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The girls in the sailor garb are members of the Kingswood class of 1962. Top row, left to right: Amy Falvey, Sally Fead, Margaret Wallace, (?), Erma Jean Livingstone, Lucinda Higgins, Gail Cohen, (?), Angela Dadson, Priscilla Snyder; Bottom row, left to right: Jennifer Green, Christine Myers, Jane Leader, Nawal Hamady, Lynne Carey, Carole Frisselle.

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• The leadership lists on page 93 (inside back cover) included an outdated Board of Trustees list. The correct, current list is included in this issue.
• In the Wilderness Expedition reunion article on page 11, the photo caption indicates that Frank Norton is “laying” on the ground. He is, of course, lying on the ground.
• PLEASE NOTE: The date given for the Wilderness Expedition reunion in the article is incorrect. The event actually coincides with Reunion Weekend, which is June 5-7, 2009.

Tradition regrets these errors. Please contact cmatthews@cranbrook.edu with any such concerns.
Thousands have traversed the brick-and-stone pathways of the Cranbrook Quad.

Future authors, artists, scientists, political leaders, athletes and others have tread the same path as those who will follow in their footsteps tomorrow and beyond. The Quad represents a through-line of Cranbrook history, connecting the past, present and future of this extraordinary institution.

Now, the Quad is in the midst of a major restoration, one that will preserve this space while incorporating 21st century technology and engineering to protect it in coming decades. The restoration preserves architect Eliel Saarinen’s original vision but also enriches and enhances this space that is, to so many, the heart of Cranbrook’s campus. Our aim is to preserve the essence of this space where students gather on late spring afternoons and alumni years removed from campus return to reconnect with friends and faculty.

The breadth of this restoration project is large, reaching up to the new copper dome on Hoey Hall down to the new piping underground. In between, thousands of new pavers have been added, resting above a high-tech snowmelt system that will eliminate the need for salting and shoveling, keeping pedestrians safe and extending the lifespan of the stone and pavers. New roofs have been added, new handicap accessible ramps made permanent and a newly restored fountain stands renewed in the center of it all.

This Quad restoration, made possible through the generosity of hundreds of alumni and friends, underscores the importance of place in the Cranbrook experience. People have always been at the core of our mission but our buildings and the spaces in which we learn, live and work are a vital part of what makes Cranbrook so unlike any other educational community in the country. These are buildings with history. These are buildings that tell a story and remind us that we are lucky to have such beauty inspiring us at every turn.

The Cranbrook Quad restoration shows that at Cranbrook the past, present and future are and always will be intertwined, joined together by the places and the people who make this community so special. Please come back and visit when you can and rekindle those memories.

Rick Nahm
President
Dear Fellow Alumni:

Over this past year, we received several inquiries regarding the structural organization and functions of the Cranbrook Alumni Council (CAC) and Kingwood Alumnae Board (KAB). We would like to take this opportunity to provide background information concerning both of these organizations.

As many of you know, the CAC and KAB are the governing bodies of the Cranbrook Alumni Association and the Kingswood Alumnae Association, respectively. The CAC and KAB are comprised entirely of alumni. Membership on the CAC and KAB is open to all graduates of Cranbrook Schools and is strictly on a volunteer basis. The primary function of CAC and KAB is to connect alumni with the school and with each other. To serve this function, we work closely with the Alumni Relations Office to provide a variety of events and services for and on behalf of the alumni, which include:

• Organizing and funding the alumni reunion weekend activities, including the alumni cocktail party in the Cranbrook Quad;
• Hosting local alumni outreach events, such as the wine tasting event at Big Rock Chop House, the tour of the newly renovated Detroit Institute of Art, alumni movie night at the Cranbrook Assembly Hall, family night at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, and several other social events. For photos of both Reunion 2008 and our alumni activities, go to Reunion 2008 and Alumni Moments in this issue, as well as the Web site (schools.cranbrook.edu);
• Supporting the Committee of Regional Alumni Networks (CRAN), the umbrella committee for the many regional alumni networks that exist throughout the country. These groups have sponsored events such as the L.A. Galaxy Soccer outing in Los Angeles, a reception at North West Restaurant in New York, and the reception at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.
• In addition, Giftorama continues to be a wonderful tradition and important fundraiser organized by the Alumnae Board. For 38 years, Giftorama has raised nearly $3 million for the Schools, including a recent $50,000 gift to the Kingswood Girls Middle School project. We thank 2008 Giftorama chairs, Laurie Berger Bounds, K’79, and Julie Tontapanish, CK’91, and their many devoted volunteers.

At the beginning of each academic year, the CAC and KAB seek interested and enthusiastic alumni to serve on the CAC and KAB. If you are interested in serving, please contact Kathy Discenna at the Alumni Office at (248) 645.3613, or via e-mail at kdiscenna@cranbrook.edu. We welcome your participation!

Very truly yours,

Roger Mali, CK’93
President, Cranbrook Alumni Association

Jamison Williams Faliski, CK’86
President, Kingswood Alumnae Association
A place for boys. A place for girls. Cranbrook Schools has long been a leader in providing single-gender education during the critical middle school years.

And year after year, more and more research in brain development and learning styles supports the position that middle school students flourish best in single-gender environments. Our innovative middle school programs, driven by educators who specialize in teaching in this unique academic niche, provide distinct but equally effective opportunities for boys and girls preparing for the challenging years ahead.

Developing facilities that match the caliber of these outstanding programs is a key component in Cranbrook’s capital plan. Two major goals were identified to this end. The first goal, chronologically, has already been reached this fall.

The expansion to the Boys’ Middle School was completed in time for the start of this school year. Our 6th- through 8th-grade boys now enjoy new athletic facilities that are more on par with what one might expect to find at a small university. The centerpiece of the project — the magnificent new gymnasium and building entrance — is surrounded by much-improved athletic fields. The old gym space has been completely renovated, and now serves as a bright and spacious dining hall. The increased seating capacity in the hall has done more than make the dining experience more pleasant — it has allowed for greater flexibility in scheduling class time. The old dining hall has received its own renovation, and is now a state-of-the-art fitness facility.

The second and even more ambitious goal is on track to become a reality by 2010. An all-new Girls’ Middle School, to be located on the site of the Kingswood tennis courts, has reached a significant fundraising milestone, and construction will begin early in 2009. Giving our middle school girls a place of their own will accomplish two important things. First, it will create a space that matches the outstanding quality of the program, out of the basement of the Kingswood building and offering resources that equal those available to the boys. Second, it will rekindle the original Kingswood spirit, providing a beautiful campus dedicated solely to the education of young ladies. In a setting that continues the design legacy of Eliel Saarinen’s original Kingswood building, our middle school “Kingswood” girls will carry on a tradition that goes back to 1931.

There are still opportunities to support this historic project. I would encourage those of you who cherish the Kingswood tradition to consider making a gift toward the new Kingswood Girls’ Middle School. Information about this can be found on our web site, schools.cranbrook.edu. A gift to this project not only supports a great legacy, but also helps provide world-class resources that will do credit to our world-class program for girls.

All the best for the coming year.

Arlyce M. Seibert
Director of Schools
The question that I am starting to hear these days is “How does Cranbrook do it—how does the school stay full in times like these?”

I am pleased to report that once again Cranbrook Schools is indeed fully enrolled. As much as I would like to give all the credit to the Admissions Office, I’m afraid there’s something going on beyond what we do! The truth is that the credit for Cranbrook’s enduring popularity really goes to the people who make up the School itself.

The credit goes to our parents, who truly see the value in a Cranbrook education. In 2008 we once again enjoyed a 94 percent retention rate (far above the national average) with the vast majority of families who did leave doing so because of job-related relocation. I believe our parents understand that an investment in a Cranbrook education is an investment that can only increase in value over a child’s lifetime. And if the choice to keep their children at Cranbrook wasn’t testimony enough to that, consider that most of our open house attendees continue to be people referred to us by current or past families.

The credit should likewise go to our faculty. There’s no doubt that Cranbrook Schools is located on one of the most beautiful campuses on Earth, and that our ongoing commitment to developing world-class resources for our students makes the school more and more attractive in an age when programs and budgets at public schools are being slashed. But it is our faculty, some of whom have taught generations of Cranbrook students, who are the reason our families come and stay. A family who recognizes what outstanding teaching can mean to the future life of a child will find a way to make sure their son or daughter stays here, no matter what the economic climate. The caliber of teaching and the commitment of our teachers will always be our “secret weapon” in enrollment.

So as we prepare for another busy admission season, I extend my thanks out to all of you in the community—parent, teacher and alumni alike — whose belief in Cranbrook Schools has kept us as vibrant today as at any time in our past.

Sincerely,

Drew Miller
Director of Admission
Connecting with Alumni George Booth is remembered for remarking, “Our schools have been founded on the special training of youth; and in the end the youth they have trained will become their foundation…”

Over the past few years, Cranbrook Schools has logged a lot of miles in an effort to connect with those youth who now, as alumni, have truly become the foundation of Cranbrook Schools. From a wonderful reception at the Boston Museum of Fine Art featuring Mitt (C’65) and Ann Romney (K’67), winter receptions in Naples and W. Palm Beach and in June 2008 the network gathering at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art hosted by Katherine Ross, K’78, and to our most recent event in Boston on November 20, we have met with hundreds of alumni from coast to coast. In the coming year, we are looking forward to events in Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle, and again in Florida. Even more events are in the planning stages right now for 2008-2009. In reality, all of this travel is part of an effort to bring Cranbrook to you: but it is only part of the effort.

Another critical component is our regional alumni network system. A regional network is a group of alumni who live in a described geographical area, and they work to promote the relationship between the alumni and the schools. The network likewise promotes interaction among alumni. Network members share the responsibility for attracting and increasing alumni participation in network activities.

Please refer to the contact information included in this article to find out more about your local alumni network. It is a wonderful way to re-connect with old friends, and to re-engage with Cranbrook Schools.

One remarkable sign of alumni engagement and commitment is the numbers of alumni who are returning to Cranbrook to educate their own children. We now have a number of students who are fourth generation at Cranbrook, and that number is growing all the time. I think it is the highest compliment our alumni can pay the outstanding faculty who truly make up the backbone of the school and define the Cranbrook experience. Currently, we have 139 families at Cranbrook who have at least one alumni/ae as a parent.

I am pleased to announce that Cranbrook Schools is undertaking a project that we have never before attempted. Starting in January, we will be conducting a comprehensive alumni survey, designed not only to understand alumni attitudes about the school, but also to understand in what ways you all want to hear from Cranbrook.

The survey itself will be fairly extensive—more than 100 questions—and will be voluntarily non-anonymous. Those of you who have provided us an email address will receive the survey electronically in the interest of stewardship (on our part) and convenience (on your part). For the rest of our alumni, the paper version of the survey should arrive in your mailbox at about the same time the email is sent.

Cranbrook has made the commitment at the highest level to not only report back on the findings of this survey, but also to take appropriate steps based on what we learn from all of you. Watch the Alumni section of the school’s website for more details in the near future.

We look forward to seeing you around the country and here on Cranbrook campus during reunion and throughout the year.

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Students, parents, and faculty gathered on September 25 for Cranbrook Schools’ 7th Annual Ramadan Dinner.

Organized by the Muslim Awareness Club at the Upper School and supported by the Office for Community and Multicultural Programs, the evening included the call to prayer, opening remarks by Muslim Awareness Club co-presidents Usman Syed and Misbah Ahmed (both CK ’09), and a talk about the meaning of Islam and cultural awareness by Rima Charara, parent of Upper and Middle School students.

Dinner consisted of a variety of traditional Indian foods, generously sponsored by the family of Middle School student Allana Akhtar.

The evening featured the debut of the Muslim Prayer Rug. The Muslim Prayer Rug project was undertaken by the Kingswood Weaving Studio in conjunction with the Muslim Awareness Club as a symbol of multiculturalism and to demonstrate support and inclusiveness for the Muslim students and families in the community.

Over the course of three years, 39 Upper School students hand-wove 30 silk and wool panels that were sent to Egypt this summer to be assembled. The rug functioned as a prayer rug for the first time at this year’s dinner and will be used at future dinners as well.

The weaving students, most of whom are non-Muslim, took on the project to give back to the school community and to show their support for the Muslim-American community. Lynn Bennett-Carpenter, head of the Kingswood Weaving Studio, notes the cultural and historic aspects of the project, explaining, “The weaving of this rug became a physical act of celebrating one of our many cultures here at Cranbrook.”

Weaving student Lexi Fournier, CK ’09, says, “Never before have I woven anything remotely as meaningful as this section of rug. Seeing my own handiwork get put to such great use is a feeling that I can’t put into words.”

The Muslim Prayer Rug project was underwritten by the Office of Community and Multicultural Programs and received funding from the Kingswood Alumnae Association and the Grimaldi Fund. Carla Young, director of community and multicultural programs, was also a great supporter of the project.

Says Young, “The rug project is evidence of Cranbrook Schools at its best. When aware of a need, we galvanize to thoughtful, sensitive action. Holly [Arida, Global Programs Coordinator and Upper School History Instructor] referenced the 9/11 event that served as a catalyst to our understanding more about our own Muslim community. It was then, when we saw the universal pain and devastation, that we looked to embrace our families more closely and show how much the Cranbrook identity is one of hope and understanding.”
STUDENTS GO BEHIND THE SCENES AT CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

The American Indian Studies class at the Upper School has an entirely student-run exhibit to show for their hard work this semester. Entitled “Diving Into American Indian Culture: an exploration of Native Peoples,” the exhibit is on display at Cranbrook Institute of Science from May 8 through June.

This collaborative exhibit delves into how water fulfills basic human needs as well as sustains ceremonial life in many indigenous cultures. A special highlight is the display of an original birch bark canoe.

Led by history instructor Joanne Parker and Cranbrook Institute of Science anthropologist Cameron Wood, the class combed through the museum’s collections to find artifacts connected to the role of water in American Indian tribes. The students chose items that interested them, researched their significance, worked on public relations materials, and learned how to put on an exhibit for the public.

“It was really interesting not only to research the individual artifacts but also to learn about how an exhibit is run. It was a lot of work, but it was also a lot of fun,” said Zoe Lukas, CK ’09.

“We gained a fresh perspective on museum exhibits and the amount of work that goes into them,” added Nils Peterson, CK ’08. “We got to meet everyone that put their efforts into museum exhibits. We talked to a graphic designer, PR people, and also the people who build the exhibits.”

The class kicked off the opening of their exhibit with a reception. Students, faculty, parents, and museum patrons mingled as they viewed items ranging from a harpoon to snow goggles to a Polynesian sailboat.

The class began their celebration of the semester’s successes with a performance by two American Indian dancers, Teresa Magnuson and Todd Harder. Magnuson performed a women’s Fancy Shawl dance, a modern American Indian dance incorporating spins and kicks, and Harder performed a Northern Traditional dance. The dancers also explained the components of their outfits; Magnuson wore a shawl symbolizing butterfly wings, and Harder’s outfit featured eagle feathers on his head, fan and bustle. In addition to describing the significance of their regalia, Magnuson and Harder also answered the students’ questions about American Indian culture.

US ATHLETES MENTOR BROOKSIDERS

Six Upper School athletes visited Brookside this afternoon as part of the Stay in Bounds Ambassadors Program. The program aims to have high school athletes interact with elementary students, thus connecting the young students to positive role models within the community.

Eleventh graders Abby Cohen, Adam Wells, Rachel Dekar, Jay Trewn, Ariel Roddy and Stephen Peck attended an MHSAA training program and with the enthusiastic support of the Brookside administrators visited the third grade classes to discuss Respect, Integrity, Caring, Harmony, Excellence and Responsibility. The Ambassadors plan to revisit Brookside throughout the school year to continue working with the students.

ABOUT THE SCHOOLS / 9
If there’s one thing almost every Cranbrook graduate can agree upon, it’s that Cranbrook inspires a passion for learning. That’s why it’s no surprise then that so many alumni make teaching their life’s profession — and so many of them do it right here at Cranbrook Schools.

More than a dozen alumni faculty teach at Cranbrook Schools in all divisions and in myriad disciplines. Graduates also work in other areas of the Cranbrook community. Why do they return? For many alumni, it’s because Cranbrook felt like the perfect fit. When Debbie Dietrich, K’72, returned to teach in the Girls Middle School, she says, “I felt like I was home.”

That feeling is mutual, says Arlyce Seibert, director of Schools. “It’s wonderful to welcome alumni back to Cranbrook and see them share their love of learning with a new generation of students. It’s a testament, really, to the quality of their own experiences here that they want to come back and contribute their energies and efforts to this community.”

Upper School science teacher Audrey Armoudlian, CK’86, agrees. “Being a student here, you know your parents valued education and that’s not always the case for a lot of kids,” she says. “Cranbrook helped me understand and appreciate learning.”

For most alumni faculty, the road leading back to Cranbrook is rarely direct. For many, the desire to teach found them only later in life. Such as the case with Boys’ Middle School English teacher Brewster Moore. The 1983 graduate began his professional life working with horses before moving on to law school and a career as an assistant prosecutor for Wayne County and then Oakland County. Dissatisfied and unfulfilled with his job, Moore thought back on the education courses he had taken after law school and of his experiences at Cranbrook. “I was lucky enough to have had an education at Cranbrook that was really fun and that I enjoyed,” he says. “It was a happy part of my life and I thought, ’I have to find a way to help other kids have that same experience.’”

Before long, he was back on Cranbrook’s campus, introducing literature to sixth-grade boys.

Armoudlian experienced a similar epiphany after working in research with a Michigan-based environmental think tank. When a part-time position in Cranbrook’s Upper School science
department opened up. Armoudlian, who had graduate school teaching experience, applied. With two small children of her own at home, Armoudlian says, “this just seemed like a great fit.” She now teaches full time, leading classes in environmental science, biology and chemistry.

For other alumni faculty, teaching and working with young people was something toward which they aimed their ambitions from the beginning. After college, Upper School math teacher David Cohen, CK’90, worked with Cranbrook’s Horizons-Upward Bound program as a house advisor and taught in the program’s summer and winter phases before joining Cranbrook’s math department. He left to earn a doctorate in material science from Northwestern and then resumed his teaching duties at Cranbrook in 2004. “Teaching at Cranbrook never (felt like work),” Cohen says.

Girls’ Middle School drama and geography teacher Debbie Dietrich arrived back at Cranbrook with years of teaching experience already under her belt, having taught everything from math to English to French at a number of local schools and programs. She began to think about teaching at Cranbrook, she says, while on campus with Cranbrook’s Horizons-Upward Bound program as a house advisor and taught in the program’s summer and winter phases before joining Cranbrook’s math department.

The following alumni returned to the fold, currently working and teaching at Cranbrook Schools:

Audrey Armoudlian, CK’86, Upper School Science Teacher
David Cohen, CK’90, Upper School Math Teacher
Debbie Dietrich, K’72, Girls’ Middle School Geography/Drama Teacher
Liz Lent, CK’89, Communications Manager, Cranbrook Educational Community
Martha Mast, K’52, Campaign Administrator, Cranbrook Educational Community
Chricinda McGee, CK’87, Girls’ Middle School Librarian
Brewster Moore, C’83, Boys’ Middle School English Teacher
Robert Murphy, C’79, Upper School Theatre Director
Alexis Pollock, CK’87, Upper School English Teacher
Sarah Post, K’80, Brookside Physical Education Teacher
Kai Robinson, K’76, Brookside 3rd Grade Teacher
Cassy Roumell, CK’02, Website Editor, Cranbrook Schools
Linda Mast Stone, K’77, Upper School Librarian (Kingswood)
Jane Williams, CK’88, Girls’ Middle School Math Teacher
Ellen Woodfin, K’76, Brookside Fifth Grade Teacher
for a professional development seminar. "I was sitting there and I realized there were no longer any ghosts of my student self there. I could appreciate this place as a professional and as an adult." Several years later, after substituting for Upper School dance instructor Jessica Sinclair and others, Dietrich began teaching in the Girls’ Middle School.

**THE BENEFITS OF FAMILIARITY**

For many of Cranbrook’s alumni faculty, one of the best perks was coming back to Cranbrook and building new professional bonds with the men and women who had taught them as students. "As a beginning teacher, it’s difficult anywhere," Cohen says. "Cranbrook has such good people, though, they made it easy. In fact, a couple of the guys in my department have known me since middle school. Coming back to Cranbrook, it was definitely a very accepting place."

Remembering that your former teachers are now your colleagues, though, is not always easy. Armoudlian recalls facing the tricky predicament of learning to address former teachers by their first names. After the first few days of getting to know her co-workers, she noticed that "if they were older faculty, I knew them by their last names. If they were younger faculty, I knew them only by their first names. It was an adjustment but it didn’t last long."

The years spent in Cranbrook classrooms often proves valuable for alumni faculty in other ways. "When I first started, I didn’t have a lot of the pitfalls that other new teachers sometimes have because I knew the place," Armoudlian says. "I knew a lot of the people here, and I knew how things worked."

Moore uses his memories of life as a student to help the boys in his classroom today. Cognizant of the pressures students often place on themselves to succeed, he tries to provide his middle schoolers with a sense of comfort and security. "These kids can’t work to their potential until they’re comfortable in the classroom,” Moore says. To help achieve this, Moore relies heavily on
discussion and active participation. "I try to reinforce what the Cranbrook English department has always done: have the classes and conversations be student-led instead of faculty-led," he says.

EXPERIENCES THAT ENRICH THE CLASSROOM
For Cranbrook Schools administrators, welcoming alumni faculty back into the fold is not just about pride in their graduates. It’s also about what these faculty add to the Cranbrook experience. "They bring a certain sensitivity to and understanding of the traditions and atmosphere of the Schools," says Jim Pickett, Upper School dean of faculty. "Their historical perspective, especially from the student point of view, can be enlightening and revealing in all the best ways." And for everyone involved, the presence of alumni on staff underscores the sense of family and community that remains one of Cranbrook’s strongest characteristics. During difficult times in her life, Dietrich says, the staff and faculty of the Schools were extraordinarily supportive, something that mirrored the sense of support and caring she felt as a student. "The whole community has been so special for me," she says. "My kids (who are also Schools graduates) feel that way, too. In fact, when they went to college, they would call and say, ‘Mom, I’m not homesick. I’m Cranbrook-sick.’"

TODAY AND TOMORROW
While Cranbrook’s alumni faculty occasionally might think back fondly on their student days, most say they are firmly fixed in the present, and like all faculty, they are working to sustain and build on Cranbrook’s reputation for excellence. "I respect and appreciate the history and traditions of Cranbrook," Dietrich says. "But as a teacher, I want to push forward. That was then, but this is now."
Cranbrook Schools alumni, faculty and friends celebrated the achievements of 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award winners Jeffrey Dearth, C’68, and Laurie Rubiner, K’80, this past June.

Graduating seniors also had an opportunity to hear from the honorees at commencement as Dearth addressed the boys and Rubiner the girls. “(Speaking at commencement) was the high point for me,” says Dearth. “Being the recipient of this award and then being given the option to speak, that was just icing on the cake. I felt it was something I couldn’t pass up. And it turned out to be a once in a lifetime experience I’ll always cherish.” As a student at Cranbrook, Dearth sold advertisements for The Crane-Clarion. He has stayed connected to the field of media throughout his career, having served as president and publisher of The New Republic Magazine after years with such prestigious publications as Smithsonian and Time. He was president and COO of the Magazine Group of Mecklermedia Corp. and founder and CEO of The Electronic Newsstand, Inc, the latter known as one of the first successful e-commerce Internet ventures. In fact, Dearth is credited with selling the first advertising on the Internet and is widely recognized as an early Internet pioneer. Currently, he is a partner in the investment banking firm of DeSilva & Phillips, specializing in media-related mergers and acquisitions with a focus on digital media. Dearth says he was “very much taken by surprise” when he learned of his selection as the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus. “My first response was incredulity. I didn’t put myself in the same league as other recipients. I was thrilled though. It’s a real privilege and honor.” Dearth’s fellow honoree Laurie Rubiner says she felt the same way. “I was really honored more than anything,” she says. “I’ve been extremely lucky in my life and career to have been able to find something that I enjoy and is meaningful to me.” Currently the executive director of the Malaria No More Policy Center, Rubiner has spent the majority of her professional life helping craft policy and legislation for the public good. From 2005 to 2007, she served as legislative director for Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and was a key member of her senior management team in the Senate. Previously, she was director of the Health Care program at the New America Foundation, a nonpartisan think tank in Washington D.C. Prior to that, she served as vice president for public policy at the National Partnership for Women and Families and as a legislative assistant to the late U.S. Senator John Chafee. Today in her role at the Malaria No More Policy Center, Rubiner works to raise awareness and galvanize support to address the global fight against the deadly but preventable disease. For Rubiner, too, the opportunity to address members of the class of 2008 was an exciting one, bringing back some fond memories. “It was a little surreal for me because even though I graduated almost 30 years ago, in some ways it felt like yesterday,” she says. “Seeing the seniors dressed in their white dresses and some of my own teachers up on the podium or in the audience brought back such a rush of memories.” During her address, Rubiner encouraged the girls to experience life on their own terms. “Don’t pursue a career because someone else thinks you should,” she told them. “Find what interests and inspires you….Take some chances. There just isn’t a road map in life.” Rubiner adds, “I mainly wanted to communicate to the girls that at the end of the day, finding something that is meaningful to you, whatever that is, is the most rewarding thing you can do in your life,” she says. “I hope that message came across.” For Jeffrey Dearth, the experience of talking to the graduates was “inspiring,” he
says. "The setting is magnificent. The opportunity was immense to try and impart a few words of wisdom. I tried to leave them with something that would resonate." Dearth spoke to the boys about change, sharing stories of his role in the burgeoning world of the Internet. He recalled trying, with difficulty, to convince an automobile advertising director that the Internet was a great place to advertise cars in the 1990s. His seemingly radical idea was met with skepticism. "That experience taught me the lesson that old ways of thinking die slowly, and that often being ahead of one’s time can be a challenge in itself." For those who attended the Distinguished Alumni Award ceremony and for those who heard Dearth and Rubiner speak at commencement, the relevance and power of being ahead of one’s time and working to make a difference were irrefutable. It’s those very characteristics that made this year’s award recipients successful in their fields and worthy of Cranbrook Kingswood’s top honors.

Due to recent legislation, the IRA Charitable Rollover has been extended, offering tax-free treatment of qualified charitable distributions from a traditional or Roth IRA for an additional tax year, 2009.

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GATHERING OF GOLDEN GRADUATES

KINGSWOOD SWEATER AWARD REUNION (50TH YEAR)

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ALUMNI ASSEMBLY
SAARINEN EVENT
In March local alumni attended a gathering at Cranbrook Art Museum which featured the exhibit “Eero Saarinen, Shaping the Future.”

Aviva and Steve Susser, C’82
Carol Almeda-Morrow, K’83, Kim and Tom Howlett, C’80
Kim Dondero Pierce and Pamela Georgeson, both K’74

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NETWORK EVENT
More than 80 alumni and guests from the Southern California network gathered at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art on June 13 with Arlyce Seibert and other schools administrators.

Arlyce Seibert and other school administrators
Diane Scripps, K’46, and Barbara Mercer Deruntz, K’43
Schools Governors Karen Lutomski Biddulph, CK’87, and Margot Sherr Shapiro, K’79
Network Director Lindsay Ulrey, CK’03, and Assistant Athletic Director Shane Finney

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Cranbrook Alumni Association Annual Dinner

The Cranbrook Alumni Association held their annual dinner at Cranbrook House on June 27 to celebrate another successful year.

President Roger Mali, C’93, and Hugh Kerr, C’73
Allan Levy, C’51, Ned Schneider, C’44, and Bob Berry, C’63
Allan Levy, C’51 and Dave Baumhart, C’62
Hugh Kerr, C’73, and his "new" VW

Kingswood Alumnae Association Annual Dinner

The Kingswood Alumnae Association held their dinner in the Kingswood Auditorium and honored the past presidents of the Association.

Current and past presidents of the Kingswood Alumnae Association
Jane Mehrer James, K’53, and Jacqui Harris Gard, K’52
Mary Sestock and her mother Edith Hamilton Sestock, K’33
Diana Gornick Day, K’63, and daughter Mitzi Richard Martin, CK’89
C1934
It was 1934 and there were 76 of us. It was a very good year. We had finished our secondary education and were eager to go on to further challenges. Now fast forward to 2008 and only three of us are left. When I told JIM TALMAN that BOB HARGREAVES had died, of course he was saddened but said they were best friends and remembered playing hockey together. Jim was also a star tennis player and has made it his passion the rest of his life. He was the 8th 90-year-old to enter a tournament in Asheville, NC, and was finalist in doubles and won the consolation singles. Jim’s active schedule will take him to Boston for the National Grass Court and from there to Pinehurst for the National Clay Court tournament. He is planning to attend our 75th reunion. I talked to STUART WADE and found him doing well. Stu does not do much traveling these days, but he said his son was at the Olympics in Beijing as a reporter. Stu had the one son but now has four grandchildren, all boys. He retired from the Burroughs Corp., which merged with the Sperry Corp. to form Unisys. Stu lives in Toledo, which seems to be a healthy place to be for our class. As the third living member, JOHN CLEMENT, also from Toledo, I can report that I am in reasonably good health and try to keep active by taking an early morning bike ride most every morning. I am the oldest in length of service at our Toledo Rotary Club and attend weekly meetings. I am looking forward, like Jim, to our next reunion. I think it fitting to mention the passing of our good friend, BOB HARGREAVES. Bob died on April 21, and he will be missed by all. He served in the US Navy from 1941 to 1946. He retired in 1976 from the Tomeau Paulson Co. in Pasadena, CA. Bob was married for the second time to Mary Moore and lived in Black Butte Ranch, OR. Our condolences and prayers go out to his family. It is with deep regret that I also announce the passing of our good friend, DAVE DORT, on Sept. 20, 2007. Dave and I spent time together in 1941 when I was stationed in Flint during WWII.

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K1935
Class Secretary, PEGGY LIGHTER MCKINLEY, died on May 1. While at Kingswood, Peggy lived with her aunt, Jessie T. Winter, Brookside’s first headmistress. She graduated from Northwestern University and then worked in Chicago. In 1942 she married Ensign (USN) Bill Bitting. During the next 25 years, they lived throughout the U.S. Bill passed away in 1976. Peggy married F. William Hutchinson, C’35, in 1977. They enjoyed many years in Chapel Hill, NC, with summers in Grand Haven, MI. Bill died in 1999. Peggy married Douglas McKinley, C’34, a retired foreign correspondent for the Associated Press. Doug passed away on Feb. 26, 2008. Peggy’s daughter, Linda, wrote to the Alumni Office before Peggy died with the following: “After 65 years of leading their own separate married lives and raising their children, the former Peggy Lighter and Cranbrook graduate Douglas Webster McKinley, ‘found each other again’ in 2000. They each had been widowed twice before, and on 12/7/2001 they were married on Jekyll Island, GA, where Mr. McKinley had retired many years before. Despite the inevitable health problems involved in the aging process, Peggy and Web are absolutely devoted to each other and thrive on each other’s love and companionship. While attending Kingswood and Cranbrook, they played leading roles in the school’s senior play, ‘H.M.S. Pinafore.’ To this day, they delight in singing their lines from that play.” Peggy was an active volunteer with many organizations. She loved to garden and spend time with her family, friends and her church. She is survived by her children, Linda, Ty and Julie, seven grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

Class Notes Editor, Kathy Discenna

C1937
NEWELL MCCUEN of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, passed away on May 8. He attended MIT, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and worked for General Motors for 40 years. He was an active volunteer, an accomplished sailor, golfer and “the writer of poetry for the benefit and amusement of his many friends and family.” Newell is survived by three children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Class Notes Editor, Kathy Discenna

K1938
70th Reunion Report: The Cranbrook Class of 1938 had an enjoyable time at the cocktail party and then sat down at the Cranbrook House for dinner. Attending were Mary Ann and DICK WALLACE, FRED DYE and Margaret Moran, Isabel and CHARLES HIMUMBO and TED HILDEBRANDT. We were joined at the dinner by June Daisley Lockhart, K’38. A lively discussion took place including our experiences in Mr. Wonberger’s English class. Charles Himelhoch talked about his experiences playing soccer at Wesleyan. Ted talked about his involvement in advanced technology as a professor. Fred talked about being a civilian tank expert during World War II, attached to the U.S. Army in this country and then the French Army in North Africa, France and Germany to help train armored divisions in maintenance and operation. Kathy Discenna later told us that our class secretary, Jerry McMechan, is now in Canterbury On the Lake in Waterford, MI. Charles Himelhoch and Fred Dye are planning on visiting him in the near future.

Reported, Fred Dye

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but greatly loved by those who knew her. I also received a call from MARThA POE EGGER’s son, saying that Martha passed away on June 9, surrounded by her family. JEANNE L’HOMMEDIEU TAYLOR still has that infectious laugh that makes it fun to talk to her. Unfortunately she is now confined to a wheelchair because of a knee problem with a name too long for me to spell. It has not removed her joy of living. Jeannie and Dekle are both positive and happy people. They are awaiting the birth of their second great-grandchild. Their first is a boy named Reilly Dekle which delights them. Although Jeanne has been slowed down physically with the inability to walk, she has not been slowed down mentally and has good spirit and joy to share.

BARBARA CURTIS JONES is our perpetual stem winder. She admits that she does not have a great desire to travel anymore but is planning a trip to Northern Michigan with her son and his wife to see the fall foliage. Her bridge interest has not waned. I know she must be good at bridge after all these years, and I finally got the real story. Her bridge partners are men, and she enjoys the “boys” enjoyed telling their tales of schoolboy misdeeds. Since I never did anything wrong, I just listened. If you make it to the 75th reunion, you will be glad you did.

JO Dy  MUZZY LERCHE N’s daughter, Katie Nelson, and her husband, Walt, made a special effort to take care of me, and I appreciated their attention. I finally met Kathy Discenna, the associate director of alumni relations, an instant friend. Dick Wallace and Mers, who have 14 great-grandchildren, not only went to Christ Church Cranbrook with me but took me to Bloomfield Hills CC for brunch on Sunday before I left for home. All in all, a wonderful time. Ah yes, I have to tell you I stayed at Thornlea, Henry Booth’s former home. Pensacola, FL, is still home to ELIZABETH RUSSELL STULLKEN and her husband. They love their home, and when I called were glad to report that they, the hurricane, had done them no harm. They see their children and grandchildren often but are bothered by some of the problems of old age. Fortunately, they have a lovely lady named Betty who comes in each day to give them a hand. For that they are grateful. I finally got a call through to MARGERY MCCANN CANFIELD and caught her as she was unpacking in her new apartment. She has moved to a retirement community. Her address is 1 Colley Ave., Norfolk, VA 23510-1039. We agreed to talk later, but so far I have not been able to reach her again. She did tell me, “You said I should do this!” It is tough to make the change, but it sounds as though she has made a good choice and should settle in. She did say she liked being on the old Elizabeth River.

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As we grow older, there is a reticence to speak out concerning our thoughts, ideas and past challenges not accepted. Yet, we are constantly dragged into a review of the past, considerations for today and dealing with the realities of tomorrow. Is this apparent in the Class of ‘41? Perhaps. On receiving my recent inquiry, GEORGE BIRD immediately dispatched a check for the Annual Fund. George and his daughter continue to reside in Rochester, MI, operating what George describes as a very pleasant and

ABOVE, Class of 1938 at 70th Reunion
ANDY TEN EYCK have dropped anchor at Henry Ford Village, pleased with the activity and the lifestyle. They are in good health, but disappointed that the high school band, which all of Dearborn supported, was not allowed to perform at the Olympics. Unlike Al and Adeline, Andy and Jean seem to thrive on change of scene. They took their brood of eight children and grandkids to Hawaii last year. I received a note from Helen and DAVID MOTT, having returned to Florida just in time for Hurricane Fay. Last I heard from Dave he was quite upset as the Cranbrook office listed him as lost! Not so, says Mott. He and Helen spent eight weeks up Eastport way, summer digs. The note says he is waiting for a call from Charlie Van Dusen, Charlie! He also spent a bit of time with his daughter and son-in-law, Den Wolf, at a Tiger game. Dave, always the optimist. I chatted with ERBS, FRED and Barb. She had asked Nancy and me for dinner while we were out of town. Next time, we’ll stay home. Fred checks in at the office. Son, John, runs Edgemere Enterprises. Returning from Bayfield, Barb reports that following their arousal from a lengthy period of perhaps undeserved languidity, Fred and friends have hatched a croquet club. Mallets are in? Nancy and I are well and happy, enjoying Birmingham and its lovely summer. Son, Jim, is busy with his architecture. Daughter, Nancy Louise, is a member of “Gaia Women of the Great Lakes Basin,” who celebrate through music our connectedness with Earth and all creation. Wife, Nancy’s, son, Howard, and wife, Susan, continue to reside in Walnut Creek, CA, trusting Arnold to keep the place from burning down. Daughter, Emily, is cranking the books at the University of Washington and loves it. That’s it.

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Bill and Marty Krejci Tobey, K’41

March but the happy news of a new great-grandson, born last year in August. She is living with her daughter and unfortunately uses a wheelchair a good part of the time.

GLORIA RAQUET OLSEN has a new granddaughter, and we are looking forward to a cruise to Rome and Athens in October.

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K1942

CAROL GIORDANO McMILLEN says there is not much exciting except a family reunion in August. She also said it is awesome to be a great-grandparent.

BEVERLY ALLAN STILES says she keeps busy in Winter Park, playing in croquet and golf putting tournaments and walking. Son, Philip, at age 49, just graduated from law school, Cynthia is a customer care supervisor. Cliff is president and CEO of Ruth Chris steak houses. Her grandchildren are doing interesting things — one is producing Christian movies, one is a pilot with the Air Force, another is a Marriott Hotel executive and a couple are still in college. Bev says they are an active, busy bunch.

ROSAMAND STRONG BRADSHAW writes that after Norman died in 2006, she could no longer stay in Florida and has ended up in Sedona, AZ, between sons in California and Colorado. She has had two long trips to England, which is like going home for her. She has a great view of the beautiful red rocks from her kitchen. Her health is good, but bad eye sight is a nuisance.

ELEANOR PATON missed the reunion this year for the very first time due to a very bad fall on the ice in February. The resulting pain was so severe and long lasting that she had full-time help around the clock for two months. In June she was allowed to drive again, but
oh the aching muscles that just do not quite work right yet. One thing I am sure about is that E.P. is in some way working for the team of John and Sarah. The sad, sad news I have to report is that MARY RUTH SANGER WOTHERSPOON died in July. She was an unforgettable lady with great talents and ability. Her accomplishments were fabulous and varied. Her husband, Bill, wrote me a note about her love for Kingswood and all of her very good friends there. Last is the brief news from me. I have continued to have lung problems, and next month I am going to Denver to the National Jewish Hospital to see what is going on. It is interesting, since I had been there three times with Wally. Bob will be going with me, and we will be there for two weeks. Before we go there, we are going with a Michigan Travel Club, The Nomads, who have their own plane, on a mystery trip – who knows where? We have gone to Bar Harbour and Nantucket with them this summer. It is a great way to travel. After we get back from Colorado, we will go to Florida for the duration of the winter months. We are lucky to be able to keep going and intend to stick with it as long as we can. I did not hear from MARY ADIE PATTERSON, so I called her. We had a nice visit. She keeps busy but sometimes wonders what she does. Her husband has arthritic knees, which denies him his great love of golf. Her children are all doing well, and she is also blessed with a great-grand that she adores and who will soon be joined by another baby. She does from time to time make her beautiful pots using the fabulous English papers.

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JOHN HENES writes, “I am still in Menominee and doing well. My wife and I have succeeded in placing our downtown area in the National Register of Historic Places, and the buildings have been restored. Restoration includes a breakwater on Green Bay filled with water craft. The Opera House is next on the list. I hope to visit Cranbrook this year.” CARL MULERT: “Thanks for the summary of the Cranbrook 65th Reunion. We were not able to attend due to a couple of weeks in the hospital plus the recovery at home. I plan to call to catch up.” He did! LOU ROSENBAUM: “Nice to see you at the 65th, and I hope we can do it again. Also appreciate your work as class secretary. Getting ready for winter, which is stout up here. That means getting firewood under cover, putting more insulation in the attic, etc. Rely on 16-year-old son to do much of the work, but he spends lots of time on the computer and doesn’t seem to worry much about my agenda. He is a junior in high school this year but hasn’t settled on an interest or a college….I am doing some oil painting and playing chamber music on the violin. I perform sometimes, mostly in nursing homes (I hope I am never a resident in one). I am going to daughter’s 50th birthday party in Oslo, Norway in October.” ALAN SCHWARTZ: “I could not attend reunion due to conflicts. I am the founding chairman of my law firm, Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn. I also serve as a director of the Detroit Investment Fund, Detroit Renaissance and United Way, et al.” Alan is our busiest classmate! Our class picture includes: Back row: DICK WESTERMAN, JIM KURFESS, JOHN KAICHEN; Middle row: JOHN BREHM, PETE WILSON, STEWART ROSS, ERWIN WILSON; Front row: JOHN KICE, BILL

ABOVE, Cranbrook Class of 1943 at Cranbrook House for 65th Reunion

MACDONALD, BOB BRODY, TOM NEHIL and LOU ROSENBAUM came the next day.

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NANCY LOUD KERN planned a wonderful reunion, but very few came. This must be a comment on the difficulty of travel these days and our other commitments but certainly not our age! Nancy must be our most active classmate in spite of her hip replacement last spring. In June she traveled with the Christ Church Choir to England
and Paris to sing Evensong. Cranbrook Kent looked very familiar, and the town entertained them in high style and with high tea. After singing in the Hereford Cathedral and St. Paul’s in London they joined the choir at the American Cathedral in Paris. In August Nancy gave a big family birthday party for Dick’s 90th. With the arrival of fall Nancy will be back to tutoring, choir practices and chairing the Patriotic Service Committee of the National Society of Colonial Dames. She notes that she ran into Sue Slocum Klingbeil at a luncheon meeting of “Dames” in Harbor Springs.

SALLY EKELUND SKILLMAN also attended the reunion, and she e-mailed that she is still selling travel but working from her home. She is just back from California for her youngest son’s birthday (Tim Skillman ’76) where there was an earthquake to mark the day. First one in 10 years, they said.

NANCY NEWCOMB PORTER was our third attendee. The girls all agree that it was a good thing that the Cranbrook men turned out in enough numbers to make it a party.

PEGGY ZEDER BLAIR writes that she and Gordon are moving to Abbey Delray, a retirement community in Delray Beach FL, where they will have a cute little detached villa and the advantage of perpetual health care. They will go to the Keys to celebrate their 60th anniversary in September and cruise up the East Coast in the spring. Not a bad year to look forward to! Peggy says that they both are doing well “considering the miles down the road that we have travelled.”

PATSY LOVETT GUYSELMAN writes well but claims that hers is the penmanship of the elderly. Her son calls her “old but mighty.” She misses the Michigan summer and her children and great grandson, but not much excitement except for the fact that granddaughter, Christie Barchenger, (many of you met her mother, Candy) is in the Teach for America program and serving in Clarksdale, MS, the hometown of actor Morgan Freeman. Incidentally, “The Bucket List” was a big hit in this community. I must admit that before I was enlightened I thought it was a basketball movie. This is a sad note for an ending, but we lost VERA BRETHEN TAYLOR (a former class secretary) on July 4, a special day for a very special classmate. We all will want to take a moment to remember her in our own way.

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ABOVE, Marline Riese Bushy, K’44, and Ralph with daughter, Laurie, at Society of Women Geographers award dinner and silver leaf, casein, ink and watercolor. Sara also enjoys working in oil, acrylic, watercolor on paper or stretched silk, the most expressive and luminous medium. She has enjoyed many solo and group exhibitions throughout Massachusetts and Maine and has one permanently hanging in the Northeast Harbor Library titled, “Mount Desert Island,” on which she lives. Her favorite places to paint are in her garden full of 300-year-old trees in Brookline, MA, and a certain pond on Mount Desert Island in all its seasonal glory. MARY JANE DETZER MOENCH and Jack have been living in Evergreen Woods, a long term retirement community, for five years. They are both well and happy and coping with the old nemesis arthritis, which has the habit of accompanying our age group. Welcome aboard! When I called GAIL ISBEY PHILLIPS to wish her a happy birthday, I found her to be quite unhappy. She was in the middle of a monumental mess...the ceiling in Alexandra’s room had come crashing down around midnight two days before. Steady rains had found their way into the crawl space under the eaves via a “doorway” made by a family of raccoons! Unknowingly they had set-up housekeeping under the eaves. Pesky little bandsits! The police and firemen responded quickly and had everything under control by 5 a.m. The entire room had to be stripped and redecorated and the roof repaired. Alexandra was glad she was home in Chicago at the time, or else she could have been badly hurt or worse killed— a horrible thought. HAZEL TIBBALS BRACE and Bill, C’44, celebrated their 61st anniversary in June. They too are well and happy, traveling less and enjoying more time at home in Waterford, MI. Son, Craig, and family live nearby and keep a watchful eye on them and lend a helping hand when needed. A nice friendly, cuddly cat has been keeping them company for years.

MARCINE RIESE BUSHEY and Ralph joined their cheetah expert daughter, Laurie Marker, in Chicago when she received the Society of Women Geographers prestigious award honoring her passion, leadership and lifelong commitment to cheetah conservation.
News from **DENISE OTIS**, who has moved from her top floor apartment in New York City to a “floor-through” on the second floor where she has a terrace and garden of her own. Sounds only right for a retired garden editor! She is concentrating on scented pelargoniums and clivia. **YVONNE FOSSENKEMPER RISH** is recuperating from heart surgery and doing fine. She will soon go back to part-time work at Central DuPage Hospital. She lives in Wheaton, IL. The highlight of her summer was attending the Olympic Trials for swimming in Omaha, where two of her grandchildren were qualified to compete. Both will be in Ann Arbor swimming for Michigan this year.

**FRANNY TOBIAS HIGGIE** and Pete are doing well in Grosse Pointe. Two of their children are nearby, and one is in Australia, with a grandson at UCLA. **GRETCHE N MARKLE THAMS** recently returned from a trip to Poland with the U-M Alumni Association, which she thoroughly enjoyed. Meantime, she has substituted Mah Jongg for golf and still enjoys the opera, bridge and the DIA, where she recently took a group of Red Hatters from her complex for a docent tour. This was followed by a Woodward Dream Cruise, which is new to me. Woodward Avenue is flooded? She has a wide variety of grandchildren, from one in college and one just entering kindergarten.

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I would be back from time to time. Well, it never happened, not even for one hour.” He and his wife took a late summer trip to California to visit their children, Julie ’78, and Brian ’77. With football season ahead, he will be sitting in the same row as **JIM HOWLETT** at the U-M games. **JOHN KEYDEL** confirms the trip to Montreal for the Jazz Festival with **BANWELLS AND NEALES**. He extends best wishes to all. **BOB GRINDLEY** reports that he continues to work with his son in a video production business. He is currently concerned with the Palestine-Israel situation.

**FORTUNATO “LUCKY” QUESADA** wrote that he would welcome any visitors to Peru and would gladly help in guiding them to the sights. **PHIL ROBB** is retired and active as a board member in their church in San Bernardino, CA. His wife, Carol, has retired after 32 years as a teacher and union leader and is currently busy as chairperson of the Democratic Party in San Bernardino County. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to learn that you are well (a relative term). I regret that more of our class is not represented in this column. I would welcome your e-mail address, if one is available. Marilyn and I continue to live in Sarasota, FL, and continue to enjoy our families in Michigan and Indiana.

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**ABOVE, 80th Birthday Celebration of Rev. John Albrecht, C’47, with wife, Christa, and children, David ’82, Susan ’78, Jeffrey ’76 and Catherine ’72 (Lyn ’74 missing due to illness)**
When I wrote this article, it was September and back to school time. Back to school. Much to the disbelief of my brothers, I looked forward to returning to Kingswood after a long summer. I remember those warm September days and the cool green lobby. New classes, new teachers, new books, new friends and old — life was good. And still is, even at 80! ROSIE RICE DECAMP was kind enough to send the postcards, so she is first in line. In July she had lunch with ROSEY WILCOX DICKERSON and her sister, Barbara Wilcox Amberg ’43, in Spring Lake. I do hope you can follow this “Tale of Two Rosies.” It took me years to figure out who is Rosie and who is Rosey, but I think I’ve got it! Rosie took two grandchildren who is Rosie and who is Rosey, but I think hope you can follow this “Tale of Two Wilcox Amberg ’43, in Spring Lake. I do grandchildren (ages 21 to 3). They stay all is good. She has four children and eight grandchildren (ages 21 to 3). They stay all years in HOT Georgia. She sends a big “hi” e­mail. Mary has enjoyed her cottage for 13 years in HOT Georgia. She sends a big “hi” to everyone. CAROL MASON SHARPE wrote that she is slowing down a bit; still she flew to Paris in September with her granddaughter, Kara, to visit Carol’s son, Bob, and his family who live there. Kara has a master’s in voice performance – opera. Another granddaughter will be married in California next September, and Carol will be there. Her great-granddaughter, Isabel, is four. Daughter, Jere, who is 55, is an occupational therapist assistant. DENISE WILLIAMS MARTIN and I have known each other since time began, and now we are 80! In June, Denise’s family rented a house on a Cape Cod beach to celebrate her birthday. There was also a surprise dinner with everyone wearing a t-shirt printed with Denise’s picture. (And the picture was taken at my wedding in 1955.) The best gift for Denise was her daughter, Debbie’s, (four class baby) recovery from a stroke. MARGIE WORKS GIBBS loves returning for reunion, and we love having her. Daughter, Ellen, traveled to Boston with her mother in June. The family still summers in Freedom, NH. Margie’s granddaughter, Ashley, has a master’s in fashion merchandising and marketing, and her grandson, Jeremy, joined the Marines and deployed for Iraq in September. Margie lives in Salem, OH, and from Columbus.

ABOVE, Nancy Trumbull Siebert, K’47, at Sibelius Monument, Helsinki, Finland

MARCIE HELWIG SPEIGHT wrote concerning making a life change by moving from Charlottesville, VA, to a retirement village in Columbus. Now she is closer to two of her three children. Her North Carolina family is farther away, but daughter, Lauri, and her three children are in Columbus. Two weeks after her move, Marcie’s son, Norman, at 47 married a British lady, keeping the accent in the family as her husband’s parents were English. Marcie is adjusting to being pampered and meeting new people. In July PHYLIS BARTHOLOMEW MALSTROM (she is not 80), along with her daughter, granddaughter and daughter-in-law, sailed on the Queen Mary II from New York to Cherbourg. What a thrill! After touring France they went on to England and all its historic sights. The same month I flew to London with my son, David ’75, his wife, Narorn, and grandson, Ryan. There we met my brother, Elliott Trumbull ’53, and his wife. This was the first part of my 80th celebration, and it was just wonderful. Then the older folks went on to Southampton and embarked on the new Cunard liner, Queen Victoria, for the second part of my birthday party. For two weeks we sailed along the Baltic coast and visited eight ports, including two days in Saint Petersburg with its glorious sights. The Cunard experience is fantastic and was a dream come true for me! I must end this article with the sad news that PHYLIS KLINGWER WARNER passed away in April. We had good and happy times together beginning with camp days on Walloon Lake. Thanks for the memories, Dr. Pinch!

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The Cranbrook School Class of ’48’s 60th Reunion was attended by DON BALDWIN, JOHN BALLANTYNE, Ron Ballantyne ’49, GERRY BURKE, BILL GILBREATH, CHUCK STADLER, DAN ELLSBERG and me. STUBBY STABLER and NORM BOWMAN, who attended our 50th and planned to attend the 60th, passed away this spring. JOE ISAACSON and HUGH HARNESS canceled because of out of town graduations of grandchildren. MIKE CAREY and MILES DURFEY also canceled due to last minute obligations. We missed having many of our classmates return and hope we can put together one more reunion!

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Congratulations, ladies! I heard from 25 of you for this issue of Tradition, and I think that has to be a record. Our 60th reunion was a great success, mostly thanks to MARTHA LOVELL IRWIN’s arrangements for our class dinner and the brunch luncheon hosted by PAT CHASE HARTMANN.

ABOVE, At 60th reunion: Dan Ellsberg ’48, Bruce Smith ’48, Don Baldwin ’48, Ron Ballantyne ’49, Chuck Stadler ’48
After the day’s festivities, the hospitality room at the hotel gave us more time to catch up, made possible by the generosity of Ed and GINNA KRAABEL LUNDEEN and the Stadlers. We ’48ers are still on the move, traveling hither and yon. David and MARGIE BARTON VAN DUSEN were headed out on their sailboat, “Abishay,” for three days. Neel and NANCY BERGDAL ROBERTSON spent some time in the Adirondacks, escaping the extreme heat and drought in Hershey, PA. Tom and MOLLY BIXBY BARTLETT had just returned from a Kenya safari with their entire family of 14. Molly’s favorite was the dung beetle, a scarab, and worshiped in Pharonic Egypt. Molly and Tom lived in Egypt for seven years but never saw a dung beetle push “the sun,” a ball of dung with its eggs, from east to west. After reunion DODO BOOTH MILLER went to Las Vegas to see her granddaughter in “Spamalot.” Then she took her granddaughter, Gretchen, daughter of Jeff Ford ’71, to Africa, a compass tour to see a little girl she and Steve have sponsored over the years. Four days in Paris was to end their adventure. King and JEANNE CADIGAN BERLEW wrote from Deer Isle, ME, very near the Van Dusens place, so Jeanne was able to see Margie’s reunion pictures and hear about everyone. The Berlew’s are enjoying their new condo in Kittery, ME, (no more lawn mowing) and plan to spend six months each year in Vero Beach at the condo there. Jan and PAT CHASE HARTMANN’s year has been more than eventful, even with Pat’s troublesome back for which she flew to Naples overnight to get an epidural before going to Sweden to see their grandson in the contemporary Methodist Church in Lincoln, NE. He has her Master of Divinity, is serving a church deacon ends in January, an eye opening experience for her. She sees Paul and JOANNE WONNERBERGER WHEATON around Empire, MI, where Jo Anne and she worked on the art fair that raised $16,000 for student scholarships. The Wheatons celebrated Paul’s 80th birthday in Empire with all three Kingswood daughters and their families, all except one grandson who is getting his Ph.D. in primate research at University of Kyoto in Japan. PAT WILCOX FAMILER’s best news is that Katie, their oldest daughter, who has her Master of Divinity, is serving a contemporary Methodist Church in Lincoln, NE. “As worship leader she is in charge of music, three bands, technical stuff, everything she is good at.” I will end with DILLY POLK CROUCH’s card, because I always admire her choice of words and message. “What a pleasure our reunion was. Since coming home, I have settled in to my new apartment, life and city (San Diego) and am reading Betty Friedman’s, “The Fountain of Age,” which deals with the challenges and opportunities of being old. To have ½ of us dead already (about 19) and yet have 17 of us attend reunion shows we are a wonder woman group. I am proud to be among the set! May the next five years pass well and happily for us all!”

