and many sloppy concrete patch substitutes for the damaged bricks in the academic quad. The quality of Cranbrook as a historically significant piece of architecture should not be lost on us who have known the beauty of the campus and the importance of the place as a part of our schooling and living experience.” Boots recently touched base with Andy Hegedus and exchanges the occasional e-mail with Julia Hislop. Jon Melnick sends his “howdy” from Austin, TX, where he’s at Dell, managing part of the AMD and Intel relationship. Jon and his wife Cami have been in Austin for the last 12 years and have two children, son, Tim, 11, and daughter, Julia, 12, who are busy with lacrosse, soccer and volleyball. The Melnicks recently moved into a new house and now are into the “project” phase, which Jon laments, “tends to impact golf and boating time.” Jon’s brother, Rich, C’82, and his family visited over the summer from Chicago and spent time with
Kingswood lake. We ended our walk in the bustling Christ Church Cranbrook parking lot where Brookside takes a bus to meet their parents at dismissal. Susan was collecting her youngest of three, Libby, who is in the 5th grade. Earlier in the day, I saw my son, Robbie Post, CK’08, off to his first day of classes at Cranbrook senior. Next, in my capacity as a Brookside physical education teacher, I helped children from their cars as they were dropped off for their first days of school. I was lucky to open the door for my brother’s three little girls and get to escort them into Brookside. So you can see that Cranbrook Schools is very much a part of my daily life. It is wonderful to be involved with the schools and to have so many family connections there. The schools are better than ever, with many exciting construction and refurbishing projects going on throughout the campus. I urge classmates to come back and see both the changes and the changeless beauty of Cranbrook. You should be proud to know that Cranbrook Kingswood continues to be a dynamic and unique place.

MARY ELLEN O’BRIEN WILLIAMS sent along this update. She began work in July as the director of finance and operations at Graland Country Day School in Denver. It is a K-9 day school that promotes progressive education. The school has approximately 630 students. Mary Ellen’s daughter, Eila Marie, is two and a half years old. According to her happy mother, she loves numbers and letters and can change her diaper and her own clothes. She will be starting kindergarten this year and is playing the bassoon in the band. I remember Ari playing the bassoon at Cranbrook a million years ago. Catherine, our 6-year-old, starts 2nd grade, and she is playing the cello. Other than that, all is wonderful, and Randy and I are doing “rocks/paper/scissors” to see who makes the lunches in the morning for the kids.” Sounds great, Anne! Anne’s e-mail has changed to benge1331@roadrunner.com.

JULIE SINGER CHERNOFF sent an update as well. She finally retired from the D65 school board and has a little time to pursue her other interests. She is interested in trying to get back into food writing and reviewing. She is also working up a few song sets for a cabaret act for the fall. Julie’s family is active as well. Her son, Josh, and Julie went to Sorrento, Italy, in May for the Bain Worldwide Partner Meeting where she had a fabulous trip. She adds, “I can still smell the lemon trees!” Julie had just returned from a fabulous trip to Houston with 98˚F temperatures, 100% humidity and lots of sweaty people. She and her husband watched their son, Adam, compete in the Maccabi games, which Julie describes as the National Jewish Teen Olympics.” They have teens competing from all over the country, as well as Israel, Mexico, England and Australia. Adam played shortstop and pitched for the Chicago baseball team. They won the Gold medal for the second year in a row. Julie’s daughter, Leah, 13, will begin her freshman year at Evanston Township HS. Leah joins her brother, Adam, at school, “now a big sophomore and rocking his driver’s permit.” Leah enjoys dance and takes nine classes of ballet, hip-hop, jazz and modern. It sounds like Julie and her family are thriving in Evanston! For me, I had fun seeing classmates this summer.

AMY RITTER MURPHY lives nearby and is the mother of two Cranbrook Kingswood students. Allie is a freshman at the Upper School, and William just started the 6th grade at the Boys’ Middle School. I see LISA FERRIS as a Kingswood Alumnae Board and Giftorama volunteer. Her daughter, Sara, just entered pre-kindergarten at Brookside. Up in Harbor Springs, I walked, beached and cocktailed with LYNN DILLON ROSENTHAL. Bill (a.k.a. Bink) Harvey, C’80, and his wife Susan have a place near us at L’Arbre Croche where they vacation with their two daughters, Emily and Katie. I spent some time on the beach at L’Arbre Croche with my sister, Susan Aikens Post, K’78, and walked around the beach at L’Arbre Croche where they vacation with their two daughters, Emily and Katie.
Lindsey and her husband Peter have three young children, Benjamin, Charlie and Ani. Her family definitely keeps her running. LINDA ROSALIK and NATALIE HOFLAND also visited Harbor Springs. Linda has a house in Cross Village, and Natalie is still an educator in California. In June, SHEILA FLANNERY PENMAN was back in Bloomfield Hills for her mother’s memorial luncheon, so it was good to see her, though for a sad occasion. I also spent time with Gregg Barker, C’80, and his wife Barb cheering for our kids on the Birmingham Athletic Club swim team. It is always nice to see classmates and spend time with them. I hope to hear from more of you in 2008.

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“What did you do during your summer vacation?” I dreaded this question the first time Mr. Ritchley asked it during my first week of seventh grade English at Cranbrook. Mr. Ritchley, a Gandolf-like man who peered down on us through octagonal spectacles, started a trend that continued through Mrs. Dagbovie, Mr. Olsen and a seemingly endless array of Cranbrook teachers who wanted to hear about what was written on my forehead while I slept at camp. I decided to pose this question to our classmates, and I’ve had a ball reading their replies. I heard from more “Woodies” than “Cranes” this time around. I’ll just put that out there without comment. So, here we go…Sonia Ajluni Pastore and Maria Ajluni Coyle went on a cruise to Alaska to celebrate their father’s 70th birthday. It was the one place their father hadn’t been to yet. They’re planning a lunar landing next year. I’m kidding. Sonia and Tom’s daughter, Noel, is now a senior at Eton Academy. Leila is in the 10th grade at Kingswood. While aboard their Alaska bound cruise, Sonia and Maria might have run into ADAM GORDON who was celebrating his 20th anniversary with his wife Suzanne. They went horseback riding in the Yukon, whale watching in Juneau and did a glacier fly-over in Ketchikan with their son and daughter. Adam could have shared a slice of cake or two with Lauri Cook Prescott who also celebrated her 20th anniversary with her husband Mike. They spent the summer weathering the excruciating heat wave in Cincinnati. Ohio residents for 18 years now, they took a trip to Minnesota to watch their daughter represent the state that’s high in the middle and round at both ends in the AAU National Basketball Tournament. She also saw Heidi Seger-Herman and her kids in August. Heidi wrote in to say that she’s had an enviable summer. She rafted on the Salmon River in Idaho in June. In July her family gave her a week of tennis camp in Hilton Head as a birthday present. In August she went water skiing and wake boarding on Lake Bowen with her sister and her kids, Mickey, 15, and Rachael, 12. And, of course, the afore-mentioned visit with the Prescotts. TIM KELLY felt guilty because he’s been carrying water for the Mr. Richleys of the world and bouncing the summer question off of his students at the Ross School in East Hampton. He doesn’t get to take a summer vacation but did help organize something called the Social@Ross, which helped raise $12.2 million for a scholarship fund. At it, he got to meet Princ, Dave Matthews, Billy Joel, James Taylor and Tom Petty. His summer slept interrupted by the noise coming from P. Diddy’s “White Party.” I tell you, life is tough. As for me, I spent the summer at home in Los Angeles with my wife Michele. I’ve just started working on Disney-Pixar’s new movie, “The Princess and the Frog.” It’s their first animated feature with an African American princess, and it’s scheduled to be released in November of ’09. The kids spent the summer in various football and lacrosse camps. Joey (now in 10th grade) wound up being awarded the MVP of his lacrosse team at Harvard-Westlake and Slammin’ Sammy (5th grade) won the 50 and 100 meter dashes at the Delphic League Track Championship. All this, of course, pales in comparison to Susan Guindi’s summer. She and her husband Ethan adopted a baby from Guatemala. It seems their twins, Caleb and Jeremy, didn’t slake their thirst for offspring five years ago, so now the twins and Graeham, 8, have a sister. BEN CONNELLY and I have had tremendous success tracking down alumni including JIM BOBBIT, who now lives in the Chicago area, and MICHAEL HOGAN, who sent a shout out from San Diego. BILL ALLESEE, PETE SCHAPPACH and DON CARSWELL owe me a phone call. I will have more information about all of them in my next notes. I’d like to thank those of you who availed yourselves of our e-mail address: cranbrook81@gmail.com. If you’re not already on the list, please send me your e-mail address, and I’ll make sure you get e-blasts and updates on our plans for the 30th reunion, which promises to be a blowout. Feel free to e-mail me any time. I answer everything. As always, thanks for reading. Until next time, Go Cranes!

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A big “Thank You” goes out from C and K ’82 to Debbie and MIKE BERGER for treating us to the Friday night reunion dinner. Another big “Thank You” goes to Sarah Levine Jacobs, K’82, and her husband Jonathan, C’83, for inviting everyone to their lovely home Saturday night for an after-party. The spread of food was amazing and thoroughly delicious. Thanks also to everyone at Cranbrook who made the reunion a memorable one. JOHN CESTAR got married June 30 in Carmel, CA. “Wedding day brought blue skies, gorgeous bride, family and friends from near and far including Cranbrook classmates, BRIAN SIEGEL, his wife Jennifer and Abigail Fisher, K’82. My wife’s name is Kerry Gregg, born and raised in Berkeley, CA,” he wrote. DEEP GREWAL added another soul to the family dynasty: “Baby Gianna came on May 29, and at that time my wife had an amniotic embolism that made her heart stop for 2.5 minutes. She was lucky to survive. She was airlifted to U-M hospital and in ICU for nine days, and the baby had a small hole in her lung and was in NICU for 10 days, so I was traveling between hospitals back and fourth between intensive care units. It was a nightmare, and we prayed a great deal. Luckily, we had lots of support from friends and family.” STUART KING wrote in to say: “I joined Facebook. I have spent 50% of my time in Jordan for the past five months, which has been fun. The 30% of my time I’ve spent in Nigeria hasn’t been fun. We just got back from a two-week holiday in Burgundy which has resulted in me: a) putting on at least 10 pounds; b) probably contracting gout; c) deciding that the French have definitely got the right kind of attitude towards life, even if it does probably entail becoming French.” Stuart also started a Facebook.com discussion for people named Stuart King. Contrary to Stuart
King's impression that the name Stuart King is reasonably unique to him, he's only one of 133 people who have so far claimed Stuart King. SCOTT BILLOUIST joined the Stuart King group but didn't change his moniker to Stuart King. BRAD PETERSON says all is well in the Florida Keys. "My job as the program attorney for the Guardian ad Litem Program keeps me busy, but great satisfaction both personally and professionally accompanies this job. In July, my daughter, Iris, joined me on a trip to Seattle to visit family and friends. While there, we enjoyed watching the Boeing 787 rollout at the Everett plant. We met a terrific group of people associated with the project and had an all around great time. The day was picture postcard perfect, a symbolic backdrop for a job very well done by those folks. The first day of lobster season here in the Keys included a four-pounder, my largest individual catch yet. It was part of a memorable feast, a ‘banquet.’ The Cranbrook reunion was a great experience, as always. I happened to have the added wonderful company of my sister, Laura Peterson, who came in for Kingswood's Class of '77 reunion. Seeing all the guys and joining in the company of my Aunt Jody and Uncle Don further added a spring to my step. I can say that Cranbrook is a unique and extraordinary institution, and I am a lucky man to be a part of its legacy." He adds good advice and an admirable goal: "Aim High."

MARK REUSS reported in: "Kim and I live in Bloomfield Hills with our three kids, (Sophia, 3, Grant, 11, and Amanda, 13). Our lives are very hectic these days, as I run our Global Vehicle Development, Safety and Analysis for GM – this keeps me traveling a lot as I have staffs in every part of the globe. My kids all go to Cranbrook Kingswood and love it. My wife is very busy with the three kids and school – and has probably the biggest job of all at home. Our kids play travel soccer, baseball and tennis so we have a hectic schedule, but this also allows us to be together often. I see Diane and KEITH SOTIROFF frequently, but I did not make our Reunion due to a 150-mile bike race on the west side of the state that I trained for and wanted to ride. I also see Henry Whiting, C'81, and Karen Hagenlocker, K‘81, as their children go to school with ours.” TIM MCGLYNN sent a picture with his wife Julie and son, Cade Denton. He wrote: "I still work for Cardinal Health, now with a new position as a medical device salesman covering Atlanta and eastern Georgia to the coast. I enjoy the work very much, and we have settled into a nice neighborhood in Roswell, GA. My three year old, almost four, starts tee-ball and soccer this week, pre-school next week. I would love to get to a reunion one of these years and enjoy reading about how old friends continue to grow and prosper these many years after high school. I would also like to play in the alumni soccer match and some day have a chance to catch up with a few old friends from school.” Contact Tim at: cell – 843-364-4169; Voicemail: 800.825.8900, ext.2673. JAMES SLATER didn't go to the reunion because he was “on crutches, ambulation restricted.” Ambulation means movement. He must be a doctor. JOE SIPHER wrote in: “I suspect most of you will think ‘who the hell is Joe Sipher?’ But yes, I was in your class at Cranbrook, most known for occasionally stuttering in Dr. Kelley’s AP History and riding the pine for Mr. Cox on JV Basketball. I ended up going to Michigan and getting an English degree and then moved to Washington, DC, then to Boulder, then to the San Francisco Bay Area, all doing ‘systems engineering’ work for a now defunct company called NBI and then for Microsoft. In 1991, I went back to Michigan to get my MBA and married my wonderful wife Mary half way through my degree. My job after business school was as the first product manager for a little unknown software startup called Palm Computing. I was lucky enough to be involved in some very cool products including: Graffiti, HotSync, Palm Pilot, Palm V, Palm VII and then later at Handspring various versions of Visor and Treo.

I’m now doing my own startup called Pinger. Check us out at www.pinger.com. I have three great children, Ali, 14, Dan,11, and Josh,11, (yep, they’re identical). If you read this and remember me walking out of the bathroom with my belt undone because I forgot to buckle it up after taking a crap, send me an e-mail at joe@sipher.com.” BHASKAR BANERJ most recently returned from Burning Man and is enjoying living the life of a dreamer. RON TOWNLEY wrote in to say: “I had a pretty good year. The family is well. Shelley, my wife, started working for freshman congressman, Heath Shuler. My daughters continue to prepare for college. I enjoyed showing up with Biliquist at the reunion and seeing the ‘old’ gang (pun intended). I also enjoyed the after-party, party with the class of ’77. Thanks go out to DAVE GEIGER (L.A. Dave) for knowing how to crush that one! It is always nice to make new friends. For those who are not too technically challenged, a few of us are now on Facebook.com and sharing some pics and stuff, so look us up if you like. I fear the coming year will be too focused on work but do hope to get some sailing and traveling in if possible." Dave said he’s been busy trying to recall something from the reunion to write about. He piled on the thanks to Debbie and Mike Berger for their generosity in treating the class of ’82 to dinner. Props go to the class of ’77 for throwing a dyn-o-mite after-party, party. A partial list of things he couldn’t mention about the reunion includes: a group search for cracks in the sidewalk, rediscovering the moon table, a public access TV program that he appeared in and the dead Indian on the highway. Whoever correctly identifies the last reference wins a picture of a woman’s foot in a high-heel pump. Contact Dave to claim your prize. He suggests trying to say, “You know you need unique New York” three times fast while inebriated. Dave sends a shout-out to JAY ROSIN and wife Beth. He enjoyed talking to them during the cocktail party. In other reunion news, a small delegation from C’82 made contact with the Kingswood class of ’77 during an after-party party, which tittered out of control Saturday night. We enjoyed meeting the Berger clan’s lobbying and entertainment arm at the party. Negotiations for better contact with K’77 ran late, but a consensual arrangement was made in the dawn’s early light. Agreement was reached to improve relations between the classes through an informal memorandum of understanding aimed at a climactic 2012 reunion. Post-reunion research showed that more then 1,500 C/K grads have set up profiles on facebook.com, not including the roughly 800 enrolled Cranbrook students.
who use the social networking site, according to an online search. From the class of 1982, BHASKAR BANERJI, DAVID BAXTER, LORI GREY, STUART KING and the 132 Stuart King impersonators, Jamie Moran (1978-79), RON TOWNLEY, JOE SIFTER, SCOTT BILLQUIST, ROBERT SCHWENTKER, RUZBEH MALAKUTI and ALLEN TOWNSON have added profiles. More photos were sent in to me than could fit in this column space. They’re posted on the Cranbrook class of 1982 Webpage: google crannet. The webpage is hosted by Cranbrook and is password protected. Each of us should already have a user id. Inside Crannet, you’ll also see a good picture of the green dome on Cranbrook’s observation tower. The dome has been refurbished and is now the color of suntanned skin, which somehow seems more appropriate. On a personal note, I win a bet if this band name makes it through editorial: Gorky’s Zygotic Mynci. Sorry if I neglected to include a note that was sent in. A computer glitch destroyed some files. It was great to see everyone at the reunion. If you haven’t heard from me, please send me an updated e-mail address or phone number. We want to hear from you!

