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An aerial photograph of the Gilman School campus, showing a large green field, a red running track, several school buildings, and surrounding trees and roads.

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## Headmaster's Message

**A**s many of you know, this year we introduced the Gilman Five to the community. After asking faculty, staff and students to come up with three to five words or phrases that defined Gilman and character, we counted the various choices and five words rose to the top: Honor, Integrity, Humility, Respect and Excellence. These words, which we feel clearly define the underpinnings of character, have been taught in age-appropriate ways in each division as part of our mission and abiding commitment to character development.

There are posters in every building on campus of these five traits, which have come to be known as the Gilman Five, or the Five Pillars of Gilman. We define them as follows:

**Honor:** Never lie, steal or cheat and do not tolerate those who do. Set a good example and encourage others to follow you. Do your part to make Gilman a community of honor despite the messages of the world outside the campus. Remember that your honor is very precious, and once lost, it takes a long time to earn back.

**Integrity:** Be the same person at all times and adhere to your values regardless of the situation. Always be someone you are proud of.

**Respect:** Be respectful of others and yourself. Always be a gentleman and treat others with kindness and civility. Remember the golden rule—treat others as you would wish to be treated. Be mindful of the needs of others and supportive and understanding of the many differences in people. Remember that words can be uplifting and healing or very hurtful. Act with empathy.

**Humility:** Remember that you are part of a community and that your accomplishments are based on the support of others. Never brag about or call attention to your successes; rather, make an effort to point out the success of others. A confident, complete and whole person eschews his own glory for the sake of others. Remember that this same humility applies to the athletic arena and the way you conduct yourselves as a player and a fan.

**Excellence:** Strive for excellence in all that you do—academics, arts, athletics and character. Do not settle for less than your best effort. If you put forward your best effort, no one can ask for more.

As I read through this *Bulletin*, I notice that we discuss another set of Gilman exemplars: Sean Culman '84, Chris Taylor '72, Jim Garrett '61, Steve McDaniel '65, Bruce Beehler '70 and Will Baker '72. Each of these alumni illustrates through his life and accomplishments those ideals of Honor, Integrity, Humility, Respect and Excellence, which come to the forefront as you read his article. In reading this *Bulletin*, it is our hope that you will gain a better insight into the School and into those people who make such a difference at Gilman and in the world. You will see in these pages that Honor, Integrity, Humility, Respect and Excellence continue to live through Gilman and within the community. Enjoy!

*John E. Schmick*

John E. Schmick '67  
Headmaster



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The Lumen  
Center's green roof.

# Being Green

**A**t Gilman, our boys are learning that even the smallest things can make a big difference in our environment.

Five years ago, we at Gilman threw almost everything out. Now we recycle paper, cardboard, cans, bottles . . . and even food waste.

In the roughly first three months of our composting program, which began in September 2009, the School saved 17.13 tons (or 34,260 pounds) of food waste from going to landfill. Instead, 100% of our food waste is composted, and Gilman receives new soil proportional to the compost credits we receive from our partner, Waste Neutral.

Our recycling and composting programs are just small steps in our effort to nurture a sustainable generation, students who care as deeply about the environment as they do about character and leadership. Every division, every department and every student does their part, every day, to make Gilman green.

This past fall, for example, the School saw a 40% reduction in gas usage compared to the previous year, and a 29% reduction in electricity usage. That sort of decrease occurs when there is group buy-in—and a willingness to wear an extra layer!

Thanks to a new club established in 2008, the GREEN-HOUNDS, the Lower School started campaigns this year encouraging “lights out” and the use of only one paper towel in restrooms. The Middle School GREENHOUNDS took a trip to Gilman’s composting company, Waste Neutral, and to a landfill, seeing for themselves how much a simple separating act at lunch can mean. The Upper School Environmental Club again brought a series of speakers to school, and the presentations were among the best attended events of the school year.

Boys often visit the Lumen Center’s green roof that not only saves energy—the plantings on the roof provide insulation as well as mitigate run-off by absorbing water—but will last two to three times as long as a standard roof and requires virtually no maintenance.

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Gilman students devote time to being green even when they're not in school. They clean the Stony Run stream, helping to get rid of invasive species and test water quality, and they help lead the way in a special day without cars on Roland Avenue. They take time on Saturdays and Sundays to plant gardens and build outdoor classrooms.

As far-fetched as it might sound now, there's a good chance that today's Lower Schooler will be driving an electric car when he's 25. As unusual as it sounds now, in 20 years, today's Middle Schooler may barely remember a time when the world didn't separate its food waste. And today's Upper Schooler is already realizing how important his role will be in leading the environmental revolution.

"We're the generation that has to make a difference with the environment," says Will McCabe '10, who earned a scholarship in sustainability at Furman University. Chances are, McCabe won't be the last Gilman student to realize that as he makes his way into the world.

**Gilman alums featured in this section have made their mark, or are making their living, by being green.**

There are plenty of role models for the Gilman boys of today when it comes to caring about the environment; many of those role models were once Gilman boys themselves. Since the *Bulletin* is Gilman's alumni magazine, we focus this issue on a handful of Gilman alums that have made their mark, or make their living, being green in some way or another.

You'll find in these pages that Gilman alumni are among the leaders in efforts to make our water cleaner, our architecture more eco-friendly and the things we eat more sustainable and organic. They conserve biological diversity and document the beauty of our natural world. They are philanthropists who make environmental education their main passion.

It's a representative group that by no means scratches the surface of all the Gilman alumni and parents who make it a point to educate others about the environment, help us conserve energy and life and make a positive difference to the health of our planet. We'd love to hear from you about others who do the same. ♦



**Abundant plantings on the Gilman campus provide not only beauty; they filter rainwater, provide wildlife habitat and reduce the amount of grass to mow.**



# Greening House and Garden

By SEAN CULMAN '84

If you have an interest in “greening” your house and garden, I would like to share an observation that helped me in my profession: look for relationships.



Sean Culman '84 built this house in California's Napa Valley to optimize its environmental impact.

domestic hot water. Prevailing southwest breezes and “stack effect,” the natural phenomenon of hot air rising, keep the structure cool in summer through venting windows high on the leeward walls. A 15' x 75' tensile sail structure shades the building from afternoon sun. There is no air conditioning, yet the house remains comfortable when the outside temperature is in the hundreds.

The site, in the hills above Napa Valley, typically receives only 24 inches of rain a year, and the water table is hundreds of feet down, so water is a scarce and important resource. Gutters

There is no air conditioning, yet the house remains comfortable when the outside temperature is in the hundreds.