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ROEHM WARD spent their first anniversary in the China Sea on a wonderful Elderhostel. In early August Wyn was in Lansing with her brother for a family reunion, and in late September she was going on a “mission trip” to Cuba. LIBBY SMITH HOLDEN reported “all is well,” as she loves Arizona, travels a lot, plays bridge, sings in the choir and is active in P.E.O. MARIANNE SWANSON BISHOP sent “greetings from Des Moines, IA, home of their Golden Girl, Olympic gymnastic champion, Shawn Johnson.” I was proud of M.J. for admitting she “crunched” her car, but no one was hurt. She had to miss reunion, as her granddaughter ended up in the hospital with no diagnosis except that perhaps a bug bite might have poisoned her. Most of JOANNE WELLMAN NELSON’s travels are to visit her three children and eight grandchildren in Topeka, Tulsa and Dallas. After 10 years of leading fall foliage tours to New England, which was hard to give up, she is still connected as an outside sales person for Harbor Travel in Newport Beach, CA, where she books tours and cruises for herself whenever she can convince a group to go too. Jo Anne was going to a reunion in Jackson Hole with seven of her Kappa Pledge class sisters. JEANNE WESSINGER DEAN’s tenure as church deacon ends in January, an eye opening experience for her. She sees Paul and JOANNE WONNERBERGER WHEATON around Empire, MI, where Jo Anne and she worked on the art fair that raised $16,000 for student scholarships. The Wheatons celebrated Paul’s 80th birthday in Empire with all three Kingswood daughters and their families, all except one grandson who is getting his Ph.D. in primate research at University of Kyoto in Japan. PAT WILCOX FAMILER’s best news is that Katie, their oldest daughter, who has her Master of Divinity, is serving a contemporary Methodist Church in Lincoln, NE. “As worship leader she is in charge of music, three bands, technical stuff, everything she is good at.” I will end with DILLY POLK CROUCH’s card, because I always admire her choice of words and message. “What a pleasure our reunion was. Since coming home, I have settled in to my new apartment, life and city (San Diego) and am reading Betty Friedman’s, “The Fountain of Age,” which deals with the challenges and opportunities of being old. To have ½ of us dead already (about 19) and yet have 17 of us attend reunion shows we are a wonder woman group. I am proud to be among the set! May the next five years pass well and happily for us all!”

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You will be pleased to know that the planning for the 60th Reunion next June is underway with TOM CLARK and DICK TOWNSEND
of Lucille’s beautiful day lilies and a picture of his huge vegetable garden with 45 brussel sprout plants and four 50-foot rows of onions, which he provides for free to elderly citizens. JACK SPOEHR came to visit Bob and took a lesson on Bob’s cultivator, as he wants to start a garden. The two talked up a storm, being “over-developed verbal athletes.” JOHN RICE came to visit DICK BRECK, and Breck went to visit PETE SIMPSON. In the picture Dick and Peter are on top of “Old Blowhard Mt.” Sally and JACK BOHON have completed their quest to visit all 50 states with a two-week cruise to Alaska. Sally is co-hosting the Florida State Championship Chili Cookoff and invites us all. Jack is lecturing this fall for Elderhostel at Stetson University. The Alumni Office located four of our missing alumni: DAVE TOMPKINS, DEREK ORTH and PAUL WILLIAMS, who are deceased, and HARRY NELSON, who is well and thriving in Charlotte, NC. When I called, he and his wife, Marlene, had secured the house and packed the car, waiting for the word to evacuate if Hurricane Ike kept on course. After graduating from Wayne State Medical School with a proficiency in surgery, he went on to specialize in thoracic and vascular surgery. At 64 he retired because of back problems and moved to Hilton Head to rest, only to find himself becoming head of surgery for a free clinic for the next five years. They have traveled extensively in Europe and last year went to South Africa. He stays in contact with JACK GORDON. DICK TOWNSEND did a search and came up with information on DAVID TOMPKINS. David was a design engineer and model maker employed by such companies as Mattel, and he held a number of patents. He was also a noted sculptor and artist exhibiting in Los Angeles. Dick also picked up an article on GUNTHER BALZ from the MIT Review, which stated, “I picked up a Ph.D., built a few airplanes, play some tennis, have a grandchild, sold my business and retired in 1984.” After JOHN RICE visited Dick Breck, he returned to Houston to batten down and ride out Ike, which had decided to avoid the Nelsons. John’s e-mail said he had an adequate supply of food, water, flashlights and candles and 110 mile hour winds and six inches of water in the street with a few flying roofs and siding blowing by. Kathleen and my news was having our Marine son, Ken ’97, home for a week after three tours in Iraq. (You might like to look at the ’75 column about our son, Dirk ’75, being “detained” at the opening ceremony at the Olympic games.) I e-mail BOB HOFFMAN frequently. He responds faster than anyone. TOM TOMLINSON is still ailing. He and Lois will bunk with us for the 60th. PETE SIMPSON and MILT MATTER will be staying with Dick Breck. JOHN HOLDSWORTH sent a picture of himself hiking the Kanan Dume. He says “one of my biggest joys of retirement is to hike on a weekly basis.” The Reunion Committee is working hard and will need the cooperation of each of you to make it a big success. I get copied on their e-mails, and yesterday I hit the print button to copy the latest and got 12 pages they had generated over the past few days. I will happily supply you with their phone numbers and e-mail addresses. My information is at the end of this column.

Our 60th reunion is June 5-7, 2009. CONNIE CLARK JONES has been contacting classmates after their return from their latest venture, a 3,455-mile motor trip from Miami north to visit friends and relatives in North Carolina, Connecticut, Vermont and Ohio. They returned home just in time to “button up the homestead” in preparation for the arrival of tropical storms. At Christmas time they will join their children in Belize for a week of fun. They enjoyed their Mediterranean cruise on the Queen Victoria in April so much that they will take another cruise on the QV in May 2009, as well as a cruise through the Greek Islands on the Seabourne Odyssey in Sept. 2009. But most importantly, they will WELCOME you at our reunion. JULIE PORATH HAMLIN and her husband boarded up their home to avoid the storms coming into Key West and headed for Tennessee. Their grandson, Alex Hamlin, is a freshman at U-M and already in the marching band. His major is engineering. Their granddaughter, Katie, transferred to Washtenaw Community College from Oakland Community College and will transfer again next year to U-M. Her major is elementary education. PEGGY GILFILLAN COLE is teaching ESL every morning and plays golf and bridge for fun and exercise.
Her favorite activity is spending a day in NYC at the museums or the opera. Yes to reunion. 

**MARYE ROSE RAIDER SCHALTER** spent the winter in Florida. Her husband works out of both his Florida and New York offices. Their daughter, Linda, is an outstanding executive head-hunter and secondly an art consultant. Susan, their designer daughter, is busy decorating her home in Scarsdale and a new apartment in Miami Beach. One grandchild is at U-M, one at U of Indiana and one at medical school. Their youngest grandson is a junior in high school. Marye Rose plays bridge, visits art exhibits, ballets and operas. They enjoyed the Olympics, U.S. Open and Conventions and will be at our reunion. 

**NANCY HOGAN HENNING** had her knee replaced in April and is healing very fast. Yes to reunion. **VALERIE KALLEN** has two new great-grandchildren, a boy in California and a girl in Ohio. One grandson is in Iraq with the Marines, and a granddaughter is in the Air Force in California. Yes to reunion. 

**JANET FROST VICTOR** and Paul took a river trip last April from Basel to Antwerp with a group of friends they met about 15 yrs ago in Australia. They have sent five of their grandchildren off to college. Their grandson is teaching English at a Japanese university and is engaged to a Japanese girl. Janet feels his love for this culture came from U-M when he roomed with several Japanese boys. With his last name of Jung, the boys equated it with the Orient rather than Germany or Switzerland. **ARLONE HOWARD RUSSEL** and family spent the summer at Lime Lake and enjoyed their grandchildren. Their 11-year-old went to Disney World with the Grand Traverse Touring Dance Group to dance on stage there, representing Michigan and competing against other states and countries. They won three silver medals. Their other two grandchildren are back in grade school. John and **LIZ GALLOGLY BACON** traveled to Ireland to visit their son, Charlie, and family, then on to France to the Elderhaus French Study Program. Their twin grandsons graduate from college next May. Yes to reunion. 

**JESSIE KINDEL PALMER** sends greetings from New York where they live most of the year. Bob continues to work. Since retirement from academic life, he has been at Forrest Laboratories. Summers are spent in Holland, MI, where their children and grandchildren join them frequently. In the winter Jessie is busy volunteering at the Metropolitan Museum, and since she can no longer play tennis, cross-country ski, etc., she has discovered bridge. First time back to our reunion! **JEANNE BROWN GIFFORD** talked to **TALLY CARD WILLIAMS** recently. Their daughter comes in from San Antonio about twice a month to check on them. Tally says all three of Ann’s children are married. The last one had a wedding in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Tally sends books to **LUANN AYERS KOCH**, but she must eat her lemon drops while reading. More enjoyable? Jeanne now sings in the church choir, just like old times. She is still working with Mizner by the Sea Realty, also playing golf with the Palm Beach and Ft. Lauderdale Singles Group, the ASGA. Jeanne talks to **MARY ANN MILBRAND HENDRICKSON**, who is still selling real estate in Richmond, VA. Jeanne hopes to persuade Mary Ann to come to reunion with her. **DELAYNE DEYOUNG ROGERS** is feeling like her old self again and is back to painting.

**Subject:** Colorful Sun Flowers. Her granddaughter was married in Asheville, and the couple live and work in nearby Charlotte. We hope she and **SUE NOLTE DURHAM** will be able to attend. Others who are coming: **CAROL LOMBARD AFARIAN** with her son, Haik, **IMY POWRIE SCHLEY** and **ALICE SPERO MARCH**. Alice is moving to New York next spring. She is still writing “Attention” articles for the Internet. She hopes **ANN WALRAD KELLY** will leave Goodhart, MI, next winter and enjoy warmer climates. And last but not least, **JUDY TUCKER HOOKER** writes that her son, Tom, and wife visited her Labor Day weekend from Texas. Son, Dan, and family visit her often. Her daughter, Karen, lives 10 minutes away. Grandson, Chris, is a senior at Gonzaga University, and grandson, Andrew, is 15 and plays lacrosse and basketball. Judy feels blessed to have a loving family. Amen. 

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**K1950**

With each call for Class Notes there inevitably comes an item that just makes me smile at the great things our class does. This time around I am happy to report that you (and the world) can now log on to **JOAN ISAACSON CHANDLER**’s smiling face each morning on her new webpage, http://web.me.com/joanchandler, and read her “Ideas, Musings and Opinions.” Joanie’s short and crisp comments range all over the map, from her early memories of living across the street from Walter Reuther to the current political scene. She lives a full life, recently taking an Alaskan cruise with Nation Magazine, along with many of their columnists, as well as Richard Dreyfuss and Ralph Nader. Sounds like interesting shipmates, to say the least! Another wonderful piece of news came from **TRUDY ROLLINS MURRAY**, who had just returned from grandchild # 3’s graduation from Wesleyan, where she heard Senator Obama, who stepped in as commencement speaker for Senator Ted Kennedy. Trudy indicated that she and her husband, George, are paying the college tuitions for all 16 of their grandchildren. She played it down, noting it was a tax-free way to help their children, but the sheer scale of generosity simply takes my breath away. And their grandchildren are spread out in colleges from coast to coast. Truly, this is a remarkable and wonderful gift for them. In July, **ROBIN SQUIER GOLDSMITH** took her granddaughter, Serena, to Alaska through the Inland Passage and had a wonderful time, sightseeing whales and seals and enjoying many natural adventures. **SALLY SLOEVER SAUNDERS** ran into Robin (“as lovely and serene as ever”) at the Stratford Festival, Ontario, where Robin gets her yearly Shakespeare “fix.” Sally has stayed busy with short trips to her cottage in Canada, as well as visiting **CYNTHIA BOOTH BALLANTYNE** over lunch in Petoskey, noting Cynthia is doing well and is happy in Harbor Springs. **CAROL ROBERTSON GRAY**, back and forth across the Atlantic, flies from point to point, visiting grade school classmatess in a reunion in Ohio, a family reunion with her sister and brothers in St. Paul, and a drive to the East to see all her kids for three weeks. Returning from France in June, they were greeted at their Grosse Pointe Park home with a cave-in that produced an unwelcome indoor swimming pool in the basement. Somehow Carol manages to maintain her cool and a sense of humor. From North Carolina, **BARBARA PRIEST JESKE** writes that Stu is back on the golf course after knee replacement, and they, too, take pride in the grandchildren, from four years old to college graduate; their oldest just graduated from Wake Forest this spring. They all seem to be involved in some kind of sports, so Barb and Stu are kept busy attending lots of games. But they continue to volunteer at UNC Hospital and work on several other committees.

**SHEILA MCMULLEN READY** was just back from a week at the (“freezing”) New Jersey shore where all 10 of the family got together. Bob may be sans hair from chemo, but at this writing he was feeling pretty darned good, and they look forward to having the whole family for Thanksgiving. When we last heard from **ANNE GILMOUR HILL**, she was backpacking in Yosemite. It turns out Ann suffered a knee problem and had to come out 15 miles, “painfully” on horseback. But this year, with a new brace, she is back at it, albeit shorter hikes. For their 50th anniversary she and her husband, Preston, are flying to Vermont to attend—get this—the Craftsbury Sculling School for a week. They will return via the Canadian Railway across Canada to Vancouver, visit family, etc., etc. Just reading her letters exhausts me. 

**MARIYN HOWLETT BARNES**, who lives outside of Tucson, informed me that they were in the middle of their monsoon season and that her daughter, Bonnie, was coming to visit to celebrate Marilyn’s 76th birthday. I never knew that Arizona even had a monsoon season, but **CONNIE TEETOR RODIE** informed me, indeed, that is the case! In early September, Connie is on her way to Ireland for a tour with her brother and sister-in-law with a very small group on a special jaunt that will take them to Dublin and other places, and into lots of private homes. Regrettably, I must end the notes on some sadder news, which is inevitable as the years wear on. Three of our classmates have lost their husbands since the last writing. **ANNE FOGLEBERG VERRET** wrote that her husband, Gayle, died just short of their 49th anniversary. It was very quick, but their children were all there. I met Anne’s husband many years ago when I visited them in Louisiana—a terrific man who made a wonderful living for his family on the oil platforms off the coast. He loved his work and his family, and he was such an attractive man, with a real zest for life. I know our hearts go out to Anne. And also to **JANET SNADER GAGE**, who lost her husband, Russell, in June. Russell had been ill with lymphoma since November, but Janet was able to care for him the entire time at home with the help of Hospice the final two weeks. **ELLYN HEINE ROOF** sent me a most poignant letter concerning the death of her husband, Rudy, enclosing the eulogy spoken by a friend at the funeral. I remember Elyn talking about this boy back home in Indiana when we were Kingswood boarders. And she never wavered from that first love. Rudy had fought a long battle with Parkinson’s disease. Their life together revolved heavily around their
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C1951

Once again, and sadly, another death to report. GORDY ROSENTHAL died in January after an extended struggle with multiple myeloma (bone marrow cancer). Gordy was a University of Pennsylvania (Wharton Business School) graduate. His trumpet skills, refined to the dismay of our ears, turned out to be an asset to the University’s marching band. He then had a tour with Air Force Intelligence. In the Middle East he was once advised that because he was Jewish, it might be safer if he remained on the plane. Gordy met Marcia, his wife, on a blind date in the early ’60s. They had two children: Lee, a vice president of marketing at Rewards Network, a restaurant marketing company in Chicago, and Lecia, a professor of English at Tufts; and have one grandchild, JP. After the military he returned to his hometown of Steubenville (not “Stupidville” as many of us used to tease him). OH, to help run his family’s furniture business. With the collapse of the steel industry, Steubenville, like many other “Rust Belt” towns, declined. Gordon closed the business in 1983, just as his two kids were entering their own private high school year and started a second career as a consultant to furniture industry manufacturers and retailers. He was later involved in mergers and acquisitions. In 1986 Gordon moved his family to Pittsburgh, to the home where Marcia still resides. Gordon was an accomplished photographer, enjoyed golf, and (as is true with many ex-horn players) retained an interest in jazz. Marcia continues to work in the art world as a dealer, an adviser to corporations and individuals, and an appraiser.

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This seems to be the year for 50th wedding anniversaries! On June 20, Ardis and I were privileged to join Karen and DAVE NOE on their 50th with their daughters, Pam and Marnie, and their husbands for dinner at The Lark. On August 16, Ardis and I celebrated our own 50th with a party at The Saint Clair River Country Club. In attendance were Helen and Bob Ward ’50, Ann and BILL SALOT, Karen and DAVE NOE, BUD REITZEL and friend, Barbara, Ginny and my brother, Jake Hirt ’55, and Jim Taylor ’53. Our three children and five grandchildren were all present for the festivities. TOM STONER is the latest classmate to join the ranks of published authors. On September 15, Tom’s book, “Open Spaces Sacred Places,” became available. It has been 10 years in the making and concerns how nature heals and unifies. Tom attributes his learning of the value of nature from his five years on the wonderful campus at Cranbrook 60 years ago. Check it out at Web site: www.openspacesSacredPlaces.

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ABOVE, Members of the Kingswood Class of 1951 at Ring Ceremony

TOP, Stan Hirt, C’52, Bob Ward, C’50, Ardis Hirt, Helen Ward, Stan’s son Brian and his wife Florencia, holding Sean and Julia

BOTTOM, Bill Salot, Bud Reitzel, Dave Noe and Stan Hirt, all C’52

ABOVE, Stan Hirt, C’52, Ardis Hirt, Karen Noe and Dave Noe, C’52 at Dave and Karen’s 50th Anniversary
TOP, George Bihler, C’53, with daughter, Anne MIDDLE, Lee Trumbull, CK’86, with dad, Elliott Trumbull, C’53 BOTTOM, Poet Cam Harlan, C’53, presents copies of his signed book to classmates

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Me again: my thanks to all those involved in our reunion, the local committee members, especially Ned, and our returning classmates. In closing, to the four newlyweds, I send best wishes for many healthy, happy and prosperous years ahead. And, to all, AIM HIGH!

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Something new this time: a two-part, two-person report. Because I missed our 55th reunion, I asked NED BEARDEN, who arranged the events, to write his thoughts for this space. But, before that, I must tell you about the wedding of my daughter, Lee ‘86, which was the reason for my absence. Lee and Robert Allen were married here in Naples, on the beach at sunset in a gorgeous beach resort, and now they’re back living in Birmingham. For our post-wedding getaway, Patti and I took an 18-day, nine-country cruise on the new Queen Victoria. My sister, Nancy ‘47, joined us for the delightful and memorable trip. Also a proud father last summer was GEORGE BIHLER, whose daughter, Anne, married Lawrence Yatch, a Navy SEAL, on the beach in St. John in May. But, I have to wonder why, with the groom’s training and the bride’s swimming background, the ceremony wasn’t held in the water? The only other classmate that I can mention is PHIL LEMESSURIER who continues to be a reliable correspondent. Phil’s most recent mailing contained pictures from his and Sarah Joe’s eight-day stay in Paris last April. Now, onto the second part of this report and the second person. Take it away, Ned…” Early this year our illustrious secretary, ELLIOTT TRUMBULL, called with the news that as his daughter was being married, he would miss our 55th class reunion. Therefore, he recruited me to take over and be in charge of the reunion (not that he could ever be replaced!). With the help of several local classmates, we rounded up the troops from the Class of ’53 for the first event on Friday night – cocktails and dinner at Cranbrook House. A total of 11 classmates and their respective spouses were in attendance. Representing the Class of ’53 were JIM AUGUST, NED BEARDEN, GEORGE BIHLER, DICK BOOTH, CHARLIE CHASE, CAM HARLAN, HARRY LOMASON, BUD MOORE, JIM SAYLOR, STEVE STUBBS and JAMIE TAYLOR. Although it was warmer than usual, the air conditioned Oak Room that Elliott had thoughtfully reserved for our private dinner party made for a perfect evening. On Saturday afternoon, many joined Ben Snyder in the Page Hall Common Room for the Gathering of Golden Graduates to reminisce about their respective days at Cranbrook. Following our Class of ’53 reunion picture, we mingled with all the other classes at the Cranbrook Quad Fest for music, cocktails and the buffet dinner. Before the enjoyable weekend ended, Campbell Harlan distributed to our classmates a signed copy of his paperback book, ‘Nursery Rhymes for Old Farts.’ Cam wrote the rhymes, and his wife, Mary, illustrated the book, which they published in 2004. I’m sure that our longstanding secretary, ET, would appreciate receiving his personalized copy when he resumes his excellent coverage of our class activities.”

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KIT NOLTE MORRIS is moving to Kerrville, TX. Her youngest grandchildren live there. There is great golf for Don and fabulous art activities for Kit.

PAT BAUERVIC LEONARD and Jim recently celebrated their 50th anniversary at a party given by their children. Pat and four of her five children
are taking a 12-day trip to Croatia this fall. They will cruise the Dalmation coast and the Adriatic Sea. CLAIRE ZIMMERMAN DAILEY missed her very first major reunion because her son-in-law was giving a recital in New York City. Claire attended the Cranbrook Kingswood party in Naples, FL, last spring. NANCY HOLMES GILBERT and Chuck visited their daughter, Jeanne, in Sacramento recently. They stayed at the Ojai Valley Inn. JOAN CURRIE DAVIES’ daughter, Terri, and her family visited Nancy and Chuck in Palm Springs last winter. It is wonderful that Nancy kept up with Joan’s family all these years. JOAN THAYER KEARFOFF is a great-grandmother. Her great-granddaughter was born in Houston, TX, on Joan’s birthday. GAY WRIGHT VELA stayed at Wright-By-The-Sea for the summer and walked miles every morning. Gay went to Highlands, NC, with her three children and six grandchildren recently.

SUE BLAIR LEMSER looks fabulous, very thin. She and Larry were on the way from the reunion to their fishing cabin for the summer. BETTY HAMADY SAMS and her brother and sister were at the reunion. Her daughter, Alicia, was married in July in Jackson Hole, WY. Betty will soon be in her new home in Washington, DC.

GRETCHEN MEYER FOSTER’s paintings were in two one-person art shows at the Williamstown Theatre Art Gallery in Williamstown, MA, and the Women’s Historical Hall of Fame Center. Gretchen and Rick will be at Dartmouth in October and then on a two-week trip to France in November for a Smith College class reunion. JULIE HAUSER GILBERT sent a beautiful bouquet of flowers to our reunion luncheon. Julie and Jerry celebrated their 50th reunion in December. They have recently enjoyed two wonderful trips to the Caribbean. Last summer was spent at Bethany Beach, DE, with all five grandchildren. This fall they will go to the Canadian Rockies with law school friends.

SUE MARTIN TRITSCHLER and Fred are happy in Tampa. They will go with the University of the South on a three-year “trio of trips,” exploring the ancient capitols of the Eastern and Western hemispheres. JIM DAVIDOW writes, “I continue to work for the US Environmental Protection Agency and have been primarily involved with global climate change issues. A paper on the need for a different approach to climate change control was published in June, 2008. The principal events in my personal life in the last year included trips to Bhutan, Cambodia, Thailand (all in October-November, 2007), Greece (in June, 2008), and the wedding of my younger daughter in July, 2008 near San Francisco. All three of our children are now married and living either on the East or West Coasts.”

RUD BOUCHER was on the other end of the country. He and his wife, Terri, celebrated their 48th anniversary last summer, but thankfully all is now well. Rud and I spent an afternoon wandering around one of the largest golf courses in the world. It is very beautiful and relaxing. We will be in Las Cruces, NM, from January through April next year. Our three children are all doing well in their chosen careers, and life is good. We should all think about our 55th reunion next year. Let’s start counting those who plan to attend. Please let me know.

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These days are really moving along when we realize that the Democratic presidential nominee and the Republican vice-presidential nominee could be our children. And Larry Asbury, wherever you are, was John McCain your classmate at the US Naval Academy? So with the relentless time tick, we focus on our involvements and loved ones and treasure our lives all the more. The class news always reflects this. Liz and I are meeting JAMI BARNES and Alice Mohler DeLana ’54 on Sept. 15 for a mini-reunion. Should be fun. I’ll report on it next time. I hear repeatedly from DAVE CHITTENDEN, who is presently in France with his wife and friends, according to a recent e-mail. David is a devoted and intense Obama supporter. One rainy day last summer I picked up the telephone and DUANE CHRISTIE was on the other end, camping no less than twice with his wife, Barbara, and his son’s family in Boothbay Harbor, ME. It was a rainy week, but it seems he survived as I received a newsy e-mail from him recently describing a very busy prior 10 months, including a 50th reunion at Michigan State, attendance at Grandparent University with his eldest grandson, a 40th anniversary cruise through the Panama Canal and three months at a “great RV resort in north FL. Myer.” JIM DAVIDOW writes that he has moved back to the Dallas, TX, area (Colleyville) from Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, where he had lived for three years. The difficulty of running a national business from Florida is what prompted the move. KURT KEYDEL has written again of great family occasions, a week on Saginaw Bay with his daughter, Erika, and her family, partaking in “Cheeseburger North, a 10 day Margarita-Jimmy Buffett festival” and more importantly, a new grandson (9 lbs., 10.5 oz.) born to his son, Nikolaus, and his wife, Alissa. I must say, Kurt seems to lead the class in number of grandchildren, as well as largest. HAYS ROCKWELL and Linda, K’54, continue to enjoy retirement. Hays doing a little guest preaching and Linda volunteering a couple of agencies looking “after the needs of the poor.” Hays and Linda had a serious health issue with their youngest daughter last summer, but thankfully all is now well. Liz and I are enjoying our new and smaller quarters in Brunswick, ME (condo), and I have sold my office building and am transitioning into stress-free retirement from law practice. We will be in Las Cruces, NM, from January through April next year. Our three children are all doing well in their
Cranbrook, sidestepping lots of construction. The place sure will look nice when it is done. Cranbrook, sidestepping lots of construction.

ABOVE, Alan Carlin, C’55, and family on the beach in Marin County

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GORDON FLEMING writes, “Going to Chicago to see new grandchild, Ava Marie, and to nephew’s wedding – both in September – enjoying sunsets and lovely days of summer in Petoskey – hi to all.” TOM GOSSETT: “I thought I’d bring you up-to-date on my wellness. I am actually doing quite nicely, all things considered. I am still walking, although it has become difficult at times. But I am now aiding by having a splendid new electric powered chair with which I can zip around my house much to the green envy of my grandkids who think that they should have use of this nifty machine for their own pleasure. I have a very different life than I did just a short time ago. I used to be in the fast lane, but now I like doing things like keeping in touch with family and friends (which includes my Cranbrook classmates) who have reached out to me in so many ways. I like reading a great deal, and this is how I spend a lot of my days. You know, I am very fortunate to have the support of my family and friends. I remember reading somewhere: ‘It is indeed a foul wind which blows no good.’ And so it is. All the best.” JAKE HIRT writes, “Six months into retirement and I wonder how I had time to work! Now I wonder how I can afford to be retired....Spending the summer in St. Clair. Little golf, little fishing, and lots of grandkids visiting. Spent 10 days in Aspen/Snowmass. Kara (our youngest daughter), John (her husband) and their sons, Quinn, 5, and James, 3, Ginny and I took Amtrak from Royal Oak, MI, to Glenwood Springs, CO. Dana (our oldest daughter), her husband, John, and their daughters, Kollin, 10, and Mckenna, 7, flew out. Had a great time hiking, biking, horseback riding (not me) great music, food, etc. Went to several U.S. Kids golf tournaments as Kollin was entered in seven and won six. She had a 46 at the MSU Forest Akers East Course in her last tournament to qualify for a tournament at Pinehurst, NC, next year. This could get expensive ...but fun. We will go back to Naples, FL, for the winter after a little duck, grous, and goose hunting in early October. All the best to ‘The Class of 55’.” From JOE PRENDERGAST – “Dwight! It is so good to hear from you! It is always nice to know you are still cool. This spring I was given the Father of the Year Award by the American Diabetes Association. This puts me in the same category as Ronald Reagan, Colin Powell and a host of other luminaries. It basically is a fund raising event, but the chicken was good and Marlene was able to ‘suck it up’ and give a funny speech about me. We like our life and to prove it Marlene is off hiking in the Eastern Sierras out of Bishop, CA. I’m at work. I have spent some time in Hollywood over the past few weeks, so when Cranbrook gives you about 16 pages to fill, I will help. I will report back as soon as I find out what the tuition is for “Looking beautiful getting out of a car” school. Cranbrook should know; this is real competition. The anatomy class is closed. You don’t want to know the cost.” Sometimes I just can’t figure Joe out. Nonetheless, it is always good to hear from him. BILL RAISCH writes, “Life continues to be active for me with varied activities, chief among them at this time being the September implementation of a federal grant targeting members of our local Boys & Girls Club and other elementary school students as well as planning for a November ethics symposium for college students which our church has sponsored for the past couple of years, but way too much to report other than a few happenings currently. “Last April the #2 granddaughter, Samantha, who started her University of Michigan academic and Women’s Track and Field experience the fall of 2004, waited to graduate with her class and teammates in April 2008 with Bob Woodruff ’79 as the commencement speaker. For all four years she won her ‘M’ in track and was on the dean’s list. During this month of August the two greatest-grandsons, Hayden, 3+, and Henry, 1, in Sept., have continued their male children’s modeling careers, with both appearing on occasion in ads for JC Penny, Neiman Marcus, Rags Lands, etc. Major item at this time is our oldest daughter, Tanya, and her husband, Peter. They have just returned, briefly, to our area after spending the last 2 ½ years in our US Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan. Peter was the DCM and Tanya worked in security at the Embassy. Because of security issues, no family could visit them while they were there. At the time this is written Peter is scheduled to be sworn-in as the next Ambassador to a place of their choice, the Republic of Malawi in Africa.” The DWIGHT DAVIS family still thrives in Arizona regardless of the weather and wishes all classmates and their families the very best of everything. Good health and happiness to all!

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I am very happy to report that I am finally home after almost four months in Seattle. For those who don’t know, I flew out there on May 14 to take care of my son, Bruce, who became critically ill with viral encephalitis. He is back to normal and doing very well, much to the amazement of his doctors. On June 8 I was involved in an automobile accident, resulting in a broken leg, two pelvic fractures and a dislocated shoulder, all on the left side. The father of one of the firemen who answered the 911 call played hockey for the Detroit Red Wings in 1955. Small world! Anyway, after a short hospital stay I spent the next month in a rehab facility, where out of six roommates, the best and most fun was an 85-year-old lady who was a hoot. Then the remainder of the summer I stayed at my son’s, sleeping in a hospital bed at night. My only request, when determining where to place the bed was, “Please don’t put it where anyone coming in the front door would see Grandma laid out in the living room.” The next seven weeks I went to physical therapy three times a week. During the course of my stay in rehab I had wonderful visits from Barbara Knoblock Rona and two of Ellen Flint Price’s daughters, Mary Ellen Cunningham ’86, (who treated me to a wonderful French bakery lunch) and Sarah Cloyd ’80, who was visiting from San Diego, CA. I want to express my thanks to everyone (Kingswood and Cranbrook classmates) for all their calls, phone calls, get well wishes, beautiful flowers and lovely gifts. It meant so much and helped to keep my spirits up during recovery. Much appreciated! BARBARA KNOBLOCK RONA and Tom flew to France the beginning of July for their annual month’s vacation in a delightful artist’s apartment in Paris. One of their ventures was a train ride out into the country.
to see where van Gogh spent the last 70 days of his life painting. They also attended the Paris Jazz Festival, which took place in a park setting with gorgeous flowers all around. **LUANNE AULEPPE** wrote to say how much she was enjoying the Breckenridge Music Festival orchestra, particularly the chamber music. She was looking forward to the upcoming orchestra/choral presentations. At least this music was much more enjoyable than the sounds accompanying the remodeling of her condo bathroom! Knee pain has curtailed much hiking for Lu, but gas prices have kept her walking as concerts, market, post office, etc. are close by.

**JOANNE BALCH THOMAS** informed me they are now permanent residents of Florida, having sold their Vancouver townhouse. She and Graham were in the midst of remodeling the Ocean Reef house. They spent 10 days in June in the Galapagos, where they snorkeled while fur seals and penguins dove under them. In August they took a barge trip in Germany, ending up in Munich, then went on to Innsbruck to the Swarovski factory. A few days were spent with Graham’s daughter on to Innsbruck to the Swarovski factory. A few days were spent with Graham’s daughter and family in France before returning home. Joanne claims to “definitely be a dog and family in France before returning few days were spent with Graham’s daughter. In the meantime, they took a barge trip in Germany, ending up in Munich, then went on to Innsbruck to the Swarovski factory. A few days were spent with Graham’s daughter and family in France before returning home. Joanne claims to “definitely be a dog and family in France before returning few days were spent with Graham’s daughter.

**SMITH**. She has been a volunteer at SVU (Southern Virginia University) for 10 years in numerous capacities. She plays golf and bridge and takes classes aimed at a possible third degree in family development and music. In addition to her busy church activity, Gayle has done extensive traveling. She spent two years as an English teacher at a Chinese university and a full-time missionary in the midst of remodeling the Ocean Reef house. They spent 10 days in June in the Galapagos, where they snorkeled while fur seals and penguins dove under them. In August they took a barge trip in Germany, ending up in Munich, then went on to Innsbruck to the Swarovski factory. A few days were spent with Graham’s daughter and family in France before returning home. Joanne claims to “definitely be a dog and family in France before returning few days were spent with Graham’s daughter.

**LYNDA GENTHE CHAMPION** just days prior to her Shih Tzu giving birth to five puppies. Lynda and Jim had just returned from a wonderful vacation with the family at Boyne in northern Michigan. The beginning of September Ellen Flint Price waited at the finish line of the annual run in Telluride, CO, for Walter Taylor to cross the line. He did so in 4 1/2 hours, coming in second in his age group! Congratulations, Walt. The two of them spent 1 1/2 hours talking while waiting for Walt’s wife, Nancy, to cross the finish line. Ellen reported that Walt is now officially retired. She then visited Luanne Aulepp in Loveland, CO, for two days the middle of September. Following that, Ellen enjoyed a few days in Denver with Jessie Sinclair, the former Kingswood dance teacher. Our classmate, **PAT MCKENNA**, passed away July 29 in Tucson, AZ, from inoperable lung cancer. Pat’s many talents and interests were reflected in her multi-faceted career. Amongst the positions and activities she held were: model for the International Car Shows in Detroit; investigative journalist for The Detroit News; director/actress of amateur theatre locally; private investigator for a retired FBI agent (after receiving a degree in law enforcement and protection); talent booking agent (clients included comedian Tim Allen); and assisting the administration of McKenna Industries, Inc., an automotive model making firm begun by her father. In the last 20 years Pat wrote poetry and plays; articles for local newspapers; fought corruption in her local government (in the southwest); helped youths with substance abuse problems and sponsored local immigrant families. She is survived by her three children, three grandchildren and her brother. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Pat’s family. Lastly, I want to thank **DRIEKA MARTIN BLOOM** ever so much for stepping up (without being asked) and informing our classmates about my misfortune and taking over for me while I was recovering. I’ll be sending postcards after the holidays requesting news for the next issue of Tradition. Many thanks again and my very best to everyone.

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**Continuing...Fall 2008. By now, most of us have turned or are about to turn 70, the beginning of another decade in our long lives. On the near horizon looms another important presidential election, the outcome of which will affect the domestic and international direction of our country during our new decade. With these milestone events in mind, our classmates have responded accordingly about their active, involved and vibrant lives. **SYLVIA THYRALL LESTER**, for the first time in 20 years, spent the summer and hurricane season in Miami, (amazing, since, a few years ago, she lost the roof and most of her home to Andrew!) and, to her surprise, enjoyed the experience of staying home. Some of the highlights of which were daily swimming and retrieving with Biscuit, her rescued Wheaton Terrier, in the fresh water lake in front of her home; training to be a poll worker, earning the impressive title, Inspector Sylvia Lester at Precinct #717; conquering the technology of her Mac and iPod; and for her big 70th celebration at the end of August, sharing a joyous feast of stone crabs with her son, Richard, who is opening a boutique trial firm in Denver. Her other son, Lance, is practicing law with a partner south of Tucson. Her daughter, Saralynn, and family are resettled in Chesapeake, OH. Sylvia is looking at our new decade as the “final boarding process,” hoping that this election gives us a president who uses this great opportunity to do an about face with a fresh set of values and with intelligent diplomacy, eliminating our recent international arrogance and focusing on our critical domestic, economic and environmental issues, leading once again to an America that we and we used to know and respect. **DEBORAH MOORE GEITHNER** considers the difference between age 69 and age 70 to be greater than any other two years back to back and wonders if anyone else feels the same. To quote her: “I LIKED being 69! 70 SOUNDS so ‘old’!” She, on the other hand, does not FEEL any different. However, a sense of mortality is finally sinking in – the awareness that she has fewer years ahead of her than behind her. But she finds hope with the upcoming election, if we elect a president who will actually “LEAD” our country in the way that we can be proud of and has a certain intellectual and cultural “fineness” that we can support and respect. Then, her 70th year will be an excellent one. **JANICE (Jan) MALONE MYERS** admits that it feels good to be the youngest in our class and to be able to say that she is STILL enjoying her 60s! She thought that her life would slow down as she approaches her 70s. WRONG! There seem to be more demands on her time and energy than ever before, since there is still so much she wants to see, learn and experience while she is able to do so. Her consistent priority is traveling to spend time with her three sons and their families, including her four granddaughters, who are scattered from the East Coast to the West Coast. A summer highlight was when her entire family gathered for a week at one of her son’s home in Darien, CT. It was very rewarding and heartwarming for her to experience the three generations blending so beautifully. As she nears the end of her 60s, she is grateful for a life filled with so many rich blessings and for the many wonderful
people who have shared their lives with her. KAREN GILDERSELEE SEELEY has such an upbeat outlook on turning 70. Maybe her being a Valentine’s baby is the reason! Her reaction: “WOW! 70 years old and still feeling like a spring chicken! Now we are old enough to dress as we like, act as we like, even do the hoochie koochie if we like! Remember – AGE IS JUST A NUMBER!” KAY HELLYER SMITH expresses her reaction humorously, as always: “Wake up on my 70th birthday. Sit bold upright. I’ve forgotten to renew my driver’s license! How could this happen? In the past, I’ve always gotten a letter giving me a choice to mail in my renewal. Ahah… the DMV knows how old I am and has become immediately suspicious of me!! There is no alternative but to turn myself in…so they get another shot of me. It’s George Washington! This government needs to get its act together!”

For SUSAN HODGES BENN’s 70th birthday celebration at the beginning of September, she was anticipating DEBORAH MOORE GEITNER of New York and London and being with her. Unfortunately, British Airways and the remnants of Hurricane Hanna made that trip impossible at the very last moment. CYNTHIA (Cindy) COLE EUSEBI sent in a fabulous photo of KAY PERRING, CATHERINE (Cathy) BEMIS MUNRO-GOLDSON, JANE MCKENZIE MULLIN, BARBARA (Barb) BLACKWOOD BRADLEY and herself taken at the Kingsley Inn on April 29, when Kay hosted a birthday luncheon to celebrate their turning 70. It was a fun party for all as they talked, and talked and talked for over four hours! Unfortunately, Janice (Jan) Malone Myers was sick and could not join them. As JANE MCKENZIE MULLIN began 70, her husband, Paul, sold his dental practice and professional building and is “really, really, really” retired. They are now enjoying longer stays at their northern Michigan home. Her best news is that, on May 14, her younger daughter, Kerry, in Oregon, gave birth to Jane’s first granddaughter. But Jane’s ABSOLUTE best news is the baby’s name…Piper Jane. To quote Jane: “Check out her middle name…how cool is that??!” After spending a couple of weeks in Oregon in May, Jane will see Kerry and Piper Jane again, along with her other daughter, Kristen, and her two sons, in Michigan in September. BARBARA (Barb) BLACKWOOD BRADLEY feels that she is “growing up” at 70! She is still working and is actually enjoying the experience of living alone, being able to renovate and clean out her house as she pleases. However, she was challenged last summer by bats “hanging out” in her chimney! Wisely, she used the resources at Cranbrook Science Institute to resolve the intrusion. Now, she kind of misses them! She had a memorable trip to Washington with her middle son, Brett, to visit her youngest son, Ty. The three of them drove up the Olympic Peninsula and took the ship to Victoria, British Columbia. Her favorite outing was to Butchart Gardens, outside of Victoria. To quote: “I thought I had died and gone to Heaven! I couldn’t believe my eyes!” The Gardens, which are amazingly landscaped and impeccably maintained, are world renown and cover acres and acres of every tree, bush and flower, etc. that can grow there. Other fun news is that her youngest grandchild and only granddaughter, Julia, an 11th grader, has a boyfriend! Because of her four grandchildren, Grandma Barb has entered the world of technology devices and is now proficient at texting! In the middle of July, the Colorado sky lighted up as CATHERINE (Cathy) STERRITT GARY (from CA), JOY STAUNTON PULCIPHER (from Fort Collins, CO), GAIL GERHARD EVANS (from Denver), KAY PERRING (from New York City) and COLLEEN MAHON ORSATTI (from NJ) united in the Rockies to celebrate our 70th birthdays for five days of exhilarating fun, fresh air, camaraderie, good food and scintillating conversation, recalling past memories, discussing present experiences and sharing future plans. Together we drove to Cheyenne, WY, as the Frontier Days Rodeo was just beginning and through Rocky Mountain National Park, crossed the Continental Divide, rode a chairlift above the timberline and explored charming Vail. Evenings on our deck were punctuated with peals of laughter as we shared stories about our collective 11 children and 19 grandchildren! We called ourselves the “KSC Slumberettes,” as captured in the photo that Cathy sent in. Although JOY STAUNTON PULCIPHER continues to work five long days a week, she is always ready for fun. So, she purchased a cherry red recumbent tricycle! She has already peddled a 50-mile round trip on the bike trails along the lakes and canal in Fort Collins with her daughter, Heidi, son-in-law, Chris, and two granddaughters, Emma, 13, and Lizzie, 11. She is delighted that the biking is good for both her knees and her weight! CATHERINE (Cathy) STERRITT GARY and her husband, George, “C56, have changed the direction of their travel destinations since traveling has become such a hassle. They are now considering cruises, which they love, that leave from cities along the West Coast that they can drive to for embarkation—Seattle or Vancouver to Alaska; San Diego to Mexico, the Central American Pacific Coast or Hawaiian Islands. It’s getting harder to plan trips with the entire family as their grandchildren participate in so many activities and have less free time. Cathy remains active with her creative hobbies and charitable activities. For the first time this past summer, NANCY SWAN WILLIAMS and her husband, Dave, sailed their cabin cruiser through the entire area of the Georgian Bay, in Canada, for five weeks, entering from the south and exiting through the North Channel. The waters were challenging and kept them very “alert.” When they returned to their home in Harbor Springs, MI, they spent an evening with MARSHA (Penny) RUDOLPH ADAMS, who drove down from her home in St. Ignace where she was vacationing from California. Over the past few years, Nancy and Dave have become friends with Deborah Sterritt McMillian64, Cathy’s sister, and her husband, Richard, who also have a home in Harbor Springs and dock their boat there in the summer. Exciting news for LINDA JOHNSON LEMIEUX is that she is looking forward to the arrival of her third grandchild in October, when her daughter, Mary Linda, is expecting a boy—a baby brother to John, 6, and Abbey, 4. Linda and her husband, Les, enjoyed their first summer stay at their newly-renovated Empire “cottage” on Lake Michigan and are looking forward to spending many more there. Linda continues to serve on the board of trustees of the Flint Institute of Art and loves being involved with the Flint community.

For MARILYN MACKENZIE MONTGOMERY and her husband, Robert, summer in Sag Harbor, NY, means lazing in the sun by their pool; conquering the challenge of “taming” their garden, neglected for 16 years when they worked and lived in London; thinning out the overgrown woods on a third of their property by cutting down 51 trees; learning to sail their new “little laser,” capszing only twice the first time out; attending free concerts by gifted teenage string players from around the world at Ithzhak Perlman’s camp on nearby Shelter Island and, at the other end of the musical spectrum, the Sag Harbor Community Band concerts, composed of local talent ranging from 16-year-olds to 80-year-olds. In May they returned to England for vacation. Since Robert gets a small pension paid in pounds, it makes traveling in Europe cheaper. Because their daughter, Monica, and Scott were fed up with the Washington, DC, congestion and their two-hour round trip daily commute, they recently moved to Boise, ID, where Robert grew up and still has family. The exciting news is that Monica is expecting their first grandchild next March, whom they can hardly wait to start spoiling and putting the airline’s profit back in the black! Soon after learning the news, Marilyn took the Hampton jitney into New York City to meet KAY PERRING, RHONA NEWCOMB NEWWIRTH and COLLEEN MAHON ORSATTI for a fun and lively lunch, where we toasted the new grandma-to-be. LYNN BURROWS DONALDSON and her husband, Cam, are still trying to master the various high-tech systems in their new energy efficient house. To quote: “You know you are getting on in years when you cannot operate the TV with ease!” They consciously work hard to lessen their carbon footprint in every way possible, including eating locally grown products. This has become a fun challenge, such as discovering that Swiss chard is tastier than expected! They have a large finished room in the basement where she has been gathering viol consortes regularly. As of May, she, too, has a new granddaughter, Samantha, who is Lynn’s son, Rob’s, first child. PEGGY DURHAM truly enjoys reading our Class Notes and learning what our classmates are up to, especially now that she “claims” to be 70 – “jeez, how did that
She seems to stay busy and hopes that she is not just spinning her wheels. As president of her local Audubon chapter, she had the "pleasure (?)" of overseeing creative and diligent members establish a nature center on Evergreen Lake, near where she lives in Colorado. She was in Geneva for two weeks last March helping her son, Rob, who had tricep knee surgery after a freak ski accident. Since she was on her own -- no one to translate, run interference or explain local customs -- she had some amusing experiences and, unknowingly, committed some language "gaffes" that brought amusing snickers from the locals. She also discovered that the roads are really, really narrow there! Her next planned trip is in early September to Bar Harbor, ME, where the "Brokers 60 -- ten close friends from Pembroke/Brook -- will have a big 70th birthday bash together at their annual mini-reunion. ELLEN VAN DUSEN GUTHRIE loved the summer trip that her husband, Newman, and she took, first flying to Oslo and touring Norway for four days by train and motor coach. In Bergen, they boarded Lindblad's 100-passenger ship, "Endeavor," spending two weeks cruising the outer islands of the British Isles -- Shetland, the Orkneys, the Scillys -- disembarking in Portsmouth and flying home from London. It was a National Geographic lead trip with emphasis on the culture of the Celts and the Vikings. They found it fascinating and recommend it highly. Now that Ellen has both her knee replacements, she says that her knees are not really like "new," but they move a lot better than before, enabling her to continue her work more easily with Habitat for Humanity and to return to Guatemala in January to build more houses. VIRGINIA (GINI) CUMINGS INMAN continues her exotic travels, besides visiting her brother in Tacoma, WA, friends in Vermont and her daughters and their families, including Gini's four grandchildren, in the Denver, CO area. Last March, in Vera Cruz, Mexico, she experienced the awesome and beautiful night-time Solstice celebration at El Tajin, a Totenc ruin, where the pyramids and temples were lighted with different colored lights and images -- the only lights in an otherwise pitch black night. The native dancers, singers and -Voladores soared round and round through the air connected only by their feet to ropes from a high pole. When she was in Price, UT, for the annual meeting of the Utah Archaeological Society, she went to the amazing Range Creek area, which has been privately owned for years and just opened to the public on a limited basis. The area is full of petroglyphs and graneries from various eras, including Fremont and Anasazi. She was re-elected to the board of trustees of the Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian, where she has been a volunteer, trustee and past president. She continues to work two days a week at Kiva Fine Arts, a beautiful contemporary Indian art gallery in Santa Fe, founded 20 years ago and owned by a dear friend. Gini is active with the annual Santa Fe Indian Market every summer, the largest Indian art market in the country, where approximately 1200 artists exhibit their works for sale and vie for many awards, especially Best of Show. 60,000-80,000 people flock to Santa Fe for this one fabulous and fun weekend. RHONA NEWCOMB NEWIRTH was delighted to read the article in the Spring 2008 Tradition about the opportunity of the Cranbrook Middle School Advanced String students to attend a special presentation by the Shanghai Quartet. She writes that it is one of the most prestigious and accomplished quartets now on the world stage and is composed of four charming, down-to-earth, approachable and innovative players. As she is on the board of a music organization that has presented the Shanghai on the organization’s significant anniversaries, recently their 50th, always to a full house, the article reminded her how she was introduced to classical music when she was a boarder at Kingswood by Bertha Seifert, then head of the dormitory. Miss Seifert, a rather stern, Germanic woman who walked with a pronounced limp, was a courageous and talented person, who overcame many personal and economic challenges to contribute to the cultural life of several institutions during her lifetime. Rhona is very grateful to Miss Seifert for this musical exposure and subsequent musical appreciation. I, COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI, have been celebrating my 70th most happily with several milestone events: my expected grandson, Benjamin, (Gabrielle and Steve’s son and Dahlia’s little brother) arrived “safe and sound” on April 29 as you can see in his photo — a darling “cutie patootie”; I joined my husband, Bob, in retirement on July 3; my oldest grandchild, Julia, (Greg and Kathy’s daughter and Jacob’s sister) is having her bat mitzvah on September 13, a very joyous and meaningful occasion for my family; and, hopefully, on November 4, we will elect the right president who will do the right thing for getting our country and its future back on track, and who won’t blow it! To be continued...
going into details, Jim's latest report is that his multiple myeloma for which he underwent chemotherapy had broken a vertebra and then was diagnosed with a kidney tumor. A brief spell at home and he was off to Lenox, MA, for the month of July. In spite of working part time and thinking about abandoning his day job altogether Bernie is planning to attend a national medical meeting in Chicago late September where he and spouse are to connect with the jet lagged Akers duo for dinner. Others reporting include MALCOLM (Barry) SMITH who's enjoying criminal defense work and being retired from teaching – or as he so eloquently put it, "Being continually solicits of adolescent angst becomes wearying after 30 or 40 years." Even though tendonitis keeps his body off the tennis courts for a spell, his brain is still engaged in philosophy with an essay, "Does Humanity Share a Common Moral Faculty?" coming in a British journal. See the "Journal of Moral Philosophy" if you’re desperate for the answer. GEORGE RUSELL’s daughter, Lindsey’s, wedding grabbed the headlines last year. This year’s update includes graduating with honors with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Parsons School of Design. After an internship with Calvin Klein, she landed a permanent position with them in the accessories division. At least one Russell doing well while George reports continuing struggles with his private office company. He managed to catch a few days on Nantucket last summer in spite of it all. CHARLIE GRUBE was playing a lot of golf, staying active with the local Rotary Club, organizing a golf tourney and other projects. He’s a board member of Grass River Nature Area, protecting the land (considered, he says, the cleanest watershed in the world) that supplies water to the Chain of Lakes. Charlie and Barb are “enjoying life” in northern Michigan. Unfortunately, not enjoying things so much was JIM EWING who, shortly after reunion, sustained a broken vertebra and then was diagnosed with multiple myeloma for which he underwent chemotherapy and to which he responded well. Without going into details, Jim's latest report is that his health is stable, he’s regaining energy and beginning to remember his old self. He credits wife, Barb, daughter, Heather, friends and family for getting him through the lesser moments. He and Barb have embarked on the new house, previously reported. Meanwhile, younger daughter, Jennifer, is blossom- ing in NYC, now in her second year of drama academy. Send Jim a note at ewing@olympus.net. A wish for Jim’s continued success in his health campaign as we sign off for this issue.