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The biggest class news in recent months was our 25th Reunion. It was really fun to see how great we all look...very well preserved, if I say so myself! Arlyce thought so too (yes, she told me). We lucked out with a beautiful summer evening in the Quad and had a chance to catch up and reminisce. I recall seeing AMI WALSH, KINA CLINE DONLAN, VERA STOJANOVICH JOHNSON, ANNA-MARIA RAJALA MITCHELL, MARIA CZAMANSKE STUART, RICKI FARBER ZITNER, LIBBY CUNNINGHAM, KRISTAN SMALL, KARYN LYON GLOVER, ANN MAZURE, CHRISTINE GREENWALT CARPENTER, ANN YOUNG, HILARY WOLF BORMAN, ELLEN JAFFE SHERMAN, AUDREY MCDONALD STARK and HELEN BILLIG REASONER. Just prior to the cocktail reception, there was an alumni memorial service where PATRICIA GILLOW was warmly remembered by family and friends. And afterwards, SARAH LEVINE JACOBS and her husband Jonathan, C83, generously invited everyone to their home in Franklin so the party could continue. I was waiting for someone to fall into the pool, but we were all too well behaved; no one did. KINA CLINE DONLAN came in from Ft. Myers and wrote afterwards about how nice it was to catch up with everyone. Trusty reporter that she is, she documented some of our classmates’ current activities. “Just in case they refuse to update themselves – CHRIS GREENWALT CARPENTER is dispensing psychological help to clients in northern Michigan; MARIA CZAMANSKE STUART is selling her very tasty Pinot Gris at R. Stuart & Company in Oregon; and LIBBY CUNNINGHAM is watching over her three children and working to help create healthier babies in Seattle. I’m writing strange news stories about shrimp boat captains delivering babies at sea and kids who go to weight loss camp and end up on the “Today Show.” Things are calm and hurricane-free as I write this in Florida.” A number of people wrote in advance that they would be sorry to miss the event, for a variety of reasons that included rafting down Colorado’s Yampa River to celebrate 17th wedding anniversary and son’s 16th birthday (KATHY KINLAW PAHLER); teaching second grade in Seattle until the end of June, due to all the snow days earlier in the year (CAROL HITCHCOCK NICHOLSON); directing the final production of Amadeus at the Cranbrook Greek Theater (AMY SMITH); attending daughter’s 8th grade graduation (TRACY HUGHES-MATSON); attending son’s high school graduation (LINDA OBEN DEMMER); living in Florida with trip to Detroit planned just two weeks later to send kids off to camp – the two older ones are now both in high school (our oldest has her driver’s permit, in northern Michigan (DEBRA SHAPIRO WANDER). Good excuses all, but those who couldn’t make it were definitely missed. In other news, HILARY WOLF BORMAN and her husband Stuart recently celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary and sent their oldest daughter, Molly, off to school at the U-M. PATTY SOLOMON FREUD and her husband Dominic celebrated their 19th too, and SARAH LEVINE JACOBS and Jonathan recently celebrated their 14th anniversary. JULIE AMBROSE ALLISON wrote that she and her husband Matt “are celebrating our second wedding anniversary! My daughter, Bella, will be attending 4th grade at a Montclair Kimberly Academy. Our two oldest (blended) are at Columbia and Penn State, and both are doing outstanding in school, with honors. Our 15-year-old is a sophomore and keeping us very busy. Speaking of busy...our business ‘Products Central LLC’ specializes in taking medium to large companies to QVC, to expanding their distribution channels. Business is very brisk to say the least. My family comes out to visit us in New York City and has a blast every time.” LISA MARRELLA MARTINES wrote that she and her husband Jeff, C82, spent a week in the summer with Derek Khaw, C82, and his wife Annalisa that included a trip to Torch Lake in northern Michigan. She said, “I am busy with kids preparing to return to school – the two older ones are now both in high school (our oldest has her driver’s permit, about Alumni / Late Fall 2007
and I am stocking up on GI medication and hair color). Our youngest is starting middle school. Life is filled, but good. I just received my 20-year pin from Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.” As for me, I recently put on a cap and gown for the first time in 21 years and graduated from the New School University in New York with a master of science in organizational change management. My job hasn’t really changed though. I’m still in public relations at Deloitte, focusing on community involvement and corporate philanthropy. I love living in New York and can’t believe I’ve been here for 16 years. That’s it for now. Stay in touch!

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Hard to believe that it’s time to write something like this, but “Save the date and start planning for the 25th Reunion this June! Yikes! You read that correctly, and yes, it provides good shock value. You’re not “turning 25” – you’ve been out of high school for 25 years! However, what better reason to throw a fabulous party and revel in it? We are looking for classmates to join our Reunion Planning Committee. To date, LESLIE LEWISTON ETTERBEK has offered her services, but we certainly could use more people on that team to plan something fun. Please let one of us know if you would be interested in helping. Especially those of you who live in the Detroit area and can offer more hands-on assistance. Please note that our pleas for help in tracking down “The Missing” from C&K’83 will only become more annoying throughout the year. Really. Truly. Fact. So, it’s time boy friend who practices international law to work. In the meantime, I also volunteer at my stable in Florida with the sun. My winter base is Wellington, FL, (home of the Winter Equestrian Festival), and summers can be any number of places, this summer being Michigan. I own and operate Grant Farms, Inc., a dressage-training stable. I train and compete dressage horses, and I am also involved with teaching students and buying and selling dressage horses. In 2000, I was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma and underwent a one-year treatment at U-M. In 2003, as a cancer survivor, I founded The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s “Equestrian of the Year” fundraiser. 2008 will be my sixth year as chairwoman. Thus far we have netted over $400,000. I try to go back and visit the grounds of Kingswood/ Cranbrook whenever I am in town. Attached is a photo of MONIQUE SUDDS GILL and me taken about a year ago at my stable in Florida with Circus. I still keep in touch with Monique and HELENA STANISAVLJEVIC. I have a longtime boyfriend who practices international law and plays polo. My dog, Jill, is my shadow. I would love to hear from any alums who visit Palm Beach in the winter.” So wonderful to hear that you are healthy and happy, Mary Ann! Mary Ann’s e-mail is: mary_anngrant@hotmail.com. Florida neighbor, CYNTHIA LINDBLOOM CARRINO, sends an update to her last post from North Palm Beach, FL, where she lives with her two girls and husband, who is a commercial real estate developer. She writes, “I have been at home with the girls full time but am slowly returning to the professional realm. I was formerly an assistant state attorney in Ft. Pierce and Vero Beach. Now, I’m volunteering in the West Palm Beach office one day a week, trying to decide if I want to take the plunge and return to work. In the meantime, I also volunteer at my girls’ school quite a bit. We’ve all been keep-
two beautiful children, a daughter in her young teens and a younger son. She is a very well respected MD in the Detroit area. She is the only person from our class with whom I managed to stay in touch during these busy, parenting-young children years. I’m sure I won’t make it back for our big reunion, so have a great time everyone!” Cindy’s e-mail: cindyw@bastyr.edu. Thanks for that impressive update, Cindy. Hope you might change your mind about reunion, though! KIMBERLY O’MARA ROSALES checked in from Las Vegas, NV, a place she’s called home for 16 years! She and husband David have two children, Elizabeth, 12, and Chance, 10. She is currently working for Citibank in customer servicing but has had several different positions throughout her nine years there. “I really enjoy the beauty of the West and have no desire to move back East. I have dedicated myself to my children. They have brought such joy into my life. I never realized that two small people could so dramatically change my world. It would be nice to hear from anyone that I once hung out with at Kingswood. I haven’t been back to Michigan since I left in ’91. My mom and uncle both live here now and being close to my husband’s family hasn’t given me much reason to go back. I look forward to hearing from anyone who wants to e-mail me!” Kim’s e-mail address is: k_rosales@cox.net. Another Woody on the move is MICHELLE WESTERMANN-BEHAYLO, who wrote from her new home in London, England. She reports, “My husband of 10 years, Maarten, our two daughters, Annemarie, 8, and Camille, 4, and I transferred there this summer as expats for his job, and we plan to stay for two years. So far, it’s been great. The girls are in an international school they love, and I am enjoying finding my way around our new village of Hampstead, in the north-west of London. While we are here, I will be completing my doctoral dissertation from George Washington University Business School and hopefully teaching as an adjunct professor at a business school in London. (I started my doctoral studies three years ago when we were living in Grand Rapids, MI 48307. He died from carcinoid cancer 27 years ago.) CAROL LIMEDA MORROW and her husband Joe have plans to visit in October, and if any other Woodies will be coming through London, it would be great to get together for tea!” Michelle plans to be in Michigan for a few weeks next summer and is hoping to make it to the reunion. Her new e-mail address is: mimawestermann@yahoo.co.uk. Just a few tidbits from the Cranbrook ‘83 bullpen this time, but much more is promised for the spring issue. JOHN MCCLURE dropped a line last winter from his home in Los Altos, CA. “After living in Amsterdam for five years, working for Philips, I have just returned to northern California with my wife Cameron and son, Jack. I am now working with Applied Materials in Santa Clara – leading the Corporate Development team.” John’s new e-mail is: mcclure.john@gmail.com. TED BISSELL made a big leap this summer as well – from London back to the U.S.! He is working in New York City and travels during the week but spends weekends unpacking at his home in Pelham, NY, with wife Titta and attending soccer games for son, John Howard, who just entered first grade. We’re hoping Ted will write more after he’s finished unpacking his hundreds of boxes. Welcome home! Ted’s e-mail is Bissell@aya.yale.edu. That’s it for this edition. If you read this column and don’t get e-mails from us, then we must not have a valid e-mail address on file. We really need help tracking down lost classmates and updating contact information for this class. You can use the Cranbrook alumni Web site to update your profile and also let one of us know if you have changes or additions. If you have missing contact information for fellow classmates (check the database we’ll send to all), please let us know. We’d love to send the reunion information to everyone and get a great turnout for this fun weekend! You’ll be hearing from us soon! Until then, our best to you all!

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Dear Class of ‘84: I received word from Ellie Monks, BRAD MONKS’ mother, that he had passed away in February of this year. Ellie kindly sent in a small paragraph summarizing some of Brad’s pursuits since high school graduation: “Following his days at Cranbrook, Brad attended Duke University and was a cum laude graduate in the class of 1988. After several years in the business world, he went to the Vanderbilt University School of Law. Following graduation, he practiced law for seven years in New York at the firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. He then collaborated with a good friend, Barry Silbert, in the establishment of Restricted Stock Partners and served as president of that enterprise until his death in February 2007. He died from carcinoid cancer 27 months after his diagnosis. He was an avid golfer and also thoroughly enjoyed fly fishing. He loved living in New York and taking advantage of the many opportunities available there. His memorial service was held in New York in March at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church. Many classmates wrote in to express their condolences, among them Mike Moran, Mark
Mackey, Ravi Chandra, Kurt Kobiljak and many others, all remembering Brad as a really sweet guy with always a sunny attitude. I think that Mike put it best, and it is the way I remember Brad when I think of him, “always with a smile.” The ever-industrious JOE MORROW was my first respondent. “Carol (K’83) and our four children (12, 8, 6, 4) recently moved to Bloomfield Hills to be closer to Cranbrook where our children attend school. And I recently took on the role of CCO of ReCellular in Dexter, MI. They are a $50 million cell phone recycling business with about 300 employees that is hoping to double in two years. Did you realize that there are over 120 million cellphones retired every year in North America? And that less than 10 million are recycled? We partner with major charities like HopeLine and Cell Phones for Soldiers, and a large portion of our proceeds goes to those charities. So we are doing good for the environment and for the community! We also collect cell phones from large business and government entities as well as from cell phone carriers and OEMs. Interested in participating? Contact me at jmorrow@recellular.com. (734) 604-6119 Yes, I know, a shameless plug…” Hey, Joe, I ain’t too proud…I’m happy to hear from anyone in our class, especially the person who breaks the ice and writes first. Yours is noble work…all around. My old friend, JUSTIN MEILGAARD, and his wife Lani just came back from a nice summer trip: “Lani and I are back from a very relaxing couple of weeks in Hawaii, where Lani connected with her own classmates at Pearl City High. We attended a luau, went out on the kayak for the first time and met up with many of Lani’s friends, teachers and professors, from the University of Hawaii.” TIM WESTERGREEN wrote in that his company, Pandora, has now grown to over 8 million listeners and 100 employees!! (Those are my exclamation marks. Tim tends towards modesty and understatement.) They are second in size only to Yahoo at his point. My guess is that one day they will overtake Yahoo, and that too, will change. He is still living in the Bay Area, as is PHIL MACKENZIE. Phil has been busy with a second baby who now “mostly sleeps through the night.” He’s been with Google a long time now and been busy making gmail what it is (I am an avid fan and recommend it to everyone). He’d like to know whether there are any feature requests we’d like. Hey, let’s get together with Tim and open a Pandora box on the site. One of these days I’d like to make it back for a reunion. My e-mail address is chochung@tx.rr.com. I can be reached at 517-705-7009. I just wanted to thank everyone who took the time to write. I will try to get in touch with more of you before the next deadline, in hopes of setting the stage for our 25th, which is just around the corner. Feel free to drop me a line anytime!

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Dear Kingswood Class of 1984: I will be taking over as class secretary now, as our faithful previous secretary, MICHELE LETICA, is retiring to “pursue other interests.” Don’t quote me, but I have it on good authority that she and her husband, Kurt Schroeder, C’84, have finally purchased that goat farm they have always wanted and will soon be making their own cheese and a line of organic goat-based cosmetics. That Michele, she is always thinking. Also, if she has any hope of competing in Beijing next year for the U.S. Ostrich Riding team, she needs to devote more time to training. Thus, I will be taking over her duties in this capacity, and it is an honor to do so. I also wish to thank and congratulate her on a great job as our secretary, as well as the great job Cackie Boomer Germic and Marian Rey McIntyre did previously. I hope I can live up to the great work of these three ladies. I will try! So what you are all probably wondering most is “What is going on with YOU, Liz?” I know you have all been dying to know what I do here in the big metropolis of Canby, OR. Well, not much, as I have been a bit preoccupied with a tiny issue of my recent house explosion. Yes, my house exploded, literally. It was an accident that happened during the digging of some fiber optic cables on my street in April. There was digging, there was a leak. I was working on my computer, Bill was doing guitar stuff on the other side of the house, and thankfully Spencer was at preschool. We were evacuated, which was at first just annoying to me. I headed to the car, thinking that we could just go to Costco and goof off for a bit ‘til this all blows over but, of course, they would not let us get into the cars. They moved us down the street, and then a few minutes later BOOM! Suddenly my house exploded. My garage door landed across the street, guitar parts (my husband makes guitars) were found on the rooftops of houses two blocks away, and suddenly the fireplace and the kitchen were in a different location. Four firefighters were in the garage when the explosion took place, and one of them landed on our minivan after flying 15 feet into the air. Thank goodness everyone was okay. It was scary, but no one was really hurt. The point of my story is: if a guy in an orange vest comes to your door and tells you to get out of the house, you probably should leave. The entire house has to be demolished and then rebuilt from the ground up. We lost a lot of our personal belongings, and it was hard to explain to my 3-year-old, Spencer, that his little electric Jeep that he drove around and terrorized the neighborhood with had actually melted. However, he thinks it was fixed. Lisa is now fixing our house, so he is okay with that. Both of our cars were destroyed as well, but I do not miss that Expedition. It was like driving a two-story building, blindfolded. Also, we were dreading having to do a lot of exterior painting this summer and this large landscaping project. That is not a concern for us anymore. I am not making light of this event, it was honestly scary, but this is literally what I have been up to for a while now. However, I have taken time out of my busy schedule of filling out insurance forms for 19 hours a day to be your class secretary. So, I want to hear from everyone single last one of you and I want to know exactly what you have been up to since June of 1984. Please feel free to update your physical or e-mail addresses with me, as I really would love to hear from all of you. I did hear from a few of you, and I am happy to report that these ladies are doing well and were kind and diligent enough to drop me a line in e-mail. NEENA BOHRA SHAH visited Quito, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands this past summer. She currently lives in Chappaqua, NY, (maybe near Paula Kim Park?) is married and has a 2.8-year-old son who is extremely active! She works part time as an immigration lawyer and has her own practice. She moved back to New York after a couple of years in Dallas and was in the city before that and also in New Jersey
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When you read this it will be December, but right now it is a warm and breezy early September day. What a time to live in Michigan! We had a great response to requests for info. (hooray for e-mail!) quite a few people whom we haven’t heard from in a while so read on. I had a great long conversation with LISA WAX recently. I love hearing stories of her life in Alaska and seeing pictures on her Web site. My daily sightings are squirrels and bunnies. Hers are bears and glaciers. She tells of a trip to Valdez where, “There were two brown bear cubs wrestling and wreaking a bit of havoc at the local cemetery. Usually I happen upon creatures in more opportune settings. Again for the love of history, I did some sluice box mining last week near the base of a spectacular 1000-foot waterfall. I can verify that there is gold in these here hills. As always I hit the fish wheel on the Copper River to harvest my red salmon for the year. The running sap when I tapped birch trees sounded like a heartbeat. Way cool. I recently wove a willow basket, made a stained glass mosaic and practiced the art of Gyotaku (Japanese fish printing).” Most importantly, she writes; “I have been in Alaska 17 years. The seasons, the climate, the flora, the fauna, etc. were all reasonably stable for the first 14 years. Now I often see ice melting back on a daily basis in places that it didn’t budge for 14 (and who know how many more) years. Strange things are happening in the animal kingdom. Birds that have had the same song all along known history have changed their song. And on I can go about villages disappearing into the sea, etc. Please let my fellow alumni, educational community members, and folks like Mr. Charlie Shaw, know that the ice melt this summer alone is shocking. I live in paradise, but I am haunted as I watch the earth’s air conditioner melt. No scientists are studying my vantage point. Also, if anyone is in the market for a think tank base camp, or for the most spectacular outdoor recreation Mecca, or if someone would like to build a visually epic recording studio, etc., have him/her check out www.stansalodge.com.” I had the pleasure of running into TERRI ROSS MORAWSKI at Poppleton Park today. She was walking her fluffy puppy and looking after her cute 4-year-old son. She doesn’t look a day over 16! My daughter attended ballet camp with STEPHANIE GUITARD.

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RICHARD YUN successfully repatriated to his starting point in the San Francisco Bay Area, after a 3½ year assignment in Shanghai and managed to get his 1st and 3rd grade boys registered in the neighbor- hood elementary school. He serves as an in-house attorney for Applied Materials with early retirement still a distant dream.

NICK ADDYMAN writes that he and his wife Lucy had a baby daughter, Beatrice, in February. CHRIS BALZ has had a productive year in 2007: A great raspberry crop in his garden; a new kitty named Oliver; Vox (vox.com), where he worked on (software engineering), winning the “Best Web 2.0 Innovation” award from Shiny Media (award coverage); and finishing his first Long Course Triathlon (1.2 mile swim, 56-mile bike, and 13.1 mile run) in 6:26 at the Big Kahuna Tri in Santa Cruz, CA, where he beat the 1000-lb. sea lions but was edged out by the great white sharks. Not to worry, they were feeding on other bait that day. NED LEBO writes, “After 16 years I’ve retired from teaching. I’m spending my time renovating my 220-year-old house and doing some small-scale farming.” DAN FILIPOVIC came for a visit to Michigan with his wife Megan and baby girl, Ava, born just six months ago. He is finishing up a graduate business degree and has already tried his hand at an entrepreneurial venture. CRAIG LABAN lives happily in Center City Philly with his wife Elizabeth and two kids, Alice, 8, and Arthur, 6; and he writes about restaurants for the Philadelphia Inquirer. He just had a chance to spend a couple days with JAMES HARE and his family on Martha’s Vineyard. He writes; “Say ‘hey’ to everyone I know for me. And if you’re ever in Philadelphia, please give me a ring at 215-854-2593.” Meanwhile, James reports more exciting news on the corporate front. He is responsible for seeking out acquisition targets across the European continent amid hopes of setting up the firm for a public offering down the road. He and wife and children have moved back to Barcelona from Milan. It’s been a great year for yours truly. My business is finally taking off, and my daughter, Miki, CK’10, loves Cranbrook Kingswood. Although I missed James while vacationing in Spain this summer, he was a great absentee host in Barcelona, and it was a spectacular venue for proposing to my girlfriend. She said “yes.”