This realization first became evident during a renovation to convert a barn into a weekend home. Though the project included many features you would expect to find in a green building—bamboo floors, FSC cabinets and fluorescent light fixtures—the real opportunity was to explore the relationship between the house and the environment around it.

The sun energizes 5 kW building-integrated photovoltaic panels to generate most of the electricity used in the home. The sun also heats solar thermal panels optimized for winter solar gain. The solar thermal panels provide a significant amount of seasonal in-floor radiant heat and almost all of the



Because the house is in an area that gets little rain, the landscape is kept natural, conserving water.





This garden at the Napa Valley home is "sheet mulched" with several layers of cardboard topped with compost. No additional fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides are needed.

collect the winter rain—stored in a 43,000 gallon tank—for summer irrigation. With a UV filter, this water can be used for drinking. The septic system provides year-round subsurface irrigation to the recently planted fruit trees and berry vines. Waste water from the house becomes nutrient-rich water for the orchard, which, in turn, becomes food.

In addition to being fragrant and drought-tolerant, the plants selected for other gardens around the house attract beneficial insects. The beds are prepared with a technique known as "sheet mulching." Instead of turning the soil over, multiple sheets of wet cardboard are placed on the ground and covered with several inches of compost. In addition to suppressing weeds, the cardboard creates an ideal habitat for mycelia, the subsoil structure of mushrooms, which convert the woody compost material into soil, just as mushrooms would do on the forest floor. No additional fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides are needed.

This example of greening a house and garden reveals some of the possibilities for relationships between a building and its environment. Sunlight, wind and rainwater become resources for both house and garden; compost becomes soil and waste becomes food. With an understanding of these relationships, we can participate, as sun and water harvesters and as soil and food growers, in these relationships, offering us an opportunity to reconnect with the world around us. ♦

The house at twilight.

Architect Sean Culman '84 is part of the green building movement that promises to have great impact on how we and future generations live. He shares his enthusiasm for us to explore what is possible and put these ideas into practice.

"This requires us to expand the scope of consideration," says Culman. "With buildings, it extends beyond green materials to the connection between a building's systems, its overall form and the site."

During architecture school, Culman gained early practical experience when Habitat for Humanity selected his team's house design entry, which he then built with his Yale classmates. Prior to starting his own firm, aptly named Solutions, his professional experience included working with architects Hugh Newell Jacobsen in Washington, D.C., and William Turnbull in San Francisco.

One of Culman's current design projects is a renovation of an 1892 Victorian house, equipping it for the 21st century with leading-edge technology. In contrast, he recently completed a low-tech barn for a seven-acre farm featuring CSA (community supported agriculture).

Culman, based in California, also serves as a consultant and facilitator. He collaborated, for example, on a facility master plan for Lundberg Family Farms, the largest US purveyor of organic rice. In Baltimore, Culman was a member of the green team for the community clinic of Health Care for the Homeless, a building honored as the USGBC Maryland Chapter's LEED for New Construction Project of the Year.



Sean Culman '84





# Still Shining a Light: Chris Taylor '72

By DAVID ROSENFELD

Chris Taylor '72 remembers when the Sixties came to Gilman. Students demanded longer hair, a looser dress code and more power to make decisions. A young Headmaster named Reddy Finney occasionally stood in their way . . . and led the way.

Fast forward almost 40 years. Those transformational times still matter to Taylor. It's not that he cherishes the (long-gone) long hair or the empowerment; he holds dear the social progressivism that defines that era, an ethic that characterizes his career in music, production and filmmaking.

Taylor's latest venture is his own film company, Positively 25th Street, which he founded in 2005 and dedicated to creating original documentary programming with social and cultural significance. His first production is "Food Fight," a look into how corporate food culture developed in the 20th century and how a food revolt has, thankfully, turned that culture on its heels.

"Food Fight," which debuted in late 2008 at AFI Fest in Los Angeles, has already won eight awards around the world from various film festivals and organizations.

"It's a food revolution that's happening in stages," says Taylor, who visited Gilman in early November and showed the "Food Fight" trailer at Upper School assembly. "California and the counterculture started it, and things that happened there eventually started happening everywhere.

"Now everyone knows what 'organic,' 'local' and 'sustainable' mean. In 1977, there were ten farmer's markets in the country. Now there are 5,000. Almost every person in America lives within easy driving distance of one of them."



Headmaster John Schmick '67 and Chris Taylor '72 at Upper School assembly, November 2009.

"Food Fight" was a four-year project for Taylor, beginning with research in 2005 and interviews in 2006 and 2007. The first two parts dealt with the history of the sustainable and local food movements; the final part of the documentary took shape in 2008 as Taylor investigated food in the present tense.

Taylor named his production company after his favorite Bob Dylan song, "Positively 4th Street," and his home address on 25th Street in his adopted hometown of Santa Monica. The title isn't just an ode to a Sixties icon; it pays homage to his own life in the music industry.

Beginning while he was still a student at Harvard, Taylor spent 11 years as a lighting director for some of the most well-known musical acts of the 1970s, including Bob Dylan as well as Earth, Wind & Fire, Simon and Garfunkel and the Beach Boys. He traveled to every corner of the United States and also to Europe, Asia, South America and even Africa.

"I got to work with a wide variety of people," he says. "Some people were really cool. Paul Simon. John Fogarty. I had good and sometimes even great relationships with some of them. Most, if not all, of them are incredibly intelligent and fun to be around, even if being a



**Chris Taylor '72 has traveled the world and seen life behind the music and behind the camera. He continues to shine light upon the issues that promote social change.**

rock star puts them on a different level of existence."

His introduction to lighting had come early in his time at Harvard, where he graduated in 1976 with a definitively esoteric degree in folklore and mythology. He "wandered into the theater" and soon found his way onto the stage crew for a production of "Of Mice and Men." He found the behind-the-scenes nature of the job fit his personality, as did both the creative and technological aspects of lighting a show.

As a full-time lighting director, Taylor traveled up to nine months a year with various acts. He left the business in 1986, tired of the travel and looking forward to leaving the rock-and-roll lifestyle behind.

"A rock tour really was kind of like the Wild West," he says. "In that time, there weren't many rules and there was a lot of personal freedom. All I can say is that some people dealt better with that than others."

Taylor moved to Los Angeles and, in 1988, started making the move toward his present career. After attending the prestigious American Film Institute, he became a director of photography for features, short films and television shows.

Then, after working in that role with directors like Johnny Depp and Tim Burton, he became a director himself, first for the FOX show "Beyond Belief" and then later for the police drama "The District" on CBS. That show, featuring Craig T. Nelson as the Washington, D.C., Chief of Police, ran four seasons, from 2000–2004.