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SALLY AUSTERBERRY DINAN reports many summer visitors, including Anne Coughlin Collins. She claims that they did not get into any trouble but shared good conversation, beach time and food. To celebrate husband, Dennis’, 70th birthday, the Dinans planned on taking the entire family to a rented house in Normandy, France. Sally expected to pull off a logistical wonder of having all family members arrive at Charles De Gaulle airport within 10 minutes of each other. Family and flight times to coincide are Brendan from Miami, Molly and Wrix from Dulles, and Marilyn and wife, Chris, from Logan on the same flight as Sally and Dennis. Considering recent changes in airplane schedules, we will have to wait to see how successful Sally’s logistics actually were. Dinan family plans for Normandy include touring D-Days beaches, golf, fishing and sampling the Calvados. Sally anticipates spending most of the winter in Florida based on predictions forecasting a very brutal winter in the Northeast. As she wrote, she was anxious about the Gulf Coast storms, hoping to be spared any damage as they just completed remodeling in aftermath of Hurricane. Sally’s books: She read a lot of Edith Wharton last winter and is now reliving the ‘60s and ‘70s with Tom Brokaw’s “Boom!: Voices of the Sixties: Personal Reflections on the 60s and Today.” MARILYN MERTINS JOHNSON writes that no news is good news. Life is pretty much the same for the Johnsons from one year to the next. The big highlight this year was a very special Mother’s Day weekend when Marilyn’s youngest daughter and two youngest grandchildren flew to Minneapolis to spend the weekend with her oldest daughter and granddaughter. As a surprise, her son also flew in from New York enabling Marilyn to see all three of her children and all three grandchildren. Mother’s Day also was grandson, Conrad’s, 6th birthday. Marilyn had many friends visit this summer. She continues to do volunteer work with Faith in Action and Grove Christian Outreach Center and is very active with her Social Ministry Committee at church. When she wrote, she had just delivered 129 pairs of new school shoes to a neighborhood in need as part of a project that she leads at church; this was the third year of donating shoes. The Johnsons have a construction consulting business, which they started when Ralph officially retired six years ago. Marilyn claims to have the easier job as president and treasurer, while Ralph does the legwork. She directed me to recommend a good read. She directed me to Barbara Cooksey Bowers, Connie Kellogg Casey, Judith Knudsen Christie, Sally Austerberry Dinan, Joanne Shelley Fuller, Ruby Jean Landsman Gould, Jeanne Hargreaves Graham, Patti Bugas Harris, Nancy Ward Harwood, Diana Bob Kanuck, Mary Shaw Moore, Jane Wert Oman, Jocelyn Scofield, Norma Petix Scullen, Susan Simons, Judy Harris Solomon, Martha Virtus, Virginia Westover-Weiner, Lyn Bailey Whitehead, Linda Myers Yort and Marilyn Mertins Johnson. JEANNE HARGREAVES GRAHAM is just chugging along after a busy summer in northern Michigan with grandchildren and their parents. The Grahams have planned a couple of trips for the near future. In September, they planned to go to Maine for a week to visit and travel to Acadia National Park with Katie Lovett Syrett’s 65th, and in January onto the Galapagos, an adventure that they have always wanted to do. Last summer Jeanne read Barbara Kingsolver’s book, “Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life,” in which Kingsolver’s family moves to a farm and attempts to grow all their own food or purchases food only from known local people. Jeanne found the book very interesting based on her own experience frequenting farmer’s markets and claims that she could get quite obsessive about it. She reports, “Fortunately, I have enough wisdom to realize I’m not going to start farming myself as I enter my 70th year!” Recently, Jeanne attended a wedding at Cranbrook, admired the beautiful venue by the Art Museum and reflecting pools and met up with Karen Gilray Street ‘59, who said their class is beginning to prepare for their 50th reunion next June. Jeanne pondered how could that be, when they are so young! NANCY WARD HARWOOD visited her sister in California at the end of July and lounged with VIRGINIA WESTOVER-WEINER in San Francisco. Nancy and her sister planned to go Italy in September with two days in Milan and four days in Florence before joining a tour to Tuscany and the Cinque Terre. She planned to be in Virginia the middle of October for 10 days babysitting while her son and his wife go to South Africa for a conference. We hope to connect during that babysitting stint. JANICE WAINGER SHULACK was off to the gym to go swimming. Later to take her two dogs for their afternoon walks. She looks forward to some reading recommendations. SUSIE SIMONS looks forward to granddaughter, Leah’s, bat mitzvah in November. She continues to work in the medical field being very active in patient involvement with their own health maintenance control. This necessitates a lot of patient education and patient monitoring, but is extremely rewarding because of its effect on insurance premiums. Susie also has been involved with the opening of a new clinic to handle the Urgent Care Walk-Ins that either have no doctor or cannot get in with their own doctor. When Susie wrote, she had just returned from a week in L.A., where she went to help her daughter after shoulder surgery and had the pleasure of experiencing a California earthquake. However, she asserts that having a week with her daughter and 2-year-old granddaughter more than made up for it. Back home, she sees her local grandkids (who live one mile away) frequently, and they have her doing Dance Dance Revolution with them. Susie sums it up, as “All in all…life is very good!” Susie reports that SALLY “Lynne” YOUNG WILEY now is just about living permanently in Tucson. My fellow Sudoku addict, SALLY SANFORD SLATER, says that she is caught up with Sudoku and her favorite book of this year is “Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace…One School at a Time,” by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. “The Glass Castle: A Memoir” by Jeannette Walls is THAYER BICE BURCH’s recommendation for a good read. She directed me to the Web site of George Quincy, her husband,
THE "NOTES" for this issue are largely in the collage of attendees at our 50th reunion. I want to thank Joe and Mandy Lunghamer, K’58, for opening their home for the joint get together on Friday evening. It was a wonderful time. Kitty and FRED Lavery were very gracious in allowing us into their home for an “afterglow” party on Saturday. One other credit that I very much need to mention is the contribution of JIM MORTON, who took most of the photos you see in the collage, edited them and then e-mailed them to me. Thanks, Jim! I did receive some news from a few of you who couldn’t be at the 50th. One was an e-mail from JIM SEYMOUR, who says that he would have loved to have been with us but for an unfortunate health development. Jim has been diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease. Be sure, Jim, that our thoughts and prayers are with you. BOB SCHULTZ, who was at the reunion, writes that he has fully recovered from a back infection but continues to take a maintenance dose of antibiotics. He was well on the road to recovery when he was in an auto accident in which he was rear-ended, then shoved into a truck. He and Brenda headed for northern Michigan in late August for golf and relaxation. BILL MCGAUGHey writes that he will be on the ballot for Congress in Minneapolis for the Independence Party of Minnesota. He said he can expect to receive 5% to 10% of the vote. He’ll let us know if he does better than that. “If worse, you won’t hear from me.” Good luck, Bill! PETE ORDWAY sent news that he and his wife (of 43 years) are off to the Galapagos with their seven grandchildren and their parents. This will also recognize his 70th birthday (two years away) and wife, Susan’s, 65th this year. What a trip! ED WHITE was sorry to miss the big event, but he has been teaching and writing in Italy and France this May, June and July, plus teaching creative writing at Princeton. Forthcoming works by Ed include an October release of a short bio of Rimbaud, which includes a mention of reading Rimbaud while at Cranbrook. In January he has a play about Timothy McVeigh opening in New York. Good luck with both, Ed. I’d best not write more as I’m already using more than a full page in Tradition. We class secretaries are
asked by the alumni office not to become too verbose or take up too much space. Till next time, Aim High!

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K1958
The Class of 1958 had a wonderful 50th reunion, June 6-8. All of the 14 women who returned to campus looked fabulous, and it seemed to all of us that 50 years had passed rather quickly. Classmates returning were: ANN SCHROEDER ANDERSON, BARBARA HEDRICK BOWMAN, JUDY NEWBERG BRACKEN, SUSAN FLINT COOPER, SALLY GODDARD, ELIZABETH WOLFE HUBBELL, NANCY TREGENZA LITTLE, AMANDA MATTHEWS LUNGHAMER, JO BURR FREDERICKSON MARGADANT, DIANE HAMADY MARKESET, KATHRYN LEVY MELET, Molly STEWART OSOWSKI, KATHARINE VANDUSEN SYLVESTER and PATRICIA THOMPSON WRIGHT. Eight other classmates responded to their reunion class profiles: SARA JANE KIRK BALD, VIRGINIA WOOD BROWN, CAROLINE CROSS CHINLUND, LYDIA MOORE DUPERTUIS, NANCY MCCORTNEY LEVIN, JULIANNA ALLEN LARSEN, ANNIE SANDERS and KATHLEEN WILLIAMS STEWART. We missed them and appreciated that they let us know about their lives. While some of our class gathered for lunch at SUSAN FLINT COOPER’s home, MOLLY MARSHALL PESSL made a special phone call to us that we all enjoyed. Thank you, Molly. Some reunion highlights: Friday night we attended the alumni cocktail party at Cranbrook House. We then gathered at the beautiful home of AMANDA MATTHEWS LUNGHAMER and husband, Joe, for a delicious dinner, co-hosted by BARBARA HEDRICK BOWMAN. Saturday, after registering in the Green Lobby, some of us toured Kingswood, noting many changes such as the new copper roof and the hallway carpeting. What was once the Junior-Senior study hall is now the library; and, of course, computers are all over the place. Next we went to a luncheon at SUSAN FLINT COOPER’s home where we saw her gorgeous Japanese garden and took a lot of pictures. After lunch we all sat around and caught up on the last 50 years. As each of us had our “turn,” it became apparent that we all have had our joys and sorrows. One of our common joys was attending KSC, where we made lifelong friends and developed a lifelong love of learning. We have all lived up to the Kingswood motto “Enter to Learn, Go forth to Serve,” as everyone at some point in their lives has been a volunteer. We could have continued sharing experiences at Susan’s until the wee hours of the morning were it not for our class picture scheduled to be taken at Cranbrook. The weather was beautiful for the class picture taken on the steps of Page Hall, and for the All Class cocktail party and buffet dinner in the Cranbrook Quad. After dinner the classes of ’58 from both Cranbrook and Kingswood went to an afterglow party at the striking home of FRED LAVERY, C’58. Most of us departed for home before the Sunday brunch at Cranbrook. During Susan’s luncheon we learned that LYDIA MOORE DUPERTUIS wanted to turn over her class secretarial reign. Lydia has been our secretary for many years and has done a great job and deserves retirement. Thank you, Lydia, from everyone. DIANE HAMADY MARKESET (NONNIE) and NANCY TREGENZA LITTLE volunteered for this FUN job. We think that it will be FUN because now we can both renew and strengthen old friendships. Nonnie, being a former boarder, and Nancy, a former day student, will be a good “combo.” Now a little snippet on us and then in the next issue we hope to hear from many of you. Nonnie and her husband, Ed, live in San Miguel, Mexico, (not to be confused with her mailing address, which is in Laredo, TX). She enjoys giving adult classes in computer skills
and when not on the golf course volunteers with Patronato Pro Niños, an organization that helps deliver medical and dental aid to disadvantaged children in San Miguel. She has lived in France, Berlin and Mexico and speaks French, German and Spanish. Nancy lives in the Chicago area (Hinsdale) and still works part time, doing personal training and teaching gentle yoga. She volunteers at a local Forest Preserve Nature Center and is on the Mission Board of the Union Church. Now that you have heard all about the great 50th Reunion, we would like to hear from all of you. Our deadline is January 10, 2009. If you have e-mail, PLEASE e-mail one of us. E-mail is the preferred way, but if you don’t please drop one of us a line or call one of us.

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Greetings from your ever grateful and enthusiastic class secretary. Plans for our 50th reunion are very exciting, and the responses I have received from so many of you have been plentiful and thrilling. You will have received a letter from the reunion committee by now. In January you will receive more information from the school, including a preliminary schedule, and in April you will receive a fully-detailed invitation. It has been a delight working with Kathy Discenna of the Alumni Office and the C59ers, who are definitely planning for a grand tour of Europe possibly for a year, and when not on the golf course volunteers with Patronato Pro Niños, an organization that helps deliver medical and dental aid to disadvantaged children in San Miguel. She has lived in France, Berlin and Mexico and speaks French, German and Spanish. Nancy lives in the Chicago area (Hinsdale) and still works part time, doing personal training and teaching gentle yoga. She volunteers at a local Forest Preserve Nature Center and is on the Mission Board of the Union Church. Now that you have heard all about the great 50th Reunion, we would like to hear from all of you. Our deadline is January 10, 2009. If you have e-mail, PLEASE e-mail one of us. E-mail is the preferred way, but if you don’t please drop one of us a line or call one of us.

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I have received only one message from the class during the last six months, and it was from BILL MCQUEEN, who has been missing almost 50 years, so I will include his entire message. He says, “In my years I achieved a B.A. in Classics from the University of Michigan, an M.A. in Latin (I originally planned to get a Ph.D. in Classics) from the University of Texas, an M.A. in Library Science, and a B.S. in Medical Records Science from Mercy College of Detroit. For 10 years I was the Medical Librarian at Metropolitan Hospital in Detroit and eventually evolved as a reimbursement specialist for small community hospitals for the last ten years, trying to save them from going under. My crowning achievement was being married to my wife, Gail, for the last 31 years. We think that we will last, and when she retires in five years, we plan to do the grand tour of Europe possibly for a year, starting with Venice at Carnival, then Athens and the Cyclades and then back to Italy for at least a couple of months. We started off when married for 10 years in Indian Village, then to the safety of Grosse Pointe Park, where we have been for 21 years, one place being a home that got beyond us when I started to travel extensively. No upkeep, no extensive gardens to tend, no taxes! We are now in a flat with more square footage than our former home. The landlord allows us to cultivate a large patch in the backyard to resolve our gardening instincts. We both are looking forward to attending the 50th. I’m sure we all look a lot different. Time has probably marked its notch on all of us. See you ALL next June. Until then all of you take care yourselves.” I want to remind you all that our 50th reunion is happening from 4 to 7 June next year. Do not plan your European vacation then or let your grandchildren get married that weekend! No excuses for not attending! Here is a brief preview of events. As usual, we will start on Thursday evening. DALE RANDS has invited us to Franklin Hills Country Club for dinner, and we hope to have Ben Snyder speak again. Friday includes the opportunity to attend the commencement ceremony, the Golden Graduates cocktail party, and then we will dine at the Science Museum. Saturday has the full day of school-planned events, including the memorial service and campus tours, ending with dinner in the Quad and an afterglow at KAREN GILRAY STREET’s home. Don’t miss it! Please insure that your e-mail address is up to date by sending me an e-mail! Thanks.

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WILLIAMS and TOM BRAY there for their 45th. She did run into Mary Love Russell ’60, however. Miles saw DONNA REYCRRAFT BENDER last March and reports she is as beautiful as ever. Thankful, Donna’s husband, Bob, has made a remarkable recovery from his stroke of almost two years ago. Last year Donna wrote me from Greece where she and Bob were on holiday. Her updated news is they continue to go back and forth between Akron and Naples where she sees AIMEE BINDLEY SNIEDER and Miles. She enjoys golf and continues her work as a flower arranging judge for Garden Club of America. Donna is continually being educated by speakers, demonstrations and workshops in the field of arranging and horticulture. Of course, she must enter shows and participate to stay active. She has judged major shows in several cities. The Benders have four children. Tracy in Bloomington, IL, is an artist, married to Jerry and mother of two boys, 10 and 5. Henry is a bond portfolio manager in Boston, when he is not playing golf or squash, skiing, fly fishing, rowing on the Charles or practicing “hot” yoga. Tory, an accountant with Deloitte, is in Cleveland now, having been in New York and then India for them. She too is athletic, evidenced by her participation on a team doing fundraising for and riding 75 miles in “Bike MS” in honor of her brother, Major Robert C. Bender (Bobby), who is a bomb technician with EOD deployed to Bagram Air Field, Kabul, Afghanistan; he co-ordinates anti-IED among different forces in there. He is married and has a 4-year-old son. May he return stateside soon to be with his family. Donna adds she loves returning to Walloon Lake and Harbor Springs. Hopefully she’ll be returning to Bloomfield Hills in June.

BECKY DEWITT continues loving her farm house on property just outside of Saratoga Springs. It is surrounded by a creek, swamp and stream with gardens dearly tended by Becky, not to mention lawn aggressively mowed by her on her mower tractor. She teaches 3-5 year-olds how to skate but mostly how to get up after falling, and she gives one private lesson each week. Her five grandchildren live close by, and with great amusement she told me she regularly allows them free rein at her house, for she reminds them that “what goes on at Grandma’s stays at Grandma’s.” Becky will leave her two Bichons Frises at home when she comes to our reunion. Another Bichon lover is DEBORAH HOEY, whom we have not heard from for years. I was so thrilled to receive her recent e-mail and especially delighted that she too will be will be leaving her Bichon at home and attending the reunion. By the way, her Bichon is certified to cheer up folks in nursing homes and hospitals. After teaching 4th graders in a Catholic School for 17 years, Deborah is fully retired and loving the lack of routine. She is, however, taking art classes from jewelry making to encaustic painting. In Santa Rosa, like some others of you, she is a member of a Red Hat Group. JILL DONER
KAGLE has a fifth grandson, named Adlai Bernard Kagle, born Dec.18, 2007. She assured me those are family names! The 3rd edition of "Social Work Records" (by Jill Doner Kagle and Sandra Kopels) came out in March. It would be a shame if Jill does not come to the reunion. She wrote that BETSY (Bitsy) WRIGHT JACOBUS and Clay have moved from Louisville, KY, to Mill Valley, CA, permanently. Another classmate not heard from in years is CAROLE DYE LANDIS. How nice to have you back in the fold, Carole, and yes, she is coming to the reunion. I hope she can convince RUTH HANKEY BROWN and SARA BOWERS BRESCHER to attend as well. Carole asked me for their addresses, which leads me to tell you how happy I would be to help each of you connect with classmates. MARY VALVEY writes that her life is full – often overfull. She is spending much time in the classical musical space, serving on the board of the San Francisco Symphony and leading the development of an online “go-to” place for classical music in the Bay Area, which will launch early next year as the next generation of www.sfcv.org. She has had great fun putting together a team of Internet and classical music enthusiasts from their 20s to their 80s and working on a start-up as well. Mary is also on the boards of the Smithsonian Libraries and a privately-held food company with operations in all parts of the country, and on the Community Advisory Board of the Wells Fargo Corporation, as well as keeping track of her various early stage venture investments as part of the Band of Angels. In August she was in Carmel for a week for the Carmel Bach Festival. Happily, Mary will join us in June also. VALERIE FRENCH and Bob were in Italy and Greece the early part of the summer of ’08. Before then they spent almost a year redoing their condo in DC. They now have a totally new kitchen with an induction cooking surface, which has led to Val rediscovering she really enjoys cooking, and more importantly, leading her to cook more healthfully, which has led to lower cholesterol and other “baddies.” They also began accommodating a new HDTV, which naturally led to new everything from the light fixtures to the carpeting and in between. How Fun! Val has also recovered enough from her serious illness of a year or more ago to truly enjoy her new granddaughter, Jane, whom she can “still sly her over her.” Val and Bob are looking forward to a holiday in the Caribbean this January and then a trip “home” to Michigan for the reunion. Val wrote, “My ability to be totally lazy is prodigious.” She also added, “SHERRY MARKER and I have promised one another we will be at the reunion! I hope there will be lots of time for us to be with one another, exchange stories and just chat and enjoy how easy it is to pick up these relationships after so long. I think that’s because we went through these crucial years together. For me spending this kind of time with classmates is the reason to come.” Many of you have echoed this thought, and we are definitely scheduling time for it. Thanks, Val. Speaking of Sherry, she visits her mother in Bloomfield Hills on a very regular basis, and it’s not easy, for her daughter, Jessica, and granddaughter are in California with daddy, Josh, Sherry’s husband, Gerald, is in London a good part of the time, daughter, Sarah, is in Northampton, and Sherry works out of her apartment in Greece for the summer. Sherry somehow manages it all with her indomitable sense of humor and visits with KAREN VANFLEET STARK and me! Karen and her friend, Margaret, have established a grand routine of traveling somewhere grand each spring with a group they enjoy. This past April they were in Paris and environs, a city Karen knows well from her college days. I had an enchanting long talk with ELIZABETH (Tibi) GOSSETT KARAMAN, who is living in New York City. She and Fred Karaman were married for over 40 years with, as she says, a 10-year hiatus. The Karamans had two daughters, Heather, now 45, and Nicole, now 42. After several years of marriage, the Karamans divorced, Elizabeth moved to London for 10 years and raised the girls, then she and Fred remarried. At that time she was into a vegan regime, which she continues, and she put Fred on it. Some years later Fred, very unfortunately was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer and died in 2000. His doctors attribute his living so long and so well with it due to the vegan regime Elizabeth had him on. She feels blessed to have had him in her life so long. Presently Elizabeth is a part-time editorial assistant in the new age alternative medicine field. She enjoys her involvement with astrology and numerology, subjects her mother got her interested in as a child. A number of years after Mrs. Gossett died, Mr. Gossett married our French teacher, Miss Katherine Myers. Four years before they married, Elizabeth had a premonition they would do so and told her father such. It was a wonderful marriage, and Elizabeth was very fond of our Miss Myers. Yes, Elizabeth, our Tibi, will attend the reunion. I may be putting a little pressure on her. There is much more to this tale, and believe me, she tells it better than I. MARY HEINRICK KRAVETS is definitely coming to the reunion. She can tell us of her three-week trip to England, Russia, Germany, Finland, Denmark, The Netherlands and Estonia this past July. Mary is not retired; she is in her 31st year as college counselor at Deerfield High School. She plans to retire June of 2010. She is a very important grandmother to seven grandchildren, ages 2-15, and in her spare time consults to two non profit scholarship organizations, a specialty LD high school in Minnesota, a growing private counseling practice, and sits on the advisory boards for the University of Illinois, the University of Kansas, Cappex.com, and the PrincetonReview. Spare time?! Sadly I tell you that GALE HUMMEL NILL’s mother died on April 8. She was quite healthy and very happy but getting weaker and weaker through the winter. I am so sorry. She was a lively and lovely lady. Gale and Ken now have seven grandchildren, five of whom were with them in La Jolla in July a week after Ken and Gale returned from a trip to the Baltic Sea and Russia. Ron had his 70th birthday at home in Connecticut earlier in the summer, just before the seventh grandchild was born, with Gale in attendance for 10 days. Our senior class president promises to bring us to order in June. As of Labor Day weekend, SUE SUTHERLAND is now Sue Sutherland-Lawyer. Sue and Don were married at their house in Ortonville, MI. All the children and grandchildren were present, as well as Sue’s mother, who turned 101 the week before the wedding. Sue and Don have a slew of extremely active grandchildren; their Christmas card is always filled with that energy. Amazing. The Lawyers are definitely on board for the reunion. CHIP WILSON and Jim have their house in San Miguel and now a summer condo in Boulder where her daughter, Kathy, lives. Chip took Kathy’s “BL and granddaughter, Charlotte, to NYC to fulfill a wish of Charlotte’s. They went to the “Today Show”! They also went to the Statue of Liberty and toured Ellis Island. Chip will attend the reunion with Kathy. In a few weeks, which will still be September, Chip and I plan a get-together in Birmingham when she visits her brother, who is an important in-town builder. SALLY WADDELL GOSHORN and Bill now divide themselves by three seasons with a condo in Ann Arbor, which is close to grandchildren, a condo in Pinehurst, NC, where Sally takes horse jumping lessons from January through April, and Sally’s family cottage on Walloon Lake in Petoskey where she does dressage at Bay Harbor Equestrian Club in the summer. Side trips to Hawaii to visit son, John, and his wife and two girls are also included in the mix. The athletic and super healthy couple are now totally non-fat vegan and report they have never felt better nor had more energy. Sally continues running marathons, they both cycle intensely, and Sally is becoming quite the equestrian. In fact, she recently purchased a Holsteiner warmblood from Brookside and Cranbrook classmate, Gordon Peterson. Last fall the Goshorns biked with friends for nine days in Tuscany. Sally asked to help with the reunion and is helping me with the letter you will have already received by the time you read this. Excitedly, she has some great and stimulating ideas for our women’s only get-together Saturday afternoon of the reunion. STARR WALKER FOSTER and Mitch continue to enjoy their many gardens and especially the authentic prairie they created on their property on Lake Angelus. Daughter, Megan, and her three children visited them over the 4th of July, much to Starr’s delight. Son, Chuck, has three of the most beautiful and well behaved children – and wife – I have ever seen. Of course, I mostly see them at Christ Church! The Fosters go to their place on Little Sable River every three weeks. Starr reports that her sister-in-law, SHARON FOSTER MARTIN, is well. Starr and Mitch will attend the reunion, and I certainly hope Sharon does as well. Early September JOYCE HARLAN visited Prague before going on her annual biking trip, which is around Lake Constance, Austria, this time. She is looking forward to seeing you all at the reunion. It was nice to hear from BARBARA ZUELZER KUSKO, who has not ruled out attending the June festivities. It has been an interesting and very different year for me, for I retired in November from 35 plus years of being on a schedule with my StreetMix classes. John and I immediately spent 10 days in London and Paris. In March we went to our favorite island in the Bahamas, Windermere, with two bridge and tennis playing couples. I skied in early April, and we spent 10 days on Lake Charlevoix the end of August, having so enjoyed the 4th of July up there at The Chicago Club. Now I am looking forward to a trip to Egypt in February with a friend. Fortunately I am continuing in the contemporary art.
field by working at the Robert Kidd Gallery part time. Duplicate bridge is becoming more and more a diversion, not a distraction. Please contact me with ideas and comments for our 50th. Sally and I are definitely open to suggestions. See you soon.

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Last April, I received this message from John Sprague: “It is with great sadness that I must tell you of the death of our friend and classmate, William ‘Billy’ Angel in Vienna, Austria on April 10. He lost his two-plus-year struggle with a form of ALS, aka Lou Gehrig’s disease. His remains will be brought to his beloved West Virginia for interment sometime this fall. We all mourn our friend and classmate. Bill’s life was one of selflessly serving others. His impact on young men and women through his promotion of youth rights and development issues was great and will, apparently, be carried on by those with whom he worked and influenced. His widow, Mona, has asked that donations on Bill’s behalf be sent to the ALS Association.” After graduation, Bill got his B.S. from Washington and Lee, then his master’s from Columbia. Bill joined the United Nations in 1977. During the next 25 years, his focus with the UN in New York and later in Vienna was the rights and well being of youth (ages 16 through 26) around the world. He eventually was promoted to Chief of the United Nations Youth Unit, a position in which he traveled extensively promoting youth and pressing for their needs. While at the United Nations, he met and in 1981 married his lovely Swedish-born wife, Mona, who worked as a translator for the UN in several European languages. Bill’s contributions to international youth issues were summarized by the United Nations Bank of I.D.E.A.S. Community and Economic Development Matters Newsletter: “The death of Bill Angel…is a time of great sadness for many of us who have benefited from his wisdom, example and friendship. Bill Angel for many years headed the youth unit at the United Nations (both in Vienna and New York), where he ensured a continuous focus on…youth development. Upon retiring from the UN, Bill created the International Council on National Youth Policy (ICNYP) as an international NGO [creating] interest and support across the globe for national agendas and policies [concerning] contributions and issues of young men and women. His publication, ‘The International Law of youth Rights – Source Documents and Commentary,’ is still the classic text in the field. The Board of ICNYP, remembering and honoring the legacy left by Bill Angel [is discussing] the creation of an annual William Angel Award for Best Practice in National Youth Policy Formulation and Action. Our condolences go to his wife, Mona.” John added this personal information. “Bill and I were roommates for two of our years at Cranbrook. In his senior year, he, David Frey and I were Prefects for Marquis Hall. We reconnected when I moved to New York in 1974.” From our classmates: Steve Brown wrote: “I never ran into Bill after Cranbrook, but I remember him as someone I always looked forward to being with while in school. On my news front, I will be retiring at the end of the month after 23 years as an Intel Analyst in US Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, NC. Haiti was my main country of interest, and it is a fascinating place to learn about and be in. Come September Linda and I will be splitting our time between Fayetteville and our house in Asheville. If anyone is in either neighborhood, come on by.” From Tim Coughlin: “I was sorry to learn about Bill Angel. What a noteworthy and distinguished career. We are into grandchild hood this summer, five in total with four in diapers, all visiting us in Skytop, PA, together with my 92-year-old mother-in-law. Laurie pulls the 24/7 duty to hear about Bill Angel. I had communicated with him. While we were a diverse and not particularly cohesive class, it turns out that we have done some pretty amazing things. I hope to see many of you at the 50th. By then, I just might have rowed my 100th trip in the Grand Canyon.” From Dan Higgins: “I too was sorry to hear about the death of Bill Angel. I always liked him during the Cranbrook days, and although I knew nothing of his life since then, some 40 years ago, I am not surprised to hear of his extraordinary work with the United Nations and efforts toward protecting the rights of youth internationally. Like Charly, I also wish I had the opportunity to know Bill better in recent years and send condolences to his wife and friends.” Boris Nicooff wrote: “I was so very saddened by the news of Bill’s passing. Surely, he was one of the finest human beings I have ever met. My sincerest sympathy to his wife, Mona” ROGER ROTHENBURGER continues his civil engineering career, recently having returned from China. “I was saddened to hear about Bill Angel. I had communicated briefly with him by e-mail following Jim Williams’ death. I still see Bill as the impish pucker he was and a hard-working guard on the football team. He was on one end, and I was on the other. His life’s accomplishments certainly were exemplary. I am back in the U.S. after two years in Shanxi Province in China. I am the Construction Manager for a 3.6 mile tunnel underneath Lake Mead that will connect to a marine intake in the middle of the Lake that is also part of our construction contract. I did this here before on a shorter tunnel and shallower intake. The Lake is down over 110 feet. This is the lowest level intake they can put into the Lake. If this doesn’t work, Las Vegas is in trouble. I look forward to 2010. I still stay in touch with Bill Mosher. After missing the last two years, this November we will again hunt for pheasants in South Dakota. My granddaughter at 6 continues to put some spark in my life; my son is in Taipei teaching English.” In other class news, a Reunion 2010 Team has been formed, consisting of Keith Davidson, Dirk Scholten, Ted Seyforth, John Sprague, Larry Weis and myself. Last July, Keith visited Cranbrook to discuss preliminary reunion arrangements with the Alumni Office. The results of his visit there
are that we have 50 rooms reserved for June 3-6, 2010 (at today's prices), at the Radisson Kingsley Inn, and the opportunity, thanks to Rick Williams, C'59, to hold a party at the Bloomfield Hills Country Club. The coming months will define other "C'60 Fifty" activities and functions, their location, as well as other issues. Watch your e-mail for additional information. We need your participation and input! Please contact me by phone or e-mail and help us make our 50th the best ever. Lastly, your class secretary is pleased and proud to report the birth of our first grandchild. On June 23, my son, Joseph, and daughter-in-law, Allison, welcomed the arrival of Elizabeth Tsipora Grayson, 8 lbs, 3 oz at birth and becoming cuter and more adorable with each passing day.

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I am happy to say that our class of 1960 had a nice response, as I actually started several weeks earlier than in previous years to e-mail and send postcards. E-mail is the best way to keep in contact. So if anyone reading our class news who has not responded, please send me your e-mail address. I would love to hear from the rest of our classmates. Our reunion is coming up in 2010, which will be our 50th. MARGIE McMEHAN BURCH was the first to answer. She says her grandchildren are growing, and life is good. They are spending lots of time in Harbor Springs, MI, seeing GINNY CROSS WALDEN and JOSIE JOY MACLEAN. Margie plays tennis, golf and kayaks but also works once a week at Brookside.

“Just can’t leave the place. Life is good.”

Speaking of Brookside, where I went to school with Margie, Ginny and Linda Welt Horowitz ’61, who just responded that she is on an eight-week trip. For six weeks they were in Dallas, TX, visiting their son, his wife and grandchild, Gregory, 5, Morgan, 9, and Olivia, 2. After visiting friends in Phoenix, Linda will see her other son in L.A. and drive to Puerto Vallarta where they live. GINNY CROSS WALDEN says, “Del and I continue to love retirement in Harbor Springs. I am following the Democratic Party progress with great interest and hope to help elect Barack Obama as our next president. Children and family are well. I have heard from several classmates this year. SARA BARTHOLOMEW GARTON, who has retired, and I have exchanged mail because we learned of the death of Bill Angel, C'60, who was a dear friend while at Cranbrook. John Sprague, C'60, kept us informed about Bill’s illness. I had not seen him in recent years but was extremely saddened by his sudden illness and death. John has already contacted me about our 50th reunion coming in 2010. How great that John wants to plan ahead.” Two of our classmates who visited each other sent news. First is MARY LIZ BUCKINGHAM WILSON who has a new e-mail: maryliz52@msn.com. She is now living in Santa Fe, NM, after 29 years in Colorado, enjoying less snow, unique architecture and culture. HANLEY BIRD COX was a guest of Mary Liz last winter, and SARA BARTHOLOMEW GARTON will visit this fall. Mary Liz is an artist/painter and has six grandchildren, and she visited Miles Cumings Dumont ’59 in Princeton, NJ, in June, as Miles came to Santa Fe last winter. Sara just sent me a postcard confirming she retired from the Aspen Times mid-April and appreciates the unstructured days and the slow down of time.

“What a joy to have time for friends, family, community and wilderness without work getting in the way.”

Now here comes news from HANLEY BIRD COX, who has been traveling to visit family and friends. Top of her list is Hanley’s visit to Lizzy (Buckingham Wilson) in Santa Fe. “My family is great and five granddaughters a joy. As for day to day, Doug’s business, which my brother-in-law has been running for 11 years since Doug died, was sold. For the next two years I am president of a local non-profit group and am taking adult education classes ranging from China, Death Investigations, Mythology and Robots in the Solar System. I love taking classes that have no papers or tests, just the fun of learning. Thank you for doing this job so well.”

MAUD COOPER PLUMER spends much of the summer at Lake Charlevoix, where she traveled several times to the Dutch Oven YaYa Showers when, to her surprise, she saw a photo of Margie Burch on the bulletin board. “She looks remarkably the same. Again this year I volunteered at Lighthouse where I ran the Thanksgiving program. We get food donations from Brookside and Cranbrook through Jim Ladd, a math teacher. All children and grandchildren are healthy. My one and only grandson, 16, now owns a car. He lives in Charlotte. His sister is 12 and loves to ride horses. Wonder where she gets that from. My youngest son turns 39 today (Aug. 21). It really seems that I was that age last year. Life for me is very good.” It was great to hear from JOANIE AKERS BINKOW, who was in Colorado hiking in the mountains with her son, Daniel, and brother, Jim Akers ’57, and his family when she received my e-mail. “I sold my television post-production business to my employees several years ago and have spent my time creating a conflict resolution/mediation agency in Ann Arbor, where I have lived for many years. I send my warmest regards to all of you whom I have not seen in so long.”

After many years of receiving e-mails from BARBARA BOWEN OBERG saying she is out of the office at Princeton for the summer, I got an e-mail with info. “I write this from Pasadena, CA, where I will be on sabbatical for a year from Princeton at the Huntington Library writing on a book. Perry and I just had a wonderful cross country drive to get here, following parts of the Oregon Train and visiting spectacular Mesa Verde, Zion and Bryce Canyons. Highlights from the past year: my wonderful grandchildren (including Sally Payson Higgins, born to my oldest daughter in Portland, ME, in May 07), kayaking, good health and good friends. This includes keeping up with Suzie Hapke Bowman by correspondence and KSC gatherings in New York with MARY-LOVE RUSSELL HARMAN. Speaking of SUZANNE HAPKE BOWMAN, she writes “Thanks so much for doing the newsletter and keeping us up to date. Last year I changed my e-mail address, sold two properties (my house and my condo in Florida), now living in my loft in Providence. My new e-mail is seacoastgardens@verizon.net, and if you would like my address or phone number, you can e-mail me. I continue to work as a psychoanalyst with a full-time practice. I spend more time in Georgia with my son, Drew, and granddaughter, Abby, 2 1/2. My other son, Kimball, continues to live at the Providence Zen Center and devotes his life to spiritual practice where he travels to conferences in the Far East and this year to Poland.” It was nice to hear from EDITH FOLEY STRUIK, who in April went to Greece and Turkey, retracing the steps of the Apostle Paul. “In May all the Struiks gathered in Fairmont Hot Springs, BC, for a family reunion, the first one on this side of the ocean. In June mother came from Florida to help with daughter, Edith’s, July wedding. During the preparations, mom had a massive stroke and passed away 11 days later. It was extremely hard to be preparing for a wedding and grieving for the matriarch of our family; but, God is good and the wedding was a truly blessed event.” A short note from NANCY WILCOX KARGER who gave me her e-mail address: eloise2000@comcast.net “Life is very busy and wonderful these days keeping up with four grandchildren – we have two girls living in Chicago and a girl and boy living in Charlotte, NC. Frank and I try to sneak in a trip now and then when not babysitting.” At the last minute I received a long e-mail from JULIANE KRUGER BAILEY who had traveled to Michigan to see KSC – what sweeping changes. On her way to see Nancy Karger for her birthday, Julie tore ligaments in her foot while hiking in Traverse City and had to be rescued by her husband, Bob. “We live part of the year in Washington, DC, where Bob leads a finance seminar for graduate students at School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Spring and summer we head to our old farmhouse in Litchfield County, CT, where we both work hard at preservation of open space and working farms. In between, I do coaching and organizational consulting for companies and not-for-profits. We like to hit the road – drove ourselves around Oman (great hotels and gorgeous hiking), United Arab Emirates and Syria, which offered extraordinary archaeological sites, but had very tough overland travel and all kinds of opportunities to get totally lost in the desert. We

ABOVE, Patty Shile Arons, K’60, with puppy Skye
run into a flash flood in a wadi and a fierce three-hour sandstorm. The Syrians were surprisingly hospitable. So many seemed to have family in Detroit, Milwaukee or New Jersey and wanted to speak English. We have a bicoclastic family. Rob, 36, is creating a new restaurant (www.circsf.com), launching his new 15-month start-up and became engaged to his L.A. girlfriend, Elizabeth. Kat, 33, based in New York, was just poached by NBC universal by Dow Jones – News Corp as a director for the Wall Street Journal’s Asian digitization initiative and new ventures. She is dreaming of Hong Kong and London. We welcome visits from classmates in either Connecticut or DC. Just e-mail me – jekbailey@gmail.com. I heard from two classmates who love animals. First is PATTY SHILE AARONS who says, “You are such a MAJOR good person in your attempts to keep our slightly wayward class of ’60 connected in some small way. Life remains good in my world. Lost my beloved Bernese mountain dog, Bramble, to the big C in April ’07 and thought I would NEVER have/want another. See the attached photo of Skye (one year in April ’08) and me at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park. I have attended several obedience classes and went to Camp Dogwood in northern Illinois for five days this past May. This Bernese princess seems to have her own agenda, but I WILL win. I am pointing her toward hospital therapy, nursing home visits and a Reading to Paws program at our small local library. I am on the library ‘Friends’ board and up to my reading classes in library stuff. I send greetings to all.” Now news from BARB BEIER REYNOLDS, who sent a photo of herself and her purebred Arabian, Bart, at the Equine Affaire in the Arabian Horse Breed Demonstration. Here is a summary of Barb’s highlights: Still president of the Arabian Horse Club in Connecticut, awarded ‘Volunteer Service Award’ by the Arabian Horse Assn., volunteers at Ray of Light Farm three days a week for their Tiny Trottets program (which her 26 years of teaching comes in handy), involved in antique business as well as the flower business with her new business selling on eBay. Her son, Rick, relocated to Salt Lake City, UT, working for a Green Space non-profit as a landscape architect, and daughter, Andrea, is a very busy CNA. Neither has married, thus no grandkids. Barb is looking forward to 2010 and our 50th reunion. “Hope we can all make it!” BARBARA CRIPPS TRACY says she, CAROL THOMAS FREDERICK, BETTY PRANCE BURNS and REBECCA PARSONS MESSER were not able to get together as in the past years, even though three of the couples are retired. Her dad, Mr. Wallace Cripps, who was a math teacher at Brookside, and mom, Mayble, came to visit as usual from Florida for the summer then headed home. Barb’s son, Matt, found his true love, Terri, and has proposed to be married sometime next year. They got a kitty from the ASPCA animal shelter named Stoli. Barb has a great garden of flowers, planting dahlias to go with her iris, tulips, daffodils, peonies and snapdragons. At the end of August she added some purple dwarf asters. In addition to planting, Barb is refreshing a side table for the church and also a chair to be stained and upholstered. CAROL THOMAS FREDERICK has spent five years helping her general surgeon and orthopedic surgeon keep up their boat payments – the joys of advancing maturity. Her husband, Lamar, is headed for his second two-year stint as a Monroe County Commissioner. Daughter, Kris, got her M.S. in nursing and is going back to get her nurse practitioner. Son, Jeff, is a junior partner in Crowe-Chizhek, CPA firm, but on the computer side. Carol still has the five grandkids (no more to come): Nate is 13, Clara and Anna are 10, Sophia is 9 and Michael is 5 ½. “I’m in my ninth year on the County Social Services Board and still chairman. Very interesting to see how the health or illness of the economy drives the need for social services. Also on the Access to Recreation Committee, and sub-committee for the Sensory Garden Components, ATRAC is a $300,000 grant from the Kellogg Foundation to provide interactive recreation for the disabled and non-disabled. I just worked my 20th year at the Jamie Farr LPGA tournament, the last 14 years as Hole Captain. That sounds impressive. A great community effort and provides extra funds to various charities. Fifty years coming up. Equp.” BETTY PRANCE BURNS has a lot of wonderful news. For the last three years Betty and husband, Ed, have lived in a motor home as “full-time RVers,” so they can choose where the best weather is and go there. Last winter they spent several months at a campground in Palm Harbor, FL, near the Gulf of Mexico, which allowed them to kayak out to barrier islands or along the shore. Usually they see many dolphins, but this year they saw a large sea turtle. They were a few steps from a “rails to trails” path that offers 38 miles for walking or biking from Tarpon Springs to the tip of St. Petersburg, FL. While in Florida, Betty was diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disease called scleroderma but has the mildest form. It was treated for eight weeks with A-1 light therapy in Dallas at the University of Texas Medical School, Dept of Dermatology. “Volunteer jobs included: the U.S. Forest Service in Granby, CO, running a picnic ground and several years at the Thumb Octagon Barn in Gagetown, MI, mowing 12 acres of lawn or giving tours of the barn and house whose owner, a banker, initiated the FDIC.” In 2009 they will work again at the Middleton Berry Farm in Ortonville, MI, picking strawberries. Betty sent a photo of her and husband, Ed, and owners of the farm, Barb and Bill Middleton, with the strawberries. They were in Colorado most of the summer and enjoyed visits from their daughters, Meredith and Megan, and her daughters, Domino, 12, and Quinn, 9, where they hiked in the Rocky Mountain National Park. While in Colorado, they drove to Idaho (2400 miles roundtrip) and on the way back saw the Yellowstone National Park and the Wind River Canyon of Wyoming, famous for its dinosaurs found in 600 million-year-old rocks. They stayed at a friend’s ranch and helped around the ranch in exchange for their camp site. “We have all the comforts of ‘home,’ plus star-filled nights and wonderful Colorado weather. We get guest library cards all over the country, so we never run out of things to read.” I received an e-mail from SUSAN ALLAN, which said she would be out of the office (Comerica) for a week in August. It would be great to hear from her. BROOKE BURGESS ADLER lives in Norwich, VT, in a 1760/1821 brick federal on Main Street. Jim continues to be very involved in Dartmouth projects of one kind or another, the winter Special Olympics and skiing every chance he gets. “I have become so busy that it is hard to realize that I am retired. Everything I do is volunteer work which includes being the People’s Warden on my church vestry; serving on the Planning Commission and on the subcommittee, writing the Town Plan; and being a Justice of the Peace, which gives me the pleasure of joining couples in both marriage and civil unions. I have been appointed to a committee to find a new Town Manager. Meanwhile, we took our annual pilgrimage to Canada to fish at the same place Jim’s parents started the family going to over 70 years ago. We included a new generation – granddaughter, Ryan, 2 ½, with the family. We brought Ryan back to our lake house in New Hampshire for
a week and were grateful to return her to her parents, our son, Josh, and wife, Jessica, who live in Hoboken, NJ, since we were worn out. Josh recently changed jobs from talent agent in NYC to development officer for Rutgers University’s New Brunswick Campus School of Arts & Science. Younger son, Ted, is starting his fourth year as ast. professor and area head of ceramics in the School of Fine Arts at Wichita State University. Ted is a wood-fired potter and is gaining recognition in the ceramic art world. Anyone interested can find him at the Web site: www.artaxis.org/Ceramics/adler.ted/ted_adler.htm. We are looking forward to fall, not just because it is so beautiful in Vermont, but also because at the end of October we are traveling with friends to the Peruvian Amazon and Machu Picchu. We figure we’d better take these kinds of trips now while our knee replacements are still working. (Jim did both this spring, and I did mine six years ago).”

NANCY TANN ZIDE writes that her store, Nancy’s Linens, is doing remarkably well in this economy. I just checked her site, www.nancyslinens.com, and there are so many beautiful items. It is located in Sylvan Lake, MI. Her husband, Marty, is doing commercial real estate. They just celebrated 45 years of marriage (the same as Betty Prance Burns and Ed). They have two children, daughter, Elizabeth, and son, Warren. Elizabeth was hired by Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield for their emergency room. Elizabeth’s husband, Vincent, just finished a five-year Chinese medicine program in Santa Monica, and they have a daughter, Elizabeth, and son, Warren. 

Barb’s great interest in weaving. She wished she could have taken weaving at KSC and started much earlier. Her love is her two grandchildren, Evelyn, 18 months, who lives in Chicago, and she sees often and her grandson, Walt, 3, lives in Mississippi, and she does not get to see him as often. Barb spends a lot of time in her Girl Scout council’s merger with four other councils, as part of a national consolidation. POLLY OPPENHEIMER WEISBERG just returned from a great trip to Alaska on a small boat. “We had beautiful sights and weather certainly better than a Dallas summer. Our son met us in Vancouver and spent several days sightseeing there. I am still involved in raising and showing American Miniature horses (34 inches at the withers) and am looking forward to our World Show at the end of September. I’ve been fortunate enough to have several World Champions in the past. I am looking forward to our 50th Reunion (scary though – 1969 seems eons ago). I hope that I can attend.”

RAEWYN FREAR WHITHAM e-mailed me back right away. Boy, the distance from the states to New Zealand is shortened to nothing. In June Raewyn and family spent four weeks in Queensland, Australia, visited Palm Springs and Port Douglas in the far north, then drove a motor home from Cairns to Brisbane and spent the last two weeks on the Sunshine Coast with friends. At the end of July they were blessed with the arrival of more grandchildren – twin girls, Charlotte Amy and Isobel Sophie, born six weeks early but now out of their incubators. “As a result, Joe and I have been the support crew to help Stephanie and Stuart’s other two preschoolers and will continue to do so until mid-September. I’d almost forgotten how full-on and exhausting little children can be! I have finally had two Kingswood-connected visitors, even if they were not from our generation. TRISH KELLEY STOLTZ’s son, Kelley Stoltz, spent a couple of days with us last summer (January) during a brief interlude from a concert tour in NZ and Australia. What a talented musician he is!” Then a couple months later SUE FEAD COFLIN’s niece and daughter of Beverly Fead ’63 and George Leys – Meadow Leys and husband, Keith Evans, stayed with Raewyn and family on a delayed honeymoon. I heard they had an enjoyable time. Hopefully Beverly will write more of their trip in her class news. At the end of Raewyn’s note, she mentioned she is hoping to make it to our 50th reunion in 2010, but she also wondered how many others plan to attend. So I am putting this in the beginning of this newsletter it was mentioned that John Sprague has a great interest in 2010, so hopefully there can be a great attendance. I hope sometime this fall to redo the class of ’60 list with updated addresses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers, which I will e-mail to all. So those of our classmates who read this, please update and send me your e-mail address, as it is the best way to keep in touch. You can e-mail or call my cell anytime. Thanks to all of you.

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I currently have e-mail addresses for 29 members of our class and need to have the remainder of you send me your e-mail address NOW. Due to costs and lack of time, I will no longer be using the snail mail approach to request information for this publication. Please assist me by writing me electronically TODAY. Thanks! REV. LANNY ‘DOC’ HOWE writes that it doesn’t rank up there with corporate mergers and chairmanships of departments, but he went to the 145th anniversary reenactment of the Battles at Gettysburg this past summer. This reenactment is a yearly event but the “big” years like the 145th can be awesome events. Re-enactors came from all over, including several groups from Michigan, Texas, California and England among many others. All told, there were 15,000 infantry re-enactors, 450 cavalry with their horses and 125 cannon. The event attracted over 40,000 spectators to a farm north of the town of Gettysburg. They set up a tent and put out their wares for sale to re-enactors and spectators and as an extra treat, were actually able to see parts of all the battles. Usually the battlefield is some distance away from the soldiers’ tents, and all they hear are the cannon and the muskets. The heat and humidity were a little below average for central Pennsylvania over 4th of July weekend, but worked well to cause a type of inversion that held the smoke from the cannons and weapons in a cloud that obscured the participants, giving it a degree of authenticity that is sometimes lacking. It was an extremely thought provoking scene. All one needed to do...
was multiply the numbers of men, horses and cannon and add in the horrific sounds of wounded men and horses screaming and crying and shouting, and it was not much of a stretch to get a picture of what the battles on the different days were really like. He has discovered over the nine years he has been doing this up and down the East Coast, that there are a great number of people, men, women, children, and even animals whose hobby is re-enacting some period in history both from this country and Europe as well. He has had Roman Legionaires, Vikings, 12th Century Polish Lancers with Camp Followers, French Foreign Legionaires, Revolutionary War, English, Indian and Colonial Soldiers, War of 1812, American Civil War, Spanish American War, First World War, Second World War, Vietnam and the Gulf War in his tent in various combinations. Although events are usually limited to one time period, there are events called Time Lines where these different groups come together for fun and to educate the public. It makes for some interesting scenes when one finds a Roman Legionaire leaning on his shield talking to a Confederate re-enactor in butternut. Lanny just went to Chickamauga Battlefield in Georgia for the 145th anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga, an event that is held only once every 10 years. Other than that, not much going on except he and his wife, Lynda, will be moving to Lewisburg, WV, as soon as they can sell their current house.

Know anyone who wants a place built in 1860 that served briefly as a hospital during the Civil War and has now been restored and is in wonderful shape? Tom Zavelson writes that he and Gail have spent the past year touring on their new trailer and visiting with their moms, children (two) and grandchildren (four). They spent six weeks last fall cruising in the Chesapeake and three months this spring in the Bahamas. Unfortunately, they elected to remain in Florida for the fall and are now trying to hide from all of those hurricanes. They plan to travel to Chapel Hill and Austin to see their kids later this fall. They still have their home in Gainesville but are beginning to contemplate a possible move in the future to be closer to family. Tom Demrick left a lifetime in the Automotive Industry 10 years ago and decided to pursue what he really enjoyed and joined Oracle Corporation, an incredible experience which has lead to his being a global ambassador for Oracle’s information technology. Two of his three children are about to provide Rosemary and him with their first grandchild. It’s been a long wait. His oldest daughter practices internal medicine at Beaumont and Providence Hospitals, while his younger daughter is a vice president at Campbell Ewald Advertising, also in the Detroit area. His son lives outside of Denver, running his own small business. He has only left the Detroit area briefly over the past 45 years, so he has watched the evolution of Cranbrook from close up. Where he goes with his life from here has become a prolonged evaluation, as he is having trouble finding anything he likes to do better than what he is currently doing. For the time being he will continue to travel extensively for Oracle and keep looking for his next career. Brian Barefoot retired as president of Babson College in June after seven great years. He and his wife intend to enjoy their homes in Vermont and Florida, visit children and grandchildren, and he will hook up as an advisory director of a private equity firm just to stay involved in the world of finance. He is looking forward to catching up at a forthcoming reunion with everyone now that he will have more control over his time. Andy Good writes he has set his retirement for the end of 2008 and then will assess his options. His dream is to live with the Zavelsons, on their boat, for a couple of weeks in the winter and then transfer to Joe Wheeler for a couple of weeks. Then on to visit Art Glick in Texas until the weather gets nice in the Midwest. At that time, he and Allie will move in with Bisbees in Door County for a month followed by a sail across the lake and live with Andertons in northern Michigan. Boy, are you guys lucky! Allie and he have simple tastes: red wine and a king-size bed. Oh, he’ll probably play some golf, too, and may work part time. They are seriously thinking of getting to Walla Walla to check out the great wineries. Just give me a date so I can arrange some visitations/tasting. They became first time grandparents, and he can now understand what the fuss is about. Dick Gildersleeve writes his Crab Shell restaurant (www.crabshell.com) in Stamford had a great year in spite of the fuel crisis. They had a great amount of boats come from all over Long Island Sound. Their real great news is that his younger son, Ryan, 34, is getting married to Karen Foley, an Alabama girl, in Huntsville, AL this September, and they have a big crew from Connecticut going down for the wedding. A couple of Vanderbilt grads who didn’t know each other in college. Joe Wheeler is still cruising around Charleston on the weekends on “No Rules.” He has not yet retired from Yale Carolina, Inc. and has started a new business in Nashville, which is in its infancy at this point. Also, he is expecting a third grandchild in December. Life goes on for Mike Hilder as he continues to work on hazardous materials transportation issues for the U.S. Department of Transportation, such as exploding laptop batteries and transporting spent nuclear fuel to Yucca Mountain. He and his wife, Barbara, get away from work on vacations as often as possible, England last October and Italy this past May. He enjoys Barbara’s two granddaughters, now 13 and 11, as they grow up. He is looking forward to the 50th reunion which is less than three years away — how time flies when you are having fun. George Bisbee is fine in Egg Harbor, WI. He still heads up sales for three communities here in their village. While condo sales are sluggish, he had the best year ever with lot sales and housing starts. He and his wife, Edie, celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary in September, and they had his mother here with 13 of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren for her 85th birthday. Smallmouth bass fishing was outstanding this summer. He and son, Richard, caught (and released) 38 smallies, 14-19” long, on one afternoon. Grandson, Colin, caught his first largemouth bass on a floating frog. Amazing sight to see the fish explode on the bait and yes, he did land it. Robert Hughes has a major new book out, “Beloved Dust: Tides of the Spirit in the Christian Life,” from Continuum. Some bookstores will carry or order it, and it is available on the web at both Amazon and Target. All is well, and he is looking towards retirement at the end of 2009, after which he will teach part time, and Barbara and he will travel and do mission work. Somewhere in there he will make plans to attend our 50th! Barry Shapiro wrote from his home in Snowmass, CO. He has been spending more and more time there. His wife, Nancy, is there all summer and winter while he commutes back and forth from Detroit. He is still working hard in the private equity firm he established nearly 20 years ago. Those young guys we have to keep on pushing. The firm has an office and four operations in China, so I travel there quite often. He speaks with Brian Barefoot every so often, who has had a great career heading up Babson College. Nancy and he have two grandchildren from his son, Adam, and wife, Larissa, who live in San Francisco. His son, Bill, and wife, Jen, are living in Boston. His youngest son, Stephen, has a dot com business and lives in Denver. He was just married to Meagan Loyndy from Jackson Hole. So they had some festivities this summer. Barry said, “Let everyone know that I always love spending time with my Cranbrook classmates, so if anyone is in the area, I’d be honored to hear from them.” I have his e-mail address if you need it. Joel Cohen told me the publishing firm, Routledge, has agreed to publish “International Perspectives on the Goals of Basic and Secondary Education” edited by Joel and Martin Malin this past spring. This book aims to launch national and international dialogue on the purposes of education by collecting essays by people from many different cultures and continents on what individuals and societies want universal basic and secondary education to accomplish. Ralph Rumsey wrote last winter saying he is still very much enjoying his law practice, which is focused on helping a wide array of non-profit organizations operating or located in diverse places. He is constantly exposed to very interesting and/or inspirational organizations and projects. He works with the IRS on a regular basis and is serving on an advisory panel to the Michigan Attorney General’s office regarding charitable organizations. His wife, Jo, is a vice president of the U-M Alumni Association and for the last few years has spent a lot of time in Asia organizing meetings and liaisons between top U-M
officials and their counterparts in educational institutions in China and other countries. He still has the motorcycle that was shown in our graduation yearbook plus four others. Jo and he are enjoying taking multi-state rides without any preplanned destinations. He is still flying hang gliders (He is a charter member of the US Hang Gliding Association) and after 35 years has taken up playing guitar again and having a lot of fun with it. They have no children, but, at last count, they have 28 nieces or nephews and two grand nieces. He heard that they have 28 nieces or nephews and two grand nieces. He heard that they have 28 nieces or nephews and two grand nieces. He heard that they have 28 nieces or nephews and two grand nieces.