Above, Alyssa Sadler Parkinson’s, CK’86, baby Natalie Rose

Above, Denise Elson Parker’s, CK’86, 3 month old twins
of 12 years, Caleb, and three beautiful kids, Isabella, Declan and Ruby. She looks fabulous and is warm and fun. I wish she lived closer! How about this one...I went in the ladies lounge at Neiman Marcus to nurse my newborn twin girls only to discover another woman nursing her twin girls...ELISSA ASH! She is brilliant and nice. She lives in Israel with her husband. She is a doctor working with Alzheimer’s research among other things. Her two girls are adorable, and we’ve been trying to support each other via e-mail. KRISTI ANDERSON HAMED had a beautiful baby boy, Alexander Anderson, on May 30. Big sister, Katherine, is a great caretaker. Kristi looks great. You’d never know she just had a baby. Our kids had their first playdate together! SHERI LEE writes with this update: Dennis, Felix, Hugo and I just returned from visiting Andy Lee, C’88, and BENITA GREEN LEE in Colorado. It was my first time meeting their second son (my nephew), Hudson, who is almost one. We also spent a lot of time with Mike, Ruby and their daughter, Dora. Now I am looking forward to school starting so we can get a routine back in our lives. Felix will be in AM kindergarten at Burton, the local Huntington Woods elementary school. I was so happy to hear from STEPHANIE WEINER ISAACS and exchange a few e-mails with her. She writes: “I am married (approaching 10 years in September) with three children, Amelia, 3, Cole, 6, and Savannah, 8. I have a master’s in social work and practiced as a LCSW for many years in therapeutic day schools in Chicago and finally in private practice with teens and families. When my youngest was born, however, I stopped practicing and now am full time with my three busy kids in the suburbs! I see Lisa Blotner Weinberg on occasion but not too many other Kingswood alumnae. Hope all is well with you! I’m envious of all of you who get to send your kids to Brookside. There is no school like it you! I’m envious of all of you who get to send your kids to Brookside. There is no school like it!”

Do you remember that ALYSSA SADLER PARKINSON was pregnant at the reunion? Well she writes about all the changes since then: “Our daughter, Natalie Rose, was born Jan. 1, 2007. She weighed in at 8 lbs and was 21.5 inches long. She is now 7.5 months and over 18 lbs. She is growing and changing so fast! I am no longer working as a full-time librarian at Highland Library. I gave up my position to stay home with Natalie. I have found that it was not very easy working 40 hours and driving two hours round trip each day. Being a mom is a challenge but very rewarding. Natalie is already crawling at seven months! WENDY KIRSCH has some fun business news to share: I accidentally invented a pair of pedicure shoes. I did this 10 years ago. I didn’t really think of doing anything about it until one day someone asked me, “Where can I buy those?” I laughed inside and said, “You can’t. I made them.” Well soon you will hopefully all be buying them. I am expecting to release these in Feb. of 2008. I will send you all e-mail when I know more. Beyond that I am worn out! Keeping up with my day job, working on this project at night and still looking for the missing link in my life. If you can help me in any way with any of the above, please let me know. I believe in hiring from within, so let me know what you do and join in the fun and excitement of my new dream adventure. P.S. If you know a nice man, that would be helpful too!” I’ve been e-mailing a little with KELLI WHITE TIMONER. She’s a great writer as you can see: “It’s been a busy summer – The kids and I spent the summer in Knoxville, TN (in Jane Smethells Gully’s neighborhood) reprinting with truly amazing outdoor spaces and views! We’re really feeling the effects of great architecture on our lives and have yielded our own cluttered aesthetic to the infinitely better one the house presents. David is still working steadily in reality TV and got nominated for an Emmy this year for his work on Dancing With the Stars.... I’ve completed my MFA from Cal Arts and am working on finishing a novel, in addition to art-making and collecting. I write book reviews from time to time for various publications. Owen is 7½, and loving school! Gigi wants to ‘rock out’ to the Mamas and the Papas and has re-named herself Clementine Janice Joplin....she is 3½, and entering her third year at preschool! Wow! We are finally stroller-free and are so happy to be out of the baby-baby phase. We’ve almost gotten rid of all our plastic baby-gear! Hurrah! That truly feels like progress....now maybe I can focus on finishing that novel...if only I had a new pen name! (Clementine Janice Joplin, perhaps?!)” I’m on the Kingswood Alumnae Board, and this year we have a new president, JAMISON WILLIAMS FALSKI. It’s great to be working regularly with Jamie. I’m sure its no surprise to hear that she is bright, gracious and organized. She makes a great leader. We had a meeting at her beautiful new house this fall. KIM COPELAND SILACCI sends the following update: “I’ve started a new business, and in February I launched my first product, the My Throne™ Potty Training Game, at the International Toy Fair in New York. It’s been a long process of meeting with pediatric developmental specialists, working with a professional artist, patenting the game, etc. But I received my first shipment of 3500 games from China a few months ago (no lead paint of course). My company is Little Thunder Products and you can visit the Web site at www.littlethunder.biz. Otherwise, my three kids, Nick, 8, Jake, 7, and Katherine, 4, are doing great. I don’t remember being so busy as a kid, but they seem to thrive on activity. My U.S.T.A. tennis team went to the state districts this year (and then we were crushed). I have an extra apartment space in part of my home, so if anyone is traveling to Boston and needs a place to stay, just give me a ring! Stay well!” Here is the latest from KIM BROWN: “I am still living in Park City getting ready for another wonderful winter of snow and sun. In January I spent a wonderful week with Lisa Wax during the film festival, as she was headed home to Alaska. I am currently working for the Summit County Health Department and loving it. I am enjoying and embracing the practice of yoga and meditation into my life regularly, and my family (4 dogs and 1 cat) are happy to announce that we are engaged, and maybe by our 25th class reunion we’ll get around to scheduling a wedding.” As for me, Denise, there have been lots of changes in the last year. Jim and I sold our bungalow in Royal Oak after 13 years and moved to Gilbert Lake. It is a bigger house and more land, which seems to fit our new life with two new babies as of June 16. Roxie, 3½, started Brookside ECC and loves it. I feared I was selling out or turning into my parents, but everything actually feels right. I realized a few days ago that I’m happier now than at any time I can remember in my life, and I’ve led a pretty happy life! It’s so strange because lots of times I still feel like a teenager, but if I stop to think about it, I’m actually living very purposefully and pretty happily, and then I realize somewhere along the way I grew up. Maybe it’s also having some perspective and watching the girls grow each day. It’s so different being a mother for the second time because I have a little experience from Roxie, so it changes the way I experience things with Bridge and Jasmine. Hard to explain but it all feels good. Please keep the e-mails coming, stay in touch through CranNet, and if anyone needs anyone else’s e-mail address, let us know and we’ll pass it on.

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Well, the blitz e-mail solicitation for contributions (sent late with very tight deadline) seemed to work pretty well, judging by the volume of responses. For those who prefer a slower pace, please feel free to submit news any time to the
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of you as parents of hip kids and founders of magazines, read your company profiles and medical Web sites and accounts of your legal careers. All of which was fun, but at the same
time, maybe these pages would be even richer with your voices added, rather than my vaguely
stalkery allusions...next time. And thanks to the
following, who cheerfully sent in their thoughts and updates. WENDY STULBERG, photographer, has become a wife and mother since last we heard. She met her husband,
David Nanasi, through Scott Fredrick, CK'86.

Their daughter, Lila Sophia Nanasi, was born
on Jan. 6, 2007. Wendy attended reunion and
especially enjoyed introducing her daughter to
ASHLEY QUARRIER MORAN's two beauti-
ful daughters briefly before the Quad party.

And under the heading of Never Too Early,
Wendy is volunteering to spearhead the efforts
for Reunion 2012 (+25)? Stay tuned...BETH
ANN LOCKE was also in attendance, both at
our 20th Reunion and the Brookside Reunion,
where she reported in detail that the singing of
The May Song left not a dry eye in the house
(nostalgic sniffle). Coincidentally, she ran into
non-reunion-year graduate Traviain Shorters,
C'85, who was in town from DC. Since then, she
has lunched with DAVID (D.W.) WILLIAMS,
local attorney and father of three. She also met
JENNIFER MEALEY KONKAL's infant son,
Benjy, whom she describes as "absurdly cute."
RUPA PATEL NUNAMAKER and her fam-
ily are still living in Redington Beach, in the
Tampa Bay area of Florida. There they like to
go camping, playing sports and music. Their son,
Justin, is now 8 and has already started third
grade. She says: "He is really into skirim board-
ning and skate boarding right now. And fishing
too. He keeps us going." Finally, in keeping
with reunion spirit, from CAROL ELKOVICH:
"Twenty years gone by now since we all struck
difficult in different directions from the Cranbrook
quad in archaic square hats and gowns, and it
kind of feels like it's been 20 years. I have lived
here in California now longer than I lived in
Michigan during those formative years. Things
that make me acutely feel the 20 years are
when I remember cradling my young baby son
while watching the twin towers fall in flames on
TV, thinking of our Kingswood classmate [Pam
Herbert, CK'86] who had been on the ill-fated
Pan Am (Lockerby) flight. The small life I held
in my arms, who I was responsible for, brought
much comfort at that shift in history, an affirma-
don from friends from Cranbrook Kingswood
are absolutely wonderful. I don't think that
we're old yet. I feel that the responsibility,
poor, values and talents of our class are just
coming into their own prime. Bring on the next
20 years." Regards to all from Seoul,
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There really isn't anything quite like fall in the
Midwest. It seems as though Mother Nature waits
patiently for Labor Day to appear on her
calendar, and then on cue, lowers the tempera-
ture by 15 or 20 degrees and begins to change
the leaves. The Cider Mill opens in Franklin,
football season gets underway, and oh yes,
home, which, if you know Montauk, sounds like
a great way to spend the summer (and Lee con-
figured this when I spoke with him last week).
Jane also checked in from campus, where she is
a teacher at the Girls Middle School, which it
sounds like she is really enjoying. Boys can
write too, starting with BILL BURNETT, who
prudently reports that he organized and led the
1st Annual Cohasset (MA) Sprint Triathlon
(www.cohassettri.com). The event sold out with
720 participants and raised more than $55,000
in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research
Foundation. Yet another example of a
 Cranbrook grad doing good in the world – nice
work, Bill. GENE LAForest also has
proud news for us with his recent promotion to IT
security manager at KPMG. For those of you
that don't know, this is a perfectly legitimate
way to spend your days trolling the Internet
while getting paid. BLAIR LYN has been all
over the world and back in his career, with an
extensive tour of duty in Russia. He's been
settled in Philadelphia for the past 10
years with his wife Mandie and their 22-month-
old son, Cameron. Blair founded and runs a
car company called TMX that is one of the top
interactive advertising agencies in the country
(it's not just his opinion – they won the industry
award as such in both 2005 and 2006). They
have a really major client list, and it sounds
quite cutting edge. Blair included his bio and
various corporate materials, and I can tell you
folks, this is the real deal. THOMAS FUERST
sent a great note, as always, reporting on the
addition of a third daughter and a new house
this summer. Apparently, the weather in
Germany was cold and rainy this summer, so
the move was the big excitement, replacing beer,
barbeques and World Cup from last summer. He
wins first prize for showing the most enthusiasm
over our reunion, and we look forward to catch-
ing up with him in June. JASON GOLNICK
continues his career as pediatric dentist with an
exceptionally busy practice. He was in Arizona
and Wyoming over the summer but didn't run
into any Cranbrook friends, and I'm sure the
animals (in some cases, these are one and the same,
Jason). However, back in the Detroit area, he
just saw **DAN BUSCH**, his wife and their son, Nate. He hadn’t seen Dan in years but swears anyone would know him in a second as he hasn’t changed a bit. Dan and his family live right here in Birmingham. He knows that **JIM BORNINSKI** got married in San Francisco in August and had a large Cranbrook presence, so we need a report from someone there. Jason is in touch with **T.C. SCHUSTER**, who is still living outside of Washington, DC, as I think we’ve previously reported. Finally, Jason let us know that **LINDA GENDelman HOFFBERGER** is building a new house in Bloomfield Hills (something positive for our local economy) and has three adorable kids (twin girls, Sidney and Emily, and a son, Robert). Julie Tontapanish, CK’91, **TOM TONTAPANISH**’s younger sister, wrote in on his behalf acknowledging that he doesn’t and probably won’t. He lives in Ann Arbor and has been there for over 10 years teaching golf. He was listed in Golf Digest Magazine (July) as the #5 teacher in Michigan, which is very impressive indeed. I’m sure that he is willing and eager to work with all his alums, so look him up if your swing needs some fine-tuning. A very nice letter arrived from **DYLAN CLOUGH** (who comes off of the MIA list finally, along with others as noted herein — hey, we’re making a little bit of progress). Dylan lives in Connecticut, where he moved right after graduation. He has been teaching 2nd grade for 11 years and is married to Holly, who teaches 7th grade. He visited last summer with **SYLKE HABERMAN ANDERSON** and has been renewing contacts of late with **TOR GOODWIN**, **JULIE SHENSKY YONKUS**, **LISA RUBINO STIEF** (whose e-mail address he needs again please!) and **DOTTIE GRUNES**. He’s made great use of CranNet, and that is something that we’re going to try and ramp up in the near future, so please keep an eye out. Last one on the guys side is **BILL MULLAN**, who wrote from his home in South (not Blair) Lyon, MI. We haven’t heard from Bill since perhaps graduation, but let me tell you, he’s back with a bang. Here it is: his wife is Angie, his daughters are Audrey Elizabeth, 2, and Meredith Grace, 6 months. Patton, their 90-pound black lab, is not much of a watchdog but a black lab, is not much of a watchdog but a great vacuum. Angie is a risk manager for a billion-dollar property management firm in Ann Arbor and used to work in insurance (poor girl). Bill is a journalist, something he’s been at for the past 15 years. He manages the news desk at Fox 2 in Southfield, a major job that he calls one of his last adolescent professions. He’s working at least 12 hours a day and spending all of his free time with his family, whom he clearly adores (he does lament the fact that the girls look like him, though, but maybe they’ll be really smart, don’t worry). He is in regular contact with **DENISE BRAINARD-DICK**, who lives in Berkley, works as an assistant county prosecutor, is married to a sheriff’s deputy and has four kids. Whew. Bill would very much like to hear from **WILLIAM WATKINSON** and any and all of the Williams from our class. He can reached at william.mullan@foxtv.com. Now, it should be noted that **JODY PODOLSKY** has taken the lead in representing the L.A. contingent for this issue. Coming in just under the deadline at **JULIE MAY**’s urging, she is hanging out with **MEREDITH WEISSMAN KAPLAN** and her kids, Katie, Jack and Nick (something about living out there and the Hollywood names I suppose). Meredith is not only very involved at their school but plays host for regular gatherings at her home, including holidays, where Gwen Rogers Potiker, CK’87, and Julie can be found. Julie is still working as Dana Carvey’s right hand, keeping his entire life in order and pursuing her own singing gigs (she just performed at the wedding of Jamie Spenk, CK’90). We saw Julie over the summer, and she hasn’t changed a bit, including being as high energy as they come. As for Jody, she is quite busy with Solomon, 4, and Gilda, 2, who attend the same school as Meredith’s kids. Apparently the respective youngsters are already partners in crime, share their mothers’ math deficiencies and are destined to be lifelong friends just like their mothers! In addition to parenting duties, Jody has a unique, by referral only, matchmaking business (www.jodysdinner.com) that has produced four marriages in three years. Thanks, Jody (who is also helping with the reunion and will be dragging everyone from the area back to Detroit next summer). So, we arrive at the end. I apologize if this submission is not quite as funny or as well thought-out as others of late, but it seems that time has become much more limited. You see, as previously announced, Lizzie and I welcomed Nicholas Theodore Blair (my idea, not hers) into the world on April 22, so know I actually can relate to all of you who explain how busy you are in your stuff. I would like to close with a very special thank you from both of us to **LIZZIE WELCH-NICOL** who, upon learning of Nicholas’ birth, sent a lovely card and a CD of The Cure’s Greatest Hits turned into baby lullabies. It is the best CD, his favorite by far, and we highly recommend it to anyone with babies. We’ll be in touch soon and keep on eye on CranNet for more reunion information. Oh, and please remember, e-mail only going forward from our end, so if we don’t have your e-mail address, please send it to us.
Natalie and Lily. Check out how adorable they are in the photo on this page. As for everyone else, please send me your updates whenever you have news to share. Don’t wait for my e-mails because, as you can see, sometimes I forget to send them. So send me your news now!

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Hopefully, all of you enjoyed the summer.

The older I get, the less I care for the sweaty weather and the sunburns. Thank you very much to those of you who passed along information for this issue’s column. PETE DONALDSON wrote to say that he and his wife Laurie have recently moved to Detroit with their children, Kobe and Kingsley. Pete is practicing sports medicine with a Beaumont affiliated group in West Bloomfield and Southfield and enjoys treating injuries of Cranbrook Kingswood alums. Pete hears occasionally from Chad Green, Chris Sanchez and Steve Zacks. TODD KESSLER recently created a TV show for the FX network called “Damages” starring Glenn Close, Ted Danson and Rose Byrne among others. The show has received a lot of attention. Interestingly, the headmaster of Glenn Close’s character’s son’s school is Headmaster Lalas named after our curlyphied Greek classmate. The show runs through the end of October. Pay particular attention to Glenn Close’s character’s Spanish-speaking mustached doorman, as that is Todd Kessler himself. Damages is on at 10 p.m. Eastern and replays all week and is on itunes, etc. MATT ERKISEN and his wife welcomed their fourth child when Elizabeth Grace Erkisen was born on May 1. Elizabeth Grace joins her three older brothers, and the Erkisen house is now a little bit louder. SAM KEROS wrote a nice letter catching the class up on what he has been doing since departing Christ Church Cranbrook in June 1990. Sam graduated from Duke in 1994 and lived in D.C. until 1996 when he enrolled in a joint MD/Ph.D. program at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. After many long years, he received his degrees in 2005 and 2006. Along the way, he met his wife Beth, a native southerner, and they were married in 2003. Sam says he loved Birmingham and living in the south but decided to move back north for his residency and recently began a pediatric neurology residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital – Cornell Medical College on the upper east side of Manhattan. He claims that he is way too old for overnight call, but says he is somehow managing. Beth’s background is in commercial architecture, so being in New York is working out well for both of them. Since being in NYC, Sam sees Art Tavee on a regular basis. Sam invites anyone who is in New York to stop by and sipping cocktails at outdoor cafes in Quebec City. It was great to hear from so many of you in recent months. Continue to send in updates as I enjoy passing along the news to our class. Enjoy the fall and Aim High!