"I really liked 'The District.' It fell in line with a lot of my socially progressive thinking," says Taylor. "I felt good about the show. It became an expression of what I believe, and I think it made an impact. My kids liked it. My parents liked it. My parents' friends watched it and liked it.

"If that's not affirmation," he jokes, "I don't know what is."

Taylor's parents sent him to Gilman in 1968, beginning in the ninth

grade. He came to Gilman from Howard County not knowing a soul; when he left, he not only was class president but also was noted as having "done the most for Gilman" by his classmates.

"I had a great run at Gilman," he remembers. "I had great teachers. (Anton) Vishio. (Roy) Barker. (Jerry) Downs. They were passionate about the subjects they taught. Barker was a tremendous influence for me and a mentor in creative writing. They made their subjects lifelong pursuits. I'm a huge believer in the message of the School.

"Being elected class president summed up my experience. It just got better and better every day. I still have 10 or so close friends from Gilman."

Presently, when he isn't touring with "Food Fight," Taylor's days are spent with his wife, Denise, whom he met 21 years ago when she attended a play at which he was the lighting director. They have two sons, 14-year-old Mac and 18-year-old Nick, who is a freshman at Wesleyan.

Having worked for many years in popular music and television, and having come of age in the tumultuous 1960s, Taylor is intently aware of the power of those mediums to make a difference. He feels the same way about his current job, even though he's really only just getting started.

"I don't think there's any question that documentaries can effect social change," he says. "Look at [Al Gore's] 'Inconvenient Truth.' It totally changed our dialogue. There used to be a core minority of 'green' believers. After the film, it's a majority, including most of Congress." ♦

This article first appeared on the Gilman website. Visit [www.gilman.edu/alumni](http://www.gilman.edu/alumni) throughout the course of the year for more profiles.



# Green Philanthropy

Edie and Jim Garrett '61

Takes  
Flight

BY JODI PLUZNIK

A bit less than a decade ago, with their children grown and out of the house, Edie and Jim Garrett '61 began to take a critical look at the seemingly constant stream of requests for support that landed in their mailbox. They looked at those organizations to which they chose to contribute in the past and where they might contribute in the future. They were fortunate to be able to help, but wanted to identify the right areas for support.

"We started a process of discernment," says Edie Garrett, "a process of identifying what matters the most to us."

They realized that children matter. They realized that the Earth matters. They realized that education matters. Then they began to think: What kind of world would those children inherit? What is the relationship of humans to the Earth that sustains them? How can we work toward a sustainable future?

And most of all, what could the two of them do about it?



Edie and Jim Garrett '61

The answer came in the form of the Feather Foundation, a family foundation established by the Garretts in 2002 to support green initiatives.

They selected Feather as a name because it implies qualities that they hope describe their foundation: strong and flexible and light. Feather also pays homage to the Native American tradition of living as part of the ecosystem, not apart from it.

"The name gives wings to our flight," says Edie Garrett.

The Foundation's mission primarily focuses on seeking to assure that, in the Garretts' words, "children will be born into a welcoming world on a sustainable planet." That elegant phrase sums up the Garretts' wishes for clean air and water, healthy food and adequate shelter for all, accomplished in ways that protect and nurture the environment.

"Our job is to create that welcoming world," says Edie. "The fun of the foundation has been figuring out what to do."

Rather than invite blind proposals, the Garretts reach out to educational organizations by seeking





to support their green initiatives, a sort of venture philanthropy. They started first with independent schools, Roland Park Country School and Gilman among them. To date, they have been turned down only once.

That the Garretts would turn to independent schools fits perfectly. Both attended them, she Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Conn., and he Calvert School and Gilman (where, oddly enough, he was a five-day boarder in high school though his family lived only 12 minutes away in Brooklandville). They sent their children to independent schools: Daughter Julia is a 1997 RPCS graduate. Son Weston attended Gilman grades one through 10, eventually graduating from St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H. Son Spencer is a 12-year Gilman man who graduated in 1991.

The genesis of their support for schools is that both Garretts are educators. As young teachers, they taught at North Country School in Lake Placid, N.Y., a grade 4-9 boarding and day school. There, more than 40 years ago, Jim ran the school's organic garden, a project that even then had been planted continuously for more than 40 years. Edie left classroom teaching to raise their family.

Jim Garrett, an early proponent of outdoor experiential education, has been associated with Outward Bound almost since it was established in

the U.S. in 1962. From 1964-1974, he was an instructor in its sailing program based at Hurricane Island, Maine. Jim continues to work with Outward Bound to this day, serving as the organization's national director of service initiatives, ensuring that the program continues to live up to its core values. He also teaches instructor judgment

training courses to program managers, staff and wilderness leaders.

In addition, he serves on the organization's National Board of Advisors and is a trustee of the Outward Bound Baltimore Chesapeake Bay Center.

Jim Garrett came back to Gilman in 1975 to establish an Outward Bound-type program in memory of Tommy Hardie '74, at the request of

Headmaster Finney. He and Edie

had recently been evacuated out of Beirut, where they had gone to establish an Outward Bound-type program for International College, at the start of the Lebanese Civil War.

During his first year at Gilman, Garrett tutored and established the Tommy Hardie Project. He then moved to the Middle School and taught language arts. In 1977, he joined with other faculty to create the Talk program, which is still part of the Middle School curriculum. He later served as its coordinator until 1998. He also helped institute the eighth grade Joint Venture Program that sent students from the tri-school community to various environmental study centers during Earth Week each year. When he retired in 2000, after a 23-year Gilman career, he was assistant head of the Middle School.

Jim Garrett describes sustainability as a three-legged stool: The natural, social and economic environments must all be considered in any efforts to





achieve real sustainability. The Feather Foundation supports green initiatives that strengthen any of those three environments. The foundation's primary objective is, through education, to help raise citizens for whom reducing their carbon footprints through activities like composting, recycling and using renewable resources are second nature.

"We feel kids need to grow in their understanding of sustainability," says Jim. "The kids will lead, and grown-ups will follow."

Today the Feather Foundation supports several programs that reach preschoolers to lifelong learners. At Gilman, the Garretts, through the Feather Foundation, supported the planting of two rain gardens and the purchase of bins and other amenities related to the composting program. They also sent students to an Earth Day symposium.

They are currently working with the Irvine Nature Center to create a space for very young children. At North Country School, they built a greenhouse. At the high school level, in addition to RPCS and Gilman, they assist Miss Porter's School. At Edie's college alma mater, Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., they support grants to young faculty, enabling them to integrate the concept of global sustainability into their course curricula.