Jay to either confirm or deny that bit of info. BILL MACLAICHAN wrote me last December with where in the H*ll did I get the information that Jay MacDonald, Ralph Runsey, Tom Zavelson, and Bill MacLachlan have all retired and live in Gainesville? I don’t know, but you have my apologies—some huge mistake! Bill continued that he can assure me that he is not retired and has never been to Gainesville, nor does he ever intend to live there. He lives in Glen Arbor, MI, with his wife, Patti. He has been running an electrical and mechanical (heating & cooling to most folks) business for about 40 years, and he has no intention of retiring. They also ran the only hardware store in their tiny burg for 30 years. I guess that is one way to get classmates to write—fabricate the news? The following came from GEORGE BLANCHARD’s wife, Pat, to my request for news from our class. “I am the spouse of George Blanchard. I don’t know why you’re all nervous about not having anything to write about. Mother Nature handed you a ‘get out of jail’ card this week. Why don’t you marshal the forces and ask those who can to come to Louisiana and help out? The following is what George and I are up to. Well, when he called our office line Monday morning at 7:30 and heard the announcement—it meant we still had electricity...he started crying. We learned from one of our neighbors who stayed behind that the power died out around 9 a.m. I broke down when I saw some evacuees who had checked in here trying to get their possessions into the elevator. Tears squinting out at the weirdest times—just a lot of pent-up emotion. At 10 o’clock Saturday night the local St. Tammany officials announced a mandatory evacuation for the area south of I-12 and west of LA Highway 59 close enough to my home in Covington, LA. George and I had discussed leaving Sunday morning around 5 a.m. for Dyersburg, TN, but then Saturday night the parish officials announced that the contra-flow would be implemented at 4, not 6 a.m. so we set the alarm for 3 Sunday morning. By 3:30 we were standing by the back door; we gave each other a hug and said to each other, “it’s only stuff,” turned and locked the door. We drove out of the driveway north up Highway 25 where we cut over to Highway 55. There wasn’t as much traffic as we anticipated. For example, it usually takes 2 ½ hours to drive from our house to Jackson, MS, and it only took us 2 hours and 45 minutes. We rolled into the parking lot of the hotel here around 11:30 a.m. on Sunday—way too early to check in, but we wanted to insure they knew we had arrived, so that they would not give our room away when it was ready. It was quite a spectacle to pass so many cars abandoned along the road, to watch all the hundreds of folks at the rest stops, not to mention the log-jams at the McDonald’s and gas stations. Along the way every parking lot of every single hotel we passed had been full. I am just overwhelmed with gratitude for how fortunate I have been, so blessed, through no fault of my own, to be born with a good mind, so glad for the ‘know-how’ to keep myself safe. So many who have so little to begin with, who have so many other needs even without having to abandon their homes. I’m reminded of how to improve self-esteem...as if to possess better character is some kind of mystery. The answer is so simple. It’s merely the practice of charitable, esteem-able, compassionate acts. Is this simple solution the answer to some of our problems? What if this is what we role-model for our children. I also am reminded that one can’t give something away that one doesn’t have. After all, some people appear more able than others, don’t they? Yet what I’ve learned from Katrina is that those who appear to not have anything are the ones who are performing the most astonishing acts of charity. Gustav has merely confirmed that experience. I’ve heard that folks already are experiencing difficulties trying to leave voicemail messages on cell phones. Remember, communication in the affected areas can be achieved by e-mail or text messages. So, anyway, here we are in a hotel and are glued to watching the news. We’re watching and hoping that the levees hold. We remember that Hurricane Katrina passed on Monday, and the levees broke the following day. Only those of us who experienced the horrors of Katrina really understand what we all have been through.” I thank Pat for that touching and strong letter. The last word I had was both George and Pat were safe but no report as to the damage to their home and property. As for myself, I continue to work in my stained glass studio making items for sale, repairing leaded windows and other stained glass items and teaching. An open door to any of you who travel to this part of the world. You are all welcome!

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ABOVE, K‘61 classmates on eighth grade trip to Chicago in 1957

I owe a big thank you to CHRIS NORVELL HANNA for sending an e-mail which included a picture that brought back memories of several classmates. “Donna Vogt, Nancy Muhltiner Bracy, and I had lunch together last Saturday on a very cold and gloomy Washington winter day, but we had such a good time. It almost seemed like spring, as we discussed everything from books, geography, history, travel, and home heating systems to family and, of course, Kingswood. Nancy Linn was supposed to come down from New York that weekend and didn’t, but she sent a photo taken at the Pump Room in Chicago on a trip six of us took in eighth grade (1957) From left to right we are: Carlyn Vogt, Nancy Linn, Sue Gass, Nancy Muhltiner, Mrs. Miley, Jane Miley, and me. On a more somber note, my mother, Deborah Norvell, passed away last Nov. 1 at age 97, and I received a number of e-mails and notes from classmates who knew her, including Melinda Mauck Capp and Elizabeth Rodiger. Some of you may remember that my mother supervised the costumes for the 1959 Junior Festival Harem Scar’em. She taught piano most of her life, and at her retirement home in Washington she gave free lessons to the children of the staff. I am looking forward to warmer weather here when my husband and I return next week from a quick trip to Key West to visit friends. Then I’ll have just two more issues of the Friday Morning Music Club’s monthly newsletter to edit before I head back to Upper Michigan for the summer.” I’m sure we all understand how difficult it was for you to lose your mother, Chris. The costumes she created for “Harem Scar’em” were really superb, and she was a wonderful friend and mentor to many of us. It was so nice of you to share the photograph with us. NANCY LINN may have missed that gloomy winter day get together with her Kingswood classmates, but she was able to connect with DONNA VOGT CARTWRIGHT in New York City in the spring. “Last weekend I met up with Donna Vogt and her husband for lunch and a look around the Morgan Library. Donna looks well though she said the heavy metal cancer
treatments have made her a little unsteady on her feet. I got an e-mail from Harvey Croce saying he was going to be in town, but before we could get together he went back to Nairobi because of the turmoil there. I think he sat in on some of the negotiations as a UN reporter. Of course, I was crushed that he chose world peace over me. I guess it will be another 25 year wait before he shows up again. Oh well.” I tried to get together with Nan when we were in New York last July, but was unsuccessful because Nan was in California spending time with family for a weekend in the Sierras, just north of Mono Lake. But she did send a follow up e-mail. “All okay here. I am officially retired, so now I get to be a consultant. I will continue the computer graphics stuff as it was grant funded, and I can get paid as a freelancer. It is an interesting project, and I am happy to continue with it. I’m off to Iowa on Thursday to check out the farms and the Missouri River. They need my watchful eye.” I hope your trip went smoothly, Nan, despite the Midwestern floods, and that we’re able to see each other in NYC sometime soon. I also hope to connect with CAROLE GLEUCK BROOKINS whom I missed when we were in New York. Carole is leading a very full life “since moving back to New York in May 2005. I’m serving on two wonderful boards that are leaders in carbon reduction/management: the Chicago Climate Exchange and Climate Exchange plc; and several advisory boards for companies in agriculture and infrastructure. I’ve set up a business, Public Capital Advisors, LLC, with a partner who is a specialist in public finance; our initial work is in Colombia, which is a fantastic country. I’ve taken some design and acting classes and am loving getting to know New York after 25 years in Washington, D.C. Right now, I am looking to buy an apartment, which is not easy, despite the housing crisis in the rest of the country. It seems that people are flooding here from all over the world to buy apartments, due to the weak dollar...I can’t think of any place better than New York to be making my home.” NATHALIE BRADLEY CAMPBELL agrees with you, Carole. She is still in the midst of moving from Connecticut to New York City, “really overwhelming but it is happening. My new address is 165 W 66th St, 1a, New York, NY 10023. My telephone number is 212-877-6652.” Nat also has a new e-mail address ncampbell8172@yahoo.com. I will be sure to call you when I’m in the area, Nat. I can’t wait to see you again. I had hoped to see GAIL BURGESS ZAVELSON this spring in Austin, when we accompanied my parents to dad’s WW II bomber squadron reunion, and Gail and Tom were helping their son, David’s, family during daughter-in-law, Tracy’s, surgery. Unfortunately, we weren’t able to connect. When I sent an e-mail to apologize for not calling, Gail responded: “thanks for writing. I was thinking of you during our stay in Austin, but knew you were busy with your parents. Likewise, we were very busy too. Tracy had her surgery on the 24th, so I was basically in charge of the kids, cooking, shopping, etc. Then the ‘boys’ went to Dallas for David’s race, a four-day event, and I managed to pull muscles in my back from lifting the super baby. He’s almost 20 lbs at 4 months, and it obviously was more than I could handle. So it was not ‘fun’ the last week! We are now back in Gainesville and have cancelled our trip back to the Abacos because of my back. It is probably for the best—our schedule has been almost as hectic as yours! Anyway we’re going to chill out for a while and then head up to North Carolina, Ohio and Vermont for five weeks the end of June. After the last three weeks, I am glad to be the grandmother and not so much the mother.” SUSAN BURNS HELLBERG has also been suffering with back pain and plans to have surgery sometime this fall or early next year. It all depends on when her husband, Jeff, can get a break from working in Naperville, IL. Last March Susan’s fourth grandchild, Katherine Louise Reynolds, was born. It was delightful to hear from ROSE CORBETT GORDON, because her update brought back memories of a classmate who was only at Kingswood for sophomore year. “I had a Christmas card from JEAN JAFFE EDWARDS last year and talked to her briefly soon thereafter. She has a big, wonderful ranch near Houston. Her son and daughter are not far away, and her two granddaughters are the light of Jean’s life. Jean also travels widely; I recall that she mentioned being in Russia and Peru last year. Her dad is still in Indiana. I tried to connect with Jean when my husband and I were in Austin last summer, but it did not work out.” I remember Jean as a lot of fun and hope to contact her the next time we travel to Houston. Rose continued with news of her activities and daughter, Sasha, which included a very special Kingswood memory. “Not much new here. I am still doing my art editing projects, which I love. I am working now on a project on Life in the Medieval Muslim World and another on Roman Mythology. My husband is on sabbatical working on a Dickens book. His study is out in the backyard, so we are just kind of around home most of the time, peacefully working on our separate projects. You asked about Sasha, so let me tell you something. In my junior year at Kingswood I took Miss McBride’s Virgil course with just a handful of our classmates. It was really a very special experience, and I discovered as I was cleaning out my mother’s house last year that I had actually saved lots of paperwork from that class, including the teacher’s comments on how much she herself had enjoyed the class. I thought I would be writing now to say that my daughter has carried on as a classics major in college, but she surprisingly changed course and is now concentrating in Arabic & Near Eastern Studies as a junior at Yale. That, of course, takes her time from time to time to places in the world that make me uneasy but make her life an exciting contrast to my own stay-at-home ways.” I can certainly understand your uneasy feelings about Sasha’s travels, Rose. Your description of Miss McBride’s Virgil course brings back memories of how our teachers at Kingswood touched our lives. Thank you very much for that and for keeping in touch. CAROL HOPKINSON HARRISON sent me a postcard from Mexico with the words “Puerto Vallarta has become an annual January destination, as golf is great when it’s not too hot.” What fun to have a winter getaway spot, Carol. I haven’t been sending many postcards, because we’ve had to cut back drastically on travel this year. John had deep brain stimulation surgery to control the tremors in his hands. The results were nothing short of miraculous, but the procedure took a lot out of him. That said, we’re off to Chicago next week to visit family and friends. My father turned 90 last March, so we’ve been trying to visit him as much as possible this year. Our grandchildren, Lilliana, Charlotte and Jack, are growing up fast, and we try to get to Chicago and New York as often as we can to see them. My thanks to all of the classmates who responded to my request for news this year. I hope to hear from even more of you in 2009.”
wine, both commercially and academically, for 35 years and would give my best bottle of '61 Lafite for the chance to 1) retire and 2) run a winery, so I clearly greeted this news with a mixture of envy and enthusiasm. Essel and brother, Jim ‘65, are holding a first vintage release party end of September in Cambridge, MA. If fellow bibulous fellow Cranes have an oenophilic interest, Essel will be happy to put you on their mailing list. When I wrote soliciting news, I mentioned that I was unlikely to retire for another four years, given that my son, Franklin, 18, had just started college at Middlebury. MONTY SLATKIN (slatkin@berkeley.edu) reports that he’s still teaching and doing research in genetics at UC Berkeley, and that his daughter, Ellen, has just started the eighth grade, so (like your class secretary) he has no plans for retirement until she graduates—high school, in this case! Monty and wife, Mary, are enjoying life in the beautiful Bay area. At the other end of the spectrum, good-ridance empty-nester LOU BEER (louisbeer@aol.com) sent a long reply in which he writes that when he and Patience launched their kids into the world in the early 90s, they promptly built a new house on 10 acres in the countryside, but with only one bedroom to discourage early returns! Nevertheless, they follow their kids’ progress intently: Eldest daughter, Jocelyn, is a trial attorney in health & human services in Washington. Daughter, Mary, lives in London and is director of marketing for Fremantle Media Productions, which markets “Price is Right” and “American Idol!” worldwide. Son, Michael, and wife, Kate, live in Grand Blanc, MI, with their two daughters, where Michael works as an account manager of technical services. Lou continues to consult in the private/public sector and serves his Episcopal diocese in several capacities. He has had three elective surgeries in the last eight months, including an inter-ocular implant that has given him back the vision he had the last eight months, including an inter-ocular capacities. He has had three elective surgeries in the last eight months, including an inter-ocular implant that has given him back the vision he had the last eight months.

delivering a Ford Explorer and Sea Doo jet ski to their vacation home in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, in July, to duplicate, in a small way, what TOM WILSON and he had done 46 years earlier: drive the “Mother Road – Route 66” (now Interstate 40) all the way to California. Bob reminisces that “Tom and I took 23 days to drive 7500 miles out and back, via the Seattle World’s Fair and a lot of national parks, while visiting WORTH MATTESON’s home for a couple nights in Arkansas on our way West.” Bob and Barbara have three grandchildren, cousins of oldest son, Matt, and wife, Liliana, who live in suburban New York City, while youngest son, Chris, just got engaged at age 35. Bob laments that he’s sure “glad the 60s are the new 50s, but my body doesn’t seem to be believing it. It’s about the ibuprofen needed after I play an hour or two of tennis on the hard courts indoors!” I had a nice report from DOUG SMITH (DESmith@aol.com) that he and wife, Charlene, have retired to the Carolina mountains, a mile off the Blue Ridge Parkway just south of the Virginia border. He writes: “We built a vacation home here a couple of years ago, then found we liked it so much we didn’t want to leave. So we added on to make it a full-time residence, sold our home in Apex, NC, just south of Raleigh, and headed for the ‘high country.’ Turkey, deer and many varieties of songbirds are daily delights, and there’s much to do in the landscaping department.” Doug retired from his post as vice-president of engineering at CardioAssist last year, after 30+ years in medical device engineering, and still does a little consulting work. Doug’s three married children, who live in Syracuse, NY, Winwig, MS, and Columbia, SC, have produced six grandchildren, while Charlene’s three progeny have contributed five more, so Doug may well take the class grand-daddy prize. Big AL WILKINSON (aswilk@springips.com) sent a very newsy reply. He and wife, (of 40 years) Sally, have two grandchildren, a boy 6 and girl 4 (just like your class secretary), who opportunely live only three blocks away. Al writes that “we moved to Steamboat Springs, CO, from Vermont in 1974. At the time, it was a small ranching and early ski resort town just starting to grow. In the late 80s it began to burst out and has been growing ever since. Steamboat’s claim to fame is that it has produced more winter Olympians than any other town in the world, but the real secret is that we so far remain a ‘bubble community,’ despite all the growth—which means we have been able to escape many of the problems facing our world. Also, the weather extremes here are rare (even the tons of snow are welcome), and summer is the best. If people need a cultural hit, Denver is an easy three hours’ drive away through spectacular scenery. We raised two boys here but are now empty nesters…and spend six months living in southern Baja, where we built our retirement home. Winter has zero attraction for us, and last winter Steamboat Springs broke an old record of 450 inches, which we were happy to celebrate online from Baja.” Al recently reconnected by telephone with BILL BARNES, who now lives in California. Al and Sally passed through the Detroit airport on the way to Sally’s 45th high school reunion in upstate New York. Now they’re thinking about our 50th at Cranbrook. (“Don’t they have free housing if we survive that long?”). In my earlier solicitation, I also mentioned that I had taken up amateur radio again, after a lapse of some 30 years, partly at the urging of Pete Smith ’59 (N4ZR). I undertook the full set of license exams in one go one evening late in July (sort of like Cranbrook finals, which provide welcome background in cramming) and emerged with a new vanity call sign of my own choosing, an eponymous W1LWH. I have in the last six weeks since made contacts with almost 100 countries, re-living one of my teen-age passions, much to the consternation of my wife, Linda, who hadn’t had to worry before about competition from the aether. It was surprising to see how many classmates remembered this earlier passion of mine. Much to my surprise, both Tom Cooper and Lou Beer accurately recalled my former call sign. ENNIS FRUHAUF (Eafruhauf@aol.com) reminded me that he had been licensed as KN8DYS and (music professional that he is) amusingly confessed that his first contact whizzed past him at a speed far exceeding his multo largo Morse code proficiency! Fellow ham, WARREN KENNISON (WarrenKennisonJr@aol.com), of course, wrote back and updated me on his operating activities (KBØYPU). Adding TED SIMS and our late classmates, JOEL MEYERS and DAVE ANDERSON, to the contingent, it appears that 10% of our class were at one time radio operators, following after radio mentor and physics master, Bill Schultz. Warren, whom you will remember is a banjo impresario and amanuensis to the famed Earl Scruggs, got the chance to play the emergent understudy to the famous picker when Scruggs was under the weather at the Four Corners Folk Festival this year, and Warren was invited to play in his stead. (“That’s as good as it gets for a banjo picker!”) The very sad news of this report,
however, is that Warren’s beloved wife, Jelene, died last April of complications from cancer treatment she was undergoing in Seattle. Life giveth and Life taketh away. “I guess this is a newsworthy time for me now, for better or for worse,” is how Warren poignantly put it. We all extend our deepest sympathies to Warren and their children and grandchildren. Apart from altogether too many trips abroad this year in the service of my academic and research work, your many trips abroad this year in the service of). Apart from altogether too poignantly put it. We all extend our deepest Seattle. Life giveth and Life taketh away. “I cancer treatment she was undergoing in Jelene, died last April of complications from however, is that Warren’s beloved wife, and – thanks to contacts made through my 30 years of teaching about wine – I was pleased to enjoy private tastings with the top dozen winemakers in South Africa (see photo). South Africa is a truly beautiful country, but I must admit we found uncomfortable the extraordinary security (including internal iron gates within one’s home) practiced by almost anyone of any means or station, and soul-wrenching the poverty of the townships and (more recently, the illegal displaced immigrant camps) that stand as the sad legacy of centuries of apartheid and colonialism in Africa. The surprising optimism of young South Africans, both black and white, stands as a salutary reminder that, quite possibly, our species may not necessarily be doomed, like Gatsby, to always repeat the past.

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We had a great turnout for our 45th reunion this past June, thanks in large part to PAUL ADAIR (phadair@yahoo.com), DAVE BENHAM (dad@dodgeboy.net) and others who made numerous phone calls and sent e-mails encouraging their classmates to attend. In fact, BILL GELBACH (wgelbach@gmail.com) heeded Dave’s urgings and came for the first time in my memory. Dave says he’s working on BILL BAILEY for the next one (he was busy getting his house sold in Pennsylvania). Bill Gelbach, Bill Bailey and Dave have known each other since they were children in Detroit’s Rosedale Park. Now we must campaign to get BOB RILEY, JOHN PARSONS, TERRY LAMM and a few others to make the trek to Lone Pine Road. Also attending were RICK RATTER (rdrattner@wwrplaw.com), BILL INGLE (wingle3@amescan.com), ROGER CORE (ecore31@yahoo.com), STEVE JAFFE (stephenjaffe@gmail.com) and his wife, JOHN THEOBALD (tibletwo@yahoo.com) and recently retired National Starch & Chemical Corp. CEO, BILL POWELL (.wph@crinumllc.com), DR. CARL YOUNGSTROM (Carl. Youngstrom@yvn.com), now a retired vascular surgeon, came with his wife all the way from Yakima, WA, to make his first reunion appearance that I know of. Another first timer was L.B. MCKELVEY (lucismckelvey@howardhanna.com), who brought his wife, Terrie. And our class’s English Speaking Union student, ROGER MARSH (roger.marsh@tyers.com), once again demonstrated his outstanding loyalty by winging his way across the pond to be with us. FRED HUEBNER (fwh51@yahoo.com), as with our 40th Reunion, prevailed upon his sister, Chris Huebner John ’66, to graciously host us at her lovely home after our Friday night dinner at Morton’s Steak House. Thanks again to Paul Adair for his tireless long distance endeavors to arrange the dinner. Others who came with their wives or significant others were: PETE CUMMINS with his wife, Emily, (of his famed informal yearbook photo), MONTY LOUD (hmloud@aol.com) in from Aspen with Paula, plain speaking JOE KIMBLE (kimblej@cooley.edu) with MaryAnn and ELLIOTT ANDREWS (elliotta@cooley.edu) with Jill. By the way, I visited Elliott at his Chelsea, MI, home this past June while I was in the area taking my son to a NASCAR Sprint Cup race at M.I.S. He has an incredibly well equipped garage, vehicle storage building and workshop. There were 17 motorcycles (all but a few of them his) restored to what looked to me like pristine condition. But the star of the show was a 1937 Cord 812 Supercharged Westchester Sedan which Elliott is lovingly restoring. I’m sure he’d enjoy corresponding with you regarding this project. BOB BERRY (baronial@msn.com) took time off from his adventures to be with us. He also wrote in August that he had recently completed week-long hikes, one near Crater Lake, OR, and one in the wilderness country of Wyoming’s Grand Tetons. Another update, the Hunt Memorial Lab at the University of Michigan, which Bob has been sponsoring, has received a handsome three-year grant from the NIH in DC. JOHN PARSONS (j.parsons@myactv.net) reports that he and Judy are still working hard to get their home sold so they can get back to Michigan. BILL STROUD (foxone12@hotmail.com) writes: “Jan, our sons and I have completed our ninth year in Okinawa, Japan, and have no plans to leave. High levels of civility. Low levels of crime. Only airport security I know where they smile, ask permission to search your luggage, then bow afterwards. I travel a bit and recently got to London, Germany, France and Thailand. I’m also writing the occasional article with photographs for one of the local American rags and still suffer nightmares of Carl W. honking out criticisms of my every line. Besides my family, I’m pretty well wrapped up in travel, photography, pottery and studying the Japanese language.” On a somber note, you may have already read of GARY MCCOMBS’ death at his Canton, MI, home of a massive heart attack this past August. He had been a professor of accounting at Eastern Michigan University for I believe 27 years. I knew Gary well from our senior year in the alcove up on Third Floor Stevens. I’ve known many intelligent and hardworking people in my life, but Gary was one of the brightest of them all. He was gracious, low key and simply a wonderful human being. The following are those in our class photo from
other band in which Doug has been involved, The Time Jumpers, was nominated for two Grammys. In his spare time Doug wrote two songs for a new Disney attraction, “Midway Mania” that will play all day at all the theme parks. His fourth book, “Classic Country Singers,” was due out in September. Dr. JOHN KOPCHICK writes that he and Connie visited Jan and Chuck Stoddard ’63 in California in January. John has been training to treat prostate cancer with HIFU (high intensity focused ultrasound) in Nassau and Toronto. Their oldest son is a nurse anesthetist in Boston at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Their middle son works for Google in Chicago, and the youngest son is married and works for two computer companies in Grand Rapids. John continues his urology practice in Grand Rapids and is looking forward to a missionary trip to Jamaica in February. DOUG LIEBERMAN and family visited Bob Chambers and family last March at the Chambers’ beautiful mountaintop home in Whitefish, MT. JIM McQUAID’s most recently completed short, “Trouble in the Water,” continues to draw praise. First, it was shown at the San Diego Black Film Festival and the Texas Black Film Festival (Dallas), then at the Cine Noir Festival of Black Film in Wilmington, NC. Then UNC-TV picked it up for the upcoming season of North Carolina Visions. Consult the Web sites of the films to purchase a DVD of “Trouble in the Water” or “After the Peak” or see http://www.youtube.com/turnipvideo. STEVE SENTER sold his business in December 2007. He had owned and operated Studio Frameworks for 23 years and over that time grew it into one of the best archival picture framing operations on the West Coast. Jim McQuaid shot much documentary footage about Studio Frameworks in March 2007. Steve had a hip replaced in October 2006 but continues to swim and cycle. He has also returned to the painting studio and is “having a ball.” The studio is in an artists’ co-op in Emeryville, around the corner from Pixar. Steve has completed his first set of pictures and is also experimenting with digital photography. Steve’s wife, Debby, is still deeply engaged in the world of biotech doing clinical development for cancer therapies at Genentech. Their daughter, Carlin, completed her residency in internal medicine at the University of Washington in June. She is now doing a two-year fellowship in sports medicine at UCLA. She is one of the team physicians for the UCLA football team and for Hollywood High. Steve and Debby’s son, Daniel, just started his second year at USC Law School. He spent the summer interning at the Federal Communications Commission writing speeches for Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein. Steve continues with volunteer activities and remains a co-chair of the Harvard Schools Committee, in charge of interviewing all the Harvard applicants from Alameda County. He is also a deacon in his church. Steve sent photos of him and Debby at Santa Monica Pier. JOHN STRICKLAND has retired and moved to Pinehurst, NC, in 2005. His wife, Cynthia, continues her work as a Presbyterian minister for a large church nearby. Their daughter, Amanda, was recently married there in a wonderful service and reception that brought together friends and families from 22 states, including 10 of 11 Strickland family members educated at Cranbrook.

TOP, Debby Senter, wife of Steve Senter, C’64, at Santa Monica Pier
BOTTOM, Steve Senter, C’64, at Santa Monica Pier

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Save the date for our 45th Reunion next June 5-7. Watch for more information. RANGER DOUG GREEN reports that Riders in the Sky will soon celebrate their 31st anniversary, having given (as of this writing in early September) 5,609 appearances “keeping Western music alive.” The

ABOVE, Doug Lieberman, C’64, and family at Glacier National Park

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Although we may not have actually seen one another in the years since our graduation, when I see or type your name, your face as it was in the early 1960s appears before me. Hopefully, you can be in Michigan June 5-7 2009, for our 45th Reunion, so we may enjoy each other’s company again! A trip to Israel this year was very exciting for PENNY HAUSER-CRAM as she was invited to give a series of talks on her research on children with disabilities, but she learned so much by being there. “Jerusalem is such a holy city to so many – quite incredible.”

Boston College Lynch School of Education is Penny’s professional home base where she is a professor, teaching, researching and writing a child development text book. Her kids are moving along in their lives, and husband, Bestor, is always engaged in lots of fascinating films. They are thankful to be healthy and to have such full lives. Grandma and mother of the groom roles suit MARGARITA ESPANOL PERCIAVALLE just fine. Their grandson, Santiago, is a year old now and traveled from England with his parents for the wedding on June 14 of Margarita’s youngest son, Alejandro. Lorena, who works at Wachovia in Montevideo, and Alejandro enjoyed a fantastic honeymoon, which included time in Playa del Carmen in Mexico, a Caribbean cruise and a week in Miami. Alberto and Margarita were
planning a trip to England in October to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary and spend time with their family and dear grandson. Another mother of the groom is NANCY EMERMAN SOLOMON. A late September wedding at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham was planned for Nancy’s son, Matthew, and Jill. They will live in Birmingham, MI, where Jill works in the automotive industry. Daughter, Julie, has finished her surgical technician program and plans to join the medical examiner’s office in the Palm Beach area. In December 2007, Julie’s husband opened Rocco’s Tacos and Tequila Bar in West Palm Beach and is extremely pleased with the great reception from customers. Nancy and Steve continue to enjoy Delray Beach with its very friendly, generous people who are happy to welcome new residents to the area.

SUE YOUNG STERLING and Chuck celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this year with a great trip to New Zealand’s South Island, a beautiful country with wonderful people. In June they were in Oregon to cheer for their daughter, who was competing in the Pacific Crest Triathlon. Sue’s brother, Don, C’55, and his family joined them. Travel to New Orleans in December is planned if hurricane Gustav doesn’t interfere. Early in the spring STEPHANIE OKUN MIRON called from Greenwich, and we chatted about so many subjects but especially the scattering of children as they enjoy their “grounup” lives. As I write this, we are still experiencing the toasty September weather of South Carolina, and, although Aiken is inland, as newbies to the area we are being watchful of the hurricane activity on the coasts. Stay well.

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I only heard from a few of you, but what you lacked in quantity, you made up for in quality. None of that “my hip hurts” or “I had another knee replacement” in this letter. We’re talking major world-travelers and Power-Boomers here. Leading off is SID BARTHVELL. Sid responded to my incessant coaxing (which was prompted by an e-mail from Professor BOB MCCORMICK) by giving me the following account of his trip to Africa: “Judy and I did, indeed, take on Mt. Kilimanjaro. We got back last Friday, August 22. As you may know, Kilimanjaro at 19,300 feet is the highest point on the African continent. Please don’t ask me what I was thinking about when I signed up for this particular adventure, never having climbed a high hill before. The climb took six grueling days, through or five climate changes, from equatorial jungle to arctic conditions. As one approaches the summit, the temperature plunges to about – 20, with a 35 mph constant wind. Boulders, loose rocks and glaciers add to the fun. Just an overall hell of a time! All this after five days of 10 mile per day climbing. I never had so much fun in my life! I did not quite make the summit, getting to about 17,500 feet; however, I am alive and well. And no...no golf courses. What a shame! East Africa is a fascinating place with Masai warriors and many large animals. We caught a shuttle bus from Nairobi, Kenya to Arusha, Tanzania, about 150 miles in 5 hours; rutted road, sometimes paved, sometimes not. The hotel, although nice in an African sort of way, had no television and no telephones, not even at the front desk. English language newspapers were a day old. If you do go to Africa, opt for the 5-star hotels. The cost is minimal but the amenities are more of what one is accustomed. All in all, however, it was a great adventure! Next year Machu Picchu."

Just stay off of K-2, Judge! Sid added that his golf game remains stable, and that he was disappointed by the Oakland Hills Golf Club greens (too slow) when he played the course just before the PGA tournament. This guy is living “la vida loca.” Keep it up, Sid. As if Sid’s exploits weren’t enough, PETER ELLIOTT filed this report from...Mongolia (!): “I’m promised, I am back from Mongolia with lots to report. I will attach a longer ‘essay’ for your general interest, though it is clearly too long to print. I went to Mongolia to learn about a fascinating country and, somewhat incidentally, to view a total solar eclipse. We had great weather for viewing, and the ‘professional’ eclipse goers seemed happy even though totality lasted only about two minutes...

While the eclipse was spectacular, I can now say that I have done that and won’t be going to extremes to see another (though there will be one visible in southern Indiana in 2017).” Peter went on to explain how he visited the largest city in Mongolia, Ulaan Baatar, where “harsh winters early this decade killed more livestock than usual, and many herdsman could not maintain that lifestyle. They have moved to the city, but lack urban job skills, so unemployment is growing rapidly. They have brought their gers or yurts (circular tents made of wood, felt and canvas, and a very efficient form of housing) with them and created slums outside the city, tapping illegally into water and electric lines.” For those interested in learning more about Mongolia, its people, economy and history, I have posted Peter’s essay on our class page. Log in on CranNet, click “My Groups” in the lefthand navigation bar and then click on the 1965 link.

JOE HARLAN gave us a preview of his travel plans. “This August, Christina and I will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary. We’ll spend a few days in Copenhagen, then board the Crown Princess for a 10-day cruise of the Baltic and follow that up with a week in Paris.” If you want a more prosaic travel destination, BOB MCCORMICK writes that “Amy and I rode the Erie Canal from Buffalo to Albany in July in an annual NY Parks & Trails trek. It was eight days, 400 miles, and flat.”

Bob says the group they were with assembled at the Nichols School hockey rink, which reminded him of “icers like Max, French and Tom Pfaff.” He says, “I had never been there because they didn’t wrestle, and the only time I played them in football was our memorable win at home on the toe of Mark Mayerstein (what is up with him anyway?). So, yo, if any of you fools are alive out there, think about this trip. It’s a goodie.” (Here’s a block-buster trip suggestion for next year, Mack. The CUS soccer field. I ran into a tree chasing a ball there in 1964 and woke up with Moonie yelling at me to get back on the field...or maybe it was Moonie who ran into the tree, and I was yelling at him. Whatever, Cleveland is lovely in the fall.) While others were globe-hopping, JOHN GRAHAM was sitting this one out (you’ll recall John’s trips to China last year). “No big international travels yet this year. I went to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA, for a presentation of the various present and future Mars landers and a tour of JPL and Cal Tech. Big news down here is the presidential debate on 26 Sept at Oie Miss between Senators Obama and McCain. None of us locals are allowed to go, only the news media (3000 of them for a 2000-person theater) and the national/local party bigwigs. All of us will be hanging out in the various classical Faulkner watering holes watching the action.”

Good choice, John. Watering holes have got to be the best places to watch yet another debate in the endless election of 2008. Think Mars for 2012. Another one of our own, TJ (TED) BUNT, is using his hard-earned $s to prepare for the “golden years.” TJ (he hasn’t used Ted for decades) had these thoughts about retirement life: “Since we all are fast approaching retirement age, I wonder what others have thought about for the very nearly here future? We have all gone different ways/done different things in our professional lives...it would be of great conversational interest to see what all plan for the “golden years.” TJ has been a surgeon and teacher for 30 years and managed his investments pretty well, I must say. “…for our part... we have reinvested in a new life and income producing field...and own a 30-acre fish farm that puts out bread and butter tilapia/bass/ bream for restaurants, koi/tropicals for the pet stores... and Russian beluga sturgeon for caviar. We own a remote 70-acre ranch in NW Montana where I play mountain man and she Aunt Sally craftlady...we will breed spotted saddle horses, Birman cats, and Burmese mountain dogs; flyfish our stream for trout, or Flathead Lake for lunkers; ride the Bob Marshall Wilderness; and hunt elk/deer/ grouse in the National Forest that surrounds our land. In Florida it’s breeding Tennessee Walkers, doll-faced Persians, and Gordon setters; salt water fishing from the Gulf Hammock fish camp; and wild boar/ turkey shoots on our land that backs up into the Goethe state forest. As erstwhile BOBOS in PARADISE, we will continue to blend our
own meld of the 70s hippy-dippy life of crafts/quilts/photography/art with not only the bourgeois business/caviar/breeding life but also a large slab of the good old boy redneck...a function of the way I have lived, with feet in several worlds. And of course, all heavily laced with families, friends and as many Renaissance-man intellectually provoking conversations as our acquaintances can bring, and the bourbon and Grolsch can ignite.” TJ ends his letter with a challenge to the rest of you to report (to me!) on your dreams of retirement. To which I respond: Right on, Mountain Men! Bring on your tales of bourbon, Grolsch and doll-faced Persians...but hold the lunkers! I also heard from a guy who, in all likelihood, polishes off some of TJ’s Russian beluga for lunch each day. Our long-lost, head-prefect JIM BAILEY. Jim writes: “I continue to be actively involved at Cambridge Associates, the company I founded 35 years ago when I graduated from Harvard Law and Business Schools. By most people’s accounts it is the preeminent investment planning advisor in the world, especially among non-profit endowed institutions.” Jim offered a list of clients that included several Ivy League universities, many New York museums and most of the major philanthropic organizations in this and other countries. He explained that Cambridge has over $1 trillion in assets and almost 1000 employees in seven offices worldwide. Jim adds that “This has been an enormously fun and satisfying company to run because one can do both good and do well.” As if Cambridge Associates wasn’t enough, Jim has started and financed California Energy (now the world’s largest geothermal energy company), a number of insurance companies, led by Plymouth Rock, and, most recently, Knights Bridge Vineyard and Winery. On the family front, Jim says that he has been happily married to RoAnn Costin, also a Harvard grad, for 27 years. “We have four sons, James and Thomas, both at Harvard now, Robert, a senior at Milton Academy, and John, a sophomore, also at Milton. They are all great swimmers (my wife was an All American swimmer and oars-woman at Harvard), although Thomas has shifted to water polo at Harvard and has been a two-time scholastic All American.” Jim sees Judy and Sid Barthwell at least once a year in Florida at New Year’s, a tradition they started more than 10 years ago. He also occasionally sees Ann '67 and MITT ROMNEY ’65. You know, Jim, if the Baileys and the Romneys merged, you’d have enough sons for a baseball team! RON SILL checked in, fleetingly, promising a picture of his tradition.

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Thanks to everyone who sent me news for this issue. ANNE FUCHS SMITH TOWBES reports that "after a long wait, my wonderful husband and I moved into our new home in Santa Barbara. It’s a Tuscan style home with lovely mountain and ocean views. We even have an amphitheater for special events, although around here we are calling it a “terraced garden” to get past the permitting process!” Michael has been working on the plans for years, so it is very special that it is completed. His daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren have recently moved in with us from Vienna, VA, until their house is finished, so we are “one big happy family.” Anne urges that classmates are welcome in their guest house. Anne and Michael have been spending a huge amount of time raising funds for the gorgeous vaudeville theater they just renovated, the Granada Theater. They brought it back to its former glory and then upgraded the stage, the sound, the orchestra pit, and the dressing rooms. Michael is also creating a new dance center named after his late wife. Anne and Michael travel somewhere every month, often to New York or San Francisco. In October they will be going to Egypt and Petra. Anne’s kids are doing well. Jennifer and husband, Nick, celebrated their 10th anniversary, and she continues to run Santa Barbara Magazine and C Magazine. Son, Michael, is still a DJ for many fashion and magazine events. He is also growing his background music company, Smith Event Music, and is now in 60 locations around the country and abroad as well. Anne keeps busy with hiking, yoga, tennis, piano, travel and community causes and is “grateful for health, love and friendship from old cronies like the Class of ’65!” KARIN CHRISTIANSEN FOWLER will retire from her position of Associate Minister at 1st Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, MI, in November. Husband, Scott, retired in June 2007. They plan to keep Grand Haven as home base but look forward to more frequent visits to their sons and their families in Sacramento, CA, Karin’s mom and sister, Peggy, in Naples, FL, and her sister, Sally, and her husband in Greenwich, CT. BETTY KRAUSE RUDD is still living in New York City and trying to write. Her essay called “Motherless” will be published in the fall 2008 issue of “Fourth Genre,” a nonfiction literary journal out of Michigan State University. She had dinner with Joan Kimble ’63, and had a great time catching up after 45 years and reminiscing about the “old days.” FRAN STAIR WHITE gets together with Betty every few months, purportedly to take in a museum in the city, though Betty confesses that they usually just eat and gab. ELIZABETH HARRIS writes that retirement has been “blissful” after her labor of love as caregiver for her parents. Betsy enjoys her dream home on Coldwater Lake, in Weidman, MI, and her daily adventures, eBaying her antique collections, fishing, reading, photography and property maintenance, made challenging by a fist full of what she called the “usual well earned disabilities.” Betsy reports that she “foolishly fell off the smoking wagon, but quickly clambered back aboard and will remain firmly smoke free.” She had both knees scoped this spring with terrific results. Betsy writes that she enjoys gabbing with SUSAN KENDRICK MOORHEAD via e-mail and claims that they weren’t that close in school, but Susan has certainly blossomed into a treasured friend. JUDY SCHAFFER McBRIE wrote to say thanks for contacting her, but she has nothing to share. “All is well and nothing is new or exciting.” LOUISE BOWEN LECKLITNER e-mailed from her vacation in Maine and asked for Katie Lovett Syrett’s address or phone as she would be nearby. Louise states that “life is good and nothing too exciting to report.” Louise enjoys reading the updates from classmates and hopes to get back to the Kingswood campus “sometime” and sends her best to all. KATIE LOVETT SYRETT has been living in Maine since 2001. She lived in Peterborough, Ontario, for almost 30 years where her husband taught at the university and Katie worked as a social worker. She felt that her life in Ontario was a good experience, but she and her husband had spent summers in Maine and once they retired decided to move there full time. Sadly, Katie lost her husband, John, in a sailing accident in 2005 and feels lucky to have friends both in Maine and Ontario who have been very supportive. Her older son, Nick, lives in Denver and teaches history at U of Northern Colorado. Her younger son, Tim, and his wife are lawyers in Boston. Katie keeps busy with the local library, the local Democratic Party, the land trust and has discovered how much fun gardening can be. GINA BURNES NUTTALL is still working as a freelance publisher, mainly in the field of primary education. Normally she operates from home, so going to work means turning right out of her bedroom and then right again into her office, sometimes even without getting out of her pajamas, and she claims she can be quite slowly! But starting in September Gina will be covering a maternity leave for a London publisher for at least six months which will involve a thrice-weekly train commute into London (about an hour) and two days working from home. Gina is bracing herself to wearing grown-up, workplace clothes and taking on the throngs of people at rush hour. Gina became a first-time granny to grandson, Harry. Gina claims “everyone tells me that Grammy Gina sounds like something out of a Beatrix Potter book, but I’m Grammy and I’m proud. He’s absolutely delicious.” Gina was able to see SANDRA TRUBOW FAIRBANK, who was in Canterbury taking part in the Berkshire Choral Festival. They were able to squeeze in a brief lunch and walk around Gina’s village before Sandra’s flight back to Boston. They had not seen each other for three years and enjoyed catching up. Sandra e-mailed that she even got the chance to visit Cranbrook Kent in England. MARILYN MAUCK SANDERS writes that she and her husband, David, moved to Oneonta, NY, from Albany almost two years ago. She spent a year and a half recovering from spinal fusion surgery.
and was grateful to get back to work where she is the Priest in Charge at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Bainbridge, NY, and is very grateful to God to be so. David plays tuba in several area bands and orchestras. Marilyn and David both lost 50 lbs. in the last year and a half through Weight Watchers; they asked them to be Weight Watcher Leaders, but Marilyn declined the honor (“David is far skinnier than I am anyway!”), being too eager to get back to being a priest. They have three married children and two grandchildren, Alexi, 6, and Amanda, 8, and are delighted to be grandparents. JEAN HORTON SENSIINTAFFER writes from Sturgeon, MO, that she is working part time in a quilt shop. She claims it is mostly to support her fabric vice! She is also teaching quilting classes, which she really enjoys. Jean says her hands are always busy with some type of fiber art, her therapy. She has seven grandchildren (three boys and four girls) who range in age from 17 to 4, all living close by as Jean’s daughters also live in Sturgeon. Jean’s gardening is another creative outlet, and she says, “Life is good.” I reported in the last issue that my husband, John, and I would be moving to Charlotteville to be closer east to our families. We ended up moving to Williamsburg, VA, in April, and I have renewed my friendship with JANE MAYS LYON who lives nearby. I credit Jane for preserving with us touting all the wonderful things about life in Williamsburg, telling us that we would enjoy it so much more than Charlottesville. Jane was right, and we do love it here! Now classmates have two reasons to stop for a visit. Sorry about the error that was made in the caption of my family photo in the last Tradition stating it was Mary Weir McCann’s family.

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It is hard to believe that most of us turned 60 in 2008, but it is obvious from everyone’s news that the event did not slow anyone down! MAGGIE SHOPEN THOMPSON writes, “We went to South Korea this summer and had an amazing and emotionally intense experience. Did a combination of tourist/ cultural activities and adoption related ones, met birth family members and traveled with a group of other adoptive families. A life changing trip for all five of us! Quite a difference in population density between Seoul and Plainfield, VT! I continue to work as a writer and am revising my book manuscript. I am actively involved in my grandson, Aaron’s, fifth grade class at Orchard Valley Waldorf School, which I thoroughly enjoy. My best to everyone!”

MARY LARSEN HOLMES planned to travel abroad in the fall. “I have been invited to attend Terra Madre as an observer in October in Turin, Italy. Hope to have a blog or website up to provide daily reports and photos. This is the event sponsored by Slow Food, which will bring together 7,000 farmers, chefs, bakers and young people from all over the world to celebrate local foods. I began teaching my seminar at Case Western Reserve University, Food, Farming, and Economic Prosperity, in September. I’m hoping to get away with three other couples for my 60th that we celebrated my 50th together at the Greenbrier.” ANNE JELLINKE-SIEGEL wrote that she planned to see JANE NEURMAN RABINOVITZ in the fall when she travels to Rhode Island. I hope one of them writes about the visit on our list serve. Amy Walsh combined travel for work with pleasure, “I was in Israel in May to give a talk at a conference on looted art under the Nazis. It was my first trip to Israel and a fabulous experience – just too short. In addition to an interesting conference and opportunity to visit Jerusalem, I visited with old friends who moved back to Tel Aviv 20 years ago. They took me to the ancient port of Caesaria and around Tel Aviv. I also saw their daughters, who are now grown. It was a strange time adjustment – their oldest daughter, who is the age of my daughter, is now the mother of a baby girl who is the same age she was when I met them!” SHERIDAN STRICKLAND took the most daring trip, stretching her drive to learn more and go forth to serve at the same time. “One of my goals this year was to better understand the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. I joined a group of Israelis, Palestinians and international visitors in a joint project to rebuild Palestinian homes. It was very hard physical work, since we had few mechanized tools, but it immersed me for two weeks in how the conflict affects lives.” For some members of our class, this was a year to retire… sort of. STEPHANIE GUETTINGER GIERING writes: “I am busier in retirement than I ever was working. I’m still practicing on occasion, but mostly just to help others at no charge. I am a cognitive behavior therapist but also work with Brain Training, which is an exciting new twist to the original Biofeedback. I love it! I have worked with some hopeless addicts, who have continually relapsed, and the results have been amazing. I’m still on the board of my charity for kids, Neat Stuff, which provides clothing for at-risk children in our community. We serve 7,000 kids a year from socks and shoes to uniforms and everything underneath and in-between. Our mission is to provide free brand new clothing, shoes, accessories and gifts to meet some of the basic needs of abused, neglected and other children in distress, allowing them to dress with pride and dignity, inspiring their self worth. Our website is: www.neatstuffhelpskids.org. My 17-year-old is in all honors and AP classes, on the varsity football team and is thinking about Harvard. All three scare me, but he is such a great kid! My husband has been racing sailboats and fishing, going to Jamaica on a six-day race this winter. My closest friend from college and I travel together quite a bit. We started talking about Cape Cod and ended up booking a flight to Italy to spend some time in the Northern Lake region, staying on Lake Maggiore in the little town of Baveno. It is in October, so I will be able to see the fall leaves that I miss so much in South Florida. I am so blessed that both my parents are still alive. My mother is actually still selling real estate, and I can barely keep up with her. I cook for them a lot and love listening to dad’s stories. He really was a WWII hero, and I never knew that until last year.” JUDY EAMES ST. JOHN has also retired. “Just a quick note to let you know that my husband, Will, and I retired the first of the year and are now living up north in Michigan – near Alpena. Our new address is: 4023 Mole Road Lincoln, MI 48742 Phone: 989-736-3000. I am continuing to pursue my artistic endeavors. We built a retirement home and included a marvelous studio for me. I work in water color and acrylic and also do collage and printmaking — so a little of everything except oils. I am still a member of a co-op gallery down state — the Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale. (Judy encourages everyone to stop in and see her work.) Will has shifted his interest from the newspaper business (he retired from the Detroit Free Press after 22 years) to wood working. We are enjoying the pleasures of the quiet life in beautiful northern Michigan, and now I spend as much time as possible doing things I love. What a life!” Some other classmates seem to be far from retirement. I don’t know where they get the energy, but these women keep challenging themselves and doing more. AMY ZELL ELLSWORTH writes: “Things are hopping at The Philanthropic Initiative, where I’ve been working for the last eight years — in my second career as a Senior Philanthropic Advisor, helping donors increase the effectiveness and satisfaction of their giving. I’ve been doing a lot of meeting facilitation and training for community foundation staff who work with donors and their families. Our daughter, Alison, finished her Master’s in Elementary and Special Ed in New York and has moved to Vermont/New Hampshire, where she is teaching 6th grade and has bought her first house with her serious beau (can’t believe it). Our son, Adam, having finished a semester abroad in Prague, has left for Houston where he’ll complete his undergraduate work this year with a double major in chemistry and film (as odd a combination as it sounds). But the big news is that I am taking a seven-week sabbatical from work in celebration of the big 60 – 9/11/48. Lee and I are renting a 19-foot camper van (read “very intimate”) traveling to the western states to see some of the parks we’ve never been to (read anything not in California or Colorado). We have absolutely no fixed itinerary, except that we will go as far northwest as Yellowstone and as far southwest as the Grand Canyon (we think).” My hat is off to JANET DOOLITTLE BRODESSER who has...
embarked on a new and challenging career. “I graduated from nursing school in January and began orientation at Lakeside Hospital in Brockport, NY, in March, after I passed the national (LPN) nursing exam, which was the worst test I’ve ever had to take (I was sure I was in the wrong test -- the RN instead of the LPN). After three months of orientation I am now a full member of the medical-surgical nursing staff. In the last two weeks I feel I am beginning to get over the terror of being responsible for up to 10 patients at a time, and sometimes I even am able to leave on time at the end of my shift (on the days I have five patients and no new admissions at the end of the shift). I work “B” shift and like it a lot. I start school in a week to work towards my RN. They say you are never too old for nursing. THEY say. We’ll see. Hello to everyone. Life is pretty good.” Janet also sent news that her youngest son, Thomas, is an artist in Boston, and his studio mates are hosting a showing of his works. SUSHI HORWITZ is enjoying her new assignment. “I turned 60 yesterday. Yikes! It was OK though. It is just such a shock to realize I am so old. I don’t feel old. And, as I heard on the radio, ‘boomers’ just will not believe they are old! I am grateful to be alive and healthy. Grateful for friends and life. It was wonderful to get together with people at the 40th reunion. I am at Marian Centre, a field house of Madonna House. We have a soup kitchen in Edmonton, Alberta. I live in a community with 11 other people. I have been involved with a 12-step group for overeating. I have found that the 12 steps help me know God’s presence in my life. If any of you are out visiting the Canadian Rockies, it would be wonderful to see you!” And HARRIET RHODES CANNON sent a personal note to everyone, “I want to send out a special thank you to all the KSC classmates who sent love and prayers while my son-in-law, Miles, was in the hospital with a head injury. Miles is truly a miracle in recovery. I do believe you all helped with that. The doctors who read his chart can’t believe how well he is doing for someone who they thought would be severely brain damaged and maybe blind too. He has low vision in one eye and is back to work part time as we speak. Still a ways to go energy wise and he has to carry a PDA for some short-term memory stuff. However, his young brain appears to be rewiring itself quite nicely to make up for the deficits.” Some of you also had some very funny comments on aging. Janet also wrote, “I just saw the Chinese “Hip-Hop Grannies” dancing on morning TV. I don’t know how to hip hop. I am just proud of myself for a couple of yoga poses and for riding my bike once in awhile!” And LOIS WELT LAWSON commented, “Turning 60 is a sobering event. What is amazing is how much younger 60 looks than it used to. I assumed I would finally feel grown up when I reached 60. It is good to know we are in good company. What is awful is when you hear a news report of an elderly driver causing an accident, and oops they are in their 60s.” Lois also wrote that her oldest daughter, Kathy, is expecting a baby girl in November. As most of you know, I attended the Democrat Convention in Denver for work. But I did have an afternoon free and got together with MARY SUE CHURCH GILLEN and Sue Kendrick Moorhead ’65. It was wonderful to share our life stories and reflect on how lessons learned at Kingswood carried us through those adventures. We are truly at an age where we have mutual experiences that bind us and allow us to pick up the conversation as if we were back at school and loolling in the hallways. For me, this has been a year of trying to turn back the clock. In January an orthopedic surgeon predicted I would need spinal fusion surgery in five years. That was the challenge I needed. I had vowed after my last minor surgery three years ago...never again. Anesthesia and I do not get along. Through physical therapy and water aerobics, I have almost completely eliminated the pain in my leg. I am off the daily Aleve. In fact, I now tell everyone I know about water aerobics. It burns 500 calories an hour, is easy on the joints and really strengthens all muscles but especially the back and legs. I also use my pool time to drift away and take a mental break. My only question is can I keep doing this until I am 85? Happy 60th everyone. Keep sending your e-mail messages to me. I try to get them around as soon as possible.

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In early August I heard from ANDY BRODER that classmate, TOM KRAFT, passed away suddenly in July. Andy and Tom had been close friends for many years while in school but had lost touch after high school. Andy said Tom had been ill for a number of years. I’m sure that our entire class sends sincere sympathies to Tom’s family. It was good to hear from FRITZ REITH who saw PETER HATCH and his family when Peter was lecturing in Santa Barbara. Fritz commented that “the horticulturists are very serious about their trade and treated Peter like visiting Royalty.” He went on to say that “Peter’s teenage daughters are strikingly bright, wholesome and fun, which Peter attributed to choosing a great wife.” JOHN FINGLETON reported that he has had an “Anus Horribilis” (taking after the Queen’s comment the year that there was a huge fire in Windsor Castle). A year ago last summer, just after our 40th reunion, John experienced some severe back problems. Then in September he had several bouts of breathlessness which lead eventually to open heart surgery in January. In August he was once again in the hospital to have his previously replaced hip replaced again. Despite these setbacks, John has kept up his auctioneer business and is booked through the fall. In January he plans to take a month’s vacation in South Africa, when I’m sure he plans to take in a cricket match or two.