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Erika Lobo Wilcox and her husband Chuck welcomed their third daughter, Chelsea Linder Wilcox, into the world this summer, joining sisters

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TOP, Sarah Muenk-Gold’s, CK’91, daughter Amelia, 4

BOTTOM, Sarah Muenk-Gold’s, CK’91, daughter Stella, 10 months
and moved from San Francisco to Boston. We’re very excited to be expecting our first child at the end of October. I’m an architect currently working on various projects in New England. Casey lives in Seattle with his wonderful wife Cindy and their son, Hayden, 1½. Casey wrapped up his MBA last year at the University of Washington and is now working at Microsoft. He and his family visited us in Boston for a week of summer fun. LOU SCHIMMEL is living in New Jersey with his wife Jackie and two sons, Brandon and Alex. He’s a chiropractor. When not healing people, he’s an avid cyclist. DAVID ARMBRUSTER lives in the Houston area. He has traded in his flight suit for a civilian job. I hope to get down there to visit him sometime. TENNAY EVANS will be in Honolulu this fall. Let him know if you will be there as well. I had lunch with Bill Shapiro, CK’89, and DAVID JAFFE earlier this summer at Pan Pacific Office Square. Boston. They are both doing well. It was a lot of fun to catch up with them. DAN KRANEFUSS lives outside of Charlotte, NC. He and his fiancée have lovely twin girls. NICK HOLMES attended law school at the University of Michigan. After graduation he worked for a while at a big firm in Boston. He finally landed his “dream” job in NYC as in-house counsel at the Whitney Museum of American Art. There is a small group of Cranbrook people in New York who try to get together for drinks every few months – SHYAM MASKAI, RYAN SMITH, Jacob Radcliff, CK’90, STEVE FRANK, TROOPER SANDERS, HANIEF ABRAMS, ABHI LAKHIA and Luis Leguizamon, CK’89. Nick asks that you let them know if you’ll be in town, as they always like a good excuse to get together. DARRICK JACKSON reports that he is still living in Boston, MA. He recently graduated with a master of divinity from Andover Newton Theological School. He will be ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister on September 23 then begin a new job as the assistant youth ministries director of the Unitarian Universalist Association. JEFFREY ALIPIT has been happily married for six years to a girl he met in 1996 in Boulder, CO. He and his wife Kristen both work for the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder. They currently live in the neighboring area of Erie/Lafayette. Kristen is the assistant to the vice president, while Jeff is a web programmer and video producer for communications. They have two beautiful daughters, a three and a half year old and a six-month-old. RICK TAE (formerly Ricky Cheng) reports that he is shifting his focus away from his full-time acting career to be a writer/producer for film and television. Rick still lives in Vancouver, Canada, and greatly encourages people to visit in 2010 for the Winter Olympics. In his words, “It’s a crazy beautiful city.” Rick received a Gemini Award nomination and won a Leo Award while starring in a Canadian TV series, “Godiva’s,” which airs internationally. He has recurring roles and co-stars in other shows and films. He worked for the Vancouver Asian Film Festival as director of media and publicity. Rick, all in all, still enjoys being a part of the entertainment industry, 20 years after his first role in a play at Cranbrook. DAN MACKEIGAN lives in Hingham, MA, with his wife and three kids, ages 8, 6, and 5. He is a principal at a venture capital and private equity firm in Boston. It was great to catch up with him at his office earlier this week. DAVID HENNING still lives in Chandler, AZ, outside of Phoenix. He writes software for network routers during the day. Dave is starting his 10th year coaching lacrosse at Chandler High School. He still plays free-lance jazz and salsa gigs on piano around town. Dave says, “It’s pretty much like high school: nerdy stuff during the day, sports in the afternoon and music at night.” DAVID BEAN got married to his wife Marah in 2004. They had a child, named Lila, in August. He practices family law in Portland, OR. Dave is the president of the Young Lawyer’s Section of the Multnomah Bar Association and the class representative for his law school alma mater, Lewis and Clark, first made famous by Monica Lewinsky. TROOPER SANDERS is still in New York working for the Clinton Foundation. Trooper wrote me from Paris. He is spending the week cruising around France attending Rugby World Cup matches. That pretty much covers it for this update. I found my CK Class of 1991 coffee mug when we moved back east. As I sit here and read the long list of names on the mug, I am reminded that there are many more of you out there that are due for some words in Tradition. You’ll get your chance next time. It would be great to hear from you, whether I guest write again or not. My e-mail address is jfinnicum@gmail.com. Finally, just a quick shout out to my sister, Elyse Hardesty, CK’94, and brother, Jake Finnicum, CK’06. Hi, you two! Guest Class Secretary, Justin Finnicum jfinnicum@gmail.com

Hello, class of ’91. First, I’d like to thank ELIZABETH HAYNES LEVENTHAL for serving as class secretary. Elizabeth, your efforts over the past years are greatly appreciated. NANCY TORRE DAUPHINAIS writes that she and her husband Michael have been living in Naples, FL, for over three years. Nancy is an emergency services clinician for a community mental health center and is also finishing a master’s in counseling. Their three boys are now 11, 9, and 7, and they just celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary. TIFFANY WILLOWBY-HERADT teaches Comparative Political Thought at San Francisco State University. She completed her doctorate in 2003, conducting research on racism, feminism and economic justice in the U.S. and South Africa. Tiffany lives in Oakland, CA, where she is blessed to have health, strength and a loving partner in Dr. Jeanne Schepner. NINA JOHNSON has moved to Tucson where she works for University Physicians Healthcare monitoring healthcare contracts. She originally planned on moving back to western New York after a few years but decided to stay in Tucson where the weather is great! CORI LOWER had an exciting summer with a trip to New Zealand where, besides seeing some lovely scenery, she got to hang glide, mountain bike and jet boat. Cori is a family practice doctor near Portland, OR. Outside of work, she does a bit of modeling, takes care of her 100-year-old house and spends plenty of time in the great outdoors with her dog and friends. I also heard from BRIGITTE HARMS DEMOSS who lives in Thibodaux, LA. Brigitte is a pathologist for one of Louisiana’s Charity Hospitals in Houma, the town where she grew up. Her husband Richard is also a pathologist at one of New Orleans’ surviving hospitals. They have a daughter, Marie, 2, and welcomed James this past summer. Her brother, Keith Harms, CK ’92, is working on his Ph.D. in English at University of Southern Miss in Hattiesburg, MS. Brigitte writes, “the post-Katrina emotional woes have slowly quite a bit in the last year or so. We are extremely fortunate and thankful to the Fates/ God/whoever is responsible for our great luck.” SARAH MUENK-GOLD writes that she lives in the Detroit area with her husband Jeff and their two children, Amelia, 4 and Stella, 2. She works part time as an ophthalmologist and spends the rest of her time chasing after her girls. ANITA VORA KRPTA loves California, having moved to the beach (Montara, CA) last year. She and her husband Kelly welcomed daughter, Uma, in January. Anita returned to work this summer at Bear Stearns as a VP in the Investment Banking division – and is just trying to pull it all together! Anita also sees BETH ANSTANDIO regularly, who is married and lives in Los Gatos with her two dogs and horse (nearby). Beth just got her final set of licenses to be a therapist and has recently started her own practice. She also

ABOVE, At Kami Frankel’s wedding at Cranbrook Art Museum

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keeps in touch with VICTORIA MOORADIAN SLACK (married to John Slack, CK '92) and SARAH DEITZ PERSILY. They are both expecting babies this fall, Sarah's second and Victoria's first. SARAH MCINTYRE MADILL just wanted to pass along a hello to everyone. She lives in Seattle and sees SARAH SHIN quite often. ABbie WAKELIN HYDE writes that she and her husband Stephan welcomed son, Alexander James on Oct. 25, 2006. They are having a great time as a family! Abbie is still in Charlotte, NC, where she and her husband work for Wachovia Bank. I had the pleasure of attending the wedding of KAMI FRANKEL over the summer. She and Jamey Neilsen were married on a beautiful evening at the Cranbrook Art Museum. Other class-mates in attendance were LORI BURNSTEIN TAYLOR, RACHAEL TANN POLAKOFF, PRIYA DUGGAL VESELY, MARC STEWART, DREW SMITH and Elgin Cooper, CK'90. LORI BURNSTEIN TAYLOR and her husband Jason have two children, Jordyn and Gabe, and live in Farmington Hills. Lori has been teaching Spanish at the Waterford public schools for the past 10 years, enjoying every moment. RACHAEL TANN POLAKOFF and her hus-band Kane live in West Bloomfield. Rachael has been keeping herself rather busy raising daughters, Hailey and Gabby. Congratulations goes out to PRIYA DUGGAL VESELY. She and her husband Mark are expecting their first child in January. Priya has been living in Baltimore for the past 10 years, doing research for the NIH and completing her Ph.D. Priya reports that CLAIRE O'LAUGHLIN is expecting her second child. She and her husband live in Louisville. MARC STEWART is a reporter for the NBC affiliate in Nashville, TN. He's doing great. I also had the opportunity to catch up with DREW SMITH. Drew was married last year – he and his wife live in Beverly Hills, MI. It was great to see Elgin Cooper, CK'90, and his wife Kristen who have two beautiful daugh-ters. Elgin works in consulting in Southfield and lives near Canton. I also see SOMRAK MTRIYAKOOL ETNYRE quite often. She and her husband Aaron have three energetic boys, ages 7, 5 and 3. Somrak recently had SARAH SHIN and JEN SCOTT BOYER over to her house in South Lyon, MI. Jen lives in the Flint area with her husband and daugh-ter, Grace. SHAY GARDNER HUNTER and MATT HUNTER also have two children. Shay is a nurse at Children's Hospital of Michigan, and Matt recently started his own construction company. It was great to see Shay and Matt over the past school year dropping off their son, Lucas, at Brookside. RUTH MEALEY CASPER and I had a chance to catch up at a couple of recent alumni events. We found out that we live in neighboring subdivisions in Troy. She and her husband have two beautiful sons, Noah and Miles. As for me, life is busy with son, Kirin, 5, and daughter, Coco, 3. Both attend Brookside and really love it. I have also been volunteering around campus, serving on the Kingswood Alumnae Board and the Giftorama planning committee. As for my husband, Chad, he is on staff at Henry Ford's Radiology group, so it looks like we'll be staying in the area for a while. I think that wraps it up. If you didn't receive an e-mail from me about contributing to Tradition, please contact me as our records may be incorrect or incomplete. It was great hearing from everyone. Keep writing in!

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CK1992

Every morning these days I think about Cranbrook. It’s hard not to as Selma Blair (née Bei ten), CK'90, gazes out at me from ubiquitous Gap ads on the El and Bus stations in Chicago. But let’s talk about our class, the class of ’92, which graduated, somehow, a whopping 15 years ago. Yesterday we were kids ourselves. Now we’re bringing our own kids to reunion. Strange days, indeed. Many of our kids are older already than I was when I started at Brookside. A photo of that class, JACOB HAZARD, reaching up with Mrs. Gibbs, greeted me as I entered the cool Brookside reunion. If you were a Brookside and skipped that, you missed out on seeing a lot of familiar faccy faces. As for our own familiar faces, the reunion turnout wasn’t bad for a non-decade reunion. About 30 of us made it to the quad for the photo and to Big Rock for an after-reunion gathering. I’m going to send you to rocknroll.net/ck92 for pics and a quick recap. Let’s check in with some folks who missed reunion (or have news since then). AMY WASSERMAN spent seven weeks this summer in Argentina in a Spanish language immersion program. ERIC DELBRIDGE and his wife Mara moved to San Francisco a little over a year ago. He recently changed jobs – he left Lazard investment banking to take a position as an analyst at a hedge fund. KATIE MccANN BLATT also moved to San Francisco (she coming from L.A, Eric from New York). Perhaps they’ll run into MARZUKI STEVENS at a bar he tends sometimes called Cafe Royale. He’s training for the Olympic tri- als marathon and working as an architect for a solar electric systems company in Berkeley that designs carports with photovoltaics. And while he runs the New York Marathon, his brother, Sufjan, will be singing lovely songs about the two states I’ve lived in during a string of shows there. But back to Katie... She has taken a job as VP of Engineering & Product Management at Terrapass and is going to spend a week of hiking in the Alps. Also trekking in the moun-tains (with family and, um, some reindeer) was ERICKA KEMPPIAINE, who spent two weeks in Lapland. Spending a little longer overseas: CARLA ClOUTIER GALE says, “Ford Motor Co, whom I’ve been employed by for the last eight years, has sent me to Cologne, Germany, for at least two years. I have relocated with my husband Ben and my two-year-old son, Carter. We have been here for two months now and love it. It’s embarrassing that my son is already far superior in German than I am. If any CK alumni are in the area, I would love to meet up with them for some Kolsch. And BETSY WHITE, now ELISHEVA BLUM, has moved to Israel, gotten married, and is doing sustainability consulting. She’s also getting an Executive MBA in a joint program with Northwestern, so I got to have a quick breakfast with her while she was in town taking classes. KATE ZYLA is working now at the World Resources Institute helping shape climate and energy policy in DC. I also heard from some people I hadn’t heard from in ages. AARON MOORE checked back in. He and his wife have two kids, Ella Rose, 2, and William Robert, 3 mos. He says, “I could probably write any number of crazy stories, and people might just actually believe them to be true. I have a five-year-old design firm in Baltimore. We’ve spent this summer at weddings on various beaches up and down the east coast and plan to stay close to home for the remainder of the year.” I’m guessing that one’s the truth. EMILY BLEUSTEIN TACK and her husband Andy left Chicago for Sarasota, FL, nearly three years ago. They have a son, Charlie, 2, and a daughter, Lila Mae, 7 months. NEALI ARMSTRONG has been “hiding” out in Boston, where they moved for her husband’s residency/fellowship program. She is on a bit of an extended sabbatical from her research to spend time with their two kids, Paisley, 3, and Beckett, 1. THERESA RONQUILLO and her husband Eric welcomed Gabriela in May. She (Theresa, not Gabriela yet) is working on her dissertation for a Ph.D. in social welfare at the University of Washington. My wife Pam and I moved into our first house. It’s been an adventure, but we were pleased to have HOLLY OMANSIEK at our housewarming party. I’ve also seen GREG BOURGON and the soon-to-be-married Rochelle Cortez recently. Greg’s moved back to Chicago now, so it’s good to have him in town again. I’m still at Chait’s Chicago Business, commuting with Selma and somehow already working on projects for Spring 2008. As always, check out rocknroll.net/ck92 (user: ck92 pass: saarinen) for more news.

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CK1993

Greetings to the women of ’93! This is the first of many dispatches updating everyone on our adventures, accomplishments and escapades. First up: SARAH J. FORMAN – Sarah works as a defense attorney in St. Louis, a job that allows her to, as she says, "stick it to the man.” She’s engaged to be married to a fellow attorney in October (which means she should be hitched by the time you’re reading this), and SUUNDE WISLOW, SUMMER POOLE and I are all very happy to be bridesmaids. Sundee and Summer are both submerged in b-school. Sundee recently enrolled in Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management, and she plans to combine her future degree with her years of experience in environmental non-profits to find ways to green big business. Summer, after years of globetroting that included a couple of years in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, is in the middle of the MBA program at Columbia University. I also heard from TAMTEK MOORE, who has changed her name to Na’itha Sakin. Na’itha just made captain in the Air Force and is stationed in San Antonio.
out the picture of the big man, his little man and wife! WES BROWN is living in Colorado Springs and doing great. SETH MELTZER, his wife Melissa and son, Asher, are still living in Birmingham. CHRIS YOCKEY is still living in NYC. STEVE PRUCHER is still living in Birmingham, selling medical equipment. He and Blakely Lauria Prucher, CK’95, are married and are happy and well. MARK MANCUSO, his wife Jana and son, Drake, are still living in Milford, MI. ANISH PATEL is doing great, married, and working as an anesthesiologist. He was actually the doctor handling the drugs on one of my cancer surgeries! Talk about a hook up – just kidding. TERRY KALNA is still living in Florida and working with the International Speedway Corporation. MIKE PARIS is still living and working in Birmingham. TIM ROBINSON is still in Brooklyn. JACK LIGHTON reports: “I am living in Florida and absolutely love it, spending much of my professional time in Atlanta, Houston and New York. I finished my MBA this June (about time – I know...) and really enjoy the extra free time that accompanies graduation. I missed our 10-year reunion but am looking forward to our 15th!” BOB ZAJAC says: “My wife Leah and I are living in NYC and have been for about six years. I’m lucky enough to work in marketing for ESPN and even luckier to have twins on the way.” The Zajacs will be joined by a boy and a girl. ROBERT AXELROD works for a government relations firm in the DC area. JAMAL ROBERTSON says: “I moved to Boston in the middle of the summer, and I’m doing some work for the Romney for President Campaign. JAY HACK is in Michigan and working in the family business. AARON COHN reports: “I am happily into the second to last year of my ophthalmology residency at Beaumont in Royal Oak. There may be another year or two of fellowship in my future, but that is hard to know right now. I am happily engaged and will be married in Philadelphia, PA, this coming May. My fiancé’s name is Dorothy, and she will be coming to Michigan to join me for her residency this coming may if all goes well to plan.” KC CROSS is in Texas. ADAM GUSMAN and his wife are living in DC, and Adam is working for the law firm Winston and Strawn. KEN GORSKI is the head of a painting company and partners with his brother. CHRIS BELL is in Portland, OR, and working in the architectural world. MATT O’CONNOR is still living in Ferndale, MI, and working for EDS. MATT GRACE is still living and working in Birmingham. DOMINIC HARRIS is still living and working as an architect in London. MICHAEL LIAO is still in NYC. AJAY RAO is still a doctor in New Orleans. DAVE LIU is still living in Michigan and still loves running marathons. DAVE HERFURTH is married and has one daughter. DARRICK HOLLAND and his wife still live in Orlando, FL. As for me, I continue to work for a non-profit organization called Imerman Angels (www.ImermanAngels.org). We are a “1-on-1 Cancer Support” service where we connect one Cancer Fighter with one Cancer Survivor, so each person fighting cancer has a “big brother” or “big sister” for guidance and support from someone who is uniquely familiar with the fight. Of course the service is free as our only goal is to connect people who truly need the connection. IF YOU KNOW ANYONE TOUCHED BY CANCER, regardless where they live, PLEASE SEND THEM TO US and we will take care of them. Thank you in advance. My brother, Jeff Imerman, CK’92, is a lawyer in New York working for Paul Weiss, doing litigation. Best of luck to everyone, and keep me posted when you find time. E-mail is the best way.