The Garretts also make grants at the community level. In Baltimore, they supported the renovation and expansion of Auchentoroly Terrace Mansion (former home of the Druid Hill Park superintendent) into an urban ecology center and headquarters for the Parks and People Foundation.

In the Middle East, the Garretts support a bio-regional initiative run by the Quebec-Labrador



The Feather Foundation's reach crosses borders. "If you are a bird," says Edie Garrett, "you don't carry a passport."



Foundation. This cross-cultural, cross-border project in an often-volatile region seeks to foster conversation among natural scientists about environmental issues.

"If you are a bird," says Edie Garrett, "you don't carry a passport. This initiative is deeply exciting to us."

Back home in Baltimore, they have helped to fund the research into allergies in newborns that is being conducted by Dr. Robert Wood, professor of pediatrics and chief of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology at Johns Hopkins. In Baltimore City alone, more than 18% of children suffer from asthma. Dr. Wood is seeking to identify causal relationships, such as environmental toxins—rodents, air quality, lead paint, insects—and the stress levels of mothers during pregnancy.

From the Feather Foundation perspective, Dr. Wood's work circles back to fostering a welcoming world for each child through his team's research into the influence of city environments on the well-being of children.

Nearly 10 years ago, when the Garretts began the foundation and decided to pursue their "education for sustainability" concept, many people didn't understand the critical importance of sustainability.

Now, thanks in part to the education that the foundation has helped support, sustainability defines the lives of so many of us, just as it does for the Garretts. ♦



Steve McDaniel '65

## A Natural Photographer

BY JODI PLUZNİK

Chances are that if you've attended a Gilman Bull Roast, Family Day or graduation during the past 15 years or so, you've seen Steve McDaniel '65. He's the fellow behind the camera, documenting those important school life-cycle events. What you may not know is that while these kinds of jobs—event coverage and the like—are fun (and lucrative) for the photographer, they are not necessarily his true artistic calling.

Over the past 30 years, McDaniel has developed a fine reputation for his nature photography. It's the buzz of a bee, the piercing glance of an American bald eagle, the sunset off a Hawaiian beach, the curve of a flower petal or the hoot of an owl that awaken McDaniel's creative spirit.

He traces his interest in photographing flora and fauna back to his Towson childhood, when he would spend hours stomping around outdoors. When he received his first camera, a simple box camera, he would take black and white photographs of family and trips. In college, he bought a Miranda G single-lens reflex camera. He found that he could take off the lens, insert an extension tube and take close-up shots. He then experimented with exposure and light to get the right shot. Getting close opened up a whole new world for him.

McDaniel graduated from Harvard with a major in chemistry in 1969, during the height of the Vietnam conflict. Because of the political climate, he could not go to graduate school because he would have been drafted. He found that the government would grant deferment to high school science teachers, and so, before starting his photography business, McDaniel taught science at Woodlawn Senior High School and St. Paul's School for Girls (SPSG). ►

The photographer is the subject: Steve McDaniel '65.



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He found that he loved teaching. At SPSG, he also found he had a gift for taking pictures. He was asked so frequently to take pictures at various events, in fact, that these requests led to the establishment of McDaniel Photography in 1975.

In 1978, a few years after he launched his photography business, McDaniel, with the help of his wife Angie, also became a beekeeper. More than 30 years

later, they keep about 20 colonies at their Manchester, Md., property. In a good year, they can harvest more than 800 lbs. of honey as well as 50 or more starter colonies of bees for new beekeepers. They bottle honey

and package comb honey for sale; Steve makes beeswax candles and Angie makes beeswax lip balm and hand cream under the brand Beekeeper's Bride.

McDaniel, now a master beekeeper, has served as president of the Maryland State Beekeepers Association. Still a teacher, he offers classes and workshops about beekeeping for adults, families, seniors and garden groups. He also writes frequently about the subject.

Steve and Angie can often be found selling their honey products and prints of nature ►











## Steve McDaniel '65: Nature Photographer

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photography at local craft shows, festivals, fairs and farmer's markets, including Gilman's Family Day and Festival of the Arts. Ironically, one of his best-selling photographs—an image that earned Steve second place in the 2002 BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year contest—is a flattened, dried-up flying squirrel with road stripes painted over it.

Go figure.

McDaniel has also won the *Nature's Best* and *Hawai'i Magazine* contests, as well as numerous local and regional photography awards. His photographs have appeared in numerous publications, including calendars, magazines such as *American Bee Journal*, *National Geographic Kids*, *Chesapeake Home*, *Harvard*, *Outdoor America* and *Bee Culture* and books including *Beekeeping for Dummies*, part of the popular "how-to" series.

So it seems appropriate in this "green" issue of the *Bulletin* to offer the work of an alumnus whose work reminds us of the beauty and wonder of our world. ♦



To view more of Steve McDaniel's photographs, visit [www.mcdanielphotography.com](http://www.mcdanielphotography.com).



Bruce Beehler '70

## Conserving the Earth, One Bird at a Time

BY DAVID ROSENFELD

It's safe to say that no other Gilman alumnus has been where Bruce Beehler '70 has been. It's also safe to say that very few other human beings have ever been where Beehler has been.

Specifically, that place is the Foja Mountains, a remote Indonesian paradise on the western half of the island of New Guinea. It was there, beginning in 2005, that Beehler led a group of scientists who essentially discovered a new world of animal and plant life.

His team's 2005 discovery of more than 40 new species, including a fantastic rediscovery of a "lost" bird of paradise, gained international

vice president at Conservation International, a D.C. area science-based organization whose goal is to delineate and conserve the most important places of biodiversity on Earth. The group works in more than 40 countries; Beehler concentrates on Melanesia, the area of the Southwest Pacific that includes New Guinea.

Beehler's original survey in 2005 resulted in the discovery of a new species of "honeyeater" bird, which he named *melipotes carolae* after his wife, Carol. Later, his team came upon a formerly "lost" bird, the *parotia berlepschi*, and the golden-fronted bowerbird, each of which showed off its spectacular mating rituals.

It was an ornithologist's dream, in a place most people can only dream about.

"I've had a chance to go to a lot of places, but this place was different because I had thought about going there for 25 years before I made the trip," says Beehler. "There were so many close calls. The Foja Mountains were the last and most difficult place."

That difficulty is both environmental and political.

The remote Fojas are only accessible by helicopter, and Beehler jokes that "it's hard to find a helicopter in Western New Guinea." Often, he and his team don't feel confident that they can procure a helicop-



Above: Bruce Beehler '70 during a celebration in New Guinea.

media attention. Two years later, CBS's "60 Minutes" traveled to the same spot with Beehler, and the resulting 12-minute segment gave millions a stunning visual glimpse of a place only a few hearty souls have ever seen in person.