STEVE LANDEFELD continues as the director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis and adds that, “despite the focus on the country associated with the slowdown and the Presidential election, I am finding a little more time for research and writing.” Both Steve and his wife, Barb, are trying to begin the transition towards retirement; doing a little more travel, boating and golf. Their son, Paul, after completing stints at the White House and the Federal Reserve Board, is finishing up his Ph.D. in economics at the University of Virginia. Daughter, Shannon, is busy teaching first grade, developing curriculum and teaching new teachers for her school system. Steve was unable to make the reunion last year but had the opportunity to see CHUCK MONROE and his wife in Cambridge last winter. Steve commented, “that despite both their fears, they actually recognized each other right away.” HUGH MAHLER has been traveling a good amount this past year as part of a trade association he heads up as president. He was in Prague in September and got back in time to attend the Ryder Cup matches in Kentucky. Then off to Philadelphia in October. In November he will drive cross-country with his son, Brian, who will be continuing his training at Camp Pendleton in San Diego. Hugh also travels with his wife, Darlene, to Omaha every three months to see his granddaughter, Kirstin Jane. Son, Kevin, just started a job at Creighton University in the Development Office. DAVE BARCUS reports that he now lives in Gainesville, FL, where his wife, Susan, is chief development officer for Shands Healthcare, a premier academic medical center associated with the University of Florida. Dave describes himself with the title “Trailing Spouse.” He is semi-retired as a fundraising consultant to a few healthcare clients. A good number of Dave’s family have relocated to northern Florida in the past year. Son, Steve, will be joining them in November, but daughter, Sara, will remain in Birmingham, MI, where she has a thriving massage therapy business. JACK GOODSTEIN sent an e-mail that stated he had been on Cape Cod (referring to where I currently live) in 1973 and preferred it over being at the Olympic Games in China. (Jack, hopefully you can add more details next time as your classmates would love to hear more.) I heard from RICHARD BOSLEY, who lives in Berlin with his wife, Irlana, and 7 ½-year-old son, Maxim. Richard continues his tax practice and teaches at the Berlin School of Economics. WAYNE LEMMON works with a regional home builder “during these not the best of times for home building.” His company planned ahead and seems well positioned for the inevitable turnaround. Wayne and his wife, Beverly, are now empty-nesters with both of their children, Jess and Matt, out on their own. Beverly has just passed her licensed certified social worker exam which enables her to do family counseling. ANDY BRODER e-mailed that his middle son, Matt, just graduated from Cranbrook Kingswood and will be attending the University of Michigan. Matt was recruited to play baseball at U-M after pitching for the Cranes, capturing the team for two years and being selected MVP. At 6’5” and throwing lefty they are quite excited about watching him play at the college level. Andy’s oldest son, Jordan, also a CK graduate, is finishing a degree in violin performance at the MSU School of Music. In August he recorded a CD in Ann Arbor. PETER STRYKER reports that he is starting a new research project at Bucknell University, involving the construction of a “green/sustainable research center and dorm for eight students.” He added that, “it will be built by one of the local modular housing firms and involve many new construction ideas, solar technologies and other features to save energy. All the new technologies will be monitored to see if they work as expected.” Peter and his wife, Kathy, traveled to Colorado College in June to
attend their son, Kenin’s, graduation. I saw Scott Matthews and his wife, Janice, last March and learned about his exciting business venture entitled “MetroAlive.com,” a Web site that can tell the viewer just about anything they want to know about Detroit Metropolitan area businesses and events. Janice is a superintendent of schools in the Chicago area, so Scott and Janice are taking turns commuting between Birmingham and Chicago on the weekends. Charlie Landau sent an e-mail in July with the news that he married his long-time partner, Jim Richards. He added that he was grateful to the California Supreme Court for making this possible. They had a full wedding and reception with family and friends. Jim attended our 40th reunion with Charlie, so many of us had the opportunity to meet him a year ago last June. Congratulations to you both. As for your secretary, we are finding life on Cape Cod a new experience after 32 years in Andover. We are building a house in Barnstable Village (north side of Cape Cod) and hope to be in about the time these notes are published in November. In June my son, Weston, received his master’s in aeronautics and astronautics at the University of Washington in Seattle. He is working on his Ph.D. with hopes of completion in 2010. Youngest son, Andrew, is a sophomore at Bucknell University, following in his older brother’s footsteps as an engineer. My daughter, Allison, is a group product manager for Cars.com in Chicago. Until next time – best regards.

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The 40 year Reunion was a great success. We had about 45 classmates attend. PICTURES FROM 40TH REUNION ARE AVAILABLE ON LINE AT SHUTTERFLY. Everyone should have this link, but if not e-mail me, and I will forward it to you. Thanks to Frank Martin for many of the photos and Pat Clark, who sent out a link for the ones he took. All the events were well attended. Ralph Margulis, Peter Robinson, Peter Jacobson and Rick Beer helped to organize the local fare. Jim Nordlie and Larry Raymond have taken up the Class Project (Memory/Memorial Alumni Garden – work still in progress). Jeff Deearth gave the commencement address, as well as being the recipient of the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award. Our class was well represented. Thanks to Peter Robinson for an excellent Sunday brunch. Most importantly, thanks to everyone for coming. For those of you that couldn’t make it, check out the photos. You missed a great time.

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Twenty-two of us enjoyed an eventful and heart-warming 40th reunion in Bloomfield Hills June 6-8. Again our thanks to Beth Muzzy Holmquist and Janet Fisher Bell for their superb planning and hospitality. The photos, meals, quizzes, prizes and memories they compiled for us added greatly to the weekend fun. A quick attendance roster, alphabetical by 1968 names, is – Candy Angel, Chalyce Brown, Andrea Callard, Lynne Carpenter, Jan Decker, Lauri Ellis, Lee Ann Ellingsworth, Janet Fisher, Janice Horvath, Debbie Jayne, Alexa Kachinko, Katie Lerchen, Lucie Lovell, Cynthia Maguire, Barbara Miller, Penny Mitchell, Beth Muzzy, Cathy Shinnick, Shelley Stern, Laila Temmes, Rikki VanLennep, Chris Walker. Much of the news presented here is verbal from the reunion, and I hope I’ve reported people’s stories accurately. My thanks to Jan Decker and Beth Muzzy for their careful proof-reading and revisions. Here goes – Janice Horvath Bright continues to work full time at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Endurance racing on her horse has taken her to Strawberry Reservoir in Utah, Black Hills of South Dakota, and White River National Forest near Aspen. Jan and her husband purchased acreage outside of Fort Collins and welcome any visitors who are in the area. Laila Temmes Mattilla traveled to the reunion from Finland and stayed with Jan’s family. Laila is an ophthalmologist in Finland and has three grown children. Kathy Burns didn’t make it to Bloomfield Hills but had a reunion of her own visiting Carolyn Cooper in Tucson in June on a trip with husband, Jay, and son, Adam. They spent time in the mountains, and Carolyn shared her vast knowledge of flora, fauna and fires!
Kathy and Carolyn had long phone chats with LUCIE LOVELL and HARRETT WINKELMAN and heard from Lucie about the reunion. CHALYCE BROWN SULLIVAN has a featured role in a new original musical. She continues to perform her solo cabaret act near Sarasota, FL. Her travels include back to Michigan to see her mom and to solo again at Redeemer Lutheran church, then a trip to the Virgin Islands with husband, Jerry. SHELLEY STERN GRACH is wildly busy with her job at Microsoft. Husband, Mark, a new company is building affordable housing in southwest Michigan. Stephanie will be a junior at the Latin School, so they are starting to look at colleges. JAN DECKER BURGRAAF and Jim celebrated the arrival of their second grandchild, Weston David Kelly, in July. Their daughter, Sara, and her husband are expecting their first (the third grandchild) in April 2009. Jan is recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery. She and Jim plan an October trip to Boston to visit their son, David.

BETH MUZZY HOLMOUST wrote that she loved planning the reunion and reconnecting with so many of our classmates. She and John spent the summer at their cottage on Walloon Lake with many family and friends visiting. Their daughter, who is a teacher in the Denver area, came for three weeks in July, and their married daughter and her husband visited often as they live in Birmingham. Beth ended her summer with a trip to New York City and the U.S. Open. KAY LOESER FARBER and her husband, Eric, continue to enjoy life in Istanbul, where they now work on a freelance rather than full-time basis as language teachers and writers. This year they’ve traveled to many un­tourist areas of Turkey, including the Census Division and FEMA.

Chapter 6 – As he had promised, PAUL CRAGIN did indeed get a head start on us and attended the 40th Reunion of the Class of ’68. He had a fine time and is looking forward to ours, which will occur Friday, June 5, through Sunday, June 7, 2009. Paul sent along some photos, and it is obvious that the Class of ’68 is much older than we are because from the class photos I can see that those guys are really old; I’m sure you’ll agree with me that we all remain vibrantly youthful. Paul saw BRUCE BARTLETT, who has slightly less hair than he did in our youth.

Early returns have BRENNIE, DIETERS, DOWLING, LETTS, NEITHERCUT, NORTHWOOD, TUOHY, WILLIAMS and WINKLEPLECK already committed to attend ours. Please let me know if you are planning to attend our reunion and particularly if you can help organize. I would really like to track down some of the lost members of our class, and I suspect some of you know where they might be.

DIRK DIETERS reports a tough year in the family health department, unfortunately including the deaths of his father and father-in-law within the space of a few months. His father’s funeral was made slightly easier to bear by the fact that JERRY PAYTON had seen the obituary and showed up. There’s nothing like the appearance of good old friends in times of need. AL DOWLING is still a practicing lawyer in L.A., specializing in business litigation, particularly in the entertain­ment field. Al was visited by ENNIS BERKER, who arrived from Michigan with his fiancée.

JOHN GETSINGER warmed up for our reunion by attending his 35th at Harvard, where he saw MARK SHWAYDER. John’s favorite pastime continues to be sailing, and his summer of 2007 included a trip on Lake Superior with LARRY FERR, who brought his son, Nolan, 17, along for the voyage. BILL HAYES moved about the beginning of 2008 to Winchester, VA, after living 15 years in the mountains of Colorado. Bill continues to work on software development for a contractor for various federal agencies, including the Census Division and FEMA. MIKE LANGWORTHY has also relocated, from Southern California to Portland, ME, where he, Carol, and daughter, Elizabeth, will be closer to son, Bob, who will be attending school at Andover, outside Boston. All those who bet that Mike would have a kid who went to boarding school may now report to Las Vegas to collect their winnings.

CRAIG TUOHY has moved to Indianapolis.
and taken a job in marketing/sales for a wholesaler of ornamental plants – returning to his roots as it were. And finally – in what I fear is going to be increasingly common – I have to end this edition’s report with yet another dose of bad news: Ed Perrin died in June of 2007. I don’t have any news of what Ed did after Cranbrook (and I wish someone would tell me some, so I can pass it along), but my two strongest memories of Ed are that he was a gritty defensive end “monster” on the football team and that he opened up some minds at Cranbrook about race relations. Our condolences to Ed’s family.

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It’s been busy since I reported in last. (I must listen to too much NPR: Everything I try to open with sounds too much like Garrison Keillor.) I spent a lot of time last year at the school, as all a doting parent. Son, Mike Kundak-Cowall, graduated this year and had a classically demanding senior year, along with Tom Krift’s son, Case, and Pete Broer’s son, Ben. We all got together one memorable night last spring along with Wap John and Andy Kalnow. I think the boys learned a lot more about us that night then we did about them. Over the summer Tom wrote: “My news for Tradition (should it pass the relevancy litmus test...?) is that we moved to DC, where I’ll be Save the Children’s Vice President for International Regional Management (means I oversee the field operations of all our programs outside the U.S. – currently over 40 countries). I have no doubt that, given the locations in which we work and all of the development, emergency and humanitarian crises, it’s going to be a very interesting challenge... Any idea if we have any classmates in that area? I’ve enjoyed seeing you over the past few years. Now it’s on to a new phase, though... We wish you and your family all the best and I look forward to seeing you again at 40th!”

Joe Jacobs and Reg (Jaguar) Wells ’71 came into town last fall, and we had a wonderful visit with them. Search YouTube for “Joe Chaplain,” with the quotes, and you’ll get a sample of Joe’s music and his visit to Detroit. Daniel Powers ’69 wrote, looking for Ted Burg’s address as a result of last year’s update. “I will always remember when I was in physics class with Ted...” Ted replied: “...I took physics that year as a Junior because Tom Ball ’68 had recommended Schultz, who was retiring. I didn’t know at the time that I was foregoing the chance to take chemistry with Floyd Bunt who retired at the same time. As it turns out, I didn’t enjoy either physics or chemistry, but that probably had more to do with me than with the teachers. The things I do remember about Schultz are his “Schultz schwoitz,” which was, I think, one of MC Escher’s or Alfred E. Newman’s impossible drawings, a 3-fingered, 3-dimensional hand sign that had something to do with electricity, I believe, and wasn’t it he who said he’d never bought a pencil in however many years he’d been teaching because he picked up so many on the Quad? For 10 points – what was Mr. Schultz’s nickname?”

Rod Beer adds: “Thanks for the contact. Looking forward to the 40th Reunion, but no rush...”

Win Porter wrote from Atlanta, promising an update. John Wallace writes, “Nothing new to report, unless grandchildren count. My first three are arriving between now and April...”

Chris Cauwe sent: “Just a short note from Belgium. Yes, this country is still existing; and no, there is no civil war between Flemish and Walloons, but we are stuck with some of the worst politicians we ever had. As for the Cauwe family, it’s joy and sorrow. Remember last class reunion our first grandchild was born? Jozefien is doing very well and has a brother, Jules. We also have a grandchild, Jef, who will be 2 in November. Our daughter, Soetkin, was expecting twins in October, but unfortunately Sem, one of the two babies, passed away before birth, on the 17 of July. She carried both some more time and gave birth to the little Rune (it’s a boy) on July 29, so it’s baby time. Little Rune weighs 1.3 kg by now and gets very good care at the University Hospital of Gent. If all goes well, he’ll be home in October. It’s baby boom with the Cauwe family...Further family news: I lost my father at the age of 92 in April. We miss a great man. Strange, birth and death so close to each other. And the business? Goes on, I guess, tough times here too. Hope to see you at the class reunion in 2010. We hope to see you, too, Chris! And finally, I took a senior position at the University of Michigan this spring, which promises to be a great new beginning for me. Jennifer and I are also just getting used to being “empty nesters,” as Mike goes off to Michigan Tech. I seem to be hearing more and more people around our age starting second careers, or starting new in some way, a Second Wind, or a Second Life, so to speak. What about you? As we approach our “40 Years On,” I’d like to begin to compile these stories and discover what through them. Our class has always had exceptional stories to tell, and I’d be honored to gather them to

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Here it is September 1, and I am writing to tell you all the latest breaking news for this election year. Probably most of you watched the Olympics, and maybe some of you (who did not write me) went to China. At any rate, this news missive promises to be anything but political or worldly other than our Kingswood world. In no particular order, I’ll begin with Sally McIntyre Macbeth who lunched with Mona Majzoub ’67, now a federal magistrate in Detroit. She has news of Camille, but that will wait because Camille also wrote to me. Sally loves teaching and recently moved from 5-year-olds to second graders. She is almost finished with her master’s degree, and her three boys are grown. One works in finance, another starting law school, and the third is currently fighting wildfires. Full of news, Sally said Pamelia Mullen Mcenroe is currently doing quite well on the dog show circuit, and Kitty Kolbert has been seen on TV endorsing Obama. She asked how this class is faring with the Brenda Shelton memorial, and that is a question I will direct to Camille Majzoub Jayne. Camille wrote that she visited with John Cwiakala ’70, and Paula Spiteri (wait for her news in this letter), whose mother, Terry, is helping Camille search for a building site in Michigan. Yes, Camille wants to move back to Michigan. Her company, Matters At Hand, now sells a kit online, and she has a blog (www.mattersathand.com) that deals with wealth management. As always, she is very involved with educating the public and will speak at U-M Ross School of Business MBA program in October, where she obtained her MBA. She noted that Mimi Haas Kucherlapati was at a Harvard picnic function a while ago and ran into Camille’s brother, Dr. Joseph Majzoub. She keeps in touch with Batya Weinbaum.

Above, Batya Weinbaum, K’70

Above, Paula Spiteri and Camille Majzoub Jayne, both K’70

Share. Thanks, and please write!

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Above, Batya Weinbaum, K’70

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who also wrote to me and sent a recent picture. Batya wrote that her daughter, Liota, has been to a National Youth Forum on medical careers where she visited Mimi’s Harvard lab. Batya has finished a novel after 18 years called “The Nightmares of Sasha Weitzwoman” and has submitted it for publication. She teaches online at SUNY-ESC and has two upcoming art shows of her goddess artwork. Her newest business is transformational palmistry which she hopes to introduce at a Renaissance fair in Michigan. AARON ROSE wrote that she would try to make this deadline, but as of today I have not heard from her except to thank me for doing this. KIT DENIO JOSPE wrote that their son, Christoph, has graduated from Colgate and works at an international camp, speaking three languages. Daughter, Alexandra, competes with the U.S. National Cross Country Ski Orienteering team and bike races in her spare time, all while working for the Nature Conservancy. Kit is in her thesis semester at an MFA in creative writing and poetry and gets encouragement from Liza Newell Kirk. She continues to enjoy dance, community outreach programs, her dogs and some teaching as well. I hear from LIZA NEWELL KIRK frequently since we talk about kids, horses, the political scene and whatever else comes up. She has been teaching writing at the college level and finds solace in her garden or on the back of a horse. Liza stays in touch with many of our classmates including PATTY HAYES and NANCY BRETHEN STRICKLAND. Nancy and I have been in touch this summer a couple of times, since we lost our dear aunt, Vera Brethen Taylor ’43. Did you know we were related? See what you learn in a newsletter? Nancy has had what most of us would consider a roller coaster ride in recent years. Her biggest joy is their new granddaughter, who is almost a year old and lives in the Chicago area. Reminiscent of the great high school friendships that were forged, the grandchildren of BARB FULLER WALLACE and the Stricklands live near one another and frequently spend time together. Lizzy Wallace had her child in January, and Carrie had twins in February, and the cycle continues. The families all gather in northern Michigan as well, where Nancy reports Barb has done a magnificent job redesigning her cottage. Nancy has been in touch with Liza Newell Kirk and PAM TUCKER, whom she lunches with occasionally. Daughter, Susan, married Andrew Mozukvit, a Crannie, who is in fellowship in oncology, while Susan works for the University of Chicago in development for the medical center. Son, Steve, is in Washington, DC, working in development and construction, and Scott just moved to Birmingham with Morgan Stanley. Tom and Nancy are enjoying life together and shared a scary time with his illness, but all that seems to be on the brighter side now, and they sound wonderful. I hope the pictures of the grandchildren that Barb sent will be published with this missive. News from Wisconsin comes from MARY BETH KELLEY-LOWE, who hoped to catch up with the travel queen, LESLIE ERB LIEDTKE, this summer in Ontario, but they missed by three days! Mary Beth loves Eau Claire, WI, and the community and recently completed a two-year position as grant development specialist for the University (I assume UW) until the funds ran out.

So until something new comes up she keeps busy with drumming lessons, tennis, mahjong, golf and horses, since they are also empty nesters. Daughter, Molly, lives in St. Paul, running a home for disabled adults and will be married in January. Lucy, number 2 daughter, is finishing an English degree with a French minor. Life sounds pretty good for Mary Beth and Scott! Drumming? I would never have thought of that. I had an amazing letter from KATHRYN TELFER, who wrote that she actually does have e-mail and a computer now, but she still likes writing letters. This has been a difficult year for her as for some other classmates, and she wrote about a harrowing experience New Year’s Eve with a bowel obstruction. Leaving the story details aside, suffice it to say within 48 hours a surgeon told Kathryn she was dying of peritonitis. Emergency surgery for her perforated colon resulted in a colostomy, which did not suit her at all, and she spent five weeks in the hospital plus an additional two weeks in a nursing facility. In April her surgeon said she healed enough to do reversal surgery and Ta-dah! today she is back to normal without the dreaded bag. Meanwhile, she says her abdomen looks like a Discovery Channel series on shark attacks. Ok, so now about the kids: her daughter, Courtney Elizabeth Johnson, is working in NYC on the production of “Lipstick Jungle.” Kathryn misses her terribly! Son, Telfer Rockwell Johnson, turned 20 and due to early intervention and much personal effort, is a high-functioning autistic. Kathryn sounds well, at last, and I wish her the very best in her continuing recovery. CATHLEEN COSTELLO wrote that her son, Collin, who is 13 and started 8th grade, has moved from the boys’ department into the men’s, and she feels very much like a stranger in a strange land. However, he has not completely retreated to his man-cave yet, and they are quite close. Cathleen continues to be busy with her consulting practice and looks for opportunities to serve on boards of small companies. She is exhausted by the political scene and has reluctantly moved from Go Hillary to Go Obama. She and her son spent a couple of weeks in Costa Rica at their home, enjoying huge green sea turtles and whales and lots of sightseeing. KATI ZELLER BUEHLER wrote that she had seen Batya and daughter, Ola, last summer, but that they had moved back to Ohio this past spring when Barb could not extend her contract. Kati is with the Advancement Department at Westmont College as associate director of planned giving. She says the campus reminds her of Cranbrook, with formal gardens and a private estate. I heard from JANE SCHELBERG that she saw JULIE FRANK in Detroit and has spoken to JOAN ROCHLIN who has been hiding out in California. DEBBIE SLABEK BAKER was also a visitor this year, and Jane attended Debbie’s son, Alex’s, wedding in June. PAULA SPITERI wrote that she is living in Minneapolis with her husband, Anthony, and her son, Alex, 25, lives nearby. He plays guitar and sings in a funk/soul/blues band. Paula has been selling real estate for 15 years and awaits the current slump to pass. To restore herself she has been dancing again with a performance ensemble based on improvisational movement practice. There is no choreography, and she said it is satisfying to reconnect with her dance roots. ELISSA FINNEY wrote from sunny California that she was reliving her high school experience by waiting until the last minute to “turn in a paper” and write to me. I can relate totally. She and Steven took a vacation to Vancouver to take a break from their remodel project (didn’t I report on that last year?!). The project has panned out quite well, and they feel like they live in paradise, celebrating 21 blissful years this past August. Elissa’s bookkeeping business continues to thrive, and she still enjoys long walks with her dog, Toast and Jam. Great names, don’t you think? LESLIE ERB LIEDTKE and I continue to write and share our ups and downs. She still cracks me up, occasionally sending something whacky my way, like a bottle of pear brandy from our freshman year at DU. Her twins are seniors this year in high school and are absolutely beautiful, while daughter, Mimi, is at Skidmore and doing well. Leslie still travels a lot with the kids and spends more time going back and forth to Michigan to see her parents. She ran into DEBBIE ANDERSON STEPHENS at a conference in northern Michigan this summer, and both wrote to tell me about it. Debbie and husband are quite involved with antique cars and shows and have won several honors. She wrote to tell me she was hoping to meet with Leslie’s brother, John, in Ohio since his daughter competes in Irish Step Dancing. Leslie, you never told me that. Anyway, they missed connecting but will try another time. HOLLIS BOOTH RADIN wrote and sent a picture of herself with daughter, Annemarie, and grandson, Massimo Sol, who was born almost a year ago in Chiapas, Mexico. Currently Annemarie and husband live with Hollis and her husband, and Hollis runs after her grandson on the weekends while her children sell their jewelry at craft fairs. Hollis reports her back has become quite strong as a result. She continues to work as a massage therapist privately and in hospitals, especially...
fulfilling at the children’s hospital. She often works with children and young adults who have been through heart surgery, organ transplants or bone marrow recipients. She looks forward to our 40th reunion. On a serious note, I heard from SUSIE GINSBERG GROSS who has been married to Neil for 32 years and wrote of a life changing experience for them. She and Neil enjoy their sons, Jeff, 26, and Bobby, 21, and lost their middle son last fall after his valiant struggle with depression and addiction. As a result, after 20 years as an event planner, Susie returned to graduate school and is now a therapist and addiction counselor at a clinic in Royal Oak. She is on staff at Brightton Hospital and teaches psychology at Oakland Community College, while hard at work on her doctorate. She’ll graduate and turn 60. Kudos, Susie! Or is that orchids? Anyway, they live in B’ham with a lab pup named Stella. As for me, it’s been quite the summer. As with all of us, again parents have become a focus and concern, and my mother-in-law has suffered setbacks that colored our summer and continue to affect what we do. My own mother was out in Montana and going strong for my youngest daughter’s wedding in June. What a blast that was with my sisters, Anne Taylor Schumaker ’72, and Mary Taylor Kirkpatrick ’75, and their families. Even my crazy cousin, Bob Taylor, was out here taking pictures and making us laugh, all the way from south Florida. My older daughter, Kai, was recently hired by a large law firm on the “west side” of the state, so she will be living closer to us all. The day before the wedding we were blessed with the arrival of a new grandson, Carter, born to my husband’s youngest son. We now have two grandchildren to dote upon, along with two dogs, five horses and a donkey. We have begun construction on our dream home at last and will have to work an additional 15 years to pay for it. Last weekend we took a 20-mile hike up to Sperry Chalet in Glacier National Park. My calves are still frozen without one yet on the West Coast gathering, with the Republican primary race far behind him. He had volunteered to canvass the country with his brother-in-law, Mitt Romney ’65, during the campaign. Mitt later asked Jim, who had been selected as a Romney delegate to the Republican convention, to support John McCain at the event. Jim declined: “I decided that there was sure to be someone with more fire in the belly for John McCain than I, so I turned my seat over to another and stayed home to work.” Jim is setting up a 501 c3 foundation, The Foundation to Save America. It’s major objective is to further research on the extent of Jihadist infiltration in America and the western world and to educate youth on the existential danger from radical extremists. Jim continues in his church leadership role and is also enthusiastic about an innovative intraocular lens implant, Crystalens. This device is used in cataract and refractive surgery and restores the ability to focus on objects at multiple distances – just the thing for aging baby boomer eyes. Jim is conducting several clinical trials of the device. Jim’s fifth grandchild was born this year. Pamela and PAUL MIMURA rediscovered the joys of skiing last winter during a trip to Jackson Hole, WY, to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary. ROY JONES reported that his brother, Logan, died at the age of 44 in August of a massive heart attack. BRUCE MCDONALD practices law as an intellectual property partner in the Washington, DC, office of the Philadelphia based firm of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis. Bruce recently won a court victory on behalf of the American Bar Association in a trademark infringement suit. HARRY FORBES writes of being “pretty overwhelmed during the past few months.” In May his wife, Charlotte, was diagnosed with Mesothelioma, the type of lung cancer associated with asbestos. “She does not fit the demographic for this disease, but she indeed had it.” Charlotte had major surgery in July that included the removal of her right lung and a great deal of surrounding tissue. She feels fortunate that there is a hospital nearby in Boston that has a special center for research and treatment for the disease. Charlotte came through the procedure very well and will begin taking radiation therapy in the fall. Harry writes that he has been amazed by Charlotte’s immense strength of faith and character through this crisis. Their youngest son, Peter, graduated from Georgetown University in May and is now training as a naval aviator in Pensacola, FL. Middle son, Gil, has thus far survived the financial meltdown at Goldman Sachs and is raising funds in their private equity and hedge fund areas. Harry and Charlotte’s oldest son, David, “our special needs guy, continues to thrive and bring joy to this planet each day. He is ‘Mr. Enthusiasm.’” Daughter, Rachel, is a senior at a local Catholic high school. KEVIN BUTLER’s son, Eric, 25, was married in October 2007 in Raleigh, NC, where he is midway through a Ph.D. in ecology. Younger son, Scott, is in Mexico City this semester studying Spanish as part of his degree from the University of Toronto. Kevin and his partner, Jim, who live in suburban Boston, spent two weeks in the Adirondacks in August, out of reach of cell phones, faxes, FedEx and television. They did trek into town daily to check the headlines of the New York Times to “be sure Martians hadn’t landed.” CHARLIE WILSON lives in Edina, MN, where he has started a small landscaping firm with some friends. They handle the gardening and seasonal floral plantings for the Edina Country Club. “Lots of weed pulling and planting is keeping me young and perhaps fit.” ARMAND ROTHSCCHILD sent what he calls his “five-year update.” With their youngest son at Vanderbilt as a sophomore, Armand and his wife, Marylee, report that their Louisville, KY, house “has been free of kids for a year now.” Oldest son, Daniel, just started medical school at the University of Kentucky. Armand and Marylee enjoy having Daniel back in the area after his four years at Stanford. Armand took advantage of occasional trips there by visiting with DIRK KABCENELL. He also enjoyed a visit in Louisville last year with ROBERT WALKER. Marylee is Chief of Staff at the Louisville VA Medical Center, and Armand is still practicing interventional cardiology. For entertainment they have been taking bicycle trips all over the world. GARY LEE has joined with his brother, Bryan, sister, Lynette, and mother, Ming, to sponsor a fund-raising team to battle ALS. Gary’s father, Fay Lee, was diagnosed with this degenerative neuromuscular disease in 1996. Over the past few years, the Lee team has raised $135,000 of $1.5 million total raised through the annual Walk n’ Roll for ALS in Milford, MI. The funds are used for respite care and research into the cause, treatment and care of ALS, more commonly known as “Lou Gehrig’s Disease.” PHILIP HITCHCOCK has not lost his sense of humor despite his battle with cancer. Phil has recently switched chemo treatments and admits that his hair finally fell out this time. Apparently there is just enough left to maintain a comb over, much like Donald
State. School, and son, Jake, is a junior at Michigan, seventh grader at Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School, and freshman at Vanderbilt. Daughter, Marisa, is a well above targets and a waiting list for admissions. Governor and trustee at Cranbrook, but his real interest is managing its endowment, especially in the kingdom of Bhutan and Thailand. When not traveling, I live in the town of Douglas, MI, right on the Michigan lakeshore. Our company has grown hugely over the last 25 years, and we now recycle paper, plastic, glass and any kind of metal that you can think of from 15 locations throughout Michigan. In my spare time at home, I garden, walk the dogs and am involved in a lot of community projects, including Grand Valley State University, where I was appointed to the board of trustees by Governor Granholm last year. If anyone is in western Michigan, stop by anytime.

**SHELLEY PADNOS**

"I am still in Michigan, working as a part of the third generation of my family’s business. We have been traveling a great deal during the late fall, winter and early spring for the last several years and last year we traveled through the kingdom of Bhutan and Thailand. When not traveling, I live in the town of Douglas, MI, right on the Michigan lakeshore. Our company has grown hugely over the last 25 years, and we now recycle paper, plastic, glass and any kind of metal that you can think of from 15 locations throughout Michigan. In my spare time at home, I garden, walk the dogs and am involved in a lot of community projects, including Grand Valley State University, where I was appointed to the board of trustees by Governor Granholm last year. If anyone is in western Michigan, stop by anytime."

**CORI CRAIGHHEAD COST**

"I’m still in western Maine. We haven’t been able to sell our Inn, so we leased it, and I’m going back to teaching school at the little border town of Jackman, ME. We have 190 students in grades K-12; my teaching load is nine 9th grade biology students and 13 11th & 12th grade environmental science students. Not too shabby!"

**GRETCHEN WIEITING SHERWOOD**

"A blast from the past! We moved to Southern California 13 years ago when my ex-husband-to-be took a job and left the auto industry. The kids and I vacated Ann Arbor kicking and screaming but soon acclimated to this foreign country. I have three boys and just graduated my youngest from high school. Roddie (Roderick) 23, Hunter, 21, and Harry, 19. They haven’t quite left the nest yet, but I am sincerely contemplating my next moves in life after children and marriage...ah yes, the transitional stage. I am happy to report that I am still 5’3″, but, alas, the blonde has disappeared. Because of the wonders of color in a bottle, the gray is covered over in red with blonde streaks."

**CONNIE WILSON PIERRPONT**

"I went to the 35th reunion, and the only other class members were Vicky Swain and I can’t even remember! I am still married to Seth, almost 30 years this August. We have three children: Consuelo, 27, in design school in San Francisco, after graduating from St. Lawrence University and working in NYC for “Travel and Leisure” for a few years. Seth, 25, graduated from Dartmouth with an engineering degree, and he is in SF as well, working for Oliver Wyman, a management consulting firm. Nathalie, 23, graduated from Brown last year and is in NYC working for Guggenheim Partners in their wealth management division. As for myself, I am finishing my term as president of the Woman’s Board at Rush University Medical Center. Life is busy but great. I ran into Patty Daniels about a year ago in downtown Chicago; Lisa Baum used to live in Lake Forest awhile ago. Other than that, I see the Quays, Wallaces, Stricklands and Leslie Waterman in either Harbor Springs or Florida. Love to hear what others have done in our class.”

**REBECCA HOWEY**

"I moved to Arizona early last year, and by October I had a serious case of Autumn Lust. I went to the mountains, came home with 40 pounds of apples and made jam, but that didn’t cure me. So in November I went to Central..."
Europe for 10 days where it was chilly, often rainy and always filled with golden colored trees: the perfect cure. We toured Budapest, Vienna, Prague, Dresden, Berlin and some small villages in between. I was quite amazed and excited to find that my 30+-year-old high school German WORKED! And not just for the question parts either. OK, there never was a sentence completely in one language, when I was asking the doormen at the Berlin Radisson about the location of the bus stop, but IT WORKED. I understood where the grocery store in Vienna was, what kind of coffee to buy, what was in the soup of the Tag... On the other hand, our early evening trip to the mineral pools in Budapest was the complete pantomime adventure! I don’t know what I’ll do this fall about the AL condition, but, in the mean time, if you want to go all year, even in 55+ degree water, thus earning the moniker from my children of ‘badass.’ (The nicest thing they have ever said!) My parents are snow birds and live across the street from us six months of the year with my sister, Sara, and her husband, so we have a multi-generational commune going on. I would love to hear from all of you! Write or call if you are in my neck of the woods.”  

LINDA HILL BAIRD: “Was just thinking about KSC, because I’m a grandma for the first time, as of May 12. How did we get so old? My daughter, Nancy, and her Parisian husband, David, have a beautiful boy named Oscar. Younger daughter, Sara, is a third year medical student at Brown University, and Graeme is a senior in agro-ecology at UC Santa Cruz. I’m a Clinical Professor of Preventive Medicine at UCSF, (my husband Andrew Baird is a scientist there as well) where I do a combo of research, teaching and clinical care. I took up surfing four years ago, as an old lady, and try to go all year, even in 55+ degree water, thus earning the moniker from my children of ‘badass.'” (The nicest thing they have ever said!) My parents are snow birds and live across the street from us six months of the year with my sister, Sara, and her husband, so we have a multi-generational commune going on. I would love to hear from all of you!  

daughter, Bailey ‘72, to get her a coke, and telling Shelly she would need to provide nutrition if I should ever have kids. I remember great midnight treats from the kitchen and a certain English dorm mother saying I was not ‘really a bad girl, just filled with the devil.’ What antics and what fun we had! Do write or call if you are in my neck of the woods.”

GLORIA GOODALE: “Daughter, Carey, just graduated from UC Berkeley as an anthropology major, and my son, Danny, just graduated from the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts where they held the four-hour graduation ceremony (all the seniors, including Danny, performed!), in the downtown Dorothy Chandler Pavilion – the theater space where the Oscars were held for many years before they moved to the Kodak Theater. So it was weirdly fun to watch the ultimately humbling event, a school graduation, take place in a big, downtown professional space. Danny was a classical piano major, so his department presented a two-piano, twelve hand piece that he arranged. I’m now the Features bureau chief in Los Angeles for The Christian Science Monitor, which is where I’ve been working on and off since 1982. Not too much contact with high school associations, but Cranbrook grad, Mike Langworthy ’69, and his wife, Carol, always come to our holiday party in December, and we occasionally manage to get together for a dinner during the year. Amazing how the fruits of so many decades can be summed up in a few short sentences!”

SUKI FREDERICKS: “Life is the same old, same old on our Vermont farm except for the fact that five of our seven heritage turkeys just flew the coop, literally! I’m doing more private painting conservation work and am still involved in the restoration of turn of the century theater curtains around the state in lil’ ol’ town halls, granges and opera houses. The kids have also flown the coop, with daughter, Annabelle, at United World College in New Mexico and applying to four-year colleges this fall. Son, Cooke, post-NYU, is working at the ultra cool Gagosian Gallery on 21st St in Manhattan. On the Fredericks Family front, my husband, James (Maroney), and I briefly visited my sister, Roz Rymal ’67, as well as my brother, Carl ’62, and his wife, CHRISTINA MULHOLLAND, out in the California desert this past February. It was fun to see where they winter and to also visit Joshua Tree National Park with the wildflowers in stunning full bloom. It was a blast to have dinner with MARIA RAMOCKI and her husband, Gerry Rosetti, when passing through L.A. at that time as well. In May, the Fredericks clan also gathered for the unveiling of the Ford Auditorium wall sculptures recently restored and installed at Saginaw Valley State University, home of the museum of our dad’s work.”

DEBBIE GELSTEIN PAGE: “Tom and I will be celebrating our 30-year law school reunion this fall, as well as 20 years in Northbrook, IL. Our youngest daughter, Amy, 20, is a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in communications. Our middle daughter, Katie, 23, graduated from UW last year and moved to Los Angeles to break into show biz, which means that for the time being, she’s working as a waitress and substitute teacher while taking acting classes and auditioning. Oldest daughter, Alison, 27, graduated from Emory University and NYU law school and has been practicing law at Debevoise & Plimpton in Manhattan for the last three years. She’s spent a lot of time working on the international bribery investigation of Siemens Corp. Tom’s still a practicing attorney working full time; as I haven’t practiced law in, oh, about 20 years, and with no kids home, and with every possible home-remodeling project done, I really should be making more progress on my next life plan. But for the most part, I’ve been spending my time on personal enrichment and volunteerism – exercise classes,
studying Italian, studying voice, as well as involvement in our church’s ‘hunger project,’ to help meet the needs of food pantries and shelters. The most important thing I’m trying to do right now is to stay connected with my friends here and maybe re-connect with some of my older, farther-removed friends. We’re at a point where a lot of our friends are moving to their retirement destinations. And we’ve been attending a lot of weddings – six this past summer. I’d love to see anyone coming to the Chicago area, just give me a call!”

PAMELA Todoroff: “I’m newly divorced, newly graduated (master’s degree, finally) and newly empty-nested. My son, Edward ’04, moved to Virginia in June to live with Rhonda ’72, and her new husband while he continues his education there. Melissa ’99, left the ranks of the Cranbrook faculty for the beauty of Santa Fe, NM, where she also completed her master’s degree and now teaches for a Waldorf school there. And Emily ’98, married in September ’07 and is an Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor. So my children are all off creating a life and, frankly, now it’s my turn! My degree will hopefully allow me to find a position as an instructor at a community college, so that I can work on turning my master’s thesis into a novel and find a publisher. I’m also excited to finally experience the adventure of pushing into an unknown future without a plan – something I should have done in my 20s or 30s but am proud of attempting even if it is in my fifties! I hope to move from Michigan to either the SE or SW so that I’m at least a long drive from one of my children. I’ll turn the caregiver role for aging parents over to sister, Lisa ’75, and hit the road! Time to really experience and appreciate life and perhaps find some neat stories to write about. That’s my dream. I figure every one of my classmates is either already living their dream or in the process of savoring the experience. But I’m hoping to catch up in time to have something exciting to relate at our 40th (OMG!) reunion.”

LINDA LEMIEUX: “Last August I was there, along with 79,999 others, at Barack Obama’s acceptance speech in Denver. I’ve been volunteering with the campaign, mostly door-to-door canvassing. I retired from museum work three years ago and have been just as busy. One of my friends gave me a T-shirt with ‘Stop Me Before I Volunteer Again’ with time out for Marc’s total spine reconstruction. We went to St. Louis for the surgery, and I’m shocked the family by actually moving into it! We’ve been turning it into a home over the past six years with time out for Marc’s total spine reconstruction. We went to St. Louis for the surgery, and I’m pleased to report that Marc is back at work (GM)! I went to a recent Alumnae Association meeting for honoring Past Presidents and got an update on the new Girls’ Middle School! The warm memories I have from that time at Kingswood and how I personally believe it was transformational and made me the courageous, fearless person I think I am most days, will definitely exist with this new building. It will be separate from the main Kingswood building, on the grounds where the old tennis courts are now. It is what any of us who have been blessed to attend Kingswood want for the school. The Alumnae Board had always wished and dreamed for. If you can find it in your heart to keep this cherished and unique tradition of Kingswood going forward, any donation would be wonderful. My younger sister, Lorie ’74, has the last Fiessellman family member, her son, David Dietz ’09, in the schools. He represents the last of the third generation for our family. Our mother’s sister, Nancy Rutherford Bryan ’49, has been able to join us for graduation celebrations. If you’re ever in the area, feel free to call. I’ll buy lunch (liquid or otherwise).”

BECCA MARBLE DRESSER: “Living in Hastings on Hudson, NY, a short distance from New York City. I am finishing my dissertation in American history for my doctorate at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. Am facing empty-nest this fall when my son goes off to college at the University of Edinburgh, the one they put in Scotland. Are there ever any Kingswood reunions in the New York area?”

From me: Thanks a million times over to those who answered my plea for proof that K’71-ers are not forgotten! It is in my fifties! I hope to move from Michigan to either the SE or SW so that I’m at least a long drive from one of my children. I’m retired and having fun busy with real estate in metro Atlanta, doing land/ commercial primarily. Even though I went to Kingswood for just my senior year, the experiences and memories mean a great deal to me still today.”

LIZ SMITH is living in Arizona where she is a licensed clinical social worker (see her Web site: elizabeth_smsmith.com). She has two dogs and tries to hike, swim and goes to the spa when she can. Summers are very hot there, she says, almost unreal at times. She writes: “My mother died in 2006 after a long illness when I moved here. My 85-year-old father, my sister and nephew live here too. I hope to travel a lot more in the years ahead. I lived and worked in Europe (London and France) years ago and want to go back. No more procrastinating! I will see Connie Lowenstein Colman in September when I visit Detroit.”

SANDY MORSETH BEALL now works as an independent consultant. “I only work with pharmaceuticals and work out of a home office (which might soon be overtaken by my antique doll collection). A few years ago I decided that working 40 hours a week was really way overrated. Being a consultant allows me the freedom to go on vacation anytime I want to and take off Fridays. It is perfect for me! I travel quite a bit for work and sometimes to nice places but other times to Ohio. It is a good job though, and I am happy to have the freedom. I still ski in Colorado every winter and so does my 95-year-old father. I love to be outside in the mountains. We usually vacation in the Mediterranean in the summer but lately have taken some cooler weather cruises (Norway and Alaska). Greece is my favorite place when I want to do nothing but enjoy the sunset every night. I went to one of those cooking vacations a couple of years ago in the south of France. I loved that and hope to do it again, maybe in Spain the next time. We have an old brick farm house (circa 1818) on 10 acres in rural Maryland about 50 miles from DC. It is plenty of room for Jim (my husband) and me and our horses. I love to garden and am hoping to take the course for a Master Gardener this winter.”

DOOLY VALASSIS JACKSON writes: “Marc and I found a ‘shack’ on Brighton Lake (in Brighton, MI) and shocked the family by actually moving into it! We’ve been turning it into a home over the past six years with time out for Marc’s total spine reconstruction. We went to St. Louis for the surgery, and I’m pleased to report that Marc is back at work (GM) and three inches taller. I’m retired and having fun with Skylar, our first grandchild.”

SHARON ROWLEY PIERMIA has been “living a quiet life” in Spring Lake, MI, since 1979. In September, she and her husband visited First Presbyterian Church in nearby Grand Haven where my sister, Karin Christiansen Fowler ’65, is a minister. Sharon discovered the Kingswood connection when she saw Karin’s name in an issue of Tradition. For the last 10 years Sharon has been a librarian at Loutit Public Library in Grand Haven. She and her husband, Stephen, have two children, Leah, 27, and Matthew, 24. Recently, SHERRY COGSWELL spent a great afternoon at the Cranbrook Art Gallery seeing a traveling exhibit on the American Craft’s movement. She said “The campus looks great and well taken care of. Sorry, but no yachts or beach front homes, or even a cabin up north, so we are just bugging Ann Arborites working at the U with our cat. Go Blue and don’t forget to vote!”

(Remember, Sherry was the one who lived in

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There was a terrific response to this issue’s call for class news! Thanks to all who wrote in. I’ll start with news from those we haven’t heard or rarely hear from: KATHY (now known as Katie) McNulty saw her name on the “lost list” and was the first to write in. “I am alive and well in Atlanta – have lived here since right after grad school. I have a getaway place down at Tybee Island, outside of Savannah. Tybee is one of the barrier islands along the Georgia coast. I love to go there and just chill. Amazingly enough, I am pretty
PRIMARY country — Iowa — during the last election day!

JEANNE MULLEN GROAT writes: “It will be just me and my dog soon. Daughter, Katy, goes to Knox College in Galesburg, IL, in September. Son, Richard, is a senior at Northern Colorado. We expect him to graduate and commission in the army in May ’09. My parents are still traveling; they are remarkable. As for me, I’m starting an empty nester’s mom’s club, so we can cry in our beer. Richard and I went to the cottage for a while. It is a timeless, magical place. All is changing, but all is well.”

NANCY MAY is very busy with work on a $200 million residence hall project (1200 beds) at Northwestern University in Boston, scheduled to open in fall 2009, and she’s planning her next project, another 600 beds to start next spring. She says: “Anyone with kids still looking at colleges should look at Northeastern and contact me! It’s been quite a transformation for what was always just a ‘commuter school.’ She is also busy this summer with golf and 2.5-year-old Sophie, her step-granddaughter, who is learning to swim and keeps them hopping! This is one of the first summers that Richard and I did not make it back to Michigan to see my parents… just too busy and airfares have certainly gotten ridiculous. Niece, Rebekah, Cindy’s second oldest is on a two-year stint with the Peace Corps in South Africa, home for a three-week visit in October, so the May Family is having ‘Thanksgiving in October’ at Cindy and Spencer’s country house in Chatham, NY, over Columbus Day weekend, with my parents, sister Barb, and all of Cindy’s family. Just want to also mention that JAN LUCAS GRIMM’s Web site www.caringbridge.org/in/janlucassgrimm is still going strong, and she has had enough setbacks for a lifetime… everyone should log on and send her well wishes or just revel in her perspective on a hard battle with cancer. Because the pain medicine suppresses my appetite, I’m dubious to please to report that I’m right at the weight I was when we graduated from Kingswood, so I guess ‘skinny’ plus ‘age 54’ plus ‘cane’ equals: ‘looks like she might collapse at any moment’ or something. In any event, everywhere we went this summer it looked like an ad for particle physics, as French men collided with each other in an effort to open doors and the like for me. It was so good, in fact, I may actually have to keep using it even after surgery.”

The other only news of consequence, she continues, “is that I’ve been teaching myself Arabic by learning to sing. I’ve pretty well mastered ‘Rock the Casbah.’ It’s just ‘pretty well’ since I just simply fall apart laughing when I get to ‘wah’den, hum-b-el-gitarr,’ ‘l-axur b-el-bendir yedrob.’ This doesn’t look like much, I admit, when written down, but it’s really, really funny sounding, and means “the Bedouin were playing the guitar and the electric camel drum.” This just has so much more street-cred than ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ and ‘have a nice day,’ don’t you think? To say nothing of being a real conversation starter in the right circumstances.”

When we last heard from SUE STONER KLEINPELL, her granola “Kingslake and Crane” had just been acquired by Tulocay & Company, and she and Art were moving to California to be the brand managers. They LOVE IT! She says, “I had totally forgotten how spectacular the weather can be in California. My little sister and her family live here as well, so I get to see lots of my 8-year-old nephew and 7-year-old niece. On the weekends we visit wineries and explore the region (San Fran, Lake Tahoe, Mendocino, Sonoma) and are having a blast! Tulocay & Company is a multi-tiered company with manufacturing, retail store, culinary center and café. Soon they will have food production tours as well.”

GARY DAVISSON has lived in Atlanta since 1981 but spends most of his time away as he serves in the Office of Disaster Assistance for the U.S. Small Business Administration. Gary oversees residential and business loans to facilitate disaster relief for the U.S. Small Business Administration. Gary oversees residential and business loans to facilitate disaster relief.

SUE STONER KLEINPELL reports having had a fine summer with one of the highlights being a chance to connect with other classmates at the 35th reunion in June. He spent many other weekends boating on Lake Erie, where he enjoys identifying places around the islands that were previously unknown to be too shallow for boating. Barney is a CPA and tax partner at a firm in Columbus, OH. He has a son, 16, who describes him as a “good egg.” Barney is still into music and concert-going. Rock on!

JEFF POE has shared news of his path since leaving Cranbrook after his junior year to study abroad in Germany. He finished his senior year back in Michigan, then completed college in San Diego and law school in Detroit in record time. Since then he has had a private law practice from which he is now semi-retired. He is involved in construction, is a fine woodworker and craftsman himself and hand-built much of the home he and his wife, Lyn, now occupy. He met Lyn the first day of law school, because she arrived late, and the only available seat was next to Jeff. She is also a fiber artist, with an interest in wool spinning, and does volunteer work with children and art. Jeff is local and sees BERNIE POLEN regularly, as they both have an interest in vintage cars, and they also
face off on the racquetball court. Also not far from home is BRUCE MARGULIS. Bruce is no longer in medical practice, having sold his business many years ago. He is involved in real estate and start-up companies. Bruce and his wife, Barbora, have a daughter, Arianna ’04, who graduated from U-M with a major in English. She works in NYC for Melet Mercantile, a vintage fashion studio in Soho. Their son, Bruce ’06, is currently a history major at U-M and headed rush for his fraternity SAE. Bruce and Barbora enjoy golf and divide their time between their home in Bloomfield Hills and a place in Juno, FL, where Bruce says they spend a “reasonable amount of the winter.” A few years ago, Annie started a clothing line offering stylish women’s golf attire called “girls golf,” which has been featured in national publications. BILL STADLER sends the news that he recently moved to a new home in Dallas. He has heard from MARK KOMRAY again after a few years. MIKE PHILLIPS shares his thoughts on life since Cranbrook. Over the last 18 years he has built his business of grocery anchored community shopping centers to 38 states covering 27M sq. ft. He credits his education here with giving him the confidence to find creative solutions to problems, the perseverance to face competition and the understanding that education, as Mr. Heavenrich once said to him, is “learning how to learn.” Mike and his wife, Barbara, live in Park City, UT, and have been married 31 years. Their daughter, Sara, 28, got married last year and is living in Culver City, CA. She is an attorney, and her husband is an executive for a company in London. Christopher, 25, is in real estate in Manhattan, and their youngest, Alexandra, 20, studies in Seattle. She is the starting goalie for the women’s soccer team. Mike also spends time with his folks as often as possible. He is regularly in touch with DAVID STRICKLAND and recently enjoyed meeting Julie Fisher’s stepson, Casey. Mike is also to be recognized for his past service to his fellow Cranes as class secretary. Thank you, Mike. ROD ALLEN came back for Reunion ’08, our 35th. He stayed with me, HUGH KERR, your current secretary. We had a great time reconnecting and cruising the grounds. If you want the ultimate experience, go through the Science Institute with a geologist! Rod has had many interesting experiences, including a posting at a remote gold mine in Nicaragua. He is now teaching life sciences at a private secondary school in Lake Charles, IL. I saw many other fellow Cranes back for our reunion, but I hope to see all of you at the 40th. As always, your faithful and tireless class secretary is seeking news and tall tales from fellow classmates and friends. Please e-mail or call. If anyone has sent an e-mail previously that did not receive a response, I apologize. Unfortunately, my e-mail address was printed incorrectly in the past Tradition column. The correct e-mail address is: hughhkerr@gmail.com. Try again, please. I know it seems like a long way off, but we should all begin thinking about attending our 40th Reunion in 2013. In the meantime, send me your news, and I’ll pass it along. You guys are more interesting than you think you are!

K1973

This has been a great year for reunions, and the Class of 1973’s 35th was one of the most successful. The e-mail barrage before and after the June Weekend spoke volumes! We are thrilled by this renewed contact of some 40 classmates, and urge those who haven’t done so to please write LChaseW@aol.com to get on the group e-mail list and re-connect! On the reunion LUCY CHASE WILLIAMS writes: “’73 Woodies attending the 2008 Reunion Weekend (KSC names): NANCY ALBERT, PAM BARCLAY, LOIS BRYANT, DARNELL CARR, GAIL DIETRICH, TINA DENISON, LORI DRESNER, SARA ELLIS, JULIE FISHER, Margie Fisher ’76, MEREDITH FREEMAN, SHERYL GHEZZI, SHOWEY, JENNY JAKUST, BAT-SHEVA NIVY, KAREN OPPLIGER, LAURIE PROCK, AMANDA READ, LINDA WASSERMAN, MAGGIE WIDDIFIELD, LUCY CHASE WILLIAMS, CAPRICE WILSON.