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Dear Friends, First and foremost, on behalf of the women of K’94, I would like to express our sincerest gratitude to JON IMERMAN for devoting much time and effort to maintaining the class notes for both classes! Jon is doing lots of wonderful work with his charity, Imerman’s Angels, and is due some relief in this area. So I am thrilled to represent the women as our new class secretary. I’m sure some of you have had the (sometimes odd) pleasure of running into fellow alums in the darnedest places! Several years ago I ran

ABOVE, Sarah Holmes Tucker, CK’93, husband Jeff and pony, Heather

She has an 8-year-old son and a 6-year-old daughter. She said she’s greatly enjoying all the high-tech training she’s receiving and might return to school for an advanced engineering degree. For my part, I just returned from a week’s vacation in the heartland of Mexico, where my boyfriend and I soaked up the beautiful colors and ate way too much pollo con mole. I finished my master’s degree in journalism in 2004, and I’m now a full-time freelance writer for private clients and publications like The Detroit News and Hour Detroit, a job that allows me to do things like work in my pajamas, interview B-list celebrities, and constantly test the limits of my self-discipline. That’s all for now. I hope everyone is well – send me your news when you get a moment.

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into SAMANTHA JACKSON in the dressing room of Banana Republic in Lansing, MI. Sam reports that she’s in her final year of medical school at Michigan State and is hoping to go into pediatric medicine. She and her husband, who had recently graduated from law school, “hope to start a new chapter somewhere in the southeast sometime soon.” ANGELA GENTILIA PRICE writes: “My husband ended his active duty service with the Marine Corps in October 2006, and we moved to Castle Rock, CO, (outside of Denver) a few months later. I work for Balfour Beatty Construction and commuted to our project at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs every day. No kids yet but we have two chocolate labs, Lucy and Gunner. We love living in Colorado and can’t wait for the ski season to start.” Angela’s not the only one who loves her surroundings. KATHY CHAO says she has been “livin’ it up in San Francisco” for nine years, no doubt sweeter by her “wonderful boyfriend, Eric.” She works for Yahoo!, as part of a marketing innovation group that is developing “exciting ways to make Yahoo! even more relevant for users.” Proving that CK alumni are in every zip code, Kathy recently bumped into CHARLOTTE “Kari” IRWIN. Though hours away, Kathy is very excited that Christine Bautista has relocated to Los Angeles, where she will continue working as an attorney. Christine is also “looking forward to spending more time with old pals like Kathy and Rebecca Padnos, K’95,” and, while in Chicago, had the chance to see LINDA LING and her adorable baby. After living in Dubai for two years, Linda and husband, Jang Ho Kim, “brought back a souvenier,” Christian (16 months old, before publication), who is “the joy” of his mommy’s life. Congratulations to HOLLY CEANE-KIRSHNER and husband Mark, an orthotist, who were expecting their second child in October. Holly shares: “My son, Benjamin, is 5 years old and just started kindergarten, and I also have a 13-year-old step-daughter! I never would have guessed that I would become so focused on family, but I currently consider myself, jokingly, “a happy house-maker”! Reveling in the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Kirshner family had recently moved to Johnson City, TN, from Asheville, NC. Holly reports that good friend, CAROLINE LEKNIUS, is “looking great and healthy.” Making her home in Santa Barbara, Caroline tells us that she is practicing therapeutic bodywork (manipulative and movement therapies) while working on a master’s in clinical psychology with a specialty in somatic psychology. Yet another alum favoring warmth and sunshine, PINAR DOGDRU checked in from Texas. After graduate school, she moved to D.C. to work on a patent litigation project. As much as she enjoyed the city, particularly time spent with fellow alumni, “the wonderful SHAMRAJ sisters,” KATHERINE and Larissa—Pinar says she “drowned there! cowboy boots and moved back to the warmer climate and slower lifestyle of Austin,” where she received an offer to practice environmental law. If you’re ever in the area, Pinar invites you to look her up, stating, “I provide a fabulous tour of Austin, if I do say so myself.” NICOLE LECOTTE says she is “currently living in Illinois, working in HR and keeping busy singing in a Gospel choir.” It was also nice to hear from JESSICA ZIMET and ERNEST ADAMS, who moved from San Francisco to his home state, Ohio, where he is loving his new position as senior recruiter for Abercrombie & Fitch. Most important to Ernest, is being surrounded by family and watching his new nephew grow. I couldn’t agree more! Since returning to my hometown after living in Brooklyn for nine years, I have been blessed with nieces, Jada, 3, and Laila, 18 months, and a nephew, Alan, 16 months. When I’m not chasing babies around the house, I am teaching yoga and developing community outreach programs for As You Are Yoga studio, where I am the assistant director. It’s so wonderful to hear that you all are living well and just as eager as I am to reconnect with lost classmates: Cortne Anway, Sara Barnes, Suzanne Becker, Angela Bolland, Jimmy Briggs, Shawn Brown, Hae-Ri Chee, Seran Kim Chen, Georgieanna Cheung, Carol Chiu, Samantha Citrin, Christen Clark, Erin Conklin, Alison Dellavacca, Lauren Donofrio, Jennifer Evans, Akiko Fujino, Angela Fullter, Nicole Fynke, Mary Gardner, Lindsey Goldburg, Jasmine Grant, Kelly Greaves, Karen Greinert, Melissa Grier, Meghan Hazard, Melissa Harrell-Hodgson, Charlotte “Babe” Levitin, Jamieson Larene, Yevgeniya Levitin, Shanta “Missy” Mali, Meena Mital, Cara Wenig Mori, Kathleen O’Brien, Margarita Odintzova, Sana “Sue” Okab, Michelle Park, Alexandra Parman, Anita Mathew Pinto, Sara Pollack, Amy Pollard, Kimberly Price, Alexis Radogost-Givens, Anjali Sanghvi, Carolyn Kentis Sasatani, Nancy Schwartz, Rhea “Sujin” Seo, Elissia Slotkin, Marney Smith, Karen Stoll, Sara Storrke, Suna Turgay, Evaggelia Yiannoulou. Please feel free to e-mail me at any time, whether to say “hello” or to update your contact information. Until next time, be well!!

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I hope all is well. It’s been a while, and we have a lot of catching up to do, so I’m going right to it. Most of these updates stemmed from conversations at Paul Katz’s wedding so I apologize in advance for any details I may not remember. PAUL KATZ married his beautiful wife Carri Labor Day weekend at the Westin in Southfield. Paul hosted a fun weekend with Russian food, parties and great memories. Thanks, Paul, it was great! Many Cranbrook alums showed up from all parts of the country to go to the wedding. CHRIS ACKER and his wife JILL ARVAI ACKER flew in from Seattle where Chris continues work for the empire in Redmond, WA, and Jill is employed as a nurse. STEVE KANG is living in Minneapolis, MN, finishing his MBA and playing in a band. NICK LUKACOS (Dr. Nick) tells us, “what up” and is in his fourth year of residency in otolaryngology (ear, nose, and throat) and facial plastic surgery in Pontiac, MI. He just celebrated his third year of marriage on June 12 to his wife Amy, who works as a speech pathologist at Beaumont Hospital in Troy. Nick told me he is neighbors with DAVID RODRIGUEZ (Dr. Rod) at Midtown Square in Troy. Dave completed his internal medicine residency at Beaumont and will start a cardiology fellowship at Beaumont in July 2008. He is getting married in October ’07 to Jacquelyn Walker who is also a doctor (OBGYN) at Beaumont. Congrats, Rod! ROB MOLLOY (Ol’ Dirty) attended the wedding and told me he is in Royal Oak still robbin’ em and having as much fun as ever. JAY NICHOLS was there too and told me he sometimes teams up with Ol’ Dirty to cause trouble in Royal Oak on weeknights. JASON EDDLESTON stood up in the wedding and is still living in Birmingham, MI, and working in the “D.” COREY MEEHAN flew in from Idaho Falls, ID, (cold in the winter and hot in the summer) where he and his wife Ashley have two girls, Brooklyn, 4, and Haven, 17 months. Corey works as a surgical device sales rep for Johnson & Johnson covering Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. LEO KOGANOV also stood up in the wedding and is still working for GM in Atlanta, GA, where he lives with his wife Jenny and their new puppy, Ray. Vera is finishing her chemical engineering degree at Georgia Tech. I caught up with GIAN CARLO PUZZUOLI after he took a break from doing the robot on the dance floor, and he told me he is still in Royal Oak and has spent way too many days at Detroit Tigers games with YORK RAGSDALE this summer. York, in the wedding too, is in Royal Oak where he lives with his wife Lisa (what up La La), and works as a regional sales manager for a food manufacturer and supplier. JOE REIFMAN was the best man in Paul’s wedding, is married to his wife Marla, and they live in Phoenix, AZ. Joe told me he loves his job and to not talk to him about the Michigan game. Love ya, Joe! FRED YUN flew in from So Cal where he is practicing law and loving it. I was able to get everyone together between the cake and DJs from WJLB to take a 17-person Cranbrook picture including Paul’s new uncle-in-law, Jerome Kanter, C’75. EVAN CONKLIN is still living in Tucson, AZ, working, singing Reggae music, and putting out some of the most-wicked
artwork in the Southwest, as Evan would say. I have some originals, and they are wicked. **DENNIS FRANKLIN** continues to hold it down in NYC, where he works on movies, TV shows and commercials. As the message says on his cell phone, he’s either making movies or listening to heavy metal. What up, **D. DREW “BUNZ” LUND** and his wife Michelle celebrated the birth of their son, Dylan Russell, at the end of March 2007. He is still living in Royal Oak and is an insulin sales rep for Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals. So, if you got the “sugar,” then holla at Drew and congrats on the healthy baby boy! I received some news about **PHILIP MAXWELL**. He graduated with a B.A. from Tufts, went on to U-M for a MMP (Masters in Public Policy) and then to the U-M Law School for a JD in 2005. He passed the bar in 2006, and he joined the U.S. Army, JAG division in the spring. He is currently a Captain, Brigade Judge Advocate at Camp Victory in Iraq. Nice work, Philip, and come home safe! **BEN MONSON** works as an investment banker with Evercore Partners in San Francisco, CA, and lives there with this wife Katie and their son, Magnus, 5 months. Congrats on the new baby, Ben! **PAT ROSEN** lives on the south side of Chicago where he is an architect in the Chicago Metro area. I also received some news about **JASON SPICE**. He earned a Ph.D. in metallurgy and materials engineering at the Colorado School of Mines and now works as a research engineer for a steel company in East Chicago. **DEEPAK VEERAMASUNENI** relocated from Ohio to Berkley, CA, and is enjoying the change in pace. Please e-mail me updates and pictures to losmedina2000@yahoo.com and see you in the spring!

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A big, big thank you to all the ladies who wrote in with news of themselves and others for this issue of Tradition! **KATE RICHARD** who lives in the Birmingham area, wrote me with updates on a number of our classmates. She and **ELIZABETH CUNNINGHAM** have tons of fun hanging out together around town and are both glad that **EMILY SAFFORD VILLAJUAN** has recently moved back to Birmingham. She also sees **KIM MCDOWELL**

**THOMPSON** quite a bit and reports that she and her husband Marcus (who just got a job as a pilot for Spirit) are doing great. Kate recently attended the wedding for **JEN SLOAN**, who married her husband Mike on August 11 in Bloomfield Hills (her rehearsal dinner was at Cranbrook House!). Other Kingswood ’95ers there included Elizabeth Cunningham, Emily Safford Villafuera, and Brianne O’Laughlin Claypool. Kate says Jen was a stunning bride, and that she and her husband now reside in Washington, DC. Kate also said she had a fun reunion with a number of folks in town for **SHANE LAVERY’s wedding in July**: **BRYAN DONER, MARK PENSKE, JAMIE BENARD, ROB HARNESS**, Jan Fris, CK ’96, **DAVE NACHMAN, BEN MONSON**, Steve Prucker, CK ’94, and **MIKE CANNARSA**. Finally, she noted that **ALISSA RIBA** has moved to Rochester, NY, and is getting used to the more rural life after a number of years in Boston. Thanks, Kate, for all the news! Thanks also to **DAYNOR BUTLER** who also sent me a big e-mail with lots of updates. Daynor wrote to let me know that **TONYA BANKS** is an account supervisor in multicultural marketing at Campbell-Ewald advertising agency in Troy, MI, where she’s a key component of the urban marketing for Chevrolet, as well as advising other Campbell-Ewald clients and providing new business pitches about the African-American market. **SIKIA STEVENS** was recently married and lives in Cincinnati, OH, where she works as a senior consultant for TekSystems. Daynor let me know that they were in Detroit for a “raucous bachelorette weekend” that also included Tonya and **MARKEISHA MINER** but did not provide further details – I guess what happens in Detroit stays in Detroit? Sikia’s cute little son, Curtis, Jr., 4, is a complete angel (or so Daynor says!). As for herself, Daynor is an associate at Finn Dixon & Herling LLP in Stamford, CT, working in the commercial litigation group (though she also spends some time with the investment management/hedge fund group). She lives in Bristol, CT, with her fiancé, Marc, who is a producer at ESPN. I’m not sure how thrilled she is about the nutmeg state, but as she said, “after the stress of taking THREE bar exams (Michigan, New York and Connecticut), I think it’s safe to say that I will be in the NY/Connecticut area for awhile.” And a very cute story: Daynor met her fiancé at Chrissy Wolfram Taylor’s, CK’96, wedding three years ago when they were paired up together by height to walk down the aisle!

Daynor gave me an update on Markeisha, but I also heard from the busy lady herself. Markeisha is working at the law firm of Dickinson Wright in downtown Detroit. This June she received the Marquette Taylor Distinguished Young Lawyer Award from the Wolverine Bar Association (congrats!), and she was recently featured in the Detroit News in an article about encouraging promising lawyers who intern in Detroit to accept job offers and live in the city (nice!). She recently volunteered with Carmen Bell and Angela Gilchrist, both CK’93, at Bravo Bravo, a party to benefit the Detroit Opera House, and has also run into Tonya Banks and Kate Richard at events for Fusion, an organization for young professionals sponsored by the Detroit Regional Chamber. About a year ago, Markeisha bought a condo downtown on the Riverfront and says that she absolutely loves it but just needs to make time to decorate! Markeisha also let me know that **MIKE MELL** was married in July to Erica Powell. As she says, “they are a great couple, and the wedding was beautiful!” **ELISE HOFER** is doing great in Chicago, still loving the city and still working in magazines. Currently she is editor-in-chief of a bridal magazine called CS Bride (www.csbrides.com). She keeps in touch with fellow Chicago resident, **LAUREN BEZNOS**, and regularly sees Jon Imerman, CK’94, jogging around the city. And she wanted to send a message to Peter Fayroian and Nancy Ross Ryan: “My boyfriend and I have been playing tennis three times a week, and he has yet to beat me! Ha!” **MEGAN FOX MORSETH** wrote to say that she loves being a (mostly) stay-at-home mom to Sander, who is just over 16 months. She spends some time still doing personal training and spinning instruction in Columbus, OH, and often talks to **BRIDGET BURNETT, KEEGAN MILLER, LOREN LARSEN** and **VANNESSE BONKEY**, either via phone or e-mail, and they’re all doing great. Bridget wrote in as well to say that she recently moved to the North Shore suburbs...
of Chicago. She’s finishing her dissertation and last year of her clinical psych program, while also working at a city ER doing crisis work (and all this while pregnant!). MEGAN SLATTERY, who teaches in the dance department at Western Michigan State, wrote about a really cool project she worked on this summer, thanks to an Emerging Artist Grant she received. Megan spent two weeks in Paris this past June researching Loie Fuller, whom she describes as “a modern dance and lighting design pioneer…she was an American who took Paris by storm around the turn of the last century and became, quite literally, the poster child of the Art Nouveau movement.” Along with her colleague, Jessica Lindberg, Megan is restaging three of Fuller’s solo dances – Night, Fire Dance and Lily of the Nile – which haven’t been performed in nearly 100 years. Cool! MARCY ROSEN wrote to say that she’s “working a lot, running a lot and thinking about taking a nice long (or even short) vacation a lot.” That describes my situation right now pretty well too (without the running, though). And finally, congrats to all our moms! Kate Richard let me know that on January 23 BRIANNE L’OUGHLIN CLAYPOOL (who lives in Denver with her husband Alex) had a little boy, James Alexander Claypool. SUSIE KIM CHÖ and her husband had a baby boy, Simon, this spring who she describes as a super mellow, happy baby, and that image just gives me a big grin. On June 1 MEREDITH SCHUETTE HAATAJA and her husband Jim welcomed Megan, who joins big brothers, Michael and Will. KRISTIE BOSART ANDERSON wrote with the news that she and her husband gave birth to their daughter, Avery Belle, on August 21. She says, “Avery has without a doubt changed our lives for the better….I never knew you could love something so much.” Aww! Kristie and her husband live in Troy, where they just bought a house this past May. And just a day later, on August 22, JANELLE MILLER HEASTON and her husband had their second daughter, Evangeline Grace! She joins big sister, Madelyn. Hopefully you’re inspired to share some news of your own. Feel free to drop a note to Stephanie or me anytime!

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Greetings, Class of 1996! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer. Congratulations are in order for LAURA RAGSDALE! Laura was married September 1 to her wonderful boyfriend of many years, Ryan Miriani. I had the privilege of being a matron of honor in the beautiful ceremony. Laura looked gorgeous, and the night was definitely one to remember! Fellow CK’96 classmates JEN CANNIER, MIGUEL GONZALEZ-FRENDES and CHRIS WOLFMAN TAYLOR were also on hand to share in the marriage celebration.