"It's hard to find a place like that," says Beehler. "There aren't that many places in the world that are that pristine anymore. Plus, it's hard to get there. No matter how many times you've been, it's just as hard every time. But once you get there, you feel incredibly blessed and lucky."

Beehler is an ornithologist by trade and a conservationist by profession; he serves as a



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for even a year," says Beehler, "what was there could be gone."**

ter until a few days or even hours before a planned visit, and the cost of that transportation is in the thousands of dollars per hour. Even then, there is hardly a guarantee a landing site will be accessible due to the changeable weather in the rain forest.

Politically, obtaining permission from the Indonesian government remains a challenge. A 2008 expedition to the area, for instance, required seven official permits. There is also the less formal permission needed from the local tribes, who own these remote lands in both legal and spiritual ways.

"They don't know that we're coming," says Beehler, whose team lands on a dirt airstrip in a single-engine plane. "They tend to be excited by having outsiders visit. We will take local people from the village on the expedition. They know how to start fires with wet wood. They do a lot of the 'rough and ready' kind of things."

Beehler is the son of a 1935 Gilman graduate and the brother of a 1967 graduate, both named Bill. He came to Gilman from Calvert School in 1964, but his interest in nature was spawned well before his Gilman days.

"I remember seeing a woodpecker as a little kid on Lake Roland in the late 1950s," says Beehler, who grew up near Friends School and, as a student, walked to Gilman every morning. "I became a bird lover and at Gilman I was into nature study. The School definitely supported my interest in nature."

The school would honor Beehler with the D.K. Este Fisher Nature Study Award, still given to this day by the science department to the student who has demonstrated "a high level of interest and understanding of living things."

He also learned the rudimentary tools of what would become his trade, thanks to former Gilman Lower School teacher Elliott Verner, who ran an Adirondack wilderness camp in New York State in

the 1960s. It was there where he first learned the camping, trekking and climbing skills he still uses today in the field.

After graduating from Williams College, Beehler earned his master's degree and doctorate at Princeton, where he wrote his dissertation about four species of birds of paradise in New Guinea.

Not long after that, Beehler was ensconced in New Guinea, taking advantage of a field station run by Americans that was left over from the era of Australian colonization. He spent 15 months there in 1975 and 1976 and almost two-and-a-half years there between 1978 and 1980, spending his working time in the jungle and dreaming of one day making it to the top of the mountain.

These days, when he's not in the field, Beehler lives in Bethesda with his wife and family. His time at home is dedicated to the importance of conserving biodiversity hotspots throughout the world.

"Every country is an important steward of its own natural wealth," he says. "There's an imbalance in many places between exploitation and proper management. Conservationists make a long-term commitment; exploiters make a short-term commitment. If the conservationist looks away for even a year, what was there could be gone."

Beehler also wrote a book in 2008, entitled *Lost Worlds*, detailing not only his trips to New Guinea but also to six other countries, such as the Ivory Coast in Africa. He presents his work throughout the U.S., and his message is always the same.

"Areas like the Foja Mountains may be small and remote, but their importance to our modern world can't be underestimated," Beehler says. "We're mandated as humankind to be the stewards of the Earth. It's our life raft, the only planet where we know we can live. So we have to manage and use it the right way." ♦



# Saving the Bay

William C. Baker '72

BY DAVID  
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**W**ill Baker has one of the best office views in Maryland. His window at the Philip Merrill Environmental Center, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) headquarters south of Annapolis, gives him a stunning vista of the sparkling Bay.

It's that view that defines every single day for Baker, because he knows that it could be even better. What drives him is something that can't be seen by the naked eye.



Education is an important part of Will Baker '72's work, but he says one of the most challenging aspects of his job is government relations.

*Photos courtesy of the  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation*

"Every time I look at the Bay I'm struck by its extraordinary beauty," says Baker, the President and CEO of the CBF for the last 28 years. "And I say 'well, that's just great,' but once you get beneath the surface, it's a different story."

For two generations, Marylanders have been urged by the CBF to "Save the Bay." Baker remains at the forefront of that effort, because, despite its surface beauty, the Bay still needs plenty of help.

Natural filters, like wetlands on the Bay's edge and grasses on the bay's bottom, have been lost. The Bay has been overfished, leaving even iconic species like the blue crab in trouble. And there is, of course, pollution, mostly runoff from land, that adds way too much nitrogen and other nutrients to the Bay, negatively affecting water quality and harming the life that lives underneath the surface.

According to an EPA report released in April, the Bay's health still qualifies as poor. It's only about 45% on the way toward being fully restored, and that's after almost 30 years of an official cleanup effort.

Baker knows all of this, but he has plenty of good news, too. For one thing, the Bay is a whole lot better than it used to be. For another, he knows that people can help, and are helping, the Bay every day. And finally, he knows that his organization will continue to be at the forefront of saving the Bay, whether lobbying the House of Representatives, helping farmers improve their practices or imploring suburbanites to conserve water and reduce pollutants.

The Bay isn't just a body of water; it's an important symbol of the quality of life for everyone who lives in its expansive watershed. ►



"I think we have an easy job trying to attract members because the cause is so widely embraced," he says of the CBF, with a \$23 million operating budget and 240,000 members.

"People always come up to me and tell me I must be a great fundraiser. I'm not sure that's true. I just think we have a great cause for which to fundraise."

Baker never set out to be a fundraiser. Like many, he didn't know what he wanted to do when he graduated from college in 1976. He had been a Gilman student until 1969, when he transferred to boarding school at Milton Academy in Massachusetts, and then headed to Trinity College in 1972. He was back in Baltimore in 1976, working a summer job as a tree surgeon, when he was approached by one of CBF's trustees, Gilman graduate Truman Semans '45. Would Baker like to work as an intern at CBF? He said yes, because who could say no to the chance to save the Bay?

When he started the job, Baker admits that he didn't know a duck from a seagull. He learned quickly, though. In only six years he became CBF's president, right about the time that the Bay most needed his help.

"We believe the Bay hit its nadir probably in the 1980s," he says, noting the improvements since then have been immense, especially considering the ensuing growth in population around the Bay and its tributaries.

When Baker and others speak about "improvements," they mean that improved technologies at sewage treatment plants have significantly reduced water pollution in the Bay. They mean that grasses



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have been replanted and fish stocks have grown. They mean that farmers have begun to use different practices that help both themselves and the Bay.

They also mean

that more people are being educated about the environment every year, from understanding why using a high-gas-mileage car is the right thing to do to knowing why using too much fertilizer on your lawn, while it makes the grass look good, is bad for the Bay.