Cranie classmates who attended our special events: Kary Ball, Chris Cooke, Geoff D’Allemand, Mike Elledge, Jim Holmes, Hugh Kerr, Jon Mills, Walter Shwader, Bart Williams (’76.) The highlight of the festivities (which included an Erg sing-a-long and a dozen display boards of memorabilia courtesy of Showe) was the lovely brunch thrown for us by Julie Fisher Cummings and her sister, Margie Fisher, a party which included beloved faculty members Russell Conner, Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Geroux, Larry Reeside, Francine Rode, Nancy Ryan, and Arlyce Seibert. For those who missed the opportunity to wax nostalgic in person, you can read reports, check out photos and post your own memories on the “Alumni Portal Page” of the CranNet website. If navigating this site proves daunting, I have been assured by the Alumni Office that the webmaster will be more than happy to help you (contact alumni@cranbrook.edu.)” I was thrilled to receive an e-mail from CATHY ATEN, who for many years had been one of our “lost” classmates. She writes that in February 2009, her work will be part of an exhibit shown at the New Mexico Museum of Fine Arts, which also purchased one of her pieces for their permanent collection this year. Cathy adds that she is teaching a workshop at the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum called “Those Who Rode Away,” about identity and place. She is also looking forward to a visit from Lance Stone ’73, Barry Rostek ’73, and David Green ’72 in September. Lastly, Cathy writes, “I love my life here. It is focused, inspired and rich.” If you would like to view Cathy’s work, log on to www. eileenbrazilfinearts.com. SARAH ELLIS JACKSON writes that she is currently taking on the difficult task of refurbishing a century old house with her nephew. She also adds that while at the reunion, she and Julie Butus ’74 had a great time walking the Kingswood campus and

ABOVE, Kingswood Class of 1973 with favorite teachers at 35th Reunion

ABOVE, Arlyce Seibert, Linda Wasserman Aviv and Lucy Chase Williams, both K’73, and Larry Reeside

ABOVE, Francine Rode, Nancy Ryan, Margie Fisher, K’76, and Julie Fisher Cummings, K’73
were especially thrilled to see that their old dorm rooms looked the same. Received a great e-mail from our exchange student, **ANA PAIMEIRIM**: “My two sons are off to new beginnings, although the youngest, Tomé, starting college, will probably stay at home. He hopes to attend film school; alternatively he will study philosophy. As for my eldest, Simão, he is off to London in the fall, to attend a Master of Fine Arts (program) at Central St. Martin’s School of Art…exploring the world of Installation [program] at Central St. Martin’s School of Art…exploring the world of Installation Art.” Ana adds that, although it is still in the planning stages, they are hoping to move out of Lisbon and build on a piece of land they own in Sintra, which is 30 km away from the city. She hopes to continue her freelance translating jobs and is looking for training in simultaneous translating, such as interpreting. **SUSAN CORBETT ZERONDA** e-mailed her hello on several occasions. She and Showey have been putting together an accurate database of our class addresses. I’ve enjoyed chatting with her, though briefly, about possibly getting together the next time she is in DC. She is a lawyer, living in the Albany, NY, area. Susan also forwarded an e-mail from **MOLLY MOXAM KALIFUT**, who writes, “...the past three decades have seen me working as ‘a mild-mannered reporter’ on a quaint metropolitan newspaper, relocating to the East Coast, moving into public relations and marketing for non-profits, mainly hospitals, and now focusing on researching colleges and planning quirky vacations around upcoming college visits, dreading and planning for the empty nest. We’ve taken it for a trial run this summer while Max is spending five weeks in Nova Scotia at a French immersion program...We love Annapolis...and have made some very dear friends here...”

**JOYCE WHEATON LANDER** in Empire, MI, and enjoyed the time relaxing and reconnecting with her dear friend. Speaking of Joyce, she is “still a Texan,” having lived in Houston for 28 years. She has a residential architecture practice and expects this to grow when her youngest son, Charles, heads to university next year. He and her older son, Lawrence, started a band called “Collapsing Horse.” Lawrence is a senior at the University of Texas and is majoring in photojournalism. She spent a month in northern Michigan in Empire on Lake Michigan, in the midst of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, and was able to catch up with Lorie, **SALLY CARPENTER KERR** and her looks...
REBEKAH DORMAN and her husband, David, are spending their first year teaching at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Their eldest daughter, Madeline, is a junior at the University of Michigan, while their younger daughter is a junior in high school. They are enjoying the move to the Midwest and are looking forward to the upcoming year. Madeline is looking forward to exploring the city of Detroit and attending the University of Michigan's football games. David is excited to be close to his family and to start a new chapter in their lives.

K1975

Hello, classmates! HELEN RANDOLPH dropped a note with an address change, but no other news. She is still living in the Washington, DC, area. PAM BENJAMIN BLANK has been volunteering at a local hospital, helping with administrative tasks. She is also working as a volunteer at a local school, helping with the after-school program. She is enjoying her time in the community and is looking forward to the upcoming years. "Life is wonderful in Wimberly, TX!" EILEEN JENNINGS JEVES has grown sons and is living in Jacksonville, FL, with her pet cockatiel. TINA MANUEL JOHNSON and husband, Jack, are splitting their time between Southern California and Ann Arbor, MI. Their eldest son, Jack, 21, is playing in his second NHL season for the LA Kings. He is still a student at the University of Michigan, taking classes in California during the hockey season and in Ann Arbor during the off season. Younger son, Kenny, is 10 and in the 5th grade in California. He keeps busy swimming on a swim team and playing AAA travel hockey, just like older brother, Jack." Says Tina, "It’s great keeping the family together as much as possible, and we love combining life in California and Ann Arbor and enjoying the best of both." ANN WHITE YANICK is married to Phil and is working as a social worker in a hospital. Her oldest son, Brian, is in college, and she still has two more at home, Todd, 16, and Elizabeth, 12. She had a wonderful get together with three other alums, MICHELLE MINTUS YOUNG, MARTHY NATSIS and myself over the past Christmas holiday. As for your class secretary, I have kept busy with my solo private allergy practice. I continue to teach medical students, resident physicians and lecture to primary care doctors in the community about allergic disease and asthma. My husband, Mark, and I have traveled to Montana, Idaho, Napa, Chicago and Philadelphia. In fact, while in Glacier National Park, hiking to Spyer Chalet, I met another Kingswood alum, Sarah Taylor ’70. It is truly a small world! I just completed three years on the Kingswood Alumnae Board and enjoyed being back on campus and being part of the Cranbrook community.

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Greetings, classmates! My apologies, but I was unable to collect class notes from you before this issue of Tradition went to press; will reach out to you again before the deadline for the next issue, so please start assembling your notes, stories, news, etc. But we did receive one (unsolicited) submission which is reprinted verbatim below:

DIRK DENISON went to the Olympics. His first e-mail home read: "Greetings from China, five days out so far, first in Shanghai, tours, eating, shopping (bought my first Rolex: $301), very hot and humid, even more hot and humid in Beijing where we arrive Friday before the Opening Ceremonies. The tour operators informed us when we got here that their contact for ceremonies tickets had fallen through, huge disappointment, especially since we bought the tickets 15 months ago. But then, 'Dave,' the president of the tour company, 'found' tickets at the last minute for a very few of us, very VIP and had to be kept very quiet! Well, after Paul and I went through security, all hell broke out, dozens of security guards descended on us, they held us like prisoners for over three hours in some horrible room, questioning us over and over. We missed the opening show but could see the fireworks out of the window of this hut, which made it even more frustrating. But, after a major ordeal, during which Paul went totally crazy (we were good cop bad cop), they let us go, very apologetic, wanted us to have a good impression of China, and then they actually drove us in the police vehicle directly into the stadium, and we saw the athletes come in from the IOC section and the lighting of the torch (we were in the section right next to George W.). Very moving to see all the countries together. They used the Birdsnest (that is the stadium’s name) in very interesting ways, projecting on the surfaces, was very well done. Today when we go to the Great Wall, hopefully we will not be arrested there! Our adventure was certainly a once in a lifetime experience, that is what one always wants, right?"

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C1976

STEVEN C. CORKERY, son of the late Cranbrook Headmaster, Christopher Corkery, passed away unexpectedly on April 10 at his home in Newport, RI. According to his obituary, "Steve avidly followed sports, both local and professional, and often expressed strong opinions of St. George's..."
teams as well as his beloved Red Sox. He was fortunate to have many friends in the Newport community. He is survived by his mother, Nancy, brothers, Matthew, David and Caleb, and sister, Ann Corkery Strachan ‘78.

Class Notes Editor, Kathy Discenna

C1977

Greetings, Classmates. I hope this edition of Tradition finds you well. As I write, we’re currently between Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. We got lucky with a near miss by Gustav and not a single drop of rain. Ike is still a major threat but on the same path. We shall see what fate has in store for the Gulf Coast in the coming days.

That evening reminded Donna of how her special memories of our high school days have passed. Mrs. Seibert brought back many wonderful memories. Donna saw Arlyce Seibert and the Cranbrook Development team when they visited San Francisco. Mrs. Seibert brought back many special memories of our high school days. That evening reminded Donna of how her mixed emotions that I write my final class notes will follow Donna and do the four issues after that. Thank you so much, Donna and Linda. I know you’ll both do a fabulous job (better than I have!), and you’ll have a lot of fun doing it. Donna wrote a wonderful note to me that, unfortunately, limited space does not permit me to print. Please see the alumni portal of the school’s Web site (www.cranbrook.edu) for her complete letter.

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K1977

Greetings, fellow classmates! It is with mixed emotions that I write my final class notes for K’77. It has been a wonderful experience to be your class secretary. As I’ve mentioned in the past, I enjoy getting everyone’s e-mails. What an incredible opportunity for me to feel a close bond with our class over the years that I would not have otherwise had. Unfortunately, I feel that family and work demands have forced me to make the decision to step down.

Donna Katzman-Greenwall has graciously volunteered to be our class secretary for the next four publications. Linda Mast Stone will follow Donna and do the four issues after that. Thank you so much, Donna and Linda. I know you’ll both do a fabulous job (better than I have!), and you’ll have a lot of fun doing it. Donna wrote a wonderful note to me that, unfortunately, limited space does not permit me to print. Please see the alumni portal of the school’s Web site (www.cranbrook.edu) for her complete letter. Donna saw Arlyce Seibert and the Cranbrook Development team when they visited San Francisco. Mrs. Seibert brought back many special memories of our high school days. That evening reminded Donna of how her mixed emotions that I write my final class notes will follow Donna and do the four issues after that. Thank you so much, Donna and Linda. I know you’ll both do a fabulous job (better than I have!), and you’ll have a lot of fun doing it. Donna wrote a wonderful note to me that, unfortunately, limited space does not permit me to print. Please see the alumni portal of the school’s Web site (www.cranbrook.edu) for her complete letter. Donna saw Arlyce Seibert and the Cranbrook Development team when they visited San Francisco. Mrs. Seibert brought back many special memories of our high school days. That evening reminded Donna of how her
days at Kingswood shaped her and gave her the fortitude, confidence and skills to move ahead into her adult life. Donna was telling her children that she was elected Senior Class President (Donna thanks us for that!) and daughters, Channi, 11, and Dora, 9, think that’s cool. Son, Sammy, 12, expects nothing less from his mom. **JENNIFER NOLTE STEVENS** spent the summer traveling. She and Mark hiked in the Sacred Valley of Peru, including Machu Picchu, which she said was incredible. They also took a family trip to Michigan (where she had dinner with Kathy Briggs Goldberg ’75) and to Oregon and Mendocino, CA. Now that school has started, Jennifer is busy being a soccer mom and is continuing her Spanish classes at the local community college. (Those classes came in handy on the trip to Peru!) Next summer Jennifer and Mark are planning to travel through Europe. She’s looking for recommendations for inexpensive accommodations in Paris, Florence, Venice, Vienna, Prague and Munich. If you have any, please e-mail her at stevens.jennifer@comcast.net. **BETH JACKSON ANCTIL** reports that she and **LINDA MAST STONE** visited **SHERIL STEGGLES BURKHART** at her home in Florida last April, just before Beth returned to work. Beth’s working at Henry Ford Health System, doing project management with a focus on improved safety and is really enjoying it. **KAREN STADLER VAN DUSEN** and family moved three times in the past year and a half. They purchased a neighbor’s home, lived in it briefly and gutted it. They’re back in it now but spent much of the summer traveling, so they are still settling in. Son, Rob, is a senior and is busy with college applications. Peter is in 10th grade. Both boys play tennis for Boulder High. Karen also plays tennis and says that everyone in the family is better than she is. Though she’s proud, she’s a little miffed about the competition. **CAROL HIMELHOCH** spent a lot of the summer up north. Carol continues to teach online classes. She also does some consulting work which recently took her to Chicago and Columbus. **POLLY JO WHEATON KEMLER** spent two months with her family in Glen Arbor this summer. She’s enjoying living in the city after their move from the suburbs to downtown Boston. Also up north is **CHRIS RAU**. Chris is the Director of Design at Huzza Design in Harbor Springs. She’s a single mom of three beautiful daughters. Her oldest just graduated in June from Northwestern University with honors and was on the dean’s list. Her degrees are in cognitive science and art history. Now she’s in South Korea for a year, teaching English. Chris’s 19-year-old, Eva, is a sophomore at Kalamazoo College, where she’s a superstar on the women’s soccer team. Chris is very proud as she was one of the founders of the team. Mia, 8, is in 3rd grade. Mia accompanied Chris on a buying trip to Paris this fall. **ANA FANEGO FRANCUS** wrote to me from Madrid after spending a day at the Prado Museum with husband, Michael, and children, David, Rebecca and Andrew. Rebecca is studying in Barcelona for the fall semester. All three of the Francus children are in college now. David is at Ohio State, where he is working towards completing a dual degree, a B.S. in bio and a B.F.A. in art and technology. He works as an undergrad researcher at the Ohio Supercomputer Center doing work that, according to Ana, they don’t really understand. Rebecca is a junior at the University of Pennsylvania, where she majors in philosophy, politics, economics and Hispanic studies. Ana says that her kids are better traveled than she and Michael are, and that they spend a considerable amount of time and energy trying to make sure that their schedules coincide with their children’s schedules. They find that their children are the most interesting and entertaining people they know, and they have so much fun with them. My twins went to summer camp for part of the summer. They’re in 2nd grade now and are playing fall soccer. Ryan is a junior in high school. He too is playing soccer. Aaron is a senior. He’s in the marching band for the fourth year. He applied to Missouri University of Science and Technology (his top choice) over the summer and was accepted. He’s quite excited about it. In addition to my Foundation work, I’m working part time in the office at Orchard Lake Middle School in West Bloomfield (where Aaron and Ryan used to go). Never a dull moment in a school’s office! Thank you, K’77, for making this such a fun experience for me. Please send future class news correspondence to Donna Katzman-Greenwall, 25 Crocker Ave., Piedmont, CA 94611, donna@talcottholdings.com, (510) 654-1030.

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**CK1978**

Hello, dear Classmates of 1978. What a grand time we had reunion weekend. The Bloomfield Hills men in blue are probably still laughing about busting what they most likely thought would be a bunch of teenagers, only to find a bunch of “high schoolers” celebrating their 30th reunion! So, if we can’t keep dancing in the backyard, what’s wrong with just bringing it on into the kitchen. I am smiling now as I type these words, reliving the greatness of the events of the weekend as a whole! Everything turned out perfect! We had a slight downpour on Friday night that cleared up as fast as it came. No worries. Speaking of that rain, **SUSAN AIKENS POST** reminisces with a smile that Grace Piku’s husband wanted to turn around and go home Friday night (our party at the Senior Cabin) as “No One would be at a party in the thundering rain.” Grace assured him that the class of 1978 wouldn’t let that stop them. Susan notes that during our energetic dance party at Martha’s on Saturday night “MISSY ZIEVE” rolled her ankle during an especially enthusiastic dance move but managed to dance right through that pain!
SUSAN VARBEDIAN LUCKEN kept announcing, “just one more song!” and danced seven songs in a row without stopping! CHRISS JONES JUNEAU was snapping pictures and posing with her favorite teachers, and our guests, Miss Ruzten, Mrs. Seibert and Mrs. Schuette. Martha’s expression of delight when Bloomfield Hills’ finest showed up on the doorstep as there had been a complaint that we were just out of control, was priceless. RUSTY FELIX’s well-timed call for some Bob Seger will go down in class of ’78 history! Good work, Rusty!” ERIN PORTER LIVINGSTON, looking just as beautiful as always, has lots of fun memories to share: “Seeing everyone. Laughing with Beth Clark until 2 a.m. at the Kingsley. Seeing our pride and joy, Susan Aikens Post, accept her award. Getting to see Grace Piku Friday night. Walking the campus with John Harbeck and his wonderful girlfriend, Beth. Walking into the fountain with the girls at the Alumni Cocktail Party. Hanging out with younger-than-springtime Laura Wilner Craig, my very first roommate, and husband, Andy Craig ’77. Dancing with and laughing with/at Matt Riley and Bill McCaffrey, the dynamic duo. Seeing Cliff and Harvey (alias Herbie), still the same/awesome. Seeing JJ, still as gorgeous as ever, and laughing over her diploma story. Martha’s ‘Rager of a Party’ (I had to check myself into the Shweaty Ford Center the next day, but it was worth it!).” Erin adds to her note that she had dinner with Carolyn Greetly Lund ’77 on Sept. 6 and had a surprise dinner guest of honor, Dan Dickerson ’76. Dan was in Minneapolis announcing the Tiger-Twins game (and the Tiger’s Win! Go Detroit!!). Erin said it was great to catch up with Dan and Carolyn.

JOHN HARBECK shared that it was great to see everyone, and that “Emcee and dancing machine MATT RILEY hasn’t changed a bit, nor has ARTHUR LEVIN and most of the rest of the gang! Cheers to our 35th!” SUSAN VARBEDIAN LUCKEN loved dancing into the wee hours after prancing in the fountain hours earlier. “The weekend was a tremendous success. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did,” she writes. ELLEN LETOURNEAU shared that “the events were really magical,” and she wished she could have stayed at both parties longer than she was able. CINDY HEITSCH CORRIGAN thought it was wonderful to catch up with everyone with the old standard “what are you doing” cliché removed from the conversations. She feels that everyone seems very satisfied with where they are in their lives. She walked away with an incredible feeling of gratitude, for having the opportunity to attend such a special place with lasting, meaningful friendships… and outstanding group of people with meaningful lives. I have that same feeling. We worked so hard to put the weekend together and as familiar, warm, happy faces appeared, it was like coming home! Beautiful moments. It was so great to connect/reconnect with everyone and even get to know others, really for the first time. LAURA SEGAL and her husband, Shiro, WOW’d us all at Martha’s, on the back patio (our dancing stage!) with a couple performances of their salsa dance routines. Watch out Dancing with the Stars! They are amazing. I was so happy that JIMMY NEDERLANDER was able to make it in. The Tony Awards are usually the same weekend, which makes his appearance impossible. Not this year. It was great to see him after so many years. KATHY HOGAN made a last minute decision to fly in as well. Each person was a happy surprise, even if I knew they were coming. The hugs and the stories and the laughter never ended. So many things were fun, exciting and memorable. Two of my favorite parts of the weekend… one was getting to really know BETH CLARK. What a wonderful, thoughtful, loving girl she is. She is so much fun! A blessing and a true friend. Secondly, Thursday night, June 5, JOHN HORVATH, my son, Spencer, and I met up at the Senior Cabin to decorate for Friday night’s soiree. We had such a blast putting it all together. Before we locked up for the night, we stood back and looked at the cabin, inside and out, with such great joy and hopeful expectation for a successful next two days. It was such a proud moment. Love ya, Jonathan, you’re a great friend. And, you know, we had a fabulous weekend. It was perfect. Thank you to all that helped make it all happen. The phone calling parties. The planning. Martha, bless you for hosting the party. Susan Aikens, you too are amazing! Thanks for all you did, for finding the DJ, and congrats on your award! As people ABove, Patty Smith Moss, Sue Ann Harrison Schredder, Erin Porter Livingston and Laura Wilner Craig, all K’78.

checked in for our Saturday night gala event, after the cocktails on the Quad, arriving first on the porch of Martha’s lovely home, we had two cards for people to sign. I am so sorry to share that, sadly, one of them was a condolence card for the family of PAULA SUKENIK PLICHTA. Paula had leukemia but had been in remission for a long while. Richard Smith kept in contact with her and has fond memories of her, DOUGLAS SILLS and ROY LUI all together at Paula’s wedding, some years ago. He wrote to me in the spring, sharing this tragic news, and said Paula was so looking forward to our 30th reunion. Paula’s mother called me a couple weeks before reunion and sent a beautiful framed picture of Paula, taken on a trip in December, to display so that she could still be a part of our festivities. We felt her presence. Paula was a mom of two beautiful girls and a volunteer firefighter for the Bay Leaf Fire Department, in Raleigh, NC. The second card was a get well card for SCOTT KING. He, also, looked forward to reunion. Scott was diagnosed with Sarcoma the second week of Jan. 2008. Everyone signed words of encouragement, happy/funny memories and “see you at the 35th” in the card to be sent. So, so sadly, Scottie Scott King’s King did not get to read our encouraging and joyous thoughts for him. He passed away the following Thursday, after reunion. At the funeral, one of the heads of the Eaton Corporation (where Scott had been working for the past 12 years) shared that the minute Scott became a part of the Eaton “family,” the company changed worldwide, just from his very presence, who he was and how he treated everyone he came in contact with. Keith King and Scott’s children gave amazing eulogies. Scott’s niece read, and his brother-in-law sang. Not a dry eye in the packed and standing room only church service. So sad to lose these beloved friends from our class and from other chapters of our lives. So blessed to have known them, to have had them touch our lives and we theirs. I will close with two quotes: “You don’t get to choose how you are going to die. Or when. You can only decide how you are going to live. Now.” (Joan Baez) “And in the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.” (Abraham Lincoln) Scott and Paula lived not long enough, but they certainly had “life in their years.” We had a
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CAROLYN NEWEY and Susan Newey Riggs ’80, mother, which notified me of Carolyn’s recent passing. Carolyn had been fighting a battle with ovarian cancer and a devastating stroke. She lost her courageous battle on June 25. In 1990, Carolyn began her career at Microspace Communications Corporation and was with them until her death. At Microspace, she was Vice President and Director of Operations and Engineering. She had lived in Raleigh, NC, for the past 18 years. Aside from her “paying job,” Carolyn was very involved with the Duke and the Zeta Tau Alpha alumni, as well as current students/members. She was involved with the community in many diverse ways and was an asset to any group of which she was part. As a personal aside, I remember our “January Term” trip to Paris, of which Carolyn and I were 2 of 12 people traveling with Mr. Dagbovie (as our “chaperone”). Among other things, I recall the two of us making remarks about the décor in our rooms at the youth hostel. I also have fond memories of her as part of the Varsity Softball team. She will be remembered fondly by all who knew her. As of August ’08, AMY DENIO has been traveling and enjoying music for the last six months. Amy received the Paul Goode Fellowship in Ireland from Artist Trust in Seattle and lived near Westport, County Mayo, for the entire month of February. In March she returned to Salzburg, Austria, to join her quartet Die Resonanz for a CD-presentation tour – their second CD, Edelbrand, just came out on No Man’s Land records in Berlin. In April, Tiptons Sax Quartet toured the Midwest for the first time in ages and recorded their new CD, “Laws of Motion,” in Minneapolis on their one day off. The whole process of recording and producing the CD was a mere 19 days (a miracle!), and it was delivered the day before they flew to Europe for a five-week tour in mid-May. In July she played four festivals in gigantic circus tents in Europe with Accordon Tribe, a quintet with world class musicians. Next will be a West Coast tour with Monsters of the Accordon (with Jason Webley & Co.), Northwest and Southeast tours with the Tiptons, a commissioned score to complete by November for Pat Graney Dance’s new piece, “House of Mind,” (on tour in Seattle, NYC and Houston), some new CD releases on labels on both sides of the pond. Amy’s report has been edited by me, so if you want to know more, you may also visit CranNet.cranbrook.edu. I heard from MARIA-ESPERANZA LOVO, who has had a very busy year as well. She and her husband, Pedro, traveled when their boys, Federico and Diego, were out of school for holidays/vacation. In 2008, they visited Spain, France, Costa Rica, Mexico, New York, Las Vegas and California. They recently purchased a home in Escazu, Costa Rica (Pedro’s native country) and are planning to vacation there. Maria keeps in touch with HILARY ANDALMAN, Barb Sibley ’80, Susan Newey Riggs ’80, and she spoke with Brian Smith ’79 last year. BECKY TAGETT MARTIN reports that she has been living in France since 1994. She has a 16-year-old son who plays American football on a French team. Becky works at a biotech company (Ipsogen), specializing in personalized medicine and cancer diagnostics. She performs R&D studies. She likes to scuba dive and is also into masters swimming and yoga. PENNY SMITH-HUYNEN has just finished her first sprint triathlon. Penny still teaches at Plymouth State University in the art department and sometimes files in at the local prep school. Their girls, Cate, 14, and Anneke, 11, are both playing field hockey at their respective schools and loving it. They still enjoy living in New Hampshire, despite this last winter (a bit too much snow).

DEBBY AGUILAR BRAUER and her family recently visited Banff and Jasper National Parks in Alberta, Canada. She is enjoying her position on the Farmington Public Schools Board of Education as well as her paying job as a marketing and public relations consultant. Her husband, Kurt, is a partner with Warner, Norcross and Judd and practices environmental law. Their daughter, Marisa, 16, is starting to drive and their son, Cameron, 13, loves lacrosse. ELLEN LETTVIN finished a joint Ph.D. in electrical engineering and atmospheric, oceanic and space sciences from the University of Michigan in ’98. She has since moved to Seattle (Bellevue) to begin a post-doctoral research fellowship at the Applied Physics Laboratory at the University of Washington. She has a son, Alexander, 12, and is married to Peter Gram. TRISH BERRY responded and said that everything is status quo from her last submission in spring ’08, and that she is looking forward to seeing people at our June ’09 reunion. JENNIFER NOON is still in Utah for another year. She has four children, Aaron, 21, Ethan, 14, and twins, Sarah and Seth, 8. Aaron is serving in the armed forces, Ethan is a freshman in high school, and the twins are in third grade. Jennifer is an adjunct professor of physics and writes material for an academic outreach program. The kids’ dad is in bio-fuels development. WENDY STRETEN wrote that they are starting to look at colleges with their 16-year-old son. The small liberal arts colleges reminded her of Kingswood. She had been able to visit the new Cranbrook Natatorium when she was in town and remarked that it is amazing. She is planning on signing up both of their boys for programs at Cranbrook next summer, so that they can get a taste of life there. I was very excited to hear from MARIANNE CHELOVICH QUOYESER after many years of trying to locate her. It turns out that we lived within blocks of each other when we both lived in Chicago and probably frequented the same local pubs. She reported that she has lived in Houston for the past 12 years, married to Joe and has two sons, Alex, 10th grade, and Oliver, 8th grade. Both boys are multi-sport athletes (pretty much like their mom). Marianne is contemplating getting back into the workforce (she’s been a stay-at-home mom since the boys were babies) and will probably be in some type of non-profit work. She’s still really physically active and has been participating in
sprint triathlons over the last two years. She would love to hear from old friends: quoyeserm@comcast.net. I was also happy to hear from JACKIE GHIRLA, with whom I had lost touch since Kingswood, even though we both attended University of Michigan. Jackie has been in Florida since ’82. She runs a pet care business, which she started in ’00 (Jackie’s Ark), and is doing quite well despite our current economy. Jackie and I continue to reminisce via e-mail about our fun times on sports teams at Kingswood (I may be able to convince her to come to our 30th). LAURIE BERGER BOUNDS didn’t have anything new to report since her last submission; however, she wants to remind all of us, as the co-chair, that this is the 38th year of the Giforama fund-raise event for the schools. The Champagne Opening for this year of the Giforama is Nov. 7.

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and runs a small computer company, while trying to hit a home run with various ventures. “Our latest is a diagnostic test procedure using site-specific, non-radioactive isotopes, to provide a standardization procedure quantifying LCMS readings to detect diseases in newborns. Our company is Paradigm Organics, and our lab has been providing custom synthesis to the pharmaceutical industry for the past two years.” JEFF WELLS is still with the U.S. EPA as a senior program manager in the Office of Environmental Information, currently focused on import security. “EPA has some significant responsibilities under the SAFE Port Act of 2006 and the President’s Import Safety Executive Order of 2007. I’m leading a project to tie our programs on pesticides, toxic chemicals, hazardous waste and other commodities we regulate more tightly with U.S. Customs and Border Protection.” Using technology that Jeff’s office developed to connect EPA program databases with customs’ systems, customs officers at the borders have better information to decide how to handle container ships coming into the harbor or trucks at the Ambassador Bridge. “It’s amazing what they find – engines from China that don’t meet EPA emissions standards, dead bodies in containers, drugs in long straws inserted into the fabric of oriental carpets. I have to tell you I have gained a new appreciation for these men and women and for how important and difficult their job is.” Jeff is also looking forward to a change in administrations in hopes that it will “unlock us at the Agency to actually do something about climate change.” In the non-news category, Jeff says, “kids – none, pets-none, and David and I have no plans to get married – although we could now in a few other states, but we’re either waiting until our home jurisdiction, D.C., gives us that right, or we might just forget about it since it’s been 22 years now. All the best to everyone in our class.”

MIKE ACHESON updates us on yet another one of his fishing adventures to the south: “I did some deep sea fishing in the Bahamas this summer. We had a ball exploring several different islands, including Eleuthera, San Salvador, Harbour Island and several islands in the Exuma’s. Among the many fish we caught were several blue marlin, including a 500 pounder which got eaten on the way to the boat by a 1500 pound shark!” Ouch! After all of the heavy reeling over the years, Mike had shoulder surgery in August and spent the rest of the summer rehabbing. He now relies on his sons, Max, CK’11, and Mitch, CK’14, to haul in the big ones. The two caught their first blue marlin during the last trip to the Bahamas: “Mitch’s was 350 lbs., and [the boys] learned what it was like to be really put to the test physically!” Hope your shoulder is on the mend, Mike. Good luck. EVAN MOORE is also on the road to recovery: “Well I think all the years of running have caught up with me and degenerative discs in my back. It hasn’t really completely stopped me but surely slowed me down. The horse business is staying strong, which is good considering the state of the economy. My girls are growing up fast. Amy, my wife, and I are having so much fun with them.” JOHN “RANDY” BURLEIGH checks in from his Georgia farm, which has been hit by historic drought: “The farm has been hit very hard. The price of hay has risen from $2.50 to $11.00 a bale. That makes it tough to get by. We have trimmed our number of goats and sheep dramatically to help get through this little bump in the road.” On the bright side, “our honey bees are doing very well, and my Great Pyrenees had two litters at the same time.” Randy has also been doing contract training work, most recently for Cingular and AT&T, and now works in El Paso for the DEA. “Yes that’s right, the DEA. I work at the El Paso Intelligence Center. The work is very challenging, and I do enjoy a good challenge. The hard part is being away from the family.” Randy looks the same and has the same humor that made all of us smile. When you get a chance, take a look at his Web site at www.wildwfarms.com. Unfortunately, Randy’s step-father died in April. As many of us may remember, he worked at Cranbrook for over 40 years. His last year was our freshman year, and some of us had him for English. He will be greatly missed. Randy writes, “My mom is having a hard time without him. She is in Bradenton, FL, and would love to hear from some of my classmates who remember them. I hope everyone is doing well, and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2010 for our 30th.” This summer has been a trying one for the SCOTT RUTCHIK family as well. “Unfortunately, my brother passed away suddenly at age 45 in June. The kindness and support from our CK friends was deeply appreciated. We would like to thank especially ADAM PERRIN and DAVID MILLER, who attended the funeral, as well as TOM ZIMMER and BOB SCHWARTZ for their kind words during this time.” On the brighter side, Scott’s urology business is booming, and he and his wife, Sarah, took a much-anticipated vacation in September and will be spending New Year’s Eve in Lake Tahoe. “Hope all is well with everyone in Class-of-1980-Land!” Thanks, Scott, and the best to you and your family. Finally, Håkan Sjöström provides a short update from just south of the North Pole: “Right now I’m trying to pick up some speed after a couple of weeks vacation. I spent it in my summer house out in the Stockholm Archipelago and also a week in Italy with my kids (Fanny, 19, and Max, 16).” Håkan’s son is also interested in being an exchange student at Cranbrook and recently applied. “It would be really great if he got the same fantastic opportunity as I did, beside it would give me another reason to go back to Cranbrook to visit him.” This past year has also been a year of change for Håkan. Unfortunately, his father passed away, and at about the same time, he and his wife divorced after 20 years of marriage. “So now I’m trying to figure out what to do with my life. I’ve moved to an apartment in Stockholm. I’m still working with advertising as a creative, as I’ve been doing practically since I left Cranbrook. It’s still fun and interesting but perhaps not as thrilling as it used to be. So if anyone has a good idea on what to do with the rest of a life, please let me know :) Get a sail boat and do a lap around the globe would be great; does anyone want to join me?” Håkan’s new address and contact information is: Håkan Sjöström, Näthorstsvägen 44, 121 37 Johanneshov, Sweden / +46 733 662051 / hakan@peliculaab.se. All the best.

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Greetings to my Kingswood classmates from 1980! We had a great response for news this fall. I have such interesting, accomplished and thoughtful classmates. It has been a pleasure to renew my contacts with all of you. I get to renew my friendship with my cousin every summer, and sometimes over the winter holidays too, but it was great to hear from LINDSEY AIKENS HEFTER with an official note. Lindsey writes: “Hi, Guys – I don’t know about you all, but I find myself thinking about many of you often. Wondering where you are, what you are doing, and how life is turning out. It seems that as I grow older, the roots of my youth become more firmly entrenched in my mind, versus the opposite. I don’t think it’s because life isn’t wonderful now, but that the time I spent with all of you was so formative, and so important to me, that I will never stop valuing that period of my life, nor stop thinking of it fondly. It was less complicated then, wasn’t it? Anyway, this is a shout out to each one of you (you ‘boys’ too). I am out here on Long Island – (I prefer to think of it as Gilligan’s Island) – remembering you. I hope you all are well, happy and fulfilled.”

MOLLY MCLAIN HULL was as surprised as the rest of the nation when her hometown of Wasilla, AK, became a focus in the presidential race. Of course, the hype is about Sarah Palin, who is from Wasilla. Molly sent along a picture of herself with Sarah Palin, and close friends at the end of the Iditarod. Molly says, “we
can’t believe she is running for VP! Many Alaskans are now torn.” On a personal note, Molly adds, “I now have 28 students in my second grade, aagggggghhh! And a student teacher following me around!” At least she had a great summer vacation as a teacher. Oh, wait, Molly reports that Alaska had its coldest summer ever with only three days above 70 degrees. I guess Molly will have to come south to Michigan next summer for some warm weather! Some classmates made it to Alaska, and Molly spent time in March with CINDY BENKELMAN RYERSON, who traveled with her son, Tony Jr., to compete in the National Junior Olympic Ski Finals in Anchorage. AMY RITTER MURPHY sent a picture of herself and her kids at Suttons Bay in northern Michigan this past summer. Scott and Amy are still living in the Bloomfield/Birmingham area. Amy stays involved in various capacities at the schools. She has served as vice-president and president of Mothers Council, vice-president of the Booster Club, as well as acted as grade representative for each of her children’s classes. She says “hello” to all her classmates and reports that she sees Mike Acheson ’80 and his family often. Mike’s son, Max, is the same age as Allie, CK’11, and both are sophomores at CK, and his son, Mitch, and William, CK’14, are friends and both in 7th grade at the Boys Middle School. She keeps in touch with Bink Harvey’80 and SHEILA FLANNERY PENMAN. Of course, Amy and I see each other regularly and enjoy living a few minutes away from each other! BARBARA SIBLEY reports that it has been a busy time for me. She just gave birth to Arielle Elizabeth Sibley-Grice on April 30. She joins her big brother, Alexander. In addition, Barb worked on her 10th San Miguel Poetry Week. Barb, and her sister, novelist and poet, Jennifer Clement ’78, founded the poetry conference. Next year’s faculty includes some stellar poets such as Rosanna Warren, Karen Volkman, WD Snodgrass, Jim Barnes and British Poet Fiona Sampson. Read more on the Web site at www.sanmiguelpoetry.com. Barbara had career news as well. She owns two authentic Mexican restaurants in New York, Palapa Cocina Mexicana, which have been in the press lately. They were listed as one of New York Post’s top 20 places for brunch. Barb’s restaurants were also featured on the premier of the “Food Detectives” on the Food Channel. She is busy preparing a cookbook manuscript with a deadline looming! Check out Barb’s restaurants on her Web site, www.lapalapa.com. NатаLIE HOFLaND has started a doctorate program in educational leadership at Pepperdine University in California. She saw Linda Rosalki, Lindsey Alkens Heeter and me this summer. Natalie is buying a loft in downtown Los Angeles on the 13th floor with views of the city and a great patio. Linda is heading to Ethiopia for her second stint as a diplomat in the foreign service. She is looking forward to working with adoptions, among her many duties. She promises to keep us posted as things progress. LYNN GILLOW spent a wonderful August in Harbor Springs and got to spend some special time with me and Lindsey. Her son, J.P., began second grade this fall and plays hockey and soccer. Lynn is working hard in real estate in Chicago, where she reports that the market is still exciting. I encourage you to keep in touch with me and the Alumni Office. I have updated the Class Page and hope that you can locate it on the Cranbrook Web site. The links from this publication are available there, as well as some great information on LAURIE RUBINER, the 2008 recipient of the Distinguished Alumna Award. I attended some of the festivities for my sister, Susan Aikens Post’s ’78, 30th reunion, and it was great. That means our 30th is in June 2010. Mark your calendars. The Cranbrook community is thriving, and it is always a pleasure to be on campus. You won’t want to miss it! Best to you all,

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My son, Joe, is now in the 11th grade at Harvard-Westlake here in Los Angeles. This morning, while my son was cramming for an English test as I drove him to school, I was reminded of my 10th grade English teacher, Chris Olson. I had a heck of a time in his class, so it was no surprise when he asked me to stay after class one day. “I’ll make a deal with you,” he said. “If you rewrite this paper, I’ll average the grade of that paper in with this one.” I, of course, swirled my finger around my ear and walked away in my salt-stained snow boots before he stopped me at the door. “So, when your parents ask about your grades, I’ll just tell them that I gave you opportunity to raise them and you passed, right?” Gulp. What followed were countless hours of me writing and rewriting essays in his Kingswood campus classroom until I grew calluses on my fingers. Today, as I sit writing these notes from my desk at Disney-Pixar, there is a scene due later that I’ve rewritten – no joke – 50 times. I can see Mr. O getting a well-earned last laugh from wherever he lives now. By the way, there’s a sneak peek of the movie I’m working on at http://disney.go.com/disneypictures/princessandthefrog/. BOB STONE and his wife, Lauren, got back from Italy. They’re celebrating 15 years of wedded bliss. Their daughter, Gabi, had her bat mitzvah last fall. In attendance were ANDY GELLMAN, his wife, Nicole, BOBBY GORDON, his wife, Susan, and BOB LAbES. JEFF SOBEL sent his regrets that he couldn’t make it out from Ft. Lauderdale because his wife is expecting. I’m hoping to have their announcement complete with pictures in the next class notes. Bob’s sons, Jordan, 10, and Jonah, 7, are as into hockey as their dear ol’ dad (who still plays every Thursday at Wallace Arena.) He’s sighted CRAIG DANULOFF and Jose FANEgO (the MVP of the 25th reunion). Bob’s company, Teleus Capital Partners, has been warning cyclopes about potential retinal damage for three years now (a little Greek mythology humor for you at no extra charge.) Bob’s company started with six employees and now has 70 and manages $3 billion in assets from its offices in Southfield, Ann Arbor and Huston. BILL ALLeESe is working on the GM Next Centennial broadcast before he moves onto the Ford Auto Show displays for L.A. and Detroit. He just got back from his family reunion in Laporte, IN. The park in the photograph is named after his community activist grandfather. His daughter, Olivia, 12, is in the 7th grade at Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School, where she displays athleticism on the tennis court that eluded her father.
Hello, Kingswood '81 Classmates! I hope you have all had a good summer. It flew by! Daughter, Merrick, is 9 and entering 4th grade, and Eliza, 7, is entering 2nd. It always amazes me when classmates write about taking their kids off to college. I have a LONG way to go. As for me, after an eight-year hiatus in my paid career and lots of volunteer work, I have returned to work in the Development Office of a local independent school. It is satisfying to receive money for what I was doing for free! Here’s some news I have received from classmates:

**KRISTEN MALONEY FARMER** writes: "I still live in the middle of horse country in Metamora, MI. I am a professional photographer and have a studio here in Metamora. The name of my studio is Greyson Hill Photography. I named it after my son, Michael Greyson Farmer. My Web site is www.greysonhill.com. I do editorial portraiture, fashion, beauty and commercial work. My eldest daughter, Alexandra, just left for Adrian College as a freshman. I have a 14-year-old daughter, Samantha, an 11-year-old stepson, Gavin, and a 5-year-old son, Michael. My husband, Dennis, is also self-employed and builds custom staircases. The studio and kids pretty much keep us busy all the time, so I don't get much time to catch up with anyone. My e-mail is kfamer@greysonhill.com. I would love to hear from friends I’ve lost touch with." A few months ago, my dad told me that he had the great pleasure to be seated next to DEBORAH WAHL MEYER at the NADA conference in San Francisco. He had good chat with her and somehow they made the connection back to me and Kingswood. She writes: "After 11 years in California, I’m back in Birmingham as the Chief Marketing Officer for Chrysler LLC. It’s great to be back in Michigan with my husband, Andy, and our son, Alexander. Best news is that during his high school years. Bill’s older daughter, Meredith, 15, is in the 10th grade and is captain of CK’s Junior Varsity field hockey team. She’ll be graduating in ’11, the day before our 30th reunion. She is in Mr. Dagbovie's French class, which gives me a chance to send a shout out to Prospero, whom we're hoping to get to come to our reunion. GLENN SAPERSTEIN and his delightful 13-year-old son, Matt, just got back from vacations skiing in Aspen Manana, scuba diving in Cozumel and sleeping off the excitement of his adorable family, so I’m putting his name here in caps because I know he reads these notes and will be embarrassed to see himself mentioned. CHARLIE COOK got together for a mini-reunion of his own. Although RICHARD REID and ANTHONY SMITH couldn’t make it, Charlie still got a picture of himself with MARK JONES, Brad Wright ‘80, Carl Norris ‘80 and JAVAIR SAULSBERRY who obviously thought he was there for Charlie’s son’s bar mitzvah. See how I brought that full circle? Skills. And now for the housekeeping: Our 30-year reunion is approaching rapidly, and BEN CONNELLY and I could use your help. SCOTT STUBBS and his lovely wife have graciously offered their palatial estate for our little shindig; but if you know a good caterer or band, we’d appreciate any suggestions. The good ones book early. Although we’ve had luck chasing down BRAD WAYBURN, JAMES BARNES and STEPHEN BARNARD since the last class notes, we’re still missing 18 classmates, including JACK BINDER, SCOTT ESTES and KEITH GREEN. If you know where they are, please send the information to me or the alumni office. We’d also like to track down favorite teachers so please make suggestions. To make it easier to find us, we’re putting up pages on MySpace, Face Book and Reunion.com and, as always, I can be reached at the e-mail on the bottom of this letter. Go Cranes!

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Gianna, eating s’mores. RON TOWNLEY wrote in: “Congrats to Billquist and his wife, Sibylle, on the birth of their twins! You thought crossing the ocean in a little sailboat was tough... HA! Another year flashed by for my family. We finally vacationed in England and France to visit relatives. Our oldest daughter, Chelsea, is settling into her first year at Ithaca College. Bailey, our youngest, is working and in dual enrollment at the local community college to finish high school home school – nothing left we can teach this 16-year old – what goes around... as they say... Shelley still working for Congressman Heath Shuler, and I am still banging it out on the regional level.”

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As most of you know from my recent entreaties to you, I will do almost anything to build out the class e-mail list. The reason is simple: who has time to stuff, address and e-mail letters?! Those of you who simply aren’t giving up your e-mail addresses know that I’ve begged, pleaded, cajoled, and this time I resorted to out-and-out bribery – offering to make a personal donation to the favorite charity of anyone who sent me their e-mail address. I got a few addresses out of it, but not as many as I’d hoped for. And, no one fell for the bribery ploy. Interesting.

DIANE SOUBLY, however, tracked me down on Facebook, which gave me the idea of using it to find others. In my quest, I found BETH GRAY. She is married and goes by Elizabeth Gray Boname and is about as far away from Kingswood as one can get. Beth wrote, “‘Sawadee Ka’” from Bangkok where we’ve lived for the past year and a half, having been in Sarajevo, Bosnia, for the previous seven. We live in a high-rise directly beside a working klong (canal) in the Sukhumvit area, where our 9-year-old daughter, Lauren, attends a wonderful IB (International Baccalaureate) school, and our 4-year-old son, Nicholas, is enrolled in a Thai kindergarten, which took us forever to find, as no one could believe we’d want our child anywhere other than an international school. But Nick has shown an early proficiency for languages, having spoken fluent Bosnian prior to our move. He’s picking up Thai, able to understand more than he’s speaking at this point, but we’re told by his teachers that his pronunciation is excellent, and he’s already recognizing letters in the Thai alphabet. While at Kingswood, I never would have imagined myself living overseas, but it’s said you either love it or hate it and after moving to Guam in 1993 (where I met my husband, Andy) I found myself a confirmed expat. We moved back to the States for a short period where our daughter was born (two weeks late on my birthday!), and an opportunity arose for us to move to Sarajevo, Bosnia, for Andy to pursue criminal law reform work. Admittedly, I was leery of taking our (then) newborn to a war-torn city, so we only committed to a year. Once we were settled, we loved it and one year turned into seven. Our son was born in Vienna in 2004 (the medical care being sub-par in former Yugoslavia). One of the nicest things about living in Bangkok is that it serves as a hub for other Asian destinations, so we’ve been lucky to have many friends stop through. Have recently been in touch with Ruz Malakuti ’82, who has two beautiful little girls and works for Apple in California.” Elizabeth also mentioned that she would love to get touch with MARLA SCHRAM and JINNA SHON. In other overseas news, VENU DHUPA wrote that she might have a political career on the horizon. She said, “All is well with me – traveling a lot to India and the Far East for work with the British Council. Have been approved as a potential parliamentary candidate for the next UK General Election but haven’t decided whether or not to stand yet. Will update you if I do,
we are all very inspired here by Barack Obama.” So, back to DIANE SOUBLY. She wrote me that she and her daughter, Anna, live in Chicago, which they love. At the time of her note, she was trying to sell her house and also planning a visit with JOCELYN COHEN, who lives in Brooklyn, NY. I also heard from GAYLE EDGERTON who lives just a few miles from me in New York and wrote with the exciting news that she recently married Ted Marzilli and also ran the Boston Marathon this past year. Gayle said, “We are still living in New York up to New Canaan, CT, a few weeks ago, where we’re put our 11-year-old twins, Anna and Bennett, into a great private school for 6-12th grade. Oddly enough, of all the schools we applied to, the one that turned out to be the winner is St. Luke’s School, and their motto (displayed everywhere) is...can you guess? “Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve.” I take it as a sign that we’ve chosen a great educational experience for them. Let’s kick this off with my brief report on the 25th Reunion.” Where WERE you all?” That goes for 2007 and 2008 graduates, the one that turned out to be the winner is St. Luke’s School, and their motto (displayed everywhere) is...can you guess? “Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve.” I take it as a sign that we’ve chosen a great educational experience for them. Let’s kick this off with my brief report on the 25th Reunion.” Where WERE you all?” That goes for K’83, too, as I know the girls (big surprise) had better attendance! It was terrific to see all of you who made quick cameo appearances at just one event. Following the class cocktail party at the Natatorium (a delayed flight made me miss that event. Following the class cocktail party at the Natatorium (a delayed flight made me miss that event. Following the class cocktail party at the Natatorium (a delayed flight made me miss that event. Following the class cocktail party at the Natatorium (a delayed flight made me miss that event. 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and Howard Brophy for coordinating the class party. So great to see all of you! Some of the same crowd gathered again for the always-entertaining Quad Fest on Saturday, but there were definitely some new faces and some missing from the previous evening. I had a fun time catching up with everyone: Chrisissy Miskowski Harriss, Wendy Halsted Beard, Marcia Hanna Conlon, John Burger, Megan Foster Belval, Kris Sirchio, Alex Wipperfurth, (did not know they were both such marketing gurus.) Wes Workman, Kathy Galantowicz Juriga, Howard Brophy, Katy Stephens Dobens, Jeanne Gibbons, Melinda North Saylor, Caroline Sobota Schwartzman, Margaret Bookstein Bornstein, Debbie Schwartz, Debbie Feldman Singer, Jan Mittenthal Rosen, Nancy Wolpin Rechter, Carol Almeda Morrow, Greg Brown, EJ Jones, Harvey Kaner, Matt Nosanchuk, Eric Rosenberg, Allan Daniels, Brian Hermelin, Ricky Blumenstein and Fred Bartholomew. I heard that Ruth Whiting Loomis popped in on Saturday from Gibbs, but I missed her. And kudos to John Burger and Marcia Hanna Conlon for best reunion of old (but very youthful looking) friends, most humorous attendees, and also for representing us at that good old-fashioned picnic on Saturday! I do apologize for leaving anyone out. This was kind of a quick last-minute recall on an overly-taxed mind this time. BTW, there are some photos in two places on Cranonet in the Cranbrook Web site. One is on our class page, and one is in the Alumni Portal under Reunion 2008 Photos. Our class is mostly toward the end. Everyone looks great and thank you all again for making the effort to attend. Next time, Jeanne Gibbons wants to plan an alum golf outing if anyone’s interested! I had a few updates for you, too. Great to have a new post from a very accomplished alum, Michelle Alpert, who wrote from Boston. “After eight years in Ann Arbor and finishing my residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (where I took care of Rosemary Kennedy after her knee replacement, by the way), I moved to Boston to be the Medical Director of the Spinal Cord Injury program at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School. After six years of taking care of patients, doing some research, teaching Harvard medical students, residents and fellows, I left there for a mostly clinical job as Director of Rehabilitation Medicine at Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, which is Harvard’s center for geriatric training. In the meantime, I got married and had two kids, Jason and Rachel, ages 7½ and 4, respectively. My husband is a former sports writer who wrote for the Washington Post and other newspapers and then became a medical writer for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, but still writes sports books, mostly about baseball (Go Red Sox!) on the side. Also, he and I just wrote a book together called ‘Spinal Cord Injury and the Family,’ which was published by Harvard University Press this summer; it’s a book for people with spinal cord injuries and their families, to help them through the physical and psychological changes. Let me tell you, if a couple can make it through writing a book together, they can probably make it through anything. Needless to say, we’re incredibly busy, but I love my life out here. Plus, having the same family for seven years has certainly been a lifesaver! I’ve always loved Boston – we live in Newton, which is only 7 miles outside of the city or a 12-minute car trip. It’s an incredibly stimulating and exciting city with all the universities here, great sports teams and the amazing medical world. Plus, being able to ‘go to the beach’ any weekend of the summer is pretty great. Haven’t seen many classmates out here over the years, except we did run into RJ Meurer a few years ago at a James Taylor concert. The only downside over the past few years was that my mom passed away last winter of ovarian cancer, which was really tough, but some of my Kingswood classmates were incredibly helpful and supportive during a very difficult time. I thank you guys so much for that. I was sorry to miss the 20 and 25th reunions, but got most of the scoop anyway… maybe we’ll make it to the 30th!” Jennifer Fenton filled me in on all her interesting travels over the past few months. “This summer my children and I had the opportunity to head again to the Czech Republic, where I directed the band at the Czech Music Camp for Youth in Horni Jelini for the second year. It’s a camp that features majors in recorder, English theatre, piano, art, orchestra and band. We had 85 students and gave four concerts in a nine-day period. There were 10 countries represented including: Denmark, El Salvador, Croatia, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Germany, France, China, USA and Italy. The common language was English, but Czech was spoken, and it was great to be with so many wonderfully talented musicians. My children, Jay and Elizabeth, and I stayed an extra week exploring Italy too. Melinda North Saylor, who made it to reunion along with Caroline Sobota Schwartzman, sent a photo from their families’ get-together in Harbor Springs later in July. She wrote a quick hello. “Hope this finds all well with fall in the air. Back to school for some and routine for others. How fast time travels, and I still think we are 17. Of course, my daughter,
For many, the law is an abstraction, something that goes unconsidered until it’s broken. For Cranbrook Schools class of 1984 graduate Karima Bennoune, though, the law has life. It’s what helps protect the children, women, prisoners of war and others who endure the human rights abuses that plague the world each day.

As a human rights lawyer, professor and activist, Bennoune has dedicated her life to reducing and eliminating those abuses. It’s a tough job, overwhelming in scope and scale, but one for which Bennoune and her passion for humanity seem well-suited.

Born in Michigan and raised, in part, in Algeria, Bennoune grew up in a family deeply impacted by French colonial rule. Her father, Dr. Mahfoud Bennoune, a member of Algeria’s independence movement, had been tortured and imprisoned by the French colonial authorities for more than four years. Many other members of Mahfoud Bennoune’s family were killed. “I grew up with that history,” Karima Bennoune says. “And I wanted to protect other families from experiencing what mine had.”

Bennoune left Algeria as a teenager to attend Cranbrook, an experience she recalls as disorienting at first. “Living in North Africa and then coming to Bloomfield Hills, I’d never seen that level of wealth before.” She quickly made Cranbrook her own. “I learned an incredible amount,” she says. “The level of study was so amazing. It was like four years of college.”

Alone in the United States except for her nearby grandmother, Bennoune found comfort in the compassionate nature of Cranbrook’s faculty. “There were so many truly wonderful teachers – Mr. Connor, Dr. Geroux, Ms. Fagenson, Mrs. Seibert,” she says. “You felt they truly cared about you.” Prospero Dagbovie, Upper School French teacher, became a particular influence. “Mr. Dagbovie, even though he was from a different part of Africa, was an incredible tie to home for me. He kept my spirits up and encouraged me.”

After graduation, Bennoune attended Brown University where she briefly considered a career as a film director. Soon, though, she became involved in Amnesty International, which led to volunteer work in the Middle East and attendance at the International Institute of Human Rights in Europe.

Bennoune immersed herself fully in human rights advocacy, attending the University of Michigan School of Law and eventually becoming a law professor. She was tenured at Rutgers this past spring and is now Professor of Law and Arthur L. Dickson scholar there. She is a Visiting Professor at the University of Michigan Law School for 2008-2009, teaching courses in international law and human rights.

She served for three years on the board of Amnesty International USA, traveling to countries such as Afghanistan where she went in 2005 to look at the detention practices of the U.S. military, its allies and Afghan authorities. Security was deteriorating in Afghanistan at the time and Bennoune and her team faced danger almost constantly as they researched conditions. “When you’re there, you want to listen to local advocates: the NGOs and other organizations on the ground,” Bennoune says. In Afghanistan, “there is a huge cohort of Afghan people working for human rights, working on issues of women’s rights, detainees’ rights, the prevention of torture. You try to get a sense from them of what the local needs are.”