Chris brought her sweet daughter (and mini-me, Izzy), to the ceremony. I hadn’t seen her since she was an infant, and now she is over a year old. Time goes by too fast. We missed JOHN COOKE, who was busy with work at Deutsche Bank in NYC. John and his wife Beth are having a great time in New York, and Beth has started a handbag company called Raw Bags. Please check it out. The bags are creative and eco-friendly! http://raw.bags.com. BIANCA FRABBOTA CORDS was also absent from the festivities because she was busy with the new addition to her family! Bianca and her husband Rob have a baby boy, Griffin Philip Cords! I had the pleasure of meeting Griffin recently, and he is adorable! Congratulations, Bianca! KYLE STONER missed the wedding too, but we will give him a break! He has moved to New York City with BREE ROBERTS to begin his MBA program at Columbia University. He will be concentrating his studies on economics and finance. Bree has been busy as well and recently completed all of her doctoral requirements. She’ll be working as a psychologist at a residential treatment facility for children. Good luck in NYC guys! I also heard from STEVE THURMON, who says that he and his wife Shaina have moved back to Michigan and are living in a loft in downtown Grand Rapids. They welcomed their second child (a daughter), Rosalyn Mae, on June 21. Aubrey, Steve’s son, turned 2 on July 26 and loves his little sister. Steve says of Aubrey, “He has a great attitude about sharing our attention and is learning so much every day!” Steve is studying for the CPA exam right now. He has already taken one and has three more to go! Good luck, Steve! BENJAMIN STONE wrote in to say that he was married in November 2005 to Catherine Gantt of Arlington, VA. They are living outside DC where Ben is Director, External Affairs of Alenia North America. Ben and Catherine welcomed a son, Benjamin Richard Stone Jr., on July 9, 2006. He is now over a year old and running around like crazy! Ben loves being a dad and is hoping for their next baby soon. We wish you luck, Ben! More news on KAI KNIIGHT…he continues to serve our country and is headed back to Baghdad, where he will stay for another year as a translator! Kai was also recently married and lives in Syracuse, NY. Congratulations, Kai, and thanks for your service! Another one of our classmates serving our country, KEITH BRIGGS has returned home after spending some time in the Marines. He lives locally and is a manager at US Manufacturing. TRENTON FLOWERS is still in the mortgage banking industry and enjoys living in sunny Arizona! ALEX BARRON writes in to say, “I spent the last year on the faculty at Carleton College, teaching biology and chemistry. I’ve returned to Princeton for the summer to finish my Ph.D. in tropical biochemistry before moving to DC to start as a science fellow in Congress. Wish us luck with climate change legislation!” Good luck, Alex! JON TISE SAMUELS wrote to let us know that she has been very busy over the past few years. She is still living in Grand Blanc close to her family! She has been singing, working her way through school and volunteering with her church and local communities. She was recently ordained as a minister and has traveled quite a bit to sing at weddings, funerals, music showcases and worship conferences. She is currently working on an inspirational/gospel worship album produced by her music mentor and sweetie of 4+ years, P.S Lewis. Check out all of her hard work at: www.myspace.com/puresoulgeneration. Another talented classmate, JAIME NEWMAN wrote in to let us know about her busy schedule, saying “I am off to Beijing, China, to shoot a movie this fall, after having had a full work schedule this past spring and summer. I played the title character in the pilot I’m Paige Wilson” for ABC and acted opposite Patrick Dempsey in the upcoming movie ‘Maid of Honor.’ I also did the play ‘Fat Pig’ at the Geffen Playhouse in Los Angeles. The month of May was spent in Israel and Jordan with my family.” Jaime lives in L.A. with her boyfriend of two years. Wow, sounds like fun! I think I speak for all the girls when I say I am jealous of your close contact with Patrick Dempsey (a.k.a., McDreamy for you “Grey’s Anatomy” fans!). I am happy to report that I have finally heard from NILS BARTH! He is working for Goldman Sachs doing “quant” work. He is currently in London, because as Nils says, “my genius is needed there!” KU YOO just sat for the Massachusetts bar exam and had moved to Boston. RAFFIE KALAJIAN is still in the mortgage industry in Pasadena CA. He said that his company recently merged with a New York based mortgage company, Power Express Mortgage. Raffie handles all of the sales on the West Coast and is able to travel to NYC every 2-3 months. Despite the crazy market, Raffie reports that business has been steady. MARCUS LEAB took advantage of CranNet (the online alumni Web site for Cranbrook) and posted the following update: “Apparently there’s a rumor that I’m dead. I’m not. My wife and I welcomed a son, William Daniel Leab, in June 2006. I received my Master of Arts in Teaching in 2005
and currently am the chair of the English Department at a high school in St. Paul, MN. I was also written up in Minnesota Monthly as one of 25 teachers to watch as I have some...unconventional...ways to how I teach (this is supposedly a good thing). Hope all is well with the rest of you. I’ll be disappearing now for another 10 years.”

Thanks, Marcus. You all can access CranNet online through . You will need a login name and password. If you have any trouble or questions, please e-mail Margi Brown at: mbrown@cranbrook.edu. Thanks for all of the updates. Please continue to send them!

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From all accounts that I have received, the 10-year reunion was a success. I’m glad to hear that so many old friends could meet and reminisce about Cranbrook and Kingswood alike. I heard from CHRIS MARTELLA who is doing well in my neck of the woods. He is currently living in Kuwait, doing Islamic and traditional structured finance as well as securities, mergers and acquisitions work in the GCC. Due to his current location, he was unable to attend the reunion. Chris does keep in touch with Tim Allen, CK ’98, who he reconnected with during law school.

VISHAAL KISHORE has completed his LLM at Harvard and is currently looking at his options, which include staying at Harvard as a teacher, going on to further studies, or venturing back out into the work force practicing international law in London.

MICHAEL BARRY spent reunion weekend touring the campus with his wife of a year, Megan. He reconnected with many old friends, some he had not seen since graduation. He met many wives, husbands and children. The highlight was seeing Mr. Miller and various cross-country runners.

LANAYA ETHINGTON is entering the fourth year of her Ph.D. program in counseling psychology at Indiana University. If all goes as planned, she will graduate in 2009. Yes, her parents still live in Saudi Arabia but will hopefully be back in the U.S. in the fall of 2007. She had a great time at the CK Reunion and is already looking forward to the 15-year reunion! The most exciting news for Lanaya is her recent engagement to Kevin Olszewski, who proposed on August 16. Lanaya enjoyed catching up with many classmates and ended up staying with Jennifer Ives Sanders while in town. The two ladies stayed up until 5 in the morning looking through pictures and talking about a variety of things. She also got a chance to hang out with AMBER DAWKINS and her fiancé. They have a great story of how they met as passengers sitting next to each other on a plane.

Hopefully Amber will relay the full story in time for the spring article! Lanaya tells us that MEGAN SAILLANT just finished law school in December and has a new job. Megan is currently studying for the bar exam. She was pleasantly surprised at the number of our classmates that ended up becoming lawyers. She lost count at the reunion, but it was a very significant percentage of our class.

LATONYA RIDDLE-JONES got married June 10 on the Cranbrook campus. The ceremony took place at the Art Museum. Her maid of honor was Amber Dawkins. TAMARA MORGAN and ROMONDA McKinney were also in attendance. Latonya tells us that Romonda got engaged the day after her wedding, so congratulations go out to both of them. Latonya had a great time at the reunion and says that everyone looked better than they did 10 years ago. I guess the years have been kind to our class!

Latonya is currently working at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit. Hutzel specializes in women’s care and specifically orthopedics and ophthalmology. Hutzel happens to be the only women’s care hospital in Michigan.

MAREN LOSH WILLINS writes that the reunion was great fun, and she enjoyed catching up with people. She got married two weeks after the reunion in Estes Park, CO. Jennifer Ives Sanders was one of the bridesmaids and Amber Dawkins and SANDHYA KRISHNAN were also at the event. The happy couple currently lives in Denver, CO. They have seen JONATHAN BENINSON and his fiancée several times since they moved to Westminster, CO, this summer. Maren has been working as a social worker in Colorado for four years now and enjoys the beauty of the surrounding area.

CHASE WADE says that he was sorry to miss the reunion but had a wonderful time in the south of France with his wife Colleen. He went to Germany this summer for business meetings in June. He has just finished his four-year stint on the Alumni Council and would recommend the organization to any-
Above, ’97 girls at Reunion – from Jan Leemis

one living in the area. He tells us that it was a great way to connect with the school. Chase is also currently working on his MBA at Walsh College. JENNIFER IVES SANDERS got married on December 30 to Jody Sanders. They were married in Birmingham. Maren was one of her bridesmaids and Lanaya was able to attend as well. The new couple is living in Fort Worth, TX, where Jody is a attorney, and she is beginning her sixth year as an assistant manager for Shell Oil. They just bought their first house, which was an exciting time for both of them. Jen enjoyed the reunion and was also able to see her grandfather, Bill Ives, C’47, who was celebrating his 60th reunion.

AMANDA PRESTED BATTERBEE said the food, weather and friends were great at the reunion! “A group of us had a wild Trivial Pursuit game at Jen Ives Sanders’ house after the reunion.” Amanda enjoyed showing her husband and son the campus and introducing them to old friends. Amanda’s most exciting news is that she gave birth to her second child, Romy Helene Batterbee, on July 25, 2007. She weighed in at 8 lbs., 4 oz. She is still currently in the NICU at the University of Michigan, and they were hoping to bring her home soon.

MICHAEL E. SCHOSTAK is pleased to announce that he got engaged to Alexis J. Gultanoff at Cranbrook House & Gardens on July 3, 2007. He had originally planned to propose at the 10-year reunion, but she was unable to attend due to a cancelled flight. Michael popped the question a couple of weeks later. He was giving her a tour around the campus and had just passed the hidden grotto. When they were next to the Cupid fountain, he asked her for her hand in marriage. His proposal was very well received, and they celebrated that night in Birmingham followed by an engagement cocktail party before she had to leave on her way to New York for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention walk that Saturday. It is an organization that Karly has been associated with for a number of years and continues to be a strong advocate for. BETH RITCHEY sent Karly a class photo from the reunion, which now travels with her from one city to the next with hope that the class will be closer than it has been in many years with many old friends reconnecting at the reunion.

As always, please send updates to me, Shannon or the CK Web site. E-mail is still the best way to get a hold of me. Semper Fi.

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I hope that this update finds everyone well. It was nice to hear from our classmates, including BEN HAYNES, who lives in Birmingham and works in advertising, and SAM VALENTI, who was the best man at DANIEL NOUJAIM’s October 6th wedding. Congratulations, Danny! In other good news, MIKE WAGNER received his second Army Commendation Medal, this one with Valor, for service in Iraq. He will be in Korea starting in February but hopes to get leave around the time of our 10-year reunion.

DANIEL NOUJAIM (now Ayo Mawusi) is also excited about the 10-year reunion and hopes to bring her daughter who was born after our 5th-year reunion. Ayo has moved to Philadelphia to attend law school at Temple University, where she will also be working on her master’s in African American history.

ALEXA SHAW wrote to share that both she and CHARLES SHAW have started Ph.D. programs. Charles spent the past summer in Uzbekistan and recently received his master’s in history from Stanford. This fall he began his Ph.D. at UC-Berkeley. Alexa has taken a pause from her medical studies, which she will resume (to pursue pediatric neurology) after she finishes her Ph.D. in English from Brown, focusing on 19th and 20th century American literature. KIMBERLY SHIN HOBBIET got married in March in a ceremony in Durham, NC. She is now living in Evanston, IL, where her husband is a graduate student at Northwestern. She’s working as the director for Private Sector Careers at Teach for America. Congratulations on the wedding, move and new job! I hope to see many of you at reunion.

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As the Class of 1999 continues to explore life’s options, here’s an update on how some of us are faring. HEATHER STEPHISON recently completed a master’s of education in applied child studies at Vanderbilt University. She is now back in Michigan and enjoys spending time with her 4-year-old nephew. Also moving back to Michigan is SAMANTHA...
SCHMOYER, who will be transferring her job in pharmaceutical sales in Florida to return home. HEATHER HARLAN is working for New York State Courts in human resources.ELIZABETH WHITTAKER BALLENTINE is leading the Living History Signature Project for the University of Chicago Charter School Corp and is also on the English faculty at Woodlawn High School. She has spent the past year developing curricula for University of Chicago’s Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture’s Black Youth Project and the Center for Urban School Improvement’s Digitize Your World Program. Liz is enjoying motherhood and writing poetry as well. JONATHAN JOHNSON is excited to report he accepted a new position as program manager of Mosaic Youth Theatre in Detroit. SHEREE WILLIAMS happily celebrated her one-year marriage anniversary in June with her husband, Marlon Gibson. The couple purchased a home in Atlanta where Sheree is employed at Georgia Tech. She enjoys working with Joe Slade, CK’00, and Ben Keyserling, CK’05, on a regular basis. TONY KANTOR moved to New York in January from Breckenridge, CO, where he enjoyed living the “ski bum” life. Tony now works in real estate finance. DAVID PAPA married Amy Zhang in February. The pair are expecting their first child this fall. David works at IBM in Austin, TX, and is pursuing a Ph.D. JEAN CHO is now in her general surgery residency at Temple in Philadelphia. MARGO GANNES is enjoying her work as a criminal lawyer in New York City where she often sees KELLY DEANGELIS, MICHAEL ROBINSON and CAROLINE CUMMINGS. LOREN ROUMELL spent the summer in Israel completing a teacher’s seminar on the Holocaust and studying at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem as part of Vladka Meed’s Teacher’s Summer Program for Holocaust and Jewish Resistance Studies through the Jewish Labor Committee. Loren continues to enjoy teaching high school history in Holland, MI, where she now serves as head of the history department. My husband and I took a late honeymoon to Italy this summer where we enjoyed the sights, the food and the wine! As our classmates continue to globetrot, study, work, marry and raise children, it becomes increasingly difficult to keep contact with everyone. As always, please be sure to send me your reports by e-mail and the e-mail addresses of our fellow classmates who we have not heard from in a while. All the best in your endeavors.

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Drumroll please…the award for the most exciting news, right before deadline,

ABOVE, Njemile Vinson, CK’00, with her daughter, Brooklyn Marie Crawley goes to NJEMILE VINSON. Just as I was putting the finishing touches on this column, NJ sent photos of her newborn daughter. Brooklyn Marie Crawley arrived three weeks early, on August 25. She’s “a teeny little thing,” her mom reports – just 5 lbs, 4 ounces. NJ adds that she and her boyfriend, Jeff, are very excited to be new parents. “We’re so in love with her.” MOIRA BOYLAN also wrote in with a scoop, though she saved it for the end of her e-mail. She started the school year with tenure at the high school where she teaches. She’s also nearing the completion of her master’s degree – only one semester of classes and then insert ominous music here – the Paper. And, oh, by the way – “My other big news is that I got engaged in July. We are getting married in northern Michigan in August 2008. Mike, my fiancé, is amazing, and I am really happy in New York (not the city, a little north of it). The summer has had its ups and downs (I got hit by a car riding my bike), but overall I really can’t complain about having two months off!” CAITLIN SCHEIN didn’t send an update, but I watched her walk down the aisle when she married Ross Alexander in March – in a beautiful red dress. Jeannette Fershtman and I were bridesmaids, and in our toasts we reminded guests of Caitlin’s willingness to speak her mind from an early age (remember her middle school K-Day protest?). The wedding was lovely, and a few Cranbrook friends shared the occasion with us, including MELANIE GOETZ and ERICA FRIEDMAN. STEPHANIE WHITE reports that she also recently tied the knot. She married William Griffin on August 4 in Detroit, and they honeymooned in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, for two weeks. CORIE LATIMER, AUTUMN TURNER-MAXWELL and Tabatha Pasley, CK’01, attended the wedding ceremony and reception. In June, Stephanie received her master’s degree in secondary education. Autumn also wrote in with an update. She is graduating in May from Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis and will likely take the bar in Texas, Tennessee or Georgia. ALEXIS WOLF took the New York bar exam at the end of July after graduating from Brooklyn Law School. As this issue of Tradition went to press, she had returned to Michigan to relax and figure out her next move, which will likely be in Michigan or New York. She said she saw LEIGH APPLE in Birmingham, and they plan to catch up after Leigh takes her boards. And she’s also planning to have lunch with MICHELLE HUTTON soon. STEPHANIE JOHNS is continuing her work at the Rocky Mountain Institute. While she works on a variety of projects, the central focus of her work since February has been on the design, development and implementation of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. She loves living in Colorado (mountains, hiking and more mountains), and she’s looking forward to the snow so she can get back out on her teleski and graduate from her beginner skier status. Continuing in our “Class of 2000 Goes West” theme, LIZ BERMAN attended the University of California at San Francisco. She writes that she has joined a lab in which she will do her doctoral thesis work, but first she must pass her oral qualifying exam next June. She is studying intracellular signaling in immune cells and has been accepted to live in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and China before living in Jeroen Roose’s lab at UCSF. Kristen also reports that she returned to Cranbrook in September to help move her younger brother, Brendan Coakley, CK’11, into the dorms. “My parents and I are very excited to help him embark on his own Cranbrook experience,” she writes. “We know he will make us very proud.” DARA GUZY (now Dara Sisourea) reports that things have been busy since she and Koky Sisourea got married last April. Koky, a first lieutenant in the 1-4CAV stationed at Fort Riley, KS, left February 8 for a 15-month deployment in Iraq. He is scheduled to return in May 2008. He was recently promoted from a Scout Platoon Leader to the Troop Executive Officer (second in command for his Troop). Dara has gone back to school and has landed an internship with a technology commercialization firm. In 18 months she plans to have an MBA from the University of California at San Francisco. EMILY SHARPE has plans to stay in Kuwait until next summer, when she hopes to return to the U.S. to enroll in law school. After the conclusion of her Fulbright grant in February, she was hired by the American University of Kuwait to coordinate its new Gulf Studies Center. She writes that she is enjoying traveling around the region, including to Bahrain, the UAE, Qatar, Oman, Lebanon and Egypt. ERICA FRIEDMAN is in Kalmar, Sweden, pursuing a master’s degree in international marketing. She is planning to live there for a year. Our #1 globe-trotter EVA SCHULTE reports that she spent the first half of the year interning...
in Switzerland, Oxford and Hong Kong and a month traveling around Indonesia, Malaysia, Cambodia and Vietnam. “I am back in Germany now, living with my sister in Muenster, where she studies, because I am so broke,” she writes. But never fear, Eva will be back on the move in November, when she will head to San Diego for a neuroscience meeting. “After that, it will be me, the library and books, books, books for the next eight months as I frantically try to learn everything I should have learned during the last six years of med school but did not...i.e., I will be taking finals in the spring and will, should I pass, be a doctor in very little time (scary as it is...).” I also received the following from Chris Walters: “Long time no talk. I’m sad I missed everyone at the 5-year reunion last year; I was traveling Europe for 10 weeks with Buda and my then-girlfriend, Erica. It’s actually the “them” part that I’m writing to you about – I’m engaged! We met our sophomore year in math class (she’s an engineer, too), so we’ve been together for five years (this April). We bought a condo together in downtown Seattle this past April, and we’re getting married in sunny Key West sometime in the next year, probably just after New Year’s.” It’s hard to top all the good news from my classmates, so I’ll keep it short. I’m still living in Florida and still working for the St. Petersburg Times, but I’ve moved from the boonies to an adorable neighborhood in Tampa. And I love visitors – so let me know if you need a break from the winter doldrums! Please send updates to:

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As this year winds to a close I find it very hard to believe that it really has been about 6 1/2 years since we sang “40 Years On.” I thought to myself during the graduation ceremony that it will be a long time before that happens. But only a few years yonder, it doesn’t feel that long ago that we elected DUSTIN COUTLER our freshman class president, and Monsieur Dagbovie rocked our class meetings in that ultra-bright pink shirt that only he could wear. That’s enough nostalgia for today. The common themes I noticed this time around in the mail bag are: marriage, new careers and finding people at the far ends of the earth. To start off this theme, I would like to congratulate ALEX GANNES, who got married in June to Tina Johannessen-Gannes. They met her while backpacking in Asia. They met on an island called Don Det, a self-sustaining island village that is part of the 4,000 islands in the Mekong River of Laos. They hit things off so well that they decided to travel through Cambodia together. A month later, she went home to Sweden, and he went to Burma. He later spent a month with her in Sweden to continue the relationship, after which she moved to NYC. They were married June 8 and moved into a new apartment in Chelsea. In what is probably the most thoughtful thing I have ever heard Alex say, he told me “Our story seems almost scripted because I traveled around the entire world and in the process, found my soul mate.” Speaking of people on the other side of the globe, I finally got word from JUSTIN EDGE who has poked his head out from under the sand Down Under to send in a report from Melbourne, Australia. He has spent the last two and a half years living in Melbourne, working for an online advertising company. He studied abroad there for a semester during his senior year at U-M and fell in love with the place. He’s having a fantastic time and is enjoying the nightlife. He writes that he feels truly blessed to have had all the experiences he has enjoyed and doesn’t take it for granted even for a minute. He says he won’t come back home until Bush is out of the White House. In the meantime, if anyone is in the Melbourne area, feel free to look him up on Facebook. MICHAEL MAHDI also recently got engaged. He proposed to his fiancée, Shara, on the highest mountain in the Ocho Rios area of Jamaica. He just moved to Palo Alto where he’s teaching at a charter school, and Shara is at Stanford. Way to go, Big Mike, I want to make a correction from my last Tradition update. MICHAEL “MIKEY” MARTIN wrote me that his yellow fleece is actually safe and sound in his closet, and that he doesn’t wear it anymore. Long live that yellow fleece...joking aside, Mikey just started doing a master’s in voice at Oakland University and joined the Christ Church Cranbrook choir. He is excited to pursue his passion of singing. Although he is still in NYC, EROL SARIRAYA writes, that he now realizes there is a life after two years of service in banking. He is figuring out a way for a 5’8” Turkish man to get paid to live in Brazil. He’s still working on it, but if anyone has any suggestions please let him know. HAUKE ENGEL, a German exchange student who was here our junior year, graduated this summer from Oxford with a master’s in physics. He’s now off to research black holes in Munich. (He further clarifies that the black holes are not actually in Munich.) He organized and led an expedition to a previously unvisited mountain range in Greenland last year – Spirit of CK Wilderness! He rowed in the Oxford Lightweights Boat Race against Cambridge this year and even met up with Eva Schulte, CK’00, who was there briefly as part of her medical degree.

STEVIE SCHUMACHER chimed in via Facebook. He went back to Germany to finish high school after his exchange year at Cranbrook then worked for a bank for two years. Then he went off to England to study economics and finance, which he just finished last June. Now he works as a trader for an investment bank in London. And not to forget our other German friend, STEFFEN SAHL writes that he just graduated from Cambrige with a bachelor’s and master’s degree in physics and will be doing research towards a Ph.D. soon. Although he has an offer to stay at Cambridge, he wants to go back to either Germany or Switzerland.

KAZMERS just started his second year of medical school at Northwestern and spent the summer doing research on parathyroid hormone signaling in bone cells. He says it was pretty interesting and is in the process of writing it up for publication. School is crazy, he says, but so far so good. Also just starting medical school is SANJEET RANGARAJAN, who is attending Michigan State. He spent the summer visiting friends from Vanderbilt and elsewhere. He visited STEVEN GEE in New York City, who worked for the White & Case Law Firm. Sanjeet also took a road trip along the California coast from San Francisco to San Diego. CHRISTIAN GROTH is in his third year at Michigan Dental School. He spends six hours a day doing patient care on his own patient pool, as now his program has shifted from being lecture oriented to clinic oriented. He spends his free time traveling to Gainesville, FL, to see his longtime girlfriend, Kelly, as well as fly fish and train for triathlons. After an enviable stint as a ski bum in Tahoe, ALEX JEROME is back in Detroit going to Wayne State Law School.

DAVID GOODLEY is still working at the Deepak Chopra center in Carlsbad, CA. He’s been doing a lot of traveling for work and just took a trip to Whistler, British Columbia. Other than that he is enjoying life by spear fishing and surfing. TED PICKETT recently moved to New Orleans to teach middle school English in the Recovery School District. He hopes to learn to be a part of the city’s rebuilding effort. MARK GOSCENSKI is still living in L.A. and working as a derivatives and Forex broker. His company’s German operation is picking up steam, which is very exciting and time consuming.

AARON JOHNSON is still enjoying his job in the transportation department of CH2M Hill’s Orlando office. He does traffic engineering, roadway design and planning. He’s been active in his church. He hopes to see more of Florida while he lives in Orlando. He’s a trip to the Everglades. CHRIS ROEBUCK says he has nothing new going on with him, although he lamented that everyone is in Chicago except him.
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Mojave, CA, working for Burt Rutan's company, Scaled Composites. The company is building space ships for the commercial space industry (specifically Virgin Galactic). Elliot spends his spare time crewing on the Nemesis Air Racing team. His championship race is in mid-September, and he hopes to defend his championship title from last year. He also just purchased his own race plane and hopes to get it flying before the end of the year. Sounds like a really cool job, Elliot.

ROB GEORGE finally popped his head out from all the boxes of Beef Jerky at his dad's office to write that he is heading up a technology company. I guess they replenished the stock I took when I did my Senior May project with Pioneer Snacks. They have developed various health foods, but their biggest product right now is a non-toxic mold remediation formula that works virtually instantly. It's almost through the EPA, and he says it will be huge when it's released for sale. Congrats, Rob.

JEFF SCHOSTAK lives in Chicago and works for Urban Retail Properties, a commercial real estate company in downtown Chicago. He's been working there for two years as a retail-leasing specialist. Jeff also tells me to get my lazy butt out of the residential real estate market here in Phoenix. Trust me I know it's dead out here. I see CHRIS TAYLOR around Phoenix, and we meet up occasionally to play volleyball. He just moved here to take a job with the University of Phoenix. He still has that sharp sense of humor that puts a smile on your face. The hellish heat of Phoenix is a stark contrast to the cold of Detroit for him. I heard in from our Senior Faculty Award winner, FADI ABOUSALEH. He's doing research at Washington University in St. Louis, and hopes to do his Ph.D. The last most of us heard of this missing person, he had won back-to-back NCAA Division III titties in diving at Kalamazoo. Cranbrook went out of its way to hype how one of its alums was a national champ in college. Then he just dropped off the face of the earth. In fact finding him was much harder than finding Aaron Krumins (more on that later). Thanks to a chance encounter with Kim Consiglio '02 at a bar near ASU, I got in contact with TONY 'THE TIGER' HOLT. Turns out after winning his NCAA titles he took a master to study abroad in the islands of Trinidad and Tobago. He says he "found himself" there and grew out a full set of dreadlocks. Sounds like he-a had a tons of fun on da island, mon. He dove for one more season and then quit diving. He lived in Phoenix this summer working with Honeywell in human resources. Now he's doing a master's in human resources at Michigan State. When he's finished he will continue working full time as a human resources manager with Honeywell. He comments that working in Corporate HR with a full set of 'dreads gets plenty of comments. That's Grrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr! The best update I have saved for last. This person quite literally dropped off the face of the earth for a while. Through a series of coincidences I came to know of his rough whereabouts. Ten thousand miles from his home of Prescott, AZ, I found AARON KRUNINS in a small, spiritual backwater village in the state of Tamil Nadu, India. Aaron has been living in India for almost 2 1/2 years. He did a semester abroad and worked a while in New Delhi before living life as a "young retiree." It happened to be in nearby Bangalore working for India's largest IT company for a couple months when I had the thought of looking him up. I had heard through the grapevine in college that Aaron had spent some time in India and still might be there pursuing a higher level of spirituality. A quick google search later, I found his e-mail address and his rough location, which was not too far from me. After missing my bus to his town, bribing another driver to let me on his bus, and riding for five hours on top of the engine with my butt on fire (it's located under the bus next to the driver), I arrived in this small town at 3 a.m. with religious wanderers milling about. After catching up on old gossip from the dorms, he told of great adventures in India that Hollywood could only dream of scripting. He rode a motorbike from the deep south of India all the way up to the Himalayas, where he crashed the bike and broke his arm. All the buses back to Delhi were stuffed with people hanging out the door, so he had to lie down on the roof rack for eight hours, ducking under bridges, power poles, and holding on for dear life as the bus swerved into oncoming traffic to pass other vehicles. Has also acted as an extra in a couple of Bollywood films (he adds to never eat the food they give you on the set if you want to have a functioning stomach). Aaron is a trustee of the Arunai Childrens Home, a home for orphaned, abandoned and marginalized children. I had the great pleasure of meeting the kids and seeing the smiles on their faces. He spends his spare time raising awareness for the kids, doing yoga, going to the Ashram and painting. He has an amazing artistic ability that is shown in his paintings. If you would like to find out more about his cause, please visit the Web site at http://www.arunaikids.com/. They currently rent a small room but hope to expand to be able to take care of more children in the future. There's a certain air of extreme calmness in Aaron; even more so than when he was at Cranbrook. Must be all the meditation. I think he's waiting for Bush to leave office before coming back to the U.S. as well. I, for the most part, am now firmly planted back home in Phoenix. I spent three months training in India with my job with Tata Consultancy Services. I'm now working on a project in the Phoenix area and continuing my side job as a real estate agent in our dying housing market. I'm busy planning my next adventure. Please make sure that your address and e-mail address are up to date with the alumni office. E-mail Margi Brown at mbrown@cranbrook.edu. Please send me your adventures or ran-
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Greetings from the Class of 2001! From the workplace to the academic confines to traveling the world, classmates have been keeping busy in all parts of the country. Starting Overseas… VIVIAN CHIU recently joined the marketing and communications department at Merrill Lynch in Asia. This opportunity allows her to travel the Asia Pacific region, and she invites anyone in the area to contact her. In Montreal, AMY MEISNER is pursuing an internship in the entertainment industry in hopes of learning about Canadian television and film. Prior to moving to Canada, Amy continued her involvement in various productions in San Diego, including “Veronica Mars” and “John from Cincinnati.” Her involvement in “John from Cincinnati” landed her an incredible job in Los Angeles in the wardrobe department for Handsome Donkey Productions. She had the opportunity to work with Aaron Greenberg (associate producer “My Name is Earl”), Joshua Jackson (“Dawson’s Creek”), Vanessa Lengies (“American Dreams,” “Stick It, Waiting”), Will Estes (“American Dreams,” “Reunion,” “U-571”), Tom Verica (“American Dreams,” “The Nine”), Jonathan Sadowski (“Die Hard 4,” “American Dreams”), and looks forward to the continued work with the creative production team when she returns to the area next year. As she begins her journey towards becoming a producer, Amy is currently working on a show with her uncle and brother, Geoff Meisner, CK’98, to pitch next season. Moving back to the United States, let’s tour the East Coast… LAUREN WYNNS is still enjoying her time in Washington, DC, where her job allows her to travel frequently. She reports that she keeps regular contact with ALLISON NICHOLS, AMY MEISNER, BECCA KNAUSS, LAUREN YUILLE, MOIRA O’CONNELL, SHAW SMITH, ALEXANDRA OHANIAN and COURTNEY CIULLO. Also in Washington, DC, KIM DOWDELL is working for Ayers, Saint, Gross Architects & Planners, where she has been since graduating from Cornell in May 2006. Kim is currently responsible for the design work for a dormitory that serves the needs of Gallaudet University. Kim keeps regular contact with TABATHA PASLEY, who visited in Bangkok, Thailand, in April during her semester abroad, LIBBY FLORES and Emily Sharpe, CK’00. At the University of Pennsylvania, JAMIE ROYAL is currently in her second year of dental school. JOY LEE is working as a research associate in wireless communication at Wellington Management, an investment management company in Boston. She has spent the last two years working for CRA International, an investment management firm, after graduating from MIT in June 2005. Joy is available in the Boston area to contact her. Traveling down the coastline towards the South… NATALIE BAUM is a master’s student at the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University in Virginia. DENA BOUCHARD is in her first year of law school at Emory University in Atlanta. After graduating from the University of Michigan, Dena moved to New York, where she worked as a paralegal at Kirkland & Ellis for the last two years, which concluded in June. This past summer Dena had the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica for three weeks as part of a volunteer program that spent time working in nursing homes around the country. Out on the West Coast… JANINA KIOK is in Las Vegas working at MGM Mirage Corporation as a production artist in their advertising department. She is thrilled with the job, as it has allowed her to gain valuable experience in the field as well as work on some amazing projects, including some of the retail pieces for MGM Grand Detroit. Janina plans to obtain her master’s in design. In Northern California, ADA BOETTCHER was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in June and is enjoying her new responsibilities as a Flight Commander in the United States Air Force. She’s hoping her next assignment will be overseas in Italy or Turkey. Congratulations, Ada! Now returning to the Midwest region… NAJAT HAMID finished her first semester of graduate school at Cleveland State University. She is in a 27-month program getting her master’s of science in health science with a concentration in physician assistant studies. She’s truly enjoying her program, exploring a new city and defending her Wolverines in the upcoming football season (boo Bucks!). In the Chicago area, GABRIELA ZAPATA continues to enjoy her career in social work as well as traveling with her band. ERRIN SIMPKINS is in her last year of law school at Northwestern University. She had the opportunity to visit with TALITHA NO TROUT this summer in Washington, DC, while working as a summer associate at Reed Smith. TABATHA PASLEY has returned to Michigan to finish her last year of undergrad after spending time at Carigg in Minneapolis in an accounting internship program in their risk management department. JOANNE GAGE completed her master’s in geology in May 2007 and is currently a doctoral student at the University of Wisconsin. Joanne spent two weeks in the Canary Islands doing fieldwork prior to her summer internship at BP in Houston. For me, I have been keeping busy in my third year of veterinary school at Michigan State University. I am beginning the daunting task of some fieldwork prior to her summer internship. She will return to Stanford this fall to begin her second year of her Ph.D. program in computational mathematics. SHAWN SINACOLA headed back to the classroom, but the roles have reversed. Shawn teaches English and Spanish at Elk Rapids High School. NATHAN EDMUNDS will join Shawn at the front of the classroom teaching 11th and 12th grade English and coaching tennis at the Field School. The Field School is a small private school in Boonton, New Jersey. AQUAN GRANT recently took a job teaching 7th and 8th grade science at Winans Academy of Performing Arts, working with stray dogs and cats as well as working with exotic animals in the Belize Zoo. She is beginning the daunting task of applying to veterinary schools, as she hopes to become a veterinary surgeon. In the meantime, Jo is busy planning her wedding to Jeffery Lembeck, which is scheduled to take place at Cranbrook next summer. CARA DEUTCHMAN will be her maid of honor. Congratulations, Joanne! CLAIRE O’CONNELL and HASAN CHAUDHRY have begun classes to kick off their medical school careers. Claire will be at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, while Hasan will be enjoying the island life at Ross University on the island of Dominica in the Caribbean. He encourages all to see his 15 seconds of fame in the movie, “The Kingdom.” While at orientation, Hasan ran into Jackie Horst, CK’03, who also resides on the island. Small world! ALEXANDER TEO DOSIC enjoyed his internship with GE Aviation and has headed back to Michigan State University to finish up his master’s degree in labor relations and human resources. GARRETT BROOKS multi-tasks, taking a seat in real estate classes at NYU and working at Madison Harbor Capital, a real estate private equity fund. KRISTIN MOUL has begun her part-time status as a student at Boston University, working towards her master’s degree in education in policy, planning and administration. JOSH STEINMAN visited some friends from King’s College in England and cheered on his old crew teammates at the Henley Royal Regatta. This fall he reports to Naval Station Newport, RI, and looks forward to being in Naval Officer Candidate School. He hopes to move onto advanced training in Virginia Beach in January and then onto his first assignment in June. Good luck! IRINA KALASHNIKOVA has a lot to report this fall. She spent her summer in Albuquerque, NM, where she interned at Sandia National Lab in the Aeroscience group. She was a little skeptical at first about being located in Albuquerque but ended up really enjoying the work she did at Sandia. Irina helped develop mathematicians in the area of reduced order modeling, a technique used in simulating aircraft flight. Her work there helped narrow down her interests in applied math, and she will likely apply this work to her doctoral dissertation. Irina was recently awarded two national Ph.D. fellowships, one funded by the U.S. Department of Defense and the other by Sandia National Lab. Congratulations, Irina! She was disappointed she was unable to make it back for the five-year reunion but was able to re-unite with KRISTIN BAIARDI during a visit back to Michigan. Irina will return to Stanford this fall to begin her second year of her Ph.D. program in computational mathematics.
and she is looking forward to continuing her work with the Horizons Upward Bound program in the summer. Outside the classroom...AARON MELAAS graduated in May with an M.A. in Latin American Studies and a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown. He hopes to find relevant work with an NGO, think tank or consulting firm. While Aaron has been known to escape to South America on a regular basis, he has kept his travels domestic recently, visiting his parents in Michigan and his brother, Eli, CK’04. HOLLY ZAFIAN is wrapping up her year of Americorps service, working with the Environmental Corps of Austin Texas. She was thrilled to have made it in for the reunion in June and spend time with her old roommate.

SIGRID MEHRING and husband Tripp moved to California where she works with the Houston Dynamo. She also coaches a youth soccer team and is wrapping up her year of Americorps service, working with the Environmental Corps of Austin Texas. She was thrilled to have made it in for the reunion in June and spend time with her old roommate.

LINDSAY ULRAY continues to work in brand integration and product placement for Ketchum Entertainment Marketing in Los Angeles and heading up the Southern California CK Alumni Network. She most recently planned a group outing to see the Special Sauce, Nas and Nappy Roots (to name a few). KAREN MIZELL made the move with husband Tripp to California where she works with the Houston Dynamo. She also coaches a youth soccer team and is wrapping up her year of Americorps service, working with the Environmental Corps of Austin Texas. She was thrilled to have made it in for the reunion in June and spend time with her old roommate.