"The old line is 'we've met the enemy, and he is us,'" Baker says. "Just in our [population] numbers, we're causing damage. The solution is to use technology where we can, and to reduce our footprint. The idea is to live more lightly."

The CBF has an educational mission, for sure, and its thousands of volunteers are out in the field every day helping restore Bay environments that have been nearly lost. But much of Baker's most interesting—and adversarial—work involves government relations.

The EPA report comes at the same time that the CBF is suing the EPA for not fulfilling its obligations to the federal Clean Water Act. In all, the CBF has 14 plaintiff lawsuits outstanding.

"We litigate because there has to be credibility behind our advocacy," Baker says. "And we advocate at every level, including the executive branch. If you want to effect change, you have to be able to do that."

That advocacy includes playing a large role in crafting the Chesapeake Clean Water Act, a bill sponsored by Senator Ben Cardin, D-Md. The bill would give





Part of the  
Chesapeake Bay  
drainage area. Image:  
[www.chesapeakebay.net](http://www.chesapeakebay.net)

the EPA more authority to hold Bay area states accountable for meeting pollution reduction goals and the power to punish the states by withholding federal funds if the states fail to live up to their agreements.

The bill has little support from farmers, who are resisting new regulations, but it does have support from President Barack Obama.

Though Baker does not view government as a very *effective* problem-solver, Baker knows it's the most *important* one.

"When our elected officials invest resources and demand accountability, pollution is reduced," Baker recently told the *Virginian-Pilot* newspaper. "This isn't rocket science."

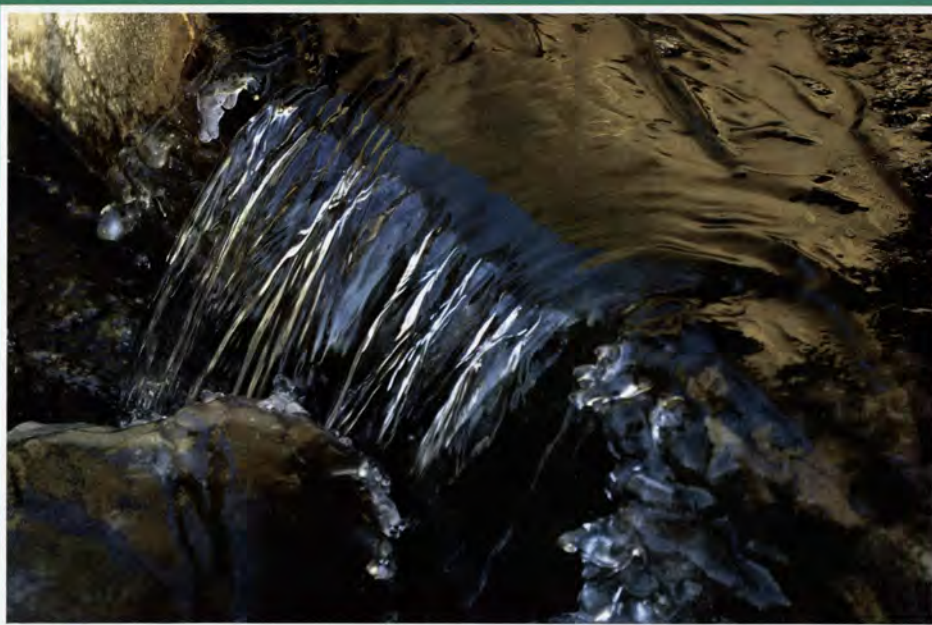
Baker says that some of the most simple and least expensive practices by farmers can make a huge difference to the Bay while at the same time greatly

benefiting farmers. In one project in Virginia, hundreds of miles away from the Bay, farmers have erected simple, low-cost fencing to keep their cattle out of streams on farm property. This means the streambeds aren't destroyed, and that much less animal waste is carried downstream to the Bay. At the same time, cattle have had less disease since they've been kept out of the water.

The fact is that more than 17 million people live in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, from central New York to eastern Virginia and west to the Allegheny Mountains, and Baker wants every one of them to know just how important the Bay is to them. More importantly, he wants them to know that every one of them can help Save the Bay. ♦

Will Baker has passed his environmental passion on to his son, Jake, who graduated from Gilman in 2003. Jake works in New York for Deutsche Bank's "Clean Tech" investment division, working with companies that are developing energy-efficient technology.

## "Natural Flow" Earns Casas Honors



This photograph, "Natural Flow," earned its creator, Brandon Casas '12, a champion prize in the Maryland River of Words Poetry and Art Contest, Grade 7-12 level in the art category. The champions were named from a pool of finalists during an award ceremony at the Maryland State Fair on August 29, 2009, Natural Resource Day. Brandon was presented with a \$100 savings bond, as well as some pamphlets, books and materials about Maryland's waterways, a backpack and an art supply kit. The contest is sponsored by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.



# Gilman Goes Electric . . .

## Over Zero-Emissions Cars

BY JODI PLUZNIK

To raise awareness for zero emissions vehicles, Gilman School seniors Will McCabe and Billy Siems brought two all-electric cars to both Gilman and Bryn Mawr School as part of a project for their AP Environmental Sciences class, offered through the schools' coordinate program.

Prior to this vehicle visit, McCabe and Siems conducted a survey to inquire about their classmates' knowledge of the environmental impact of driving and electric cars. The results were distressing. Respondents had little knowledge about the environmental impacts of car emissions or alternative-fuel vehicles; many opposed them, thinking electric cars weren't "macho" enough, and wondered how or where they could be recharged.

"Our survey proved that no one knows anything. When we asked what gases cars emit, everyone answered CO<sub>2</sub>. No one knew about sulfur dioxides or other gases," says McCabe, president of Gilman's Environmental Club.

On April 21, the two cars—a red high-performance Tesla Roadster and an all-electric Toyota Prius—cleanly rolled onto campus.

The Roadster, driven by Bill Clarke, can accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in a crisp 3.9 seconds with a top speed of 125 mph. Its driving range on a complete charge is 244 miles EPA combined city/highway. It runs on a

Not "macho" enough? Two Gilman seniors disabused their peers of that notion about electric cars with a show-and-tell event.



Will McCabe '10, Billy Siems '10, John Murach and Bill Clarke with details on the Prius PHEV.

microprocessor-controlled lithium-ion battery pack with a 100,000-mile-plus life cycle that charges completely in as little as three-and-a-half hours.

John Murach, a BGE official, brought the Prius, a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) that is one of BGE's test fleet of five converted hybrids that's being used to document PHEV performance in this area and to determine the potential load on the power grid if more consumers plug in such mass-market PHEVs as the new Nissan Leaf and the Chevy Volt.