Human rights workers must see all sides of the picture, Bennoune says. “You have to really understand a very complex environment and see shades of gray,” she says. “You’re looking at the U.S. practices (in Afghanistan) but you also are looking at Taliban violence.” Bennoune had been to Afghanistan in 1996 before the Taliban takeover. On her return in 2005, “it was interesting to see how widely despised they [the Taliban] had become. Although most Afghans don’t want the Taliban back in power, and they do want the international community engaged in what’s happening in their country, they may not always be happy with the way we engage.”

Working on a global scale and tackling issues that seem so terribly insurmountable can take a toll on anyone but Bennoune says, “Too much pessimism is a luxury. It is hard to stay optimistic but it is, in part, a responsibility.” Quoting one of her favorite films, “The Year of Living Dangerously,” Bennoune adds, “I’ve learned that you don’t really change the world by yourself, but you can ‘add your light to the sum of light.’”
Hattie, 12, reminds me I am not! Thanks, Mel! KAREN DENN STEARNS checked in from her new digs in Texas after just experiencing their first hurricane! “Well, we moved to the Houston area almost a year ago and are cleaning up after Hurricane Ike. We lost power for four days, and the kids are still out of school. Minor damage to our house. It was crazy!” Glad everyone is ok, Karen! We almost had LINDA JAKUBS talked into making a last minute appearance at reunion, but like so many of you, her busy schedule got in the way. She writes that she was so sorry to have missed it, promises to make the next one and would love to see any photos from the weekend. She gave a quick update on her summer. “My summer was filled with step-kids, step-kids’ spouses and grandchildren visiting, so I have absolutely nothing new to report, except that my exhaustion upon their departure confirmed that I’m already feeling too OLD to be a grandma (yeah you read that right!).” I reiterate that I don’t know how you parents find the energy to chase little ones right!). I reiterate that I don’t know how you too OLD to be a grandma (yeah you read that right!). Doree ’82 had not yet arrived, so I missed him. Sissy’s parents are doing great, and it was amazing to see them and be a part of their family reunion. We reminisced about our years at Kingswood and Cranbrook and caught up with all that was going on in our lives. Of course, we ate. It would not be an official visit to the Frank residence without wonderful food! I missed Reunion as we were remodeling our kitchen. My husband, Dave, his dad and I played an integral role and did a lot of the work ourselves, and everything came out much better than I expected! Hard to believe it has been 25 years since we graduated. Some days it seems like yesterday and others a distant dream. That’s all for now, kids. Getting prepaid for a beautiful New England fall here and hope this note finds everyone healthy and happy. Please send me updates anytime! Note my new contact info below.

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Hi, Classmates. When the secretaries are given the alumni list, there are a few names next to which “missing” is noted. I always find this particularly intriguing/challenging. On rare occasion the “missing” find us. I was fortunate to be in touch with REED STEPHENS, who made the effort to find me and update me on his life: “No longer missing. I live in Bethesda, MD, with my wife, Kimberly, (a college classmate from Princeton) and our three kids, Andrew, 7, and Faith and Kendall, 3-year-old twin girls. No pets yet as our hands are full as it is. I’ve been practicing law since getting my J.D. from Stanford in 1991. I spent nearly eight years with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., from 1995 - 2003, prosecuting government contract fraud and health care fraud. I have been back in private practice for five years now with the global law firm of McDermott Will & Emery in D.C., counseling mostly life sciences companies and defending them from government allegations of fraud and general bad behavior. I also dabble in legislative, mergers & acquisitions, and import/export issues for my clients. I keep up with Paul Ruzumna, and more recently have traded catch-up e-mails with Eric Doran and Charlene Li ’94, all of whom have bunches of cute kids. I see Matt Nosanchuk ’83 and Ron Machen ’87 here around town occasionally, as they also are practicing law here in D.C. For fun, I’ve been coaching Andrew’s soccer team and, this summer, policing the twins at the neighborhood pool.” Thanks, Reed! It’s great to hear from you and to receive your pictures. I tracked JUD ASKINS down by phone in Naples, FL, where he resides: “Yoga, Superbike racing and acting as a Guardian ad Litem; this is how I fill my days lately. I lost my mom to Parkinson’s in January of 2007 but was blessed to be her sole caretaker in the last three years of her life. Now I have inherited her house in Naples, FL, and plan on staying here with my dad, who came to be with my mom at the end, and I asked to stay, my Mastiff Pixie, Boxer Mitch and Maury, the Maine Coon cat. I recently sat the Florida Bar and plan to open my own practice focused on assisting entrepreneurs.” If you’ve ever had a conversation with Jud, you’ll know that a list of recent life events and accomplishments does no justice to his conversational skills. We’ll have to do some real-time media notes someday to capture the full flavor. Think “25th REUNION”… superluminal message :) CHIP ASHBY and I manage to keep in touch on g-mail chat (usually at 5a.m. when he’s waking up, and I’m going to sleep). Chip and Julia celebrate their 7th anniversary September 8. Nicholas turned 4 in May and starts his second year of pre-school. The twins, Luke and Spencer, turned 1 in February. Somehow the twins learned to walk without his permission. Now the three boys tend to run off in three different directions at once. Chip has been at Lifestyle Communities, the largest condo community builder in Columbus, for three years now. He’s developing and rolling out a comprehensive Internet sales and marketing program for the company. Julia is back to working part time after taking a year off with the twins. She is a TV producer for “Good Day Columbus,” which airs on the local Fox station every weekday. Chip, Julia and the three boys are going to Hawaii for Thanksgiving to visit Julia’s brother, Chris, who is a Navy helicopter pilot. They all spent a week in New Harbor, ME, in August. Congratulations to SCOTT AIKENS, who married lovely Beth McArthur in Boca Grande, FL, on March 29. In attendance were GEORGE AFIF, JUSTIN MEILGAARD, Robb Aikens ’77, Ken Bassey ’86, ARASH BABAOFF, as well as the whole extended Aikens family with various C’s, K’s and numbers following. GEORGE AFIF recently moved to Manhattan and looks forward to seeing fellow alumni at
First of all, Ladies, I must say that our 25th Year Reunion is coming up in June, and I hope that everyone attends. Seriously. This is a chance to reconnect with old friends, and if you are thinking of not attending for whatever reason, just come anyway. Please do not worry about looking older, if that is it. I have news for you: WE ARE ALL old, okay? My babysitter was born in 1992. The other day my husband was volunteering at Spencer’s preschool, and a 4-year-old girl named GraceAnne said to him: “Teacher Bill, your Grandson is not sharing the blocks.” She thought he was Spencer’s GRANDFATHER. OUCH! I myself am the oldest, nerdiest mom on the playground. No amount of Botox is going to hide that fact that I lose my minivan keys 12 times a day and wear Keen sandals, with socks every single day. I am just not worried about it. Besides, COLEEN STRETON was at the 20th year, and she said it was truly great to see everyone. She and I had a long amazing talk after there was some confusion over at the event in the Beijing Olympics, she has still been busy. She wrote: “Kurt and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary this summer by totally missing it, but we’ll make it up this fall with a trip to Germany – re-encoding part of our honeymoon trip. You may think missing a big anniversary is rather pathetic, but it’s hard to remember anything with three young nephews and a few nieces running about your house for two months. This was the 10th year of the Letica-Schroeder niece/nephew summer camp. We expect to run out of children eventually, but for now camp keeps chugging along despite several of the regulars having off to college. Makes for busy but fun summers.”

A very busy KARIMA BENNOUWE wrote, “I was recently granted tenure and promoted to Professor of Law and Arthur L. Dickson Scholar at the Rutgers School of Law – Newark. This year I am a visiting professor at the University of Michigan Law School, where I am teaching courses in international law and human rights. My latest article, “Terror/Torture,” recently appeared in the Berkeley Journal of International Law. In August, I lectured about this paper at a training for professional staff of the UN Department of Political Affairs in New York.”

Paula Kim Park wrote: “We just got back from Camp Michigan and had a great time with the extended family, my parents, brother, sister and their families. I would recommend the camp to all U-M alums. I am going to start scouting out air tickets so I can meet up with you all at reunion next year. It will be about 15 years since I stepped foot on the Cranbrook grounds.”

Charlene Li had this exciting news: “I published a best selling business book, “Groundswell,” which helps companies understand how to use social technologies like blogs, social networking sites and wikis. A few months after it came out, I left Forrester Research, where I had been an analyst for over nine years. In this day and age, who stays at a high tech company for over parenting books, inadvertently killing the toast. A few months after it came out, I left Forrester Research, where I had been an analyst for over nine years. In this day and age, who stays at a high tech company for over eight months. She is having a little trouble adjusting to life in the Big City. Also, not that I am complaining, but we had to get all new appliances, some of which are quite confounding. I need to take some engineering classes to operate the oven, and the washing machine is literally the size of a Buick. I mean, you could fit the oven and business trips. For example, I still have a trip to San Antonio and am taking my daughter because she did a project last year on the Alamo. There’s nothing like bringing history, art and literature to life.”

Robin Freedman Bologna wrote, “I’m still living in Beverly Hills, MI, with my husband, Robert, and almost-three-year-old, Bianca. Not much new to report – loving staying home to be mom and wife, etc.”

Julie Collings Gutzmher has been busy: “Dean and I had a second girl, Claire Maxine Gutzmher 3-6-08 (8 lbs. 8 oz. 21 inches). Big sister, Holly, was 2 in April. We still live in Owatonna, but last winter we moved into a 50s rambler next to a park. I’m still a general surgeon working for Mayo Health Systems and still love the work! I’m also the county coroner, which sounds more morbid than it is.” You can contact Dr. J on her cell: 507-456-9268. Jackie Sklar Katz wrote that, “The fact that you said it’s our 25th high school reunion in June totally freaked me out. My oldest daughter, Rachel, is graduating from Cranbrook in June. Very surreal.”

Cackie Boomer Geric is back from the Middle East, or was she in Middle Earth? I cannot remember. Anyway, she said, “Basically Billings, MT, is our 7th stop on this family odyssey. I think we’re digging in roots here... this place doesn’t suck. We bought a post-war bungalow, and Steve spends too much time watching the DIY network and believes he can accomplish great feats of home improvement. This makes for some really comic moments. Since I am teaching preschool, I find my special brand of ‘teacher talk,’ esp. helpful when Steve finds himself in the midst of a project for which he is unprepared. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at the 25th. I’m leaving my job early, so I can make the 2+ day drive back. Cheers!” As for me, we moved back into my new Un-Exploded house on September 5 after 504 days in exile, but who’s counting? For the last nine months or so we were living on two acres with a goat. Seriously. A goat! After endless months of well water, ancient 35-year-old appliances and miles of brown shag carpeting, I feel as if I awoke one day to find myself married to Greg Brady, but with a lot of lawyers and livestock. However, at the end it had the typical 1970s Sitcom Ending: “It was all a bad dream!” It’s okay, the long strange detour is finally over, and the important thing here is that I am back in my home with my family and now am free to resume my normal activities: obsessing over parenting books, inadvertently killing the lawn and, of course, no one’s favorite, my hideous experimental cooking. Our 4-year-old, Spencer, is in preschool for one more year, and then he heads off to kindergarten. He seems to have come through this crazy year intact, though he does keep asking where in the new house we are going to put the chicken coop. The only wrinkle so far, besides the fact that I cannot locate some key parts to either my Mini Cuisinart or my salad spinner, is that our dog, Amy, has had two acres on which to run and a goat for a playmate for the past eight months. She is having a little trouble adjusting to life in the Big City. Also, not that I am complaining, but we had to get all new appliances, some of which are quite confounding. I need to take some engineering classes to operate the oven, and the washing machine is literally the size of a Buick. I mean, you could fit the oven and
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It’s a glorious fall day as I sit down to put our class notes together. We’ve had a nice response this time, keep the e-mails coming. Many people sent news relating to 40th birthdays. NICK ADDYMAN writes: “I am afraid I turned 40 a while ago – now 41! Not a great deal to report. Had dinner with Libby and ZA JELLIFFE a couple of weeks ago (we all live in London) – they are both well. The four of us are going to try and come to the 25th (without children!) and make a holiday of it.” WENDY KIRCH writes: “I was one of the first, along with ROSS PARTRICH and LEE TRUMBULL, to turn the big 4-0. I turned in December and decided to start creating my Legacy, the way the world will know me from now until the end. I have started writing two books. One is a fictional book for tweens about childhood obesity. The other is a book of tidbits. (Check out my facebook for how you can help with it!) When I am not writing, I am selling promotional items and looking for a best friend to spend the rest of my life with. I’m also enjoying my family and friends. If you can help me with any of the above, please call ASAP! Happy Birthday to all and may all your wishes and dreams come true. I know mine are.” JAMES HARE writes, “Last year we finally left Milan after six great years of living in Italy. We’ve relocated back to Spain, this time to a beach town just south of Barcelona. Between the general Spanish life style, the fact that they keep winning all the major sporting events, and 40th birthday celebrations… I’m very eager to get out of the country for the holidays and finally get some sleep!” ELIZABETH BELL TOWNSEND writes: “My husband, Mike, and I welcomed a third child to our family last fall. William Devine Townsend was born Oct. 30, 2007, just 15 minutes before Halloween! Big brother, Avery, 7 1/2, and big sister, Emily, almost 5 1/2, are really enjoying him. William has been a happy, easy baby, but we’re definitely still figuring out how to work a ‘zone’ defense instead of our familiar ‘man-to-man’ system. I am hoping that you all have a wonderful, healthy and safe autumn and holiday season and a bright beginning of 2009. I hope you are all happy and fulfilled in your lives as you all "Go Forth to Serve" (or, as we used to say in the dorm: “Go Forth to Serve Dinner”). Thank you to everyone who sent in their news and please continue to keep in touch! SEE YOU IN JUNE! RIGHT? Much Love and Best Wishes,

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Roger Sadler Parkinson, CK’86

Roger Sadler Parkinson, CK’86, arts, supports the folks who work on the college’s public Web site, www.isa.umich.edu. He writes about his new home in Ann Arbor, “It’s very surreal being back in town after 18 years away.” ROB GRODMAN writes, “All is well with my family. Lisa and I live in Commerce Twp. We have three children, Louis, 11, Nathan, 9, and Heidi, 8. I am a cardiologist in private practice in Livonia.” DOUG RAVEN wrote, but I cannot repeat it. JERRY UROUHT sent a nice note. “My big news is that I received a $1 million grant from the National Science Foundation to study the environment in Nicaragua. I’ve been coaching my kids, teaching at MSU and doing research in Nicaragua and Panama. Still trying to track down TOM PARKER. The 40th was a serious psychological blow. My oldest son asked me, ‘Dad, are you older than Mr. Baker?’ Mr. Baker is his best friend’s dad and is a year older than me with gray hair, a receding hairline and a gray goatee. I answered ‘No.’ He said, ‘Well, you sure look a lot older than him.’ Thanks, kid. Way to make your ‘old man’ feel good.” I heard from MARIO HURTADO this morning via Facebook: “I am living in Houston, TX, with my wife, Maria, who is a psychotherapist and our daughters, Gaby, 14, and Miranda, 11. We have been here for 14 years. We moved here when I got a new job at an energy company out of graduate school, and I have been riding the professional ups and downs of that business ever since. I spend a lot of time in Latin America, working on power and gas projects and going to Colombia for family business. I’ve run into Becca Pinsky a couple of times at Central Market and...
upscale supermarket) here. And a couple of weeks ago my wife and I had dinner with TAYLOR GALYEAN and his wife, Marilyn, when we went to New Orleans for the weekend. It was great to see him. They have a beautiful daughter and seem to be managing the uncertainties of hurricane season on the Gulf Coast. I’ve reconnected with a couple of Cranbrook alumni through Facebook, which is great.”

NED LEBO writes from his mid-winter break in New Zealand: “I’m starting a three-year doctoral research program looking at ways permaculture design principles can be applied to high school science education. Permaculture is a system of science and ethics that harnesses natural energy flows, repairs damaged landscapes, improves soil fertility and increase biodiversity. Meanwhile my partner, Dani, and I are in the process of establishing an international school based on permaculture principles called the ECO School. Our web site may be up by the time Tradition is published. Any donors out there?” Continuing in the super smart and accomplished vein, I heard from DAVID LEVEY who writes: “DC is grand! I’ve been promoted to speechwriter for the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Carlos Gutierrez. Many of you may know him as the CEO of Kelloggs: well, for the past three years he has been working to keep our economy growing, which lately has been a challenge. Working for him has given me a new perspective on trade policy, the environment, public/private partnerships in technology and innovation, how the census is conducted and more. For my 40th a few friends joined me on a tour of the West Wing of the White House!”

ALYSSA SADLER PARKINSON wrote and sent a photo of her beautiful daughter. “My husband and I are enjoying our daughter, Natalie. She is 19 months old and talks nonstop. I am home with Natalie full time and enjoy watching her grow and change. I still review books for School Library Journal and have started a search for limited part-time evening work.” I always enjoy hearing from ANDREW LAST, who is so funny I laugh out loud. “I am well into my third year clinical rotations in med school at UC Davis; I just started OB/GYN last week, and it has been my favorite so far. It’s got all the good stuff from surgery (the drama of the OR, you get to wear scrubs, and you get to do procedures and use your hands) without any of the bad stuff (to wit: surgeons.) Ugh. I will turn 40 next week, which sucks, and I don’t want to hear any of that, ‘Oh, 40 is the new 30!’ crap – 40 is 40, period, and it’s better than death, but I miss my slim, svelte waist, I miss my youthful exuberance, I miss being able to pull all-nighters and I MISS MY DAMN HAIR! Whose idea was THAT?!” On the plus side, we are getting a hot tub, so I guess I have officially become a true Californian after having lived here for 15 years... My wife, Ronda, is doing well, working full time and mommy-ing our two-year-old daughter, Flora. My mother-in-law has taught Flora, ‘Where are your eyes? Where’s your nose?’ and she’d point to the appropriate places. I added a few more, so now she’s the only kid her age who can point correctly when asked, ‘Where’s your spleen? Where’s your liver? Where are your lungs?’ I figure we’ll be up to medulla oblongata by the 25th reunion...” My Wilderness buddy, CHRIS BALZ, has lots to share. He writes: “I am trying to enjoy the last bits of not being in my 40s! If any of you use etrade.com, my software framework is now serving E2Trade to you online! In other news, trying to grind through a patent application with Intellectual Ventures, a company recently profiled in The New Yorker magazine. This is part of an ongoing quest to actually make some real money from my software skills. My old college friend, Glenn Smith, and I are releasing a new version of my book on the history of the band, The Doors, through the lens of Jim Morrison’s poetry. There are even used copies of it for sale now on the Web, which is kind of amazing considering it almost couldn’t sell fewer copies per year! Reading wise, I am still on my ancient Nordic canon kick, having just finished ‘The Nibelungenlied.’ I’m still spinning my odd literary theories about it, safe from the light of real academe. If you ever find yourself in Menlo Park, CA or the environs, drop me a note. If it’s during a weekday, I will give you a tour of one of the finest corporate campuses in Northern California, replete with redwoods, palm trees, lovely flowers (can’t beat the agapanthus at this time of year), giant amorphous corporate buildings, corporate lawns and well-scrubbed people graciously submitting to their final fate there. Best to you all and I look forward to hearing from you, either in the alum news or by e-mail. Those of you who are grown up – best to your families!” The baby of our class, SHERI LEE BRODSKY writes: “Since I was the youngest in our class, I still have until December to turn 40. My mom and I are going to Guatemala for a week in November to celebrate. We went to Southeast Asia for my 30th, so hopefully it will become a tradition every 10 years. I also hope that my husband and kids will survive me being gone for that long.” Those of us from middle school must remember EVAN SCRIVO. There was a great write up about her in the August Vanity Fair, accompanied by a beautiful picture. It highlighted her new salon on Bond Street in New York City and her weekly radio show on Martha Stewart’s Sirius channel Tuesday afternoons at four. The Hillsdale Daily News did a wonderful story on COLLEEN COLOSIMO GADWOOD back in February. It describes her work at Will Carleton Academy where she is school director. They mention her husband, John, and FIVE children from 11 to 2. I enjoyed reading quotes from Colleen and members of her staff. She seems to have found a special place. Once again there are new babies to report. MIKE BRIGGS and his wife, Sheri, are in heaven with their new baby. “By far the best thing to ever happen to us was the birth of Zoey Clementine on Mar. 5, 2008. Truly brilliant. We’re now on the Web, which is kind of amazing considering it almost couldn’t sell fewer copies per year! Reading wise, I am still on my ancient Nordic canon kick, having just finished ‘The Nibelungenlied.’ I’m still spinning my odd literary theories about it, safe from the light of real academe. If you ever find yourself in Menlo Park, CA or the environs, drop me a note. If it’s during a weekday, I will give you a tour of one of the finest corporate campuses in Northern California, replete with redwoods, palm trees, lovely flowers (can’t beat the agapanthus at this time of year), giant amorphous corporate buildings, corporate lawns and well-scrubbed people graciously submitting to their final fate there. Best to you all and I look forward to hearing from you, either in the alum news or by e-mail. Those of you who are grown up – best to your families!”

My Wilderness buddy, CHRIS BALZ, has lots to share. He writes: “I am trying to enjoy the last bits of not being in my 40s! If any of you use etrade.com, my software framework is now serving E2Trade to you online! In other news, trying to grind through a patent application with Intellectual Ventures, a company recently profiled in The New Yorker magazine. This is part of an ongoing quest to actually make some real money from my software skills. My old college friend, Glenn Smith, and I are releasing a new version of my book on the history of the band, The Doors, through the lens of Jim Morrison’s poetry. There are even used copies of it for sale now on the Web, which is kind of amazing considering it almost couldn’t sell fewer copies per year! Reading wise, I am still on my ancient Nordic canon kick, having just finished ‘The Nibelungenlied.’ I’m still spinning my odd literary theories about it, safe from the light of real academe. If you ever find yourself in Menlo Park, CA or the environs, drop me a note. If it’s during a weekday, I will give you a tour of one of the finest corporate campuses in Northern California, replete with redwoods, palm trees, lovely flowers (can’t beat the agapanthus at this time of year), giant amorphous corporate buildings, corporate lawns and well-scrubbed people graciously submitting to their final fate there. Best to you all and I look forward to hearing from you, either in the alum news or by e-mail. Those of you who are grown up – best to your families!”

The topic at hand is naturally our 20th reunion. The disappointments are thus: I’m writing this while flying home from a very long weekend in Las Vegas, and I’ve waited much too long since the reunion weekend to work on this. The combination of these means that I am likely to omit a report on certain of you who did attend, and to be perhaps slightly inaccurate in my recollections on others that I did get a chance to spend time with (this in spite of the fact that I have dutifully brought our yearbooks with me on the plane). I wholeheartedly apologize if I’ve left you out of this recap or reported anything inaccurately and encourage you to e-mail us to set the record straight. So, with the formalities out of the way, let me get right to it. First, a huge thank you to JULIE BENJAMIN, who truly did most of the organizing and planning for the party at the Franks. Second, a thank you to SAM FRANK and his parents for the use of their home, which was a wonderful setting for the event (Sam also helped me get everyone organized electronically and shared the (small) fiscal deficit with us that the party incurred). The weekend began on Friday night with dinner and drinks at The Townsend. Saturday evening found us gathered in the Quad for the annual cocktail party, followed by our own class party at Sam’s parents’ home. Each event (and there were many others organized by Cranbrook that I was unable to attend, but having been to some of them in the past, I’m sure they were great) gave us all a chance to see friends that we had been out of touch with for many years (often since graduation), share the campus with spouses and children, and, of course, hold awkward conversations with people that we could absolutely swear we never met before but were our classmates. Notables in attendance at some or all of the events included
GLENN KESSLER (currently writing and producing television shows with his brother, Todd ’90, out of their Brooklyn studio, as well as acting in his shows and on Broadway); IAN BURSTEIN (living locally, married to Marci, two children, developing and managing self-storage buildings); ROBERT WOLFE (also living locally, married to Amanda, two children, founder of Moosejaw – a highly successful retailer of outdoor clothing and gear); KEVIN KAROLAK (local, married to Christie, three children, head of the family business, providing incentive trips and events to corporations); RAVI SOVILA (local, married, one child, a sort of practicing doctor with interests in a variety of interesting businesses); TIFFANY TIBERTI (Las Vegas, family real estate development and construction company, a real pleasure to reconnect with); JULIE MAY (Los Angeles, personal assistant to Drew Carey, as spunky as ever); JENNIFER ROTHENBERG SIEGEL (local, married to Brian, two children); DOTTIE GRUNES (Chicago, a doctor in the mental health field with her own practice, drove in on Saturday with a very funky friend and was a lot of fun to hang out with); JANE SHETTEL WILLIAMS (a teacher at Cranbrook); JENNIFER SANDOYAL FAHERTY; LAURA REICKERT LEHMANN and LANCE LEHMANN (local, two children, active at their club and in the community, Lance works in the automotive supply industry and still drives his old Corvette); ZOEY BLAU; BETH RABINOWITZ MOROS (West Palm Beach, married with three children, brought her husband, sells real estate with Sothebys); MEREDITH WEISSMAN KAPLAN (L.A., married with children, living the good life and still has the hair); LAUREN JACOBS BEAN (local, married to Eric – whom she brought, three children, still Lauren); ERIN PITT (NYC, married, children, still BFF with Michelle); MICHELLE KRASS SILBERSTEIN (see Erin above); LISA PEREIRA LEVENS (Chicago, married to Nate, three children, psychologist, hosted the Friday night after-party at Mr. P’s house (by the way, what took you and Nicole so long to get the drinks?), still has not aged a day since school); JULIE BENJAMIN (local, not married, very cute dog, works at the advertising firm Doner); JENNIFER MURCKO WILSON (local, married with children, has daily overlap with Jennifer Siezeg); NICOLE GARRATT (Palo Alto, married with two boys, very cool job that I still don’t quite understand (even though she has patiently explained it to me twice)); PAUL YURKANIN; BILL BURNETT; ALEX KAPLAN (an emergency room doctor in South Los Angeles, came to town with his wife to share the whole Cranbrook experience with her); JOHN GETTEL (not in the fast food business); BLAIRE LYN (Philadelphia, married to Mandie, a son, owns an interactive advertising agency); ERIC GOLDMAN (San Francisco, works in the environmental sciences, married, might have a child – he knows, I just don’t); IKE KIM (are you kidding me? Ike Kim? For real? Living in the Chicago suburbs with his family, switched from tennis to golf, works as a financial planner and is just as nice a guy as ever); SAM FRANK (local, married to Kelly, owns a very successful diamond wholesale firm, spends his time at yoga and partaking in outdoor sports); LEE SIEGELSON (NYC, married to Lil, just had their first child, owns the premier jewelry wholesale firm); JOSH GREENWALD (NYC, married, two children, investment banking (at least in June when that still existed)); TOM SWEENEY (I can’t remember his details but still firmly part of the Ravi, Kevin, Jennifer, Tiffany, Lee, Josh crew that has stayed close friends since school – note to all of you that it can be done); MIKE STEPHENS (San Francisco, rest of the details are hazy right now – sorry, Mike); DAVID NASHIF (San Francisco, not married, professional playboy – not really, but for those of you that remember David, he still has that air about him, when actually he is a successful businesswoman who owns me and Sunjay a round of golf right now?); SUNJAY GULERIA (NYC, brought his girlfriend, founding and running various tech companies, traveling optimistically to OSU’s major road games); THOMAS FUERST (came all the way from Germany with his family and loved sharing Cranbrook with them); JEREMY KRIEGEL (drove in from Chicago with his wife, IP attorney); JASON GOLNICK (local, married to Marla, two children, thriving pediatric dental practice); DWIGHT WASHINGTON (just moved back to East Lansing to take a post-graduate degree in a very obscure area of science dealing with climate change issues, had been teaching/ counseling out east since graduating from Harvard – super bright guy, doing good things for the world, and catching up with my old friend was one of the real highlights of the weekend); JOSH EGGERT (middle of Illinois, divorced, two children, executive position with Caterpillar, sidekick of Playboy Nashif); DAVID RUBIN (local, married to Lindsey, two children, real estate development); TOM TONTAPANISH (Tom “Y” come in from Ann Arbor with his girlfriend channeling a cold war spy thing, but actually teaches golf there); MATT MONTGOMERY (San Diego, graduated from Stanford, has been practicing class action litigation ever since); ANDY LEE (Denver, attended with his wife, Benita, two children, general counsel to a private family office, sadly could not bring Mike Rubin with him); BERT SORONGON; JON BIERMAN (St. Louis, came with his wife, I thought I was told he was an Internet pornography mogul, but when I asked him about this, he corrected me – it’s poker not porn); DARREN GOLD (L.A., owns a very cool men’s clothing and accessories store there called Alpha Male); BILL SCHLOUGH; MICHAEL GUTMAN (Scottsdale, married to Robyn, three children, ENT doctor, avid golfer); JAY ADELSON (New York, married to Brenda, three children, owns a very successful web company). One story that must be told from Friday night – a group of perhaps 35 of us had taken over the bar of The Townsend. I was talking with Glenn when we noticed the actor Steve Buscemi having dinner a few tables over. No sooner had we noticed him then he got up, walked over to Glenn, said a warm hello and sat down to talk with him for a few minutes. You just can’t script your triumphant return to your high school reunion any better than this. Congratulations are also in order to Glenn as his show “Damages” won an Emmy for Best Supporting Actor and for Best Actress in a drama. BILL MULLAN was one who sadly couldn’t attend (family vacation to Disney), but he is very interested in hearing from old friends and welcomes e-mails at William.mullan@foxtv.com. In the spirit of this, JULIE SHENSKY YONKUS wrote to say that she had recently reconnected with Bill. Julie lives in Grosse Pointe with her husband of 14 years, Tony, and their three children, Claire, Chloe and Christian. She works at the DMC as a senior physical therapist and sounds, from her e-mail, like a very busy woman with that and her mothering. She is hoping to hear from KC, DS, JW and JS (school initials, not married ones) and wants them to e-mail her at jjpt@aol.com. Thank you again to everyone who attended and helped to make the weekend memorable. Our class photograph is available for purchase from the Alumni Office, and the bookstore now sells old-school sweats and tee’s but sadly not Marty’s cookies (you can also buy this stuff on the alumni website). We missed having a number of classmates attend for various reasons – some of whom we heard from and really wanted to be there but couldn’t, others that made clever excuses but didn’t want to come, and some that have gone missing over the years and have yet to surface (let’s say it like this – if you haven’t read about yourself in Tradition in the past few years, you’re missing and have a seriously unfulfilled obligation to e-mail us with your life story as soon as you’re done reading this issue). As always, we welcome news of these missing classmates from those of you that are in touch with them, be they fact or fiction (the risk you take by remaining MIA). Finally, Sam, I’m sorry that we couldn’t publish our ratings here, but the Alumni Office didn’t think that they were very PC. Well, that about covers it from reunion headquarters. Life here has been particularly good this summer, as I retired from my company in May, having completed its sale to Blackstone last August. I now spend my days golfing, traveling and having a blast with our 17-month-old son, Nicholas. Lizzie (who very much missed the Saturday portion of the reunion) is completely overjoyed with being his mother and asks for nothing else in her life other than I stay out of the house every day. Please note my new e-mail address below.

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From mob bosses to cut-throat attorneys, brothers Todd, CK’90, and Glenn Kessler, CK’88, know how to bring memorable TV characters to life. Together, they have created the critically-acclaimed FX series, “Damages,” a drama starring Glenn Close, William Hurt, Marcia Gay Harden and Ted Danson that traces the mysterious goings-on behind a major class action lawsuit. In 2008, “Damages” earned more Golden Globe nominations than any other show and made history when it became the first basic cable show (along with AMC’s “Mad Men”) to earn a best drama Emmy nomination. All told, the show has earned seven Emmy and four Golden Globe nominations.

For Todd and Glenn, “Damages” is the culmination of more than a decade’s worth of work in the entertainment industry. Todd worked for director Spike Lee and went on to become an Emmy-nominated writer for “The Sopranos” and other top shows after graduating with a degree in playwrighting from Harvard. Initially focused on acting, Glenn appeared in a number of TV shows including “Law and Order:SVU” and “The Sopranos” before turning to writing, working on the CBS show, “Robbery Homicide Division.” After so many years working on other people’s projects, the Kesslers find that creating and shepherding a show of their own has been a dream come true. “No matter how great it was to work on ‘The Sopranos,’ it wasn’t my creation,” Todd says. “In terms of writing, there’s nothing better than seeing your vision all the way through.”

Glenn adds, “Our input guides every aspect of the show. We hire the directors. We make all of the casting decisions, wardrobe choices. We help choose the locations. When you’re not just the writer, you can use the full breadth of your interests.” Even better, the brothers say, is the ability to work together as a team along with co-creator and long-time friend Daniel Zelman. “It’s wonderful to be collaborating,” Glenn says. “We share a common vocabulary and sensibility. We trust in each other creatively.”

For the Kesslers, part of that creative sensibility comes from their Cranbrook years, they say. “Just having access to performing arts and creative arts was wonderful,” Glenn says. “It’s absolutely a significant part of the reason I went into this business.” Both Glenn and Todd were active in the performing arts during their Upper School years, working with and learning from such teachers as Dr. Charles Geroux, who led the drama department for many years. “I also attribute a lot of this to my time spent writing short stories in John Hazard’s writing workshop class,” Todd says. “You were challenged to express yourself at Cranbrook. You were encouraged to think independently and creatively.”

While all of the acclaim for “Damages” has been welcomed and appreciated, neither brother has had much time to enjoy it. “The reality of our situation was that we were going like gangbusters to get the show done (when it first aired),” Todd says. “We were working 18 hours a day seven days a week, so none of it really hit us.”

Currently, Todd and Glenn are deep in production on the show’s second season, set to debut in January 2009. With Emmy Award wins by Glenn Close and co-star Zeljko Ivanek and the recent addition of Academy Award-winning actors William Hurt and Marcia Gay Harden to the cast, “Damages” should continue to gain new fans and new acclaim in the coming months. The goal, Todd says, is to “put something on the air that’s different and that interests us. There’s a constant desire and a daily fight to keep ‘Damages’ unlike anything else on TV.”

With that shared creative spirit, there’s little doubt the Kesslers will achieve exactly that.
Last night we set the indoor record for meat sauce consumption. Joining me at Roma Café were some of the class of ’89’s most professional eaters, DANNY HOFFMAN, ARI SHWEDEL, KEITH WEINBAUM, DARREN FRANKEL and EDDIE ALTERMAN. We did some serious damage to Roma’s kitchen and to our own arteries as well. Actually the rising cost of food in the U.S. might be partially attributable to the amount of food that we consumed last night. Hopefully JOHN EDMAN can explain to us the basic principles of supply and demand, so next time we understand global impact of one very large dinner at Roma. All of those guys are doing well. Keith, his wife and new son, Robert, are moving to Seattle. Best of luck, Keith. I hope you like coffee and rain.

Ari finally made eagle scout at the age of 37, becoming the oldest new eagle scout in the past 20 years. Actually, that’s not true, I totally made that up. We all know in the past 20 years. Actually, that’s not luck, Keith. I hope you like coffee and rain.

My son, Robert, are moving to Seattle. Best of good news. He and his wife, Jakeen, are expecting their first child in October. Congrats, David. Finally STEVE FRICK recently launched a Pasadena-based startup called Trade A Favor (http://www. tradeafavor.com) and he hopes you all have a chance to stop by and offer your Cranbrook-honed skills and services for trade. Recently offered favors include shelter for Gulf coast evacuees and paranormal investigation. As you all know, our 20th reunion is coming up. Liz Lent and I will be helping plan the event. We would love to hear some ideas from all of you. Also, if anyone wants to volunteer to assist, please let us know. Please send me an e-mail at the address below.

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Hello, everyone! Hope your fall is going well as we all gear up for the holidays. Just a quick update this time. First, we’ve got baby news. RACHEL HARRIS and her husband, Jesse Aldana, welcomed their son, Enrique David, into the world on Aug. 15. “We are all happy and healthy,” she reports. I heard from KRIS BRESCOLLO too. She is working in New York City as a design director for Polo Ralph Lauren. In addition to her work, she also got to catch a bit of the U.S. Open in NYC this past summer before traveling to Michigan for a Labor Day weekend holiday with family and friends. I was a complete failure this summer in trying to meet up with IRENA ORTEGA Tervo, who was kind enough to stop by Cranbrook for a visit only to find me MIA. Then I immediately left on vacation and totally missed her. I’m sorry, Irena! She did meet up with EKTA LOBO WILCOX for an afternoon playdate with their kids. After living in Miami for many years, Irena and her husband, Bill, are currently enjoying Greenville, SC. The couple celebrated their 10-year anniversary recently and have two children, Jonah, 5, and Sarah.

CAROL NOCHANSHUK SHAPARD has been plying her musical trade as a singer and songwriter in the Royal Oak area recently. She performed 13 original songs and some covers at the Oak City Grille in September. JODI MILLMAN was in the audience. Carrie’s still living in Michigan and working in Royal Oak. Her two kids, Jacob, 11, and Emily, 13, are doing great too.

SARAH SCHULTZ has embarked on her final year of graduate school at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. “They’re one of two schools that offer only graduate level training for pastors and deaconesses in the LCMS Lutheran church. If all goes well, I will finish the end of next May and be looking for a job back in the real world again.” Go, Sarah! As for me, my husband, Steve, and I took a road trip out west this past summer where we spotted prairie dogs, saw the Grand Canyon, climbed a dormant volcano and for the first time ever, went to Vegas which was great. I also write a blog for nerdy women called The Park Bench (www.theparkbenchonline.com) and am working on a companion guide. Speaking of the Internet, don’t forget to check out STEPHEN FRICK’s new online endeavor called Trade A Favor (www.tradeafavor.com) — a very cool and very useful site. Also, if you join Facebook, be sure to join the OK Class of 1989 group to keep in touch with your classmates. Please keep your news and updates coming – it’s always great to hear from you.

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Hello, once again, to the class of ’91. I hope everyone had a great summer! Let’s get right to it... LIZ REAGAN wrote in with exciting news that she and long-time partner, Kevin, got married in June. They live and work in Ann Arbor. Liz has been having a great time finding fellow alums on Facebook. It was also great to hear from GREG ARTZ. After a two-year fellowship in neurology at St. John’s Hospital here in Michigan, Greg recently returned to Philadelphia to join the staff at Thomas Jefferson University as an assistant professor of otolaryngology (ENT). His work focuses on hearing, balance and facial nerve disorders. Greg and his wife, Kristi, have two daughters, Audrey, 2, and Kateyln, nearly 1. I also received a quick note from DARCY MIRO, who lives in Brooklyn with husband, Lars, and two sons. She was excitedly working on the finishing touches of her new place called Darcy Miro Metals Shop (in the...
Greetings. I’ve finally succumbed to Facebook. Honestly, I’m not sure why it took me so long. I mean heck I set up a Web site just for our class something like 10 years ago. So every day I log in and find out what more than a third of our classmates are up to. More than 60 folks from our class are on there so far. I’m now virtual “friends” with a lot of folks I haven’t heard from in many years – ROBERT KLOUW, KEITH HARMS, I’m looking at you. I would encourage everyone to sign up and check it out. However, I promised myself I wouldn’t mine it for news, so here are the updates from those who were kind enough to check in personally. BECKY BROOKS HACKETT continues with “Entertainment Tonight” and “The Insider” but has returned to the left coast after a year working and living in NYC. KATIE MCCANN is mountain climbing. Really. As of this writing, she’s headed to scale Mt. Kilimanjaro. She works in San Francisco as VP of engineering & product management at TerraPass, which helps, you know, save the planet. AMY WASSERMAN is making people pretty. She has started her own business as a Mary Kay beauty consultant (cf: www.marykay.com/abwasserman). She also continues working as a school counselor from August to May and spending summers in Argentina. PETER PIRSCHE has two cute daughters. He’s living in Summit, NJ, and commuting to NYC for work to a mutual fund covering healthcare stocks. He has been there since getting his MBA at Duke. Caroline, 2.7 years, and Lily, 10 months, are pretty cute. I’ve seen photos on the Internet. CHRIS SEIDNER is probably checking out the leaves at this point. He, his wife and son, Stefan, welcomed Hugh Wyndham Seidner at the end of July. They reside in Vermont. AUBREY AGEE knows more about piezoelectric vibration than you do. He earned his MBA from Wayne State last December. He started his own alternative energy company, V-Power, Inc, specializing in piezoelectric vibration energy harvesters. Thankfully he explains that it involves turning vibrations into electricity. His son started high school, one daughter is in 1st grade and his youngest daughter is in pre-kindergarten. His wife is currently a stay-at-home mom, who is looking to change her job title to employed using her applied mathematics degree. SETH WENIG changed his relationship status to married. He’s in New York as an AP photographer. THERESA RONQUILLO is a doctor. Of the Ph.D. type. Her daughter, Gabriela, is almost 16 months old and “totally fierce.” Theresa teaches at University of Washington, which means she’s not too far from DIONTE MONCRIEF, who is cleaning teeth. He, his wife and two daughters live in Spokane, WA. After a few years in private practice, he decided to join the USASF as a dentist. So far he’s loving it. ZENI LANDRY ROGERS is a self-described chauffeur and ATM machine for her kids. She’s a community relations manager and a land development manager in Jacksonville, FL. Her 15-year-old son is considering journalism/web design fields to see if perhaps those are things he’d be interested in when “he grows up.” As a grown-up journalist, I wish him well. Until he figures it out, he’s playing basketball, soccer and helping out at church. Her daughter is 4, in private kindergarten and running them both! She’s decided that dance recitals are “too scary” and is sitting out dance this year but is still enthusiastic about gymnastics. AMY LOPATIN DOBRIN is slacking. While it’s been a while since I did a column, she admits that she’s only written in a couple of times since graduation. She continues to live in Colorado and run her yoga clothing store, “be present.” Kareem Boyle is dropping new beats. His newest album, “Music 2 Ride 4,” is available on www.cdbaby.com/ mbrbiciclosity and www.1241inc.com. ANABEL KIM takes care of our kids. She finished her pediatrics residency two years ago and is practicing in the Bay area. JASON KARMANOS is trash talking the Red Wings. He, his wife, Christy, and their three little girls live in North Carolina, where he works for the Carolina Hurricanes. He, and I quote, “is hoping the Cup leaves Detroit this season!” LAUREN DURKIN is farther from home than, I think, any of our class. She finished her Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 2006. For the past year and a half, she and Stuart have been living in Manly, Australia, a beach suburb of Sydney. She’s a researcher at the University of Sydney. SARAH HAMPTON BIELMAN wants to ski to work. She and her husband, Karl, welcomed their second child, Augustus Taft ("Gus"), on Sept. 2. Otherwise she spends the fall enjoying her maternity leave from work and playing with the kids. She will return to her job as catering and dining room manager at Trattoria Stella in late November. They recently moved into downtown Traverse City and love being able to bike or walk everywhere...too bad winter is just around the corner. PATRICIA JOHNSON BLEE is being fruitful. She, her husband, Bob, and son, Charlie, 2 1/2, welcomed Madeleine Grace in May. Charlie is very excited to have a sister, most of the time. She left Northern Trust to stay at home full time with the kids. AMANDA FOX is doing good. She and John welcomed Silas Hays Washburn on June 29. He’s off the charts, tall/long, baffling both pediatricians and his parents alike. In October, she will be returning to work as a vice president at Fenimore Communications, where she looks forward to digging back into her work, consulting for social change non-profits. She says it is an exciting time to be doing this kind of work and things should be busy. JEFF CALCOTT IMERMAN is not the Jeff Imerman on Facebook that I friended. He does not live in California and sail in his free time. He lives in New York City and is a litigation associate at the law firm of Paul, Weiss. NATALIE HARRIS SENNE is hoping for an exciting October. She married Eric Senne in Glen Arbor, MI, last summer (where her folks live now), and Sarah Hampton Bielman catered the shindig at the Glen Lake Yacht Club. She and her new maidservant, Tater, who arrived at the end of July, are huge Cubs fans. JASON VAN DAM has been busy. In the last year she got married in July, moved, sold her house in October and went on a honeymoon to Scotland this summer. She teaches middle school science in Portland, OR. BEN KAST is Aiming High. He writes from Missoula, MT, where he has worked for a local software company for the last six years. He travels regularly to stay connected with the world outside of Montana. He says this “serves as a fantastic reminder of how fortunate I am to live in such a beautiful and precious place. I think of Cranbrook often, and it continues to inspire me to Aim High.” DAVID COLLON is keeping in touch. He had a chance to spend some time with IAN CROCKFORD, who is still doing well out in California. He also had a chance to see MEG RICHARD FERRON and ERIC SCHWAB a few times this summer. Everyone seems to be doing well. ERIC KUSHNER is potty training. Well, the dog anyway. His oldest son, Caleb, is starting kindergarten, which is the big news in the Kushner family. Their new puppy is keeping the paper towel industry at full production. TED BACHRAC is thankful. His third daughter, Valerie, was born last December two and a half months early. She was in the NICU for a little over two months but is now thriving, happy and healthy. VIC ARROYO is one of the few and proud. He’s stationed at
Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, NC. He will deploy next year to Iraq or Afghanistan. His daughter, Salitha, will be 13 in December, and his son, Amir, just turned 11! JEN COBB MIDDLETON is gardening. In May she and her husband welcomed Chase, and her daughter, Hadley, is now 2. Never a dull moment in the Middleton household! Their house was featured on an episode of HGTV’s “Curb Appeal,” which was a lot of fun. They got their 15 minutes of fame and an awesome new front yard! TIM CHOW doesn’t need any more frequent flier miles. He’s now in his ninth year in London, although with work travel he’s not there all that much. In August alone he was in Thailand, Singapore, Syria and the U.S. He’s looking forward to a sabbatical in the new year, where he will hopefully be studying to become a teacher of vedic meditation in India and Arizona for four months. MATT CARMICHAEL is too tired to think of any more facebook-esque status messages. That’s because I’m up at all hours with my new daughter, Meredith Anne Carmichael. She’s adorable and takes up pretty much all of my news at this point. I’ve heard from a number of other folks like ERICKA KEMPMAINE, IROSHA RATNASEKERA and more, but maybe you should join us on facebook (BEN SLAYTER also started a Linked-in group) and get in touch yourselves, too.

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This bustling fall season brings news of big moves, ruptials, and plenty of excitement about new opportunities. KATHLEEN O’BRIEN sends well wishes to all and is looking forward to reconnecting with former classmates when she and her family move back to the Detroit area from Chicago in October: “My husband, Mickey, and I have two little boys, Finn and Ollie. They are amazing little bundles of energy! (I’m exhausted!) We are looking forward to seeing the boys thrive in Michigan.” If you’re in the area, Kathleen invites you to look her up! Fellow Chica­goan, LAUREN COBURN, continues to enjoy her growing business in residential interior architecture and design and is excited to be “getting married to an amazing man named Adam in September!” Best wishes! Congratulations are also in order to my “sister” and former Kingswood dorm-mate, Cashawna Boyd ’93, who wed long-time sweetheart, Nakia McCole, this past May. Not only was it an honor to witness their pledge of marriage (punctuated with a few humorous moments from their beautiful daughter, Morgan), but also to have been asked to give the wedding toast. The elegant ceremony gave way to a mini-reunion with Angela Gilchrist ’93, and their former U-VA roommates who I had the pleasure to meet years ago. During a hiking trip in the Smoky Mountains, SAMANTHA JACKSON says she recalled “the wonders of the Cranbrook Wilderness expedition.” She and husband, Adam, are enjoying the metropolitan life of downtown Atlanta, where Sam is doing her pedi­atric residency: “It is great so far. Atlanta is different than anywhere else I have lived, and the CDC and CNN keep things exciting.” Speaking of exciting opportunities, last fall a few of us got to peek into STEPHANIE LICHTEN’S life (and closet) after catching her on a television show (I’ll leave it to her to share the details). For the curious among us, Stephanie says of her experience, “It was a lot of fun, embarrassing for sure, but fun.” She also reports: “I’m still living in NY and loving the city. I also still work at Jacobi as a pediatric hospitalist. I’ve been working on updating an ER handbook and starting an inner-city medicine Web site.” The travel bug has bitten DAVID LIU, who will leave Michigan in October to spend several months traveling abroad before possibly moving to Seattle. I’m looking forward to postcards from his adventures! I also exchanged “hellos” with CAROLINE LEKNIUS, who had an exciting weekend in two-week vacation to “rest and rejuvenate,” and JON INERMAN, who continues to save cancer survivors through his non-profit organization Imerman Angels (www.imermanangels.org). And, for the first time in almost 10 years, I caught up with Carmen McKinnon ’92, when she visited the Lansing area for training in her new position as an account manager. As for me, I’ve recently taken a position with MSU’s Kinesiology department to teach yoga. It’s a little amusing to put an academic twist on the practice and to “grade” students, but they’ve been enthusiastic, thorough and thoughtful (so far) in their assignments. So I am having some wonderful teaching and learning experiences that include leading various projects to foster community among fellow teachers and practitioners. Remember, we celebrate our 15th reunion this upcoming year! Please be sure to keep your information up-to-date, so that you won’t miss news about the alumni festivities. Continued blessings!

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I’ve got some good updates, so let’s jump right in. COREY MEEHAN (my alphabetical order partner) and family have moved from Utah to the Tri-Cities Washington area. Corey still works as a surgical device sales representative for Ethicon Endo-Surgery (Johnson & Johnson Company) and is expecting his third baby this December! He and his wife, Ashley, recently celebrated their 8-year wedding anniversary, and this year his d daughter, Brooklyn, 5, started kindergarten. Corey says, “ahhhhhhh, I’m getting old!” I say, ahhhhhh I’m as good, once, as I ever was. Thanks, Toby! DAVID NELSON just got back from Costa Rica with his family. His son, Otto Sam, turned 2 at the end of May and can out-speak his dad in Spanish now, thanks to the trip. Dave took early retirement from teaching when Otto was born and started writing full time. Well, doing a little writing between hanging out with Otto. He writes a couple of business columns and is producing educational books with his third one on deck for this fall. His first book is titled, “‘Teens and Sex” and his novellette, “Tucker Teaches the Clockies to Copulate” was recently recommended for a Nebula Award (The Academy Awards of Sci-Fi Writing). Any members of the Science Fiction Writers of America (SFWA) should recommend his story too! Your updates are always so fun to read, Dave! I got a chance to e-mail with JEFF BLUESTEIN who lives in NYC with his wife, Margit, and their daughter, Bronwyn, who was born this past May. He’s opened R.H. Bluestein, & Co., which deals in private wealth management. Great to hear from you, Jeff! Higgins’ Group Rocks, live long and prosper! From the far stretches of the u address, ANDREW MAIBORODA writes and says he’s just finished a round as a business development manager for G4S on Sakhalin Island in Russia and is going back to Moscow to accept a job as vice security director for Mirax Corporation at the Federation Tower (www.federationtower.ru). He has been a security specialist for the last nine years and enjoys his job and the travel it involves. He also asked about RAYMOND CHEUNG, PETER BLOCK and HENRY NG. If you guys are reading this, shoot me an e-mail, and I’ll put you in touch, or if anyone else can help, that would be great! DAVID TOMLINSON is anticipating another quiet winter on San Juan Island, where he’s been kayaking for the last six years and more recently designing in the off season. He shares a 20-acre farm with three generations of the Zee family and worked his first NOLS course in Prince William Sound, AK, this year. The kids he took were from a small charter school in Tucson, AZ, and treated him to a performance of Mariachi a la tidal glacier! He hopes to be back in Portland, OR, by February to continue his lutherie work there, as he met another builder in Alaska who reminded him of the three partially-built guitars he left in Portland when he moved to Alaska last autumn. He’s also hoping to join another CK Wilderness Expedition this March. “Trust in God, Snow Cones 50 cents,” Remember that DAVID “THE ROD” RODRIGUEZ has started his cardiology fellowship at William Beaumont Hospital. He has three years left until the end of his training and in October celebrates his one-year wedding anniversary to his wife, Jackie. Thanks for the update, Rod, and hey Jackie! RICKY KIOK writes that he is in Philadelphia, PA, and things are going well. He decided that business consulting wasn’t a good fit for...
him, so he went for it (career change) and now is in his third year of medical school at Jefferson College and loves the change in pace from the nose-in-the-books lifestyle of his first and second year. PAYMON MEGZARADEH gave me a holla and married his wife, Farinaz Raissi, in San Diego, CA, this past May. They are living in Lexington, KY, where he started his fellowship in cardiology at the University of Kentucky. He’s says as soon as he’s done, he’s headed back to Southern California to, hopefully, settle down. I recently met up with PATRICK ROSEN at a local Hyde Park jazz spot, where he told me he is expecting his second child and is almost done with his work experience to become a certified architect. He and his wife, Monica (hola chica), live on the South Side of Chicago with their son, Antonio. DEEPAK VEERASUNENI is also living in downtown Chicago and commuting between Chicago and St. Joe, MI, while working and finishing school.

CHRIS ACKER and JILL ARVAI (hey, Jilly) are still in Seattle, WA. I missed a good time to catch up with Chris in Atlanta, GA, this summer while he was here on business, and speaking of Atlanta, GA, LEO KOGANOw and his wife, Vira, are expecting their first baby boy this fall. Congrats! He still works for GM, and Vira is finishing up her engineering degree at Georgia Tech. Hey, Vira! YORK RAGSDALE and his wife, Lisa, (sup, La La) are still living in Royal Oak. DREW LUND and his family (waah gwan, Michelle & Dylan), ROB MOLLOY, JAY NICOLS, HANS RENTROP, GIAN CARLO PUZZOLI, and JIMMY WALDRON and family (hey, Megan and Michael!) live in Royal Oak too.

PAUL KATZ and his wife, Carri (heeeeeeey), still live in Farmington Hills, and Paul recently flew to Denver with JASON EDDLESTON to celebrate STEPHEN SHAPIRO’s bachelor party. JOE REIFMAN and his wife, Marla, (hey, girl) still live in Phoenix, AZ, and EVAN CONKLIN is in Tucson, AZ, making art, working, and spending as much time in the recording studio as he can.

DENNIS FRANKLIN still kicks it in Brooklyn, where he works behind the scenes for movies and commercial productions. We get a chance to catch up every year around the holidays, when I stop by Ms. Davis’ house for some fantastic holiday grub! Hope this was a good one. Sorry if I misspelled any of the spouses names, and please e-mail me with updates or just to say hi.