JAMIE KANE is living in New York City, working for Microsoft and loving the occasional run-ins with fellow classmates. She recently had Leanne DeCraene, CK’01, visit for her first trip to NYC ever! JAMIE WINEMAN is currently residing in Chicago, producing music for numerous hip-hop artists and his label, “The Ghosthouse Crew.” He recently toured with the Roots, G-Love and the Special Sauce, Nas, Mickey Avalon, Tech n9ne and Nappy Roots (to name a few). KAREN MIZELL made the move with husband Tripp to California where she works with the Houston Dynamo. She also coaches a youth soccer team and is wrapping up her year of Americorps service, working with the Environmental Corps of Austin Texas. She was thrilled to have made it in for the reunion in June and spend time with her old roommate.

ERIC SIEGEL was finally able to take part in an organization he has been looking at for the past couple of years. Bike and Build is an organization that raises money for and awareness of affordable housing efforts through fund-raising cycling trips. “Our events act as a catalyst to build homes, foster the spirit of service, and empower young adults...mile by mile, house by house.” Eric and about 30 other young adults began their trek in Providence, RI. Building houses every few days and biking up to 90 miles a day, Eric and the team found themselves in Seattle approximately two months after their departure. Eric says it was an experience of a lifetime and encourages others to look into opportunities such as these. As for me, I’m anticipating returns obtaining all Intern Development Program (IDP) hours at TMP Architecture in Bloomfield Hills. Completion of IDP hours is a necessary step in becoming a licensed architect. This fall I hope to begin the process for my return to the classroom in a master of architecture program. In the meantime, I’ve enjoyed traveling to visit friends spread across the country. As always, it’s a pleasure to hear from all of you, and I again encourage you to keep us (Kristin, Aaron and myself) informed. Thank you to those who wrote in their updates and thank you again to those who made it back for the reunion! It was great to see so many of you.

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I am pleased to report that we have plenty of great news to mention for this issue. Some of our classmates have begun to enter the working world to find success, while others are still in school making great academic strides in the Cranbrook tradition. TERRY LADD will be graduating in May ‘08 from Michigan State University with a degree in English. He worked as an outdoor educator with Chad O’Kulich on Pure-Life Adventures. JUNHO LEE is excited to attend University of Michigan School of Dentistry this school year. Also in Michigan, JOSH APPLE is studying at Wayne State University School of Medicine, along with SCOTT SCHIMPKE. Josh also spends time at Dick O’Dows in Birmingham, MI, with ARTHUR KLEINPEL (now the co-owner of Kingslake & Crane Granola) or watching Tiger’s games. While in New York City, Josh caught up with ADAM MARSH and STEVE SMITH over a nice dinner at Dos Caminos. ROBERT TROMBLEY graduated from U-M with a bachelor’s degree in history. During his final year as an undergraduate, he was the president of the Zeta Psi fraternity and ran the Academic Games program at Tappan Middle School. The children he taught participated in competitions, winning numerous state and national titles. Over the summer, he interned on Capitol Hill in the office of Congressman Charles Wilson of Ohio. Additionally, he recently accepted a position as a legislative correspondent in the office of Joe Sestak of Pennsylvania. Also a U-M graduate this year, DANNY KAUFMAN moved to Chicago to study law at Loyola University. He spent the summer working in London and learning about the insurance market at Lloyd’s of London, an experience he enjoyed very much. After graduating from U-M’s Ross School of Business, JARRETT SIDAWAY spent much of May and June backpacking throughout Europe and spent two weeks in August exploring the Mediterranean with MARK GRIMALDI. Jarrett is now working in Chicago as a strategy and litigation support consultant focusing primarily on issues involving intellectual property. Furthermore, Jarrett is excited about the college football season and will be back in Ann Arbor for all the U-M home games. Over on the East Coast, JOHN ZHANG will be working at Fair Isaac Corp in ’08 in Boston as a business analyst. In Atlanta, ANDREW BANOONI studies at Emory Medical School. Meanwhile, ANDREW FOSTER is developing a college concert series entitled “Dooleypop” after Emory’s immortal mascot, Dooley. He will begin his job with the Carter Center on August 28, working in the special events department. He also plans to return to school to earn an MBA in marketing. ADAM MARSH graduated from Vassar in May ’07 with a major in political science and a minor in economics. He was also the captain of the varsity soccer team last fall, and now he is working in a law firm in New York City.

EBEN LEVEY is currently taking a semester off from Vassar to travel and volunteer in South America with his girlfriend, Sarah Godoy. They will be working in Cuzco, Peru and Buenos Aires, Argentina, and possibly Chile. They will also be traveling through Ecuador, Bolivia, Argentina, Uruguay and Chile before Eben goes back to school in January to finish his last semester. Across the seas, BEN SIEGEL is enjoying his post-undergraduate life while writing articles on occasion for different newspapers and magazines. He worked for Time in Hong Kong and will be moving to Delhi in October to start work on a book. He encourages anyone passing by to drop him a line, and he’ll buy them a mango lassi.

ERIK PETERSON is spending a year teaching English at Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey. He also hopes to travel to Jordan, Syria, Egypt and perhaps Israel in the near future. As for me, NIKHIL KURAPATI, I have found some brain activation patterns that are highly correlated with a risk for clinical depression in my neural imaging research, and I have presented these findings at the Organization for Human Brain Mapping Annual Meeting in Chicago this past June. I am planning to continue my work using these techniques in tackling autism. It was a great pleasure to hear from everyone, and I hope to have increasingly better news as the years pass by. I also hope to see everyone at our 5-year reunion in June 2008!

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It was great to hear from so many of you for this issue, especially since many of us are moving on to a new chapter in our lives with starting careers and/or continuing our education. LYNN LIN is currently living in Singapore doing a joint master’s program in supply chain management and industrial engineering offered by the National University of Singapore. In January she will be relocating to Atlanta. In East Lansing, ALLISON LAJOIE has just begun her first year of law school. Over the summer she traveled with her family through Italy, Turkey and Greece. AMY WECHSLER is also in East Lansing volunteering at Sparrow Hospital. She was in charge of two units, the wound clinic and pediatric sub specialty. Amy kept herself busy doing lab research on the Buruli Ulcer, which is a very harmful and deadly disease that is prevalent in western Africa. This research included doing some microbial diversity community analysis to learn more about the disease’s transmission. To top it all off, this fall Amy will begin getting her master’s in microbiology from Michigan State. In East Lansing, ALICIA FREEZE is bartending and studying for the LSATS. She is planning on attending law school in fall 2008. ILANA MARK is in East Lansing taking electives before she hopes to go to veterinary school. She just finished two years of neurosciences with MSU. Her research examined the effects of Estradiol on a Neuroprotectant in response to neonatal Hypoxic Ischemia. Ilana’s research will be published as Experimental Neurology in Elsevier’s on-line journal database, ScienceDirect and Medline/PubMed. BECKY MANNING currently resides in East Lansing and is the captain of the Michigan State Field Hockey Team. Adding to an already overwhelming schedule, Becky is preparing to take the LSATS this fall. AVERY KERR had a very productive summer in Lansing studying for the LSATS and interning at the Capitol. To get away, she traveled a couple times to Cape Cod for a nice respite from an overwhelming workload. Another MSU grad, JACKIE HORST, graduated this spring with a degree in international relations. This fall she began medical school at Ross University. Fellow Michigan State grad, STEFANIE SPIRO, has applied to DePaul University in Chicago to enhance her bachelor’s degree in English with a concentration in creative writing. Beginning grad school in January, Stephanie would be working her way towards a master’s in writing. Stephanie ran into many of our former classmates this summer, such as JEN LAU, CAROLYN MOSS, LAURA MECOY, KYLE KOSZEWNIK and LINDSAY RUBIN. Lindsay is now attending medical school at Michigan State and enjoying every moment! CAROLYN MOSS is working and living on a large research and sail training sailboat. Currently it is docked in San Diego but will soon be sailing down to Mexico and then across the equator, finally arriving in Tahiti around February. In Memphis, TH, ARIEL DAY is working towards a BFA in studio art with a concentration in sculpture. While residing at the University of Memphis, she keeps herself busy by being a Starbucks barista and southern road trip connoisseur. She has also lent a helping hand down in New Orleans. On this trip she met a fellow artist, and they are looking into collaborating on an art show in New Orleans which would add to other shows she will be doing in Memphis and Atlanta. KATIE PETERSON spent her summer living in northern Michigan with her family. With one semester left at Kenyon, she is spending time being a research assistant for a study about transitions and identity development in adolescents and emerging adults. Another extra-curricular activity for Katie is helping to develop a wellness initiative on campus. She was one of the initiators of this project, which aims at providing people with healthy outlets for stress in their lives. Upon graduation in December, she might be moving to Chicago, possibly doing a post-baccalaureate study in psychology before applying to grad school. When I received an e-mail from KATE RIORDAN, she had graduated from Georgetown and was a day away from heading to Belfast, Ireland to start working on a master’s in Irish studies. EMILY LOWE graduated from George Washington in May with a B.A. in international affairs. Over the summer she traveled to China. Upon returning to D.C., she began working at BearingPoint Consulting. Emily specifically works on a project to modernize the global IT infrastructure for the Department of State. EMILY EISENBERG had a busy summer traveling to Alaska and Israel. Currently, she is living in Cambridge, MA, and just beginning Harvard Law School. ERIN BRIGGEMAN graduated from Bennington College with a B.A. in liberal arts, with a concentration in literature. After graduation, she made the move to Louisiana, where she is working at the Louisiana School for Math, Science and Arts as a student life advisor in the girls’ dorm. LSMSA is one of the top schools in the state, and, according to Erin, the students are really dedicated. In a few years, she wants to attend grad school for advanced work in literature, printmaking or student affairs. In addition, she is working collaboratively with some friends to do illustrations for Cyrano de Bergerac and a full-length socio-political comic. After graduation from U-M-Dearborn, JUSTINE FLORES began a job at the Library and Information Science Program at Wayne State. She is participating in a special program within the school that focuses on a fine and performing arts librarianship. Over the next two years, Justine will intern at the libraries at the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Michigan Opera Theatre and Wayne State’s libraries. Two of our classmates are now residing in St. Louis. SUSAN ISKIWITCH graduated from Kenyon in May and is now working as an account coordinator for Standing Partnership, the leading independent public relations agency in St. Louis. MEG GUZY moved to St. Louis for her new job in field sales with Whirlpool. She has been lucky enough to travel throughout Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky. LAURA RODZIEWICZ has been traveling around Europe and is currently on her way to southeast Asia with JULIA TAPPER. Together they are going to travel around Indonesia. I must say, I cannot wait to hear about those adventures. KAREN OBER has really been on the move as a leadership consultant for Kappa Kappa Gamma. This job allows Karen to travel to all the colleges in the country that have a Kappa Kappa Gamma chapter and allows her free time to experience what each city has to offer. On the day I spoke with her she was traveling in the mountains of Utah MARGIE YEAGER spent her summer living in Chicago with her brother and sister, while working at an internship with Banco Popular. Margie will graduate in December from Miami of Ohio and then will be onto other exciting endeavors. I believe we have our first wedding engagement… take one guess… ASHLEY MARK! Ashley is engaged to Bryce Kaufmann, and they are living in Skippack, PA. The big day has been set for next June. Congratulations, Ashley! She is working for a sports marketing firm in King of Prussia, PA. In Miami, ANGELA PEREZ is working for the record label, IZEE Entertainment in the MECA Records department. She does promotions and works on the marketing team. After graduation from NYU, BRITT SCHUY was hired full time at CNN. JENNY ROEBUCK and HEIDI HILFARLAN took a road trip this summer and visited New York. Jenny is planning on moving to San Diego in November to begin graduate school for a degree in education at the University of San Diego. This summer she led a backpacking trip in Pennsylvania for high school students. Jenny is going to pursue that joint concentration in kids and education by following her interest in teaching high school environmental science. Also in San Diego, ALLIE SCHMOYER is finishing up her last semester at the University of San Diego. She is also working at Chapman, Roper and Breslin in marketing sales, as well as being a professional beach bum. ALI STOFFREGEN moved to New York City after her graduation from Haverford with a double major in Spanish and anthropology. In May she began working as a paralegal at the International Immigrants Foundation. In Bronx, NY, ANNA ISLAM teaches 7th grade social studies at the Bronx School of Science Inquiry and Investigation through Teach for America. Angela informed me that JOHN FRAME is also doing Teach for America in New York City. It looks like LIZ STAPLIS might be heading back to New York City soon, as she has been living on the island of Roatan, Honduras in the Caribbean for three months now. Liz is living on the beach, teaching weekly photography classes at the local orphanage and waitressing/bartending. Unfortunately, Hurricane Dean and Felix have almost destroyed the island, and Liz decided to pack things up before the hurricane season gets into full swing. Talking with her made me miss home! JESSICA McBRORAN managed to survive another hurricane season in New Orleans and graduated from Tulane. She is currently working in D.C. as a legal assistant for Senator Clinton’s presidential campaign council. She says she is pretty darn busy even though the election is still a year away! She did have a chance to get away for a weekend and met up with Ali Stoffregen, Niyanti Ramakrishnan, CK’02, and Lauren Keshishian, CK’02. LISA YOSKOWITZ stayed in Manhattan after graduation from Columbia and works in the development of Dutton Children’s Books (a division of Penguin Books). In Upstate New York, SHARIFA...
VINSON spent the summer working as a group leader at Camp Echo Lake and traveling the U.S. She is currently preparing to move to England in December. On the West Coast, MELISSA SHIN moved to Los Angeles upon graduation from MIT to work as an architect for the architect, Frank Gehry. Also in L.A., ELIZABETH HEMINGWAY is pursuing her career in marketing, advertising and public relations, while of course, soaking up the glitz, glam and sun that L.A has to offer. Another West Coaster, SANDRA HABER, has moved to San Francisco to work in the Media Practice with a PR firm called VOLLMAN.

HEMINGWAY to Paris. This fall, Kathryn began medical school in Las Vegas. Vegas seems to be the U.S. She is currently preparing to move, e-mail me your current address, so that I may keep in touch. Also, since so many of you are on the list, please e-mail me anytime with questions or updates.

SANDRA HABER looks forward to our 5-year reunion next summer and hopes to see all there! I'm looking forward to our 5-year reunion next summer and hope to see you all there!

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He wants to make a return visit to Costa Rica in January. JOHN HOLSPAPPE writes with the news that he’s dropped out of the George Washington University, and, although he plans to eventually finish his college education, for the moment he’s living and working in China. He has started two businesses: one that brings Americans to China to teach English and the other a language training center in Beijing that accommodates over 140 students. He’s already brought over BEN TAGOE and HARVEY MULTANI, who are both teaching. In addition, John is a professor at Beijing Foreign Studies University. Ben is still at Princeton and is starting his major in public policy this fall. OMARI HALL is still playing basketball and producing music. He hopes to start this year for Oberlin’s hoops team and is still producing music with Gabe Doss, CK’06, and Chris Reed, CK’06, despite the tragic passing of our classmate BRANDON LONG. The trio hopes to release a second album around the holidays.

ROB MORGAN transferred from Cornell’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations to the School of Agricultural and Life Sciences and is majoring in agricultural economics and management.

NICK KURTI spent his summer working for the U.S. Embassy in Albania, while the summer found MIKE ILITCH studying abroad in Japan.

IAN MITCHELL is doing two internships, one at a TV station and the other at a radio station. He took a trip to Seattle, where he saw the Boeing Manufacturing Plant, the Space Needle and the Experimental Music Project.

MICHAEL FENKELL has been working on his golf game and will be studying abroad in Barcelona during the second semester. ALEXANDER TAUBMAN worked in the sales and trading program at Goldman Sachs in New York City this summer, before traveling to South Africa for two weeks. ERIC MILLER ran a car detailing business out of his home this summer. DAVID LEINWEBER worked as a solution consultant for New World Systems and went for the first time to the Kentucky Derby and Preakness. He spent his August at Vanderbilt preparing for the coming season on the gridiron. This summer found NICK DEVLIN working again as a project estimator for Jonna Construction.

SIMON RUBIN tells us that he is still at Arizona State University Pursuing a bachelor’s degree in psychology. He is also involved in the management and promotion of the ASU Sun Devil Billiards team, first as social chair and now as historian.

NEFTALIE TORGES transferred from Kent State to the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston. Over the summer he worked in the Outer Banks, NC, on a beach and then took a road trip to Virginia Beach, Washington, DC, New York, Pittsburgh, Cape Cod, Niagara Falls and Michigan.

JORDAN BRODER writes to say that he is still studying with world-renowned violinist Dmitri Berlinsky in East Lansing. He recently performed with two-time Grammy winner, Eugene Friesen, and last July participated in the Burgos International Music Festival in Spain, where he won the music competition. He is currently coaching several middle and high school chamber ensembles, in addition to teaching privately. He also traveled to Austria with the Michigan State Symphony Orchestra to perform as part of a Mozart celebration.

DAVID GRANZOTTO is still studying religion at Carleton College and plans to begin studying Arabic this fall. ADAM POGODA is currently enjoying his fall semester in Leuven, Belgium.

ALEX KYTSDKY spent time this summer with JOHN MAISE and Florian Mettelat, working at the American Laser Centers in Ann Arbor and looking forward to the football season. MATT ILES was an intern in the sports department of WFMV2 News in Greensboro. This semester he will be a senior associate editor of The Chronicle at Duke and is trying to nail down a job in sports marketing.

BEN KEYSERLING received the Student Staff Member of the Year award from the Georgia Tech Residence Hall Association. He is pursuing a degree there in management and working as an RA. IAN PERKINS has been working with kids with emotional and behavioral disabilities, as well as from inner-city neighborhoods, attempting to provide them with an environment to better themselves and the people around them. As for us, your class secretaries, RYAN ZAMARDO spent the summer in London working for a real estate company and environmental charity, developing sustainable residential communities in the United Kingdom. He had the chance to visit Abu Dhabi, Wimbledon and the Tour de France. BRADLEY PORTNOY spent much of his spring semester working with a group to make recommendations to reform the regulations of the Rhode Island Ethics Commission, and the Commission is currently considering their adoption. He followed up last summer’s work with the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee by following Rep. Rahm Emanuel to the House Democratic Caucus, where he worked this past summer in the press office. He is currently working to unseat Rep. Joe Knollenberg in Michigan’s 9th Congressional District and will soon leave to spend a full year in London, studying in the Government department of the London School of Economics. Thanks for all your submissions. We enjoyed reading them and look forward to hearing from you again.

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Our sympathy is extended to their families and friends.

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One doesn’t need to look back far to appreciate this photo. At the urging of his wife and fellow teacher, Karen Hand, Dr. David Slater not only entered a cupcake eating contest this summer but won. Lemon Lust seemed to be the flavor of choice of which Slater consumed 17 cupcakes in less than eight minutes.

It’s all good. Slater could afford the calories having burned many during a Wildnerness First Response training class in Colorado. Below, on right, he is with fellow teacher Gordon Thompson. Read more about their excursion online.
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