After the cars visited Bryn Mawr in the morning, where their drivers spoke to Mary Beth Kircher's environmental sciences classes, they moved onto the Gilman campus, where students from all three divisions stopped by to learn about the cars.

McCabe learned about electric cars when, through the Baltimore Electric Vehicle Initiative (BEVI), he interned last summer with the AltCar electric vehicle demonstration project at the Maryland Science Center (<http://www.mdsci.org/visit/Altcar.html>). When fully operational, AltCar will rent electric vehicles on an hourly basis, much like Zipcar does now. BEVI Executive Director Jill Sorenson, mother of Gilman junior Michael Sorenson, helped McCabe find drivers and cars for the two school visits.

Although zero-emissions vehicles are still a novelty in today's market, it seems plausible that today's teenagers will someday drive all-electric vehicles.

"I really want kids to see what I see," says McCabe. ♦



'IF YOU BUILD IT...A THOUSAND YEARS AGO AND THEN BRING IT TO BALTIMORE...THEY WILL COME'

## Class of 2014 Visits "Heroes" Exhibition at The Walters Art Museum



### Christine Sarbanes: Arts Heroine

Field trips and other experiential learning activities help bring curriculum to life and often immerse the boys in "real world" situations. That Gilman boys visited "Heroes" was especially meaningful. The museum dedicated the exhibition "to the memory of Christine Dunbar Sarbanes (1935–2009), a true and abiding hero of our time. Odysseus-like in her commitment to the Walters Art Museum, she was a compassionate advocate for the audiences we strive to serve."

Christine Sarbanes taught Latin, Greek and French in Gilman's Upper School from 1978 until 2000, when she retired.

"Christine was an extraordinary woman: wife of a Senator; mother of three: John Peter (Gilman 1980), Michael (Gilman 1982) and Janet (Bryn Mawr 1985); grandmother; friend; colleague; scholar and exemplary teacher," wrote her colleague Lillian Burgunder in last year's *Gilman Bulletin*.

By NEIL GABBEY, MIDDLE SCHOOL LANGUAGE ARTS FACULTY

It was almost as though the curators at The Walters Art Museum had asked us exactly what we wanted to see at the "Heroes: Mortals and Myths in Ancient Greece" exhibit.

For 15 years, the curricula of the eighth grade core humanities classes at Gilman—ancient history, language arts (L.A.) and Latin—has focused on the in-depth study of ancient Greece and Rome. From Achilles to Zeus, two Middle School courses spend the entire school year BCE, if you will, and the Language Arts-8 teachers frame the first semester's study around Edith Hamilton's revered *Mythology* and Euripides' *Alcestis*, while *Julius Caesar* is read in the second half of the year, just as the eighth graders are learning about the Roman Empire and civilization.

Not two days after The Walters had first announced the "Heroes" exhibition, Matt Buck '93, Middle School assistant head and history teacher, and my fellow L.A. teacher Bo Grimes '59 both e-mailed me about it, just as I was e-mailing L.A. and ancient history teachers about the same topic. Even a cursory glance at the museum's website or the collection's brochure made it obvious that this special exhibit—which ran from October 11, 2009, to January 3, 2010—had to be worked into our schedule. I'd like to give us teachers more credit and say "great minds run in the same channels, all," but this opportunity was really a no-brainer.

The Walters had gathered together and expertly arranged



more than a hundred statues, reliefs, vases and pieces of jewelry—some from its own impressive permanent collection and many others borrowed from Berlin's renowned Staatliche Museen and from several museums throughout Greece—and organized the exhibit around the concept of the hero. ►





**"Which hero are you?" the Walters "Heroes" exhibit asked visitors. Among the choices (l.-r.): Socrates, Apollo and Alexander the Great.**

The museum's website featured a wealth of pre-visit resources and even an interactive "Which Hero Are You?" questionnaire that most of the eighth graders completed prior to our field trip. In my L.A.-8 classes, after we had told the students that we would be attending the exhibit, students shared which hero they were most like, according to the survey results. (A few boys even admitted to answering the questions twice, after the first try had determined they were most like Helen! Everybody wants to be an Achilles, I guess.)

After Chris Legg '67, Brooks Matthews '87 and I attended the "Educators' Evening Preview for Heroes"—at which Barbara Guarnieri (mother of Matthew '02) served as our docent—all ancient history, Latin and eighth grade language arts teachers met to formulate our goals for the field trip. Though The Walters had supplied volumes of study materials and a comprehensive online teacher guide, we realized that our own work in those classes had amply prepared our students. Again, it was as though the exhibit had been built for us.

Half of the Class of 2014 visited the Museum on Wednesday, November 18, and the other half went on the field trip the following Friday. Each group was chaperoned by six teachers, which meant that every ancient history, Latin and eighth grade language arts teacher was able to see the collection.

Because we planned the visits to last for a little over an hour, we decided that our boys deserved the time to explore. We didn't direct their viewing with a scavenger hunt activity or question packet. Instead, we gave each student a piece of card stock on which he could draw whatever object he found most interesting or most relevant to what he had

studied thus far this year.

In my nine years of teaching L.A.-8 at Gilman, we had never taken such a field trip, one in which we altered our school day schedule to bus an entire grade to a museum or

gallery. We could not have chosen a better event to break our routine.

Thanks go to Amanda Kodeck (Bryn Mawr Class of 1994), The Walters manager of school programs, who was so helpful throughout the planning of our visits; to Middle School Head Peter Kwiterovich '87 and Assistant Head Matt Buck '93, who urged us to make this field trip a reality, paid for bus transportation and tweaked the schedule; and to the teacher chaperones, who do such a great job teaching this material to the eighth graders throughout the year.

During our Wednesday visit, a familiar face came up to me while I was talking to some of my students as they sketched the head of Pericles. It was Nancy Cox, who had worked as a learning specialist in Gilman's Upper School from 1994 to 2000. She was visiting the "Heroes" exhibit with some friends, and she smiled as she turned her gaze from a marble statue to the small group of boys and me.

Mrs. Cox told me that she had been watching them and listening to them as they walked through the collection and proudly told me that our boys could not have been more prepared, knowledgeable, engaged and polite. I thanked her and happily agreed. Our eighth graders certainly deserved this special field trip.

And if we could not actually take all of them back to Ancient Greece, it was nice of the Walters to bring so much of Ancient Greece right to us. ♦



# A Tribute to Ron Culbertson, My Friend

By DON ABRAMS

MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR OF INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY



Above: Still smiling after 36 years of teaching at Gilman: Ron Culbertson, the "Magician of the Middle School," has retired. Below: Culbertson when appointed Headmaster of the Middle School in 1988.



*In Tuo Lumine Lumen*—"In Thy light do we see light." He speaks to the boys about love and compassion and, like a well-practiced preacher, about lives that make a difference. He exhorts his young charges to shine their light into the darkness of intolerance and xenophobia and speaks of the dynamic patchwork quilt that binds us together. He reminds us that success is the use of one's talents along lines of excellence and that, even as young children, we have the capacity to make a lasting difference in the lives of others. Some of you may know him as "the magnificent magician," "the maestro of the Middle School" or the "inveterate impresario," but I know Ronald L. Culbertson best as my friend, whose talents and dedication to this school and to Gilman boys has long been a source of inspiration to me. Ron served as the Middle School head for 24 years and brought to a close a 36-year teaching career at Gilman with his June 2009 retirement.

Among his many roles, Culbertson has been the impassioned coach, the empathetic advisor, the surrogate parent, the wise counselor, the persistent pedagogue, the exuberant cheerleader, the stand-up comic and the perceptive visionary.

As many of you know, Ron loves to make miniatures, but it must be an interest spurred on by an alter ego, for there is nothing diminutive about his voice, his stature or the impact that he has had on the lives of countless young people over the course of his career.

Ron has often described Middle School teachers as "characters with character," but, in point of fact, the character with the most character has been Ron himself! Among his many roles, he has been the impassioned coach, the empathetic advisor, the surrogate parent, the wise counselor, the persistent pedagogue, the exuberant cheerleader, the stand-up comic and the perceptive visionary. His most important role, however, has been that of passionate advocate and ombudsman for boys in the middle. Indeed, the needs of young people have governed every decision, initiative and innovative program, whether it came in ►



the form of curriculum, athletics, social events, building a schedule one student at a time or designing every detail of new Middle School building. Through it all, there has been an unwavering commitment to young people and to the specialized needs of the emerging adolescent. For, at his core, Ron has never forgotten what it is to be a child. In many ways, the song "I Won't Grow Up" from "Peter Pan" was written just for him. Ron remembers the wonder and marvel of childhood: the exhilaration of self-discovery, the beauty of lasting friendships, the satisfaction that comes from a job well done and the perennial challenges that accompany the unprecedented changes in children's lives.

Ron has not abandoned his childish ways, but instead has embraced every moment spent with young people. Rather than standing apart, he has set himself among them. He has come dressed up every Halloween in costumes that defy description. I mean, who would use superglue to attach autumn leaves all over his body and come dressed as a bag of leaves? He is equally at home tossing a raw egg to an anxious colleague, delighting in unraveling a puzzle or word problem or twirling his shoe as he pounds out the beat to a favorite song.

In his adult persona, he has been a remarkable role model, mentor and master teacher. Few of us can assess a complex situation and plan a course of action faster than Ron, and fewer still can set aside so readily their own needs and feelings for the good of the institution. Ron remains and has always been a "Gilman guy," but while he has embraced the School's mission, he has never compromised his own



Culbertson can roll with the punches—and with a bowling ball. Here, he competes during Halloween. The unseen pins are members of the MS faculty.

core values. He believes that every child is special and unique, and he has an abiding conviction that if we set high goals, and support children and hold them accountable, they can achieve remarkable things . . . but, above all, school should always be a place of fun, self-discovery and challenge.

It is to these ends that Ron has devoted his energy and passion. For Ron, being a teacher, or even Middle School head, was never just a job, but rather a way of life, an attitude, a philosophy about how things should and could be. His value system draws its strength from a reverence for the magic and joy of childhood. In so many poignant ways, Ron's vocation has also been his avocation, bound up in an unconditional love

for this School and for the remarkable boys it serves.

Someone once said that it is the job of "the magician" to make the difficult look easy, to make it a habit and to make the habit beautiful. For 36 years, Ron Culbertson was a Middle School magician—making the difficult look easy, making it a habit and making the habit beautiful. We have all been the beneficiaries of his love, talent and dedication to Gilman boys. Ron has, in every real sense, defined and fashioned the Middle School we know today.

His work now done, he sets sail for new horizons. I know that he will bring the same energy, passion and devotion to each new endeavor that has endeared him to each of us. I am privileged to have made the journey with him as his friend. And I know that you join me in wishing him a life beyond Gilman of meaning, fulfillment and purpose. God-speed, Ron. We will eternally be in your debt! ♦



# Merci Beaucoup, Monsieur Demuele

BY HEADMASTER JOHN E. SCHMICK '67

**R**obert J. Demuele has the distinction of being on the receiving end of at least two heartfelt goodbyes. When I was asked to take over as Interim Headmaster, Bob, days after a lovely retirement party at the end of the 2007 school year, had just packed his last box and loaded it into his car. Into his office I walked. I proceeded to ask him to come out of his one-hour retirement and take over many of the duties that I had had as assistant head. It took him about 24 hours to agree. He subsequently graciously agreed to serve a second year as director of special programs, instead of serving only one, as he originally promised. In June 2009, however, he put his foot down. He has definitely retired to travel, see his grandchildren and spend some time with his wife Gay.

So three years ago I had the honor to speak about Bob at the first of his many retirement parties, and it

**This is the second time Bob Demeule has hung up his Gilman spurs, but this time he *really* means it.**

was just as difficult to do so then as it is now. Frankly, now is even harder, and I am somewhat at a loss for words to write about a man who has meant so much to the School and so much to me personally.

Bob Demuele and I have been colleagues for 35 of his 36 years at Gilman, and we have worked closely together for well over 25 years. I was the advisor to one of his sons, and, to me, Bob has always been an advisor, mentor, colleague and a dear friend.

Many people know that Bob earned his B.A. and M.A. from Boston College, but may not know that he also did a two-year commitment with the Peace Corps in Ghana. In 1973, Bob received a call from his old friend Tom Carr, whom he had known since 1967,

about a job opening at Gilman School. Bob, who had taught French at Hartwick College in New York and then at Northwestern State University in Louisiana, came to Baltimore, visited the School, signed on the dotted line and entered full bore into the Gilman community, with the knowledge and firm commitment that he planned only to stay about three years.

Bob started working at Gilman one year before I did. When I began in 1974, I taught fifth grade in the Lower School, and Bob instructed French in the Upper School. My friendship with Bob began seven years later when I moved to the Upper School. I was immediately struck by his sense of fairness. Whether dealing with a student or an adult, Bob's fierce sense of justice would always lead the way. I remember asking his advice countless times and ►