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Hi, everyone! As always, Stephanie and I send out many thanks to all who wrote in with news of themselves and classmates. It seems that this time around brought lots of news of summer weddings, so let’s get right to it! JENNIFER VANDEWALLE wrote us a great note with the news that she married Cody Price on May 10 in Fredericksburg, TX, after a weekend full of eating, dancing, and lots of fun. In August she and her husband traveled to the Rocky Mountains for a belated honeymoon. I don’t think she ever expected to be a Texas girl, but after nine years in Austin, it seems to be growing on her!

On May 25 LAUREN BEZNOS married David Grossman at the Chicago History Museum. Her wedding party was full of CK alums – ARIEL FRANK GREEN, APPLE SNIDER, HILLARY STEPHENSON, STEVE BAKER, DAVID SLENZAK, DASHA KOVALCHUK, SMITHA REDDY, ANDY CHANG, Mark Baker ’90, Sujin Seo ’94, Michelle Model ’94, Sam Beznos ’97, and Lesley Beznos ’93. ALISSA RIBA married Jim Roger on the 18th Green of the Harbour Town Golf Course in Hilton Head, SC, on June 21. BRIANNE O’LAUGHLIN CLAYPOOL and ELIZABETH CUNNINGHAM were in attendance. Cranbrook served as the setting for SMITHA REDDY’s wedding to Mike Hahn on June 28. DAVID SLENZAK, HANS RENTROP, LAUREN BEZNOS GROSSMAN, MARIANNE FRANCO, Regina Franco ’93, TIM ANTOINE and, of course, her brother, Pritham Reddy ’90, were all there. Smitha and her husband finished off their busy summer by buying a house in Farmington Hills. Congratulations! In baby news, EMILY SAFFORD VILLAJUAN and her husband, Noel, welcomed their baby boy, Augustin Safford Villajuan, on July 14. Lauren passed along word that ARIEL FRANK GREEN is doing well and incredibly busy as she begins her medical residency.

CHRISTINE PARK also has been hard at work at her radiology residency and as of this writing should have completed her move out to L.A. MICHAEL KAPSKOVATHIS wrote to let us know that he is also busy at his residency in orthopedic surgery; his free time is spent with ERICA KOHLER KAPSKOVATHIS and their daughters, Magdalena (Maggie) and Sadie. He’s also made some time to go fly-fishing with Chad Kohler ’94 and Roger Mali ’93. ERICH KURSCHAT reports that he has been working in human resources for Levy Restaurants in Chicago for nearly nine years now and spends his free time performing with various choral groups throughout the city. He also mentioned you can spot him in his film debut in “Fred Claus”! He and Stephanie have recently been back in touch (they do have that whole food thing in common now!), and he’s enjoyed reconnecting with JAMIE LOUCKS as well. Speaking of reconnecting, TONYA BANKS wrote that she has recently moved to Philadelphia to become the new management supervisor of Multicultural Marketing at Arnold Worldwide Advertising agency and would love to meet up with folks on the East Coast, as she’s frequently traveling to New York, Washington, DC, and Boston (bankstn@hotmail.com). It was great to hear from ALEX STUPPLE, who after teaching English in China and living in Scotland for a bit has now settled in DC, working as an editor at the American Journal of Public Health. HILLARY STEPHENSON is still in Los Angeles, entering her second year as a Ph.D. student at the California Institute of Integral Studies and teaching women’s studies to undergrads at Cal State. She says she spends the rest of her time studying Zen koans (30 down, 1,670 to go!) and dreaming about her dissertation on Buddhism and social justice.

ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON loves her position at Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA, teaching English and fun interdisciplinary courses on material culture, theater and Reform­era art history. MARKEISHA MINER has also moved to academic life, leaving her law firm to become the Assistant Dean of Career Services and Outreach at the University of Detroit Law School. As for me, the highlight of my summer was having LAURIE ELLISON VERRY come up from Kentucky to visit NICK WASSERMAN and me in Boston. It was great to do all the tourist things you never do in your hometown, but it was even greater just to catch up with an old friend! If anyone would like to catch up or send in news, please feel free to do so at any time – it’s always great to hear from you!
Hello, Class of 1996! I hope that you all had a great summer. Things around our house have been pretty busy these past few months. My husband and I welcomed our son, Roger, on July 16! He is a wonderful, healthy baby, and we are enjoying every minute of it! I have also been playing around on Facebook. I finally broke down and started my own profile! BIANCA FRABOTTA CORDS

TRENTON FLOWERS is currently on a new project near Mexico City. ALEX BARRON wrote to say he “had a great year teaching about climate change at Carleton College with an equally fantastic year working to do something about it. He worked as a legislative aide on the Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act (S.2191), which made more progress than any other climate bill to date.” He adds, “Hopefully our work helped to set things up for the next administration; I plan to stick around to help!” Sounds interesting, Alex. Please send more updates!

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CK1997

Taryn and I want to thank everyone for writing in and hope that everyone had a great summer! I, CARRIE WALLACE O’DOHERTY, had twins in February named Paige and Tommy. We spent the summer in Harbor Springs, MI, and had many CK visitors. SUSAN STRICKLAND MUSKOVITZ, husband, ANDY and their daughter, Molly, visited twice. Andy is doing his fellowship in geriatric medicine at University of Illinois in Chicago. TARYN STOLLER CANNARSA, husband Mike ’95 and their daughter, Sloane, also visited and spent a lot of time in Northern Michigan this summer. We also had JARED HALAJIAN stay with us and saw LEAH TRACHTMAN. I also saw newlywed, SETH LAX, and his wonderful wife, Mandy, over Memorial Day; they are doing great and still living in Manhattan. AMANDA PRESTED BATTERBEE is working towards her master’s degree in nursing and works in a child and family mental health nurse practitioner program at Rush University in Chicago. She has a son, Reese, 4, and a daughter, Romy, 1. She has enjoyed traveling with her family over the past year. SHALU NIKPOUR is living in Manhattan and getting her second master’s in social work while working at Lincoln Hospital as a rehabilitation counselor. She plans to move to Miami after graduation. LANAYA ETHINGTON OLSZEWSKI got married May 31 and honeymooned in Prague. She writes, “SANDHYA KRISHNAN, MEGAN SAILLANT and JENNIFER IVES SANDERS all came. I have relocated to Ames, IA, to complete my pre-doctoral internship at Iowa State University as part of the requirements to obtain my Ph.D. in counseling psychology.” She has also heard from MICHAEL BENCHICH. He and his wife, Elisabeth, welcomed their first child, Everett Roth, in June. REBECCA BIBER writes, “I am still enjoying life in Ann Arbor, working as an independent music teacher with a studio of about 30 students. I recently completed my master’s degree in music education at U-M. I’ve also gotten into community theater, working as a music director for productions in Novi and Canton. And this summer I took a phenomenal trip to England and Ireland, just for fun.” OLAF (Cory) KRONEMAN and his wife, Meredith, are expecting their first child in September. He and Ryan Pollina ’99 are racing a half Iron Man in August. RYAN CHILDRESS just moved to Austin, TX, to start business school at University of Texas. Ryan doesn’t know a lot of people down there and would love anybody who lives in the area to contact him. BARRETT KOCZKUR writes, “I got married in January 2007 in a little mountain church in Frisco, CO, to my sweetheart, Cambria. We were joined by MIKE BARRY and his wife, Megan, plus a very special guest, the ever-in-hiding BRIAN LITTLE.” JERVIS DICICCIO and his wife just started jobs in St. Louis, he doing investments, and she as a graphic designer. JONATHAN BENINSON (who got married over the summer) and Jervis are still best friends and were the best men in each other’s weddings. The Diciccos visited Jonathan in Colorado over Memorial Day and ran into MAREN LOSH, who is doing great. Taryn and I want to thank everyone for writing in, and keep the updates coming! We love hearing from everyone, and it is great to get a good response.

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CK1998

Time has certainly flown by since high school graduation, which hit home at our 10-year reunion this year. We had a great turn out in June with familiar faces all over the quad. What impressed me was how people still look the same as I remember. Many people made it out on Friday night for cocktails at the Natatorium. Afterwards, many of our classmates went to Big Rock for dinner, followed by drinks at Dick O’Dow’s (if you stayed long enough, some of the Red Wings brought in the Stanley Cup!), both in Birmingham. On Saturday after Quad Fest, classmates met up at Chen Chow. A big thank you to SALLY HALL, who arranged the dinner at Big Rock and also got married a couple weeks later. Congratulations, Sally! To all the classmates who were able to make it - thank you for making this reunion a success: Kelly Snyder, Arianna Gordon, Sally Hall, Betsy Muenk, Stephie Higbie Drapal, Britt Schmoyer Palmer, Mary
Investments. He also works full

Michelle of classmates. and significant others, as well as the children interested in football tickets. Unit, she says to shoot her an e-mail if you are working in the athletic department. As customer in Miami, FL, still at the University of Miami, up with him a few weeks later when both he and was unable to make it to reunion, but I did catch 92 

Above, Patrick Hanniford

Sharon Wu this summer and has traveled for work and for pleasure to many different countries including Italy, India, Ireland, Spain and France. Tony Kantor reports that he is working at Emigrant Bank in New York City and often sees Margo Gannes, Kelly DeAngelis and Ethan Orley. Ethan got engaged this September to his girlfriend, Laurel Kozeradsky. High school sweethearts, Allen Arnold and Jojlyn Jareunpoon were engaged this summer. After more than 11 years together, they are planning a June 2009 wedding. This November, Katelyn Kroneman will walk down the aisle. Ali Shaye, Nicole Defosset, Suzanne Defosset, Kelly DeAngelis, Lizzy Wallace and Ryan Pollina are part of the wedding party. In August Heather Harlan married Stephen Lewandowski. Blair Penske Hall, Michael Robinson and I were honored to be a part of the special day. Congratulations to all of our classmates on their many accomplishments! Save the date for our 10-year reunion on June 5-7, 2009.

Top, Elizabeth Christian, daughter of Kimberly Bell-Bryant, CK’98 Bottom, Jeremy Christian, son of Kimberly Bell-Bryant, CK’98

Hospital. In July of 2009, he will be returning to the University of Michigan for a residency in radiology. As always, I enjoy hearing from classmates and hope everyone is doing well. I encourage everyone to stay connected with the class. If you haven’t updated information with the alumni office, you can do that online at CranNet or by contacting the office. I have also created a group on Facebook for the Cranbrook Class of 1998 to make it easier to stay in touch. Thank you again for making our 10-year reunion so successful, and I hope to see even greater turnout in the future!

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CK1999

It is hard to believe we have been out of high school for almost 10 years! Our classmates have certainly been keeping busy. Margo Gannes opened her own law firm in New York City called Gannes & Musico. The new firm will specialize in criminal defense work. Also pursuing a legal career, Stephen Strickland graduated from Wayne State Law School in May of 2007 and is now working for the Clark Construction Group in Bethesda, MD. Sarah Littman Olitzky is working on a dissertation for her Ph.D. in school psychology with a specialty in bilingual students. She and her husband, Avi, moved to Minneapolis, MN, this summer, where Avi serves as the rabbi at Beth El Synagogue. Michael Schostak graduated from Wayne State Law School in June with his M.D./M.B.A. He is now working at the Cleveland Clinic in an anesthesiology residency. Elizabeth

The Class of 2000 continues to rack up frequent flier miles. ZAINAB ALLAWI graduated from a master’s program at George Washington University in May and started working in international development at the World Bank in January. “Traveling quite a bit as a result; went on mission to Jordan and Paris in June, heading to the UK this weekend, and will probably go back to Jordan, Lebanon or Iraq in the next few months,” she writes. But before those globetrotting adventures, Zainab plans to fly to Michigan to be a bridesmaid when ELIZABETH LAMING walks down the aisle. EVA SCHULTE sent her update from Santiago, Chile. “I am now traveling all of southern South America (Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay) for a couple of months with a friend of mine from school,” she writes. When Eva returns to Germany, she will start her neurology residency and pursue neurogenetics research. “Should anybody be in Munich or elsewhere in southern Germany, I would love to meet up,” she says. DARA GUZY SISOURA reports that her husband, KOKY SISOURA, returned from his 15-month tour in Iraq in April. A few months later, he was promoted to Captain. “Then on July 12 we renewed our wedding vows and had the big reception that we didn’t have two years ago,” Dara writes. “We had a great time seeing all of our friends.” In August they moved to Fort Huachuca, AZ, where Koky will complete his Military Intelligence Captain’s Career course. Dara is finishing up her MBA in Kansas and working as a graduate marketing intern for a technology commercialization company. NADIN MUSTAFA is living in Cairo, Egypt, where she works as an equity sales trader at EFG-Hermes, one of the top investment houses in the region. PANIT ARKAYAMAS wrote in to say he’s been “working in the middle of the sea in Thailand and Malaysia in the last 12 months, trying to find oil and gas for people to burn.” LESLIE WARD ANDERSON lives in Madison, WI, where she works for the state’s AIDS/HIV Program. She provides mandatory training for all of the HIV case managers in the state and recently designed and implemented Wisconsin’s first HIV case manager certification. In their spare time, Leslie and her husband, Chris, are enjoying life without a car by exploring Wisconsin on their bicycles. In late September, they will be embarking on a day-long, 70-mile bike tour and fundraiser for local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farms surrounding the Madison area. Leslie is also serving on a committee to coordinate an event for World AIDS Day (December 1) in Madison. They are currently living on campus in married housing and have a spare bedroom for visitors passing through Madison. ANDREA VOLLMAN lives in Chicago, where she is busy working and going to business school. She frequently runs into EMILY KAUFMAN, MICHELLE HUTTON and LEIGH APPLE HITTLEMAN. MICHELLE HUTTON lives in Birmingham and recently joined Gold, Lange & Majoros, P.C. as an associate attorney specializing in bankruptcy matters. CHRIS RAMOS reports that he just founded The Night Move, a new shuttle bus company. They are planning summer weddings in Morocco and the U.S. SAMANTHA KOPACZ wrote in (for the first time in eight years!) to say she plans to marry Dean Nelson at Cranbrook House and Gardens next September. SARA GOLIB will be her maid of honor. “Dean and I are both attorneys and met in law school at Wayne State,” she writes. Now, Sam is an attorney at Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap, PC in Lansing. Dean is a bankruptcy attorney in Birmingham. ELIZABETH MOYE, who is working as a paramedic, got engaged to her boyfriend of two years in April. “We are working hard to plan a December ’09 wedding,” she reports. “Other than that, I’ve been surviving our summer tourist season at work.” JANE FENKELL is engaged to Matthew Kushner of New York. They will marry in Bloomfield Hills in June. They’ll be following in the footsteps of several classmates who tied the knot in the past six months. JENNIFER MILLER married Jason Heath at Cranbrook in July. JANNA BURRELL, KRISTIN HOLMES and SHANNON HOWELL were bridesmaids. Michelle Hutton sent a photo from a photo of the Memorial Day wedding of LEIGH APPLE and Jason Hittleman ‘99. “It was a very special night at the Opera House in downtown Detroit,” Michelle writes. She also attended CRYSTAL PAPA and BRENT CONSIGLIO’s lakeside wedding, where she spotted fellow Class of 2000 alums JENI RUNCO, EDDIE SABATINI and JAKE COHEN. I don’t have any wedding plans in the works, but I do have some news to report. In July I left my reporting job at the St. Petersburg Times in Florida to attend a one-year M.A. program at Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism. For the next nine months, I’ll be studying politics, immigration and international affairs. Then I’m heading to South America on an international reporting fellowship. And after that? Hopefully I’ll find a way to be gainfully employed somewhere in the journalism universe. Right now I’m just trying to soak up as much culture as I can and reunite with CK friends in New York. But before I moved to the Big Apple, I saw a few CK alums this past spring and summer. On the West Coast KRISTEN COAKLEY loves life in San Francisco, where she’s working on her Ph.D. at UCSF. BRADLEY BUDA lives in Seattle and just left his job at Amazon to work at a tech start-up. I went to a Tigers game with ANTHONY TEJADA in August. We ran into SLOAN EDDLESTON, who was getting ready to head back to Cambridge, MA, to attend Harvard Business School. BEN EDMUNDS left his job teaching Spanish in Colorado and is excited to start a new adventure. Shortly after we met up in Michigan, he moved to Portland, and I moved to New York City. Soon after I arrived, I met up with SHANNON HOWELL, who teaches at an elementary school in Manhattan and loves it. K.C. SEROTA helps coordinate the importing and exporting of major museum exhibitions, and he’s helping me find good places to eat in New
York. Brad Terebello ’97 is working as a lawyer in Philadelphia and getting ready to marry a law school classmate. K.K. Schmier ’03 is putting the journalism skills she learned at the Crane-Clarion to good use, working as an editorial assistant at Good Housekeeping and taking a non-fiction writing class. Speaking of the Crane, we could have planned out an issue at the Motor City Bar in New York this past weekend. K.K. Schmier and I hopped on the subway and headed downtown, where we quickly spotted a Detroit Pistons sticker and a Woodward Avenue sign on the wall. ALDEN YOUNG stopped in on his way to Sudan, where he’ll be spending several months working on his Princeton Ph.D. dissertation.

ARISTON ANDERSON came after attending a celebrity event as part of her new job as editor of celebsongoood.com. Michael Robinson ’99 took a break from his hard work at a hedge fund. SARA ANSAI and MELANIE GOETZ also joined us. RACHEL AVIV and Melissa Solarz ’01 couldn’t make it, so we assigned them all the front-page articles. They’re due in June 2010 – in time for our 10-year reunion, and Mr. Watson’s 20th anniversary as the newspaper advisor. In the meantime, let me know if you’d like to meet up in the Big Apple and please send updates to Shoichet@gmail.com or:

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The men of 2001 are stepping into real adulthood (some of us, anyway). Many are getting married and stepping up into senior roles in their careers. Doesn’t it seem not too far that we would leave campus (or ditch one of Mrs. Dagbovie’s speeches during assemblies) and make a run to ETD? In this issue, I would like to mourn the loss of a CK.

Sara Ansari and Melanie Goetz also joined us. Rachel Aviv and Melissa Solarz ’01 couldn’t make it, so we assigned them all the front-page articles. They’re due in June 2010 – in time for our 10-year reunion, and Mr. Watson’s 20th anniversary as the newspaper advisor. In the meantime, let me know if you’d like to meet up in the Big Apple and please send updates to Shoichet@gmail.com or:

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ABOVE, Sean Huie, CK’01, outside the Parthenon in Nashville, TN

attendance were: NIK SPIRO, SANJEE RANGARAJAN, STEVEN GEE, JOSH TEREDELLO and GEOFF SIEGEL. Olivia Spiro ’02 was also there. He lives and works in the Chicago area.

KEVIN MILLER writes that after spending two years in Chicago overseeing the takeover of a company that his family business bought, he was promoted to VP of sales. His new job requires quite a bit of travel all over the Midwest and to Monterrey, Mexico. When he’s not traveling, he likes to split as much time as he can between Chicago and Bloomfield to be with his family. This summer he took his first motorcycle trip around Lake Huron and spent some time racing at Mid-Ohio. CHRIS ROEBUCK writes that he is still in Michigan working in private equity. Also in Michigan is CHRISTIAN GROTH. He started his summer by completing the Florida 70.3 half Ironman Triathlon at Disney World in May. Put a northern guy in the central Florida heat and you end up getting quite a show! He was in Gainesville for three weeks prior to the race to acclimatize, but he was ill prepared for the heat and humidity of Orlando. He did represent the Cranes well in the swimming leg, coming in at 80th of around 2,000 people. Very impressive! Christian is in his last year of dental school in Ann Arbor. Along with that, he is preparing for the myriad board exams, applications for jobs/residencies and planning a wedding. He is getting married to his girlfriend, Kelly, a week after his graduation. He hopes to start a residency in orthodontics. I’m glad you managed to train for the triathlon without gimping yourself, big guy! JEFF STOSKAT is still working for Urban Retail Properties L.L.C in downtown Chicago. He writes that the retail business is not doing so hot right now but is confident for an upturn come 2009. In his free time he has become active in the John McCain campaign. ALEX GANNES is still in New York. He went to Norway and Sweden this summer. He traveled to Chicago and met with ALLISON NICHOLS, BECCA KNAUSS and GREG MILEWICZ.

They plans on going to Panama during the winter for two weeks. JON STAUSSER just started a new job at Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, as an electronic controls engineer for stability control on large commercial vehicles. Try saying that three times fast! He is adapting everything he learned on passenger vehicles at his old position at TRW and applying them to much larger vehicles. He is happy to be able to move back to Ohio to the city of Elyria, just west of Cleveland.

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be invited to a Taylor Swift meet and greet by her mom. He is looking for a new city to move to. If anyone has any ideas, send him an e-mail to 15percent@gmail.com. His summer hockey team won their league in Rochester. DANNY SHUSTER is working as a biologist for Pfizer Global Research and Development in Connecticut. He got engaged to Ivey Rebecca Adelman and is getting married in August 2009. As for me, I'm still working in the Phoenix area as an IT consultant. In my free time I love to dance Salsa and Argentine Tango. I'm just itching for my next South American adventure. I'll announce it via Facebook, so if anyone wants to meet up while I'm there give me a shout. If anyone is ever in Phoenix, please let me know. There's an extra guest room if you need a place to stay.

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The Class of 2001 has been involved in many exciting adventures. MAYA LANG recently got engaged to her boyfriend of over six years, Johnathan Goree. As Johnathan enters his fourth year of medical school at Cornell and prepares for residency in anesthesiology, Maya is applying to law school and planning their wedding to take place in June 2009. Congratulations, Maya! NATALIE BAUM is studying at George Mason University in Arlington, VA, where she is working on a dual master's degree in conflict analysis & resolution and social work. Over the summer she taught conflict resolution skills to youth in southeast Washington, DC, (which is a high crime, low income, extremely segregated area). Her brother, David, who will be starting his senior year at Cranbrook this fall, visited Natalie for a month this summer, while attending a pre-college art program at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, DC. GABRIELA ZAPATA was awarded the Windy City Times “30 under 30” award for her work as a counselor, activist, and musician. The award recognizes 30 individuals less than 30 years of age for their contributions to LGBTQ culture and activism. Check out the front page article at http://www.windycitytimes.com/gay/lesbian/news/ARTICLE.php?AID=18731. Gabriela’s band released their second album from Riot Grrrl Ink titled “Pussy Pirates’ Plastic Paradise” which speaks directly to the “Great Pacific Garbage Patch,” a collection of mostly plastic pollution that has formed an island twice the size of Texas in the Pacific Ocean. The music will be featured in Drew Barrymore’s film, “Whip It!” They also have several supporting tours scheduled throughout the year. ALEXIS KNIGHT remains in Chicago where she has been practicing as a CPA for the last two years at PricewaterhouseCoopers but has decided to go back to law school. ERRIN SIMPKINS graduated from Northwestern Law School and has accepted a position with Reed Smith in Washington, DC. She has reconnected with CHANDLER SWOPE, who is also living in Washington, DC. Errin spent the summer with JENNIFER BENINSON and TALITHA TROUT. AMY MEISNER has been extremely busy working as a freelance production assistant in New York. She spent the spring working on Tony Scott’s remake of “The Taking of Pelham 123” and ran into BROOKE ALLMAN at the Pelham wrap party. Amy has also worked part time on a few movies: “When in Rome,” “Notorious,” and “Brooklyn’s Finest.” Her latest project is “Gossip Girl.” Wandering around the city of New York, Amy has had the pleasure of reconnecting with many CK alumni: MISSY SOLARZ, LAUREN ROBERTS, LAURA MILLER, ALEX GANNEs, EROL SARIKAYA, Drew Cooke ‘00, and Jenna Liu ‘00. At the end of the summer Amy’s brother, Geoff ’98, was married in San Francisco. LAUREN WYNNs is working at Booz Allen Hamilton. Lauren adopted a golden retriever puppy named Summer and was approached at the dog park about appearing in a laundry detergent commercial due to Summer’s good behavior. We will wait for the update in the spring. KIMBERLY DOWDELL has made a big move from Washington, DC, to New York City. In April, she began working for one of the largest architecture firms in the world, HOK, where she is on a team that is designing the New Doha International Airport. Kim was recently honored with a scholarship award to attend the Design Future’s Council (DFC) Summit on Sustainable Design, in Vancouver, BC. This award is presented to six young architects from around the country. These individuals are recognized as emerging leaders. What a tremendous honor! Congratulations, Kim! While in the Big Apple, Kim frequently spends time with LIBBY FLORES. KATIE MECSEy is in Little Diomede, an island off of Nome, AK. She is teaching language arts, reading, history and math to an Inuit tribe. In addition to teaching, Katie has seen sea lions, walruses, and whales, and reports that she is having a wonderful time. ALEXANDRA OHANIAN married Richard Apkarian Jr. on June 28! Sarah Jacob, Meggan Weyand, Courtney Ciullo, Lauren Wynns, GURI CHARNEY and Diana Ohanian ’08, were her bridesmaids. Alex and Richie are living in Plymouth while Alex finishes her fourth year of medical school at University of Michigan. She is currently applying for a residency in ophthalmology. Congratulations, Alex! I am in my final months of veterinary school at Michigan State and am planning to do an internship in equine medicine and surgery following graduation. Hope all is well with each of you. Please keep your e-mail addresses updated. Good luck and best wishes for continued success.

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This fall brings many changes for the class of 2002 with wedding ceremonies, engagements, graduations and many alums settling into new cities and countries. Congratulations to JOANNE PRICE LEMBECK and her husband, Jeff, who were married in July at Cranbrook! Fellow alum, CARA DEUTCHMAN was Joanne’s maid of honor. Joanne and Jeff are living in Columbus, OH, and Joanne is working on finishing her degree in veterinary medicine at Ohio State University. Our class also has two more engagements! Congratulations to JAMIE KANE, who is engaged to Ray Miller. They plan to wed in Sept. 2009. Jamie and Ray live in New York City, and Jamie was recently promoted and received a nationally recognized Microsoft Excellence Award for a project she worked on and is now a technical account manager there. Jamie ran into other NYC alums, ANDREW LAMB, DAN ARLOW and ERIN SCHECHTER. She also went on vacation with 2001 alum, LEANNE DeCRAENE. Congratulations also go to fellow New Yorker, LINDSEY SCHOSTAK, and her fiance, Assal Gal! They will marry in August 2009. Lindsey is teaching 10-11 year olds with learning disabilities at a special education school. As for the many NYC alums: GARRETT BROOKS finished his master’s degree in real estate finance from New York University this past May and is working as a financial analyst for Archstone-Smith. ANDREW LAMB is working for a software company called MIVA on their lot.com brand. COURTYNE QUAY is working for Neil Cavuto on The Cavuto Show on the Fox Business Network. Across the U.S., other alums are busy at work: ARTURO OSORIO recently moved to Philadelphia and is working for a small start-up consulting firm. He is now a senior lead consultant for the management consulting branch and is enjoying exploring a new city! AARON ROSENHAUS is working for McCarthy Building Companies in Southern California. His current project is the addition of a diagnostic and treatment tower to the famous St. John’s Hospital in Santa Monica, where many celebrities receive care. Aaron manages the electrical, plumbing, HVAC, seismic instrumentation, kitchen equipment and medical equipment, to name a few on the hospital’s 200 million dollar replacement job! Both Aaron and fellow alum, KATE KRIGBAUM spends time with ELLIOT DARVICK, who lives in Newport Beach. Kate started a new job a few months ago, working in advertising at Saatchi & Saatchi on the Toyota account. HOLLY ZAFIAN has been working for the University of Texas’s Wildflower Center doing research, field work and workshop planning for the Landscape Restoration Program. She also raced her first triathlon. She saw alumni, CARA DEUTCHMAN and JAMIE KANE, who ran in the Boston Marathon. She saw alumni, KRISTEN BAIARDI and JAMES WINEMAN’s group, “Ghosthouse,” released their debut album in May 2008 and have been doing nothing but performing and touring since then. They are currently shopping labels and begin their college tour in October. James has been producing for a number of pop, hip hop and rock artists in Chicago under the name “Jimmy Con,” spending time with alum, JOHN VLASIC, and working on a benefit for cancer research with the Imerman Angels Group (founded by Jonny Imerman/Calkott ’94). SHAWN SINACOLA moved back downstate from her English/Spanish teaching job at Elk Rapids and will now be the new Spanish teacher at Michigan Center High School. She is also buying a home in Grass Lake, MI, and stays in touch with alum, GRACIA NICOLAESCU, who is working as an operating room nurse at the U-M Hospital. BECCA POLK has spent the last year traveling around Southeast Asia and spent two months in Cambodia, volunteering at an orphanage, and then went to India for three months volunteering at an orphanage in Chennai. She is currently in Michigan rejuvenating before heading back to Cambodia in January in hopes of finding a non-profit job working with children. PARKER LYNCH is in Bangkok teaching kindergarten at an international school. He arrived in August and is enjoying his time so far and hopes to travel around Asia in his free time. A few alums are back to school this fall. AMY SNYDER GOLDBERG is still living in Aspen with her husband, Mike, and their two dogs. She was accepted to a nursing program that she starts in September and will graduate in 2010 with her RN. She is still planning on teaching skiing this winter and was home for the summer and caught up with fellow alums, BECCA POLK, JESSICA SHERMAN, KATIE SHAFER and KACEE MUST. LINDSAY ULREY packed up and moved from Los Angeles to Michigan, where she will be earning her MBA at the University of Michigan beginning this fall. Before beginning school, she took a whirlwind trip all around Australia with four of her best friends from Cornell, visiting Melbourne, the Great Barrier Reef, the Whitsundays, Brisbane and Sydney. ANNE LITTMAN has spent the past two years since college switching fields from psychology to medicine and is now studying to be a physician’s assistant at George Washington University. She traveled to Ecuador last summer with Child Family Health International and did relief work in the Maternity Hospital in Quito. She has now traveled to 23 countries and says her best trip was to Ecuador, because she was able to actually help the community that she was visiting. She plans to continue her healthcare career internationally. ELIZABETH PETERSON finished her summer internship in development at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth, MA. She says she learned the truth behind the First Thanksgiving and the real story of the English Colonists and the Wampanoag People. She will be returning to the Cooperstown Graduate Program in Cooperstown, NY, for her final year of her master’s degree in history museum studies. She has a few options after graduation but wants to finish her thesis first! JENNY BUSTANCE has been working in web design all summer and is going to graduate school at Columbia University in NYC to get her master’s of fine arts in playwriting. TRACI ACKRON finished Teach for America and is starting her second master’s degree in public health back at DePaul University and working there as well. WILLIAM WALLACE is in the Western Pacific (Philippine/China Seas) on deployment with his ship, staying busy and seeing some interesting parts of the world. He can’t wait to get home and see his two new nephews and niece. J. MICHAEL STEINMAN just reported for his first tour with the Naval Expeditionary Combat Command. He is stationed in Virginia but should be deploying to the desert within the year and says it’s his dream job! As for the Class Secretaries, AARON MELAAS is still working for a consulting firm in DC and enjoyed a quick trip home to Michigan over Labor Day weekend. He is also looking forward to visiting his brother, Eli Melaas ’04 who recently started grad school at Boston University. ELIZ MILLER is still working for an architecture firm in Michigan and starting the graduate school process. She is part of a group of CK alumni who gather for their appropriately named “DIVA dinners” and includes Eliz’s sister, Jennifer Miller Heath ’00, Kristin Holmes ’00, Jozly Jareunpoon ’99, Shaw Smith ’01, Anne Carney ’03, Sara Reifman ’02 and Emily Newman ’00. I, KRISTIN MOUL DRISCOLL, am living in Boston with my husband, Scott, and our two dogs, working and going to school part time. I hope to finish in May 2009. It’s great to hear from everyone and keep the updates coming!
It has been five years since our graduation, and many of us in the class of 2003 are involved in fascinating endeavors in art, teaching and community service. JUSTIN WOLFSON moved to New York in February and interned as a production artist on mobile video content for “The Dark Knight” for about two months. He now lives in Brooklyn and is working on 3D animation, storyboards, prop design and character design at Walsh Family Media. Currently he is working on a 30-minute animation for an animation festival, and he later plans to work on a full-length feature. CLARK ADAMCZYK is taking video production courses at Wayne State University, and he has recently produced his first documentary (available on youtube.com under the user “overiderc”). He has also grown out his hair and then recently cut it off to donate two feet of it with the help of Katie Lamb ’06. Katie dyed the rest bright red, but then it was re-dyed black for a wedding ceremony.

BENJAMIN SIEGEL is working on his Ph.D in history at Harvard. BRAD SHERMAN has moved to Philadelphia where he is attending Philadelphia University’s Engineering and Design Institute for a Master of Science in Sustainable Design. Nearby, GREG GOODMAN has spent the last year directing the Philadelphia campaign office of US PIRG, working for the Act Now program at the Community College of Philadelphia, volunteering on the Obama campaign, and organizing environmentally-oriented interfaith community service projects in North and West Philadelphia. He returned to the University of Pennsylvania in September to begin a master’s in history, investigating comparative imperialism.

DANIEL KAUFMAN has entered his second year of law school at Loyola. He enjoyed attending the class reunion and seeing some old faces he has not seen in years. SAM SOICHT is currently working for Citrix Systems as an IT consultant. Sam just spent a month in Thailand as a volunteer teacher, which he greatly enjoyed. He is currently living in Chicago, though he only spends a couple of weeks in the city. GARRETT HOHENDORF is living in New York with ADAM MARSH and working as an associate producer for MTV’s “MADE.” Still fresh from his graduation from The University of Chicago in June 2007, JOHN FRAME is beginning his second year as a Teach for America (TFA) corps member, teaching high school English in Brooklyn, NY. Currently living in Queens, NY, he is planning a trip to South Africa for his students. He also plans to continue teaching after his commitment to TFA ends in June 2009. On his way home from teaching English in Turkey, ERIK PETERSON traveled to Salalah, Oman, famous for its frankincense production, during the Khareef (monsoon) season. JOHN ZHANG graduated from Harvard in 2007 and currently has a job doing marketing/consulting-type work. He has composed a big musical piece that he wrote during his senior year for the Ying Quartet (which visited Cranbrook in 1998). NICK SEIDL is currently teaching industrial technology (previously known as “shop class”) at Frankfort High School, in Frankfort, IN (home of the Frankfort Hot Dogs). He attended training this past summer to teach Project Lead the Way classes this year. He will be qualified to teach an advanced pre-engineering program to high school students. He also got married on July 12 to Jennifer Ford of South Bend, IN. She will be receiving her degree and teaching license in biology this spring. As for me, NIKHIL KURAPATI, I have been continuing my work on the specific neurological interactions of autism. I am also working as an IT consultant, writing programs to analyze neurological data collected in University of Michigan labs. I very much appreciated hearing from all of you, and I look forward to hearing more in the years to come.

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A year ago, many of us were entering an unprecedented fall. It was not an autumn of school, but rather a season of beginning life in the professional world. As this past year has taken off, so have many of our classmates’ lives. It was so nice to catch up with so many of you during reunion weekend. I loved having a lot of us together to socialize, and I can only hope that everyone’s schedules will allow for an even greater attendance in the future.

NOURA HAMID relocated to the Upper East Side of Manhattan with her new husband, Ryan Insolera. While Nora works on getting her master’s in quantitative methods in social sciences at Columbia, her husband is getting her Ph.D. in neuroscience at Cornell’s Medical Center in NYC. They have just settled into their new apartment and are enjoying the city life!

MEG GUZY recently relocated from her job with Whirlpool in St. Louis to working for a small marketing consulting company called MAPS in Boston. Also in Boston, AVERY KERR is keeping busy with her job at Jack Morton Worldwide. She will be traveling to the Netherlands in October to see her sister and take a much needed break from a very hectic work schedule!

KATIE PETERSON graduated in January with a degree in psychology. This summer Katie took nine psychology classes this year teaching English, working in the textile industry and taking classes. Her most recent adventure was going to the Beijing Olympics where the highlight was seeing Michael Phelps win his eighth gold medal! As I am writing this, I just said goodbye to BECKY MANNING who was moving to southern Spain for the next 10 months. She will spend her time teaching English and traveling, I am sure by the next Tradition she will have many adventures to update us on! In Chicago STEFANIE SPIRO is busy planning a wedding and keeping up with a rigorous academic schedule at DePaul University. Stefanie will be getting her master’s in writing and publishing, graduating in June of 2009. As for her wedding, she has set a date for Aug. 15, 2009. I am excited to report that JEN LAU will be Stefanie’s maid of honor, along with LAURA MECSEY, LINDSAY RUBIN and Olivia Spiro ’02 as bridesmaids. JESSICA SCHWARTZ
is also in Chicago, working at the University of Chicago as a coordinator for women’s health and sexuality research. As for myself, this summer LIZ VOLLMAN and I packed up a moving truck and headed back to Michigan. Liz moved home after spending a year in Chicago to pursue her dreams of working for an Internet social network start-up company. She is one of the founding members of Pinkdango, a philanthropic online social network. Liz said it is an extremely exciting time, because they are preparing to launch in early October after enduring over a year of development. Be sure to check it out at pinkdango.com! I just started a job as a residential interior designer with Duncan Fuller Interiors. It is great to be back here, and we have a long list of classmates who are going to be visiting home this fall, so if any of you make it back, please let me know and we can hang out! Until then, I wish you all the best and I hope you have an enjoyable, pleasurable and rewarding year.

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ADRIENNE BROWN graduated from Wellesley in May and then spent time traveling around China with her sister, Jessica ’07, who spent the semester teaching English in Shanghai. Adrienne returned home in July and started work at a historic preservation firm in Manhattan two days later. So far she loves her job and is enjoying buying furniture for her new apartment. KATE BRUDER graduated from Alma College in April with a B.A. (double majoring in Spanish and Media/Mass Communications). In May, she went to New Mexico to study photography with a National Geographic photographer, and soon after that she traveled down to Peru to work with Unión Biblica Perú, an organization based in Lima, Peru, that works with abandoned boys. She has spent the past three months working in the various homes that the organization runs. Kate has lived in every part of Peru – from the coastal desert living on the Pacific Ocean, to the highlands where the Andes are your backyard, to finally living in the middle of the Amazon jungle where the number of stars you can see in the sky is amazing, and you have to go one hour by boat to get to the nearest city. She has thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the house parents at each of the homes, the abandoned boys that are part of the program and those she has met working in schools, teaching values. She will return to Michigan sometime mid-September and plans to return to Peru next May for a longer period.

DANIELLE CALLAWAY graduated with honors from Williams College, where she majored in psychology and minored in Spanish, Africana Studies and International Studies. Next year she will be traveling back to East Africa on a Fulbright grant to Tanzania. This past summer she worked at Harvard Law School and enjoyed all that Boston had to offer in the summertime, including sailing, biking and catching up with a few CK alumnus. She had the pleasure of meeting up with Rebecca Williams ’05, Sarah Steckel ’05, Kristin Moul-Driscoll ’02, Margaret Hazed ’02 and MICHELLE THOMAS. Other than that, Danielle is preparing for her year abroad and planning for the next few years post-undergrad. “I still can’t believe it’s been four years already!” DREW DAMMAN graduated from Boston University in May with a degree in advertising. In July she moved to New York City and is working as a marketing analyst at the Tory Burch corporate office. Working under the VP of Boutiques, Drew gets to travel to Tory’s stores. Most recently she visited the East Hampton boutique. So far she really likes her work and the company.

Mandi DAVIDSON is enjoying her one-year graduate master’s program (ELMAC) for elementary education at the University of Michigan. She plans on getting an ESL endorsement as well. For a year she will simultaneously take classes and teach. Mandi just got her assignment for the year and will be an intern teacher in a 3rd grade classroom at Northside elementary when classes start in the fall. “I’m really excited and am happy to be in Ann Arbor one more year!”

STEFFI DAVIDSON is living in New York with a friend from college and NICOLE GHAFARI, and she is working as the paralegal in the Sex Crimes Unit of the Manhattan District Attorney’s office, in order to continue doing anti-violence work while still exploring the possibility of law school.

CATHERINE GLAZER graduated from University of Michigan in April. “The experience has been amazing, and I will miss Ann Arbor so much!” Recently she went to Cuba on a humanitarian trip and now plans to work for a year before graduate school as a translator for a law firm in San Jose, Costa Rica. SHELLA O’CONNELL moved to DC in July and started at Mercer as a health and benefits analyst. So far she loves it. “The city is great, and I’m close to PAM GOSCENSKI in Baltimore and PAIGE SMITH in Philly.”

CAROL SOBOROWSKI is working on her master’s in oriental medicine in Racine, WI, and will graduate in September of 2009. KIMBERLY TRUBIO graduated from Butler this May with a B.A. in Journalism and World Religion. She is now attending Indiana University for graduate school, where she will get her master’s in journalism. After that, she will most likely be going into a Ph.D. program, so she can start teaching at the college level as soon as possible. “Professor Trubio...weird right?” This summer she lived in Indianapolis and tried to fit in some time to travel before life got hectic again. EMMA YATES just moved to Little Rock, AR, where she is working for City Year, an Americorps program in which she is in charge of a community service and leadership development program for middle school students. KAITLYN WELSH is continuing to live in Boston, working for the OCD/BDD Clinic at Mass General for the next two years and then applying to Clinical Ph.D. programs in psychology. KATIE ZARRELLA graduated from Colgate University in May with a major in English literature and a minor in art and art history, focus in metal sculpture. Katie spent her summer in Paris studying fashion journalism and photography and did quite a bit of freelance fashion writing as well. I. JULIA KRAMER, graduated from Scripps College with a major in psychology and Hispanic studies and moved this summer to Boston to work towards a master’s in elementary education at Boston University. I was actually able to pass out of the majority of my summer classes and found a last-minute summer job as a tour guide of Cambridge on top of the double decker buses. What a great way to learn about your new city, right?! I greatly enjoyed hearing from all of you and wish the best to everyone. Feel free to contact me at JuliaMKramer@gmail.com.

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**CK2005**

This is an exciting time for the Class of 2005, as many people have recently finished study abroad programs and summer internships and will be completing four-year college degrees this coming year. RYAN TAUBE worked at Johns Hopkins this past summer in neurology and pathology as a lab technician. The lab is hoping to release a paper sometime this fall on neuroprotective factors, the topic he was assisting with. Ryan is now in his senior year at Vanderbilt and currently applying to medical school. ZANE CLAES returned home from a year in China, spent a month in Michigan and then returned to Los Angeles to continue college at USC. SPENCER KROLL worked in Chicago this summer as an architecture intern with New World Design and had the opportunity to meet up with NICK KURT in Venice. ALEXANDER TAUBMAN worked at Goldman Sachs in New York over the summer and traveled to Greece and Egypt afterward. FLORIAN METTETAL’s fraternity chapter received its charter in late May, and Florian is now president and founding father of Eta-Delta chapter of Sigma Pi. He spent most of the summer visiting Los Angeles and networking. He is looking forward to the coming school year because he will be switching majors from political science to pre-law. He also informed us that he now has spiky blue hair because of some filming he took part in over the summer.

ALI MAHMOOD spent his summer working in a chemistry lab at Wayne State performing research on Thiol (sulfur containing compounds) with Dr. David Crich. JORDAN BRODER recently was awarded the 2008 Michigan State University Undergraduate Research Grant, and this summer he created and was artistic director of the Big Sky Chamber Music Festival for Young People in Bozeman, MT. He is currently in the process of signing a recording deal with a top record label as a piano and violin soloist.

NICK DEVLIN worked this summer as a project manager for a commercial construction company. JAY SMITH completed an environmental science internship at Shepherd University this summer, working on campus, researching solar photovoltaics and assisting the department in the construction of the new renewable energy demonstration site. MIKE ILITCH studied abroad in Italy and then worked for Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraising Program. BLAKE GEORGE is still working full time with Six Degrees magazine as the national Chief Technical Officer of the company. He is looking forward to finishing up his last year at Michigan State’s business school. BEN KEYSERLING spent his summer...
in Atlanta and took classes in pursuit of a mathematics minor. **MICHAEL FENKELL** visited Barcelona this past spring semester, where he had the “greatest time of his life” traveling and studying international business. He spent his summer in Michigan and Algonquin Park, Canada, where he was the hockey director at Camp Tamakwa. He will be finishing up at Michigan State University this year with a degree in communication and public relations, and he hopes to become an ESPN analyst for the NHL some day. Michael also wanted to point out that he recently reached the 30,000 hits milestone on his Web site PutinFenkell.com. **DAVID KUNZ** interned in business development at R.L. Polk & Co., working on data acquisition, relationship management, and new business opportunity management. **DAVID LEINWEBER** completed a month-long study abroad in Berlin last May. He is still on the football team at Vanderbilt and was able to travel with the team for their season opener against Miami (OH). **IAN MITCHELL** worked in Washington, DC, this summer for Senate Majority leader, Harry Reid. His job duties involved setting up presentations for weekly Democratic lunches, which gave him the chance to meet with his boss regularly. Additionally, he attended and summarized hearings, set up press conferences and assisted on Capitol tours. Along the way, he ran into fellow CK grads, Alexa Tate ‘05 and Alex Haimann ‘04. Ian is now back at Williams College and living in a co-op household this year. **SIMON RUBIN** traveled to Australia and Fiji in a study abroad program this summer with Arizona State University. During the month long program, he studied economic tourism and tourism management. Simon has one more year of undergrad left but is hoping to gain acceptance into the Tourism master’s program at ASU after graduation. **COLIN LENEHAN** is returning to Columbia College Chicago for his sophomore year, where he will continue studying audio production. He recently released his new album, “Scream Louder,” which is on sale and will soon be available on iTunes. The album can currently be found at www.xonlinemedia.com. **ROBERT MORGAN III** took last year off from Cornell and worked for Population Services International doing cause related marketing for YouthAIDS and Five&Alive. His new expected graduation date is January of 2010. **TYLER GOIN** spent the past year working for Senator Hillary Clinton’s campaign while continuing his studies at Harvard. After her withdrawal from the historic race, Tyler took the trans-Siberian railroad through Russia from St. Petersburg to Lake Baikal and upon his return worked at the Democratic National Convention in Denver. As for us, **BRADLEY PORTNOY** finished up his year abroad at the London School of Economics and Political Science (where he spent time with **RACHEL GARBOWSKI**), and he returned to the U.S. to spend the summer in Chicago. There, he worked as an intern in the national headquarters of the Obama campaign. He has now returned to Rhode Island to finish up his year at Brown but will be continuing to help coordinate the campaign’s New Media program in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. **RYAN ZAMPARDO** spent his spring semester studying urban studies and living with families in Brazil, South Africa and New Zealand. Upon returning home, Ryan worked with real estate investment funds for Credit Suisse in New York City. He was able to catch up with **MATT ILES**, who was working for CBS Sports’ football department, and other ‘05 grads, **JIMMY MCBROOM**, **DAVID LAWRENCE**, **ADAM POGODA** and **BEN TAGEO**, all of whom were in New York for the summer. Please stay in touch with us in the future through the “Cranbrook Class of 2005” Facebook group. Best of luck to everyone during the coming year.

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**Well, people must have been busy this summer. There are only a few updates, so hopefully maybe more in the spring.** **ELAINE BRANTLEY** has studied Hausa (a West African language) for over three years. Hausa is spoken in parts of Ghana, and last year she went there to conduct research with a professor at MSU. This January she will be returning to Ghana to work with an NGO called Unite for Sight. This organization promotes eye health care and works to put an end to preventable blindness. Contact her if you would like to help support the program. **JILL CLINE** moved to New Jersey last year and is now attending Ramapo College of New Jersey. She is an RA for a hall full of very high energy freshmen. She is also majoring in international studies with intentions to work with a university study abroad program. **CARMEN STRATHER** has spent the summer traveling and living in San Diego. However, she will be extremely busy this fall with many organizations on campus at Duke and with her Round Table group. I, **LIZ SKIDMORE**, am currently working an internship at an economic planning and consulting firm and finishing up my final year in Utah. This last school year for my internship I worked on a large marketing research project for Ski Utah and was able to ski all the time! This summer was a lot of fun traveling, working in Utah and perfecting my wakeboarding and water skiing skills. So things are looking great. Please keep in touch either through our new facebook group, Kingswood class of 2005, or e-mail me at e.skidmore@utah.edu. Hope to hear from you soon!

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As I write these notes for Tradition, I can’t help my constant glances at a photograph of the snow-covered Aim High statue that is framed on my wall. The rather spectacular view of Syracuse, NY, out my window seems almost uninspiring in comparison. This has been a busy year for many of us with lots of travel. **BOB MANIX-CRAMER** is traveling around the world with semester at sea. **ARIEL DUBOV** spent six weeks in Australia over the summer learning to play the native instrument, the didgeridoo, before flying back stateside and biking down the Pacific Coast Highway from San Francisco to San Diego with sister, Aleksandra, and **JAKE FINNICUM**. While in Australia, Ariel ran into **BRIAN AUGUST**. This past March Brian was assistant stage manager for two shows at the 2008 InCite Festival in NYC, “Every Good Boy Deserves Favour” and the opera, “The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat.” Brian then went on to work for the Huntington Theatre Co. on Artistic Director Nicholas Martin’s final show, “She Loves Me.” Brian just finished up his summer by spending the first two months in Sydney Australia, which is where he ran into Ariel. There, he worked for Sydney Theatre Company, assisting on several shows, including the world premiere of “Gallipoli.” He returned to Boston in August and continued with the Huntington in the same position he held before he broke for Sydney on the world premiere production of “How Shakespeare Won the West” by playwright Richard Nelson. Brian will pick up with BU in the fall, working on the Leonard Bernstein Opera, “Trouble in Tahiti”! Meanwhile, **EYAN HancoCK** is in Granada, Spain, for the semester studying the language. **BRIAN HARBOUR** finished up last semester working part time in investor relations at Danaher Corporation in downtown DC, while continuing his finance major at Georgetown, which is going well. During the summer, he did some work back home for a bit in automotive consulting before heading to Argentina for the rest of the summer to study political economy and Latin American government in Buenos Aires and do a bit of traveling around the country. He will be at Georgetown for this whole year though. **DAVID COLMAN** went to New York this summer and worked at Merrill Lynch in the Wealth Management division. **JOHN O’CONNELL** worked for Red Bull in Chicago this summer and became certified in mixology and plans to go to Barcelona next semester. **MICHAEL DISTAD** has started intensive training for the Navy SEALs after a relaxing summer in San Diego and DC. **KEITH JONES JR.** is majoring in physical therapy and will have his associates degree in occupational therapy in June. He is also currently working at St. John Providence Hospital. As for me, I spent part of my summer in Syracuse, traveled to Wisconsin before moving on to London, where I met up with **SAMARA JOHNSON** and also had
The Girls Class of 2006 did a lot of traveling over the summer months. AMANDA FRANDSEN has recently achieved her dreams of becoming a farmer and a nomad by working on a blueberry farm this summer. SARAH LAVOIE had an amazing time studying abroad in Luxembourg for two months. TERESA MOORE spent the summer abroad in Padova, Italy, which is west of Venice, studying Italian. She also transferred to Washington University in St. Louis and lives in the same apartment building as DEVKI DESHMUKH. SHANNON DOWD is going to spend this whole year studying at the Universidad de Sevilla (Spain). STEPHANIE SCHWARTZ spent most of May in Beijing at Tsinghua University and took advantage of the opportunity in China to travel to Shanghai. After coming back home to the United States, she had a public relations internship in New York City. JULIA TORO was a part of a month-long archeological dig at a pirate citadel in Greece, and now she and I are spending the fall studying abroad in Athens. Prior to our study abroad adventure, I was an intern at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum, helping prepare an upcoming year-long celebration of Motown. Wherever you may be in the upcoming year, feel free to update me at any time about what you are up to! We have such a talented and unique class that is always doing something cool and unusual, so keep everyone else informed about what’s new with you! The more people that contribute, the better! Have a great fall!!

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CK2008

Although we have only been away from the campus for four months many exciting new things are going on in our lives. Whether those things are summer internships and jobs, travelling the world, or just hanging out with great friends and family, this summer has been a huge leap from the campus we call home: Cranbrook Kingswood. The majority of us are settled into our new schools this fall and missing Cranbrook tremendously. One of the biggest and best memories that the girls’ class still holds dear is the memory of graduation. On a scorching hot day in a church, covered in polyester, the girls’ class of 2008 decided to go out with a bang. Talk of a senior prank began circulating the senior hallway about a week before commencement. The girls’ class had heard of pranks in the past in the form of multiple gifts being given to the Director of Schools as the diplomas were being passed out. In past years things like eggs and leis were given to the director, but this year we decided that giving back to the community was a must. So the girls agreed to each bring a dollar bill to graduation (or four quarters in Brigid Babbish’s case) to be given to Mrs. Seibert as we approached the stage. Each girl gave her a dollar, and at the end of the list Hannah Kaneck and Sally Johnson held up a sign reading “Kingswood Class ’08 Helped Raise The Annual Fund.” In doing so the girls’ class of 2008 is now the only class to have achieved 100% participation in the school’s annual fund. The sign is now appropriately placed in Archives, and we hope as a class that we have set a new standard for participation in helping Cranbrook to always be the great educational community we remember.

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These alumni will be remembered at the Alumni Memorial Service Saturday, June 6, 2009 during the Alumni Reunion.

ROBERT E. KENNY

Robert Kenny died on April 7, 2008 after a brief illness. Robert began his 43-year tenure at Cranbrook School in 1948. He had the second longest tenure as a faculty member. He taught English, coached basketball and served as registrar and dean of students. He initiated innovative solutions using data processing for scheduling classes and the Senior May Project. During 20 summer vacations from Cranbrook, Bob was the waterfront director at Seabright Beach Club in Sea bright, N.J. He was an avid sailor, skier, ice skater, swimmer and tennis player. During his retirement in Florida he took up golfing and fishing and was a prolific potter. Robert is survived by his wife, Charlene, daughters, Kathleen Santoso sso, K’72, and Barbara Diaz, a stepson, John Burleigh, C’80, a stepdaughter Sarah Alana, and seven grandchildren. To read Kathleen’s memories of her father, go to schools.cranbrook.edu/hof. You can also leave a thought or memory of Mr. Kenny on this site. Memorial donations may be made to Cranbrook School Quad Restoration, Office of Development, PO Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801.
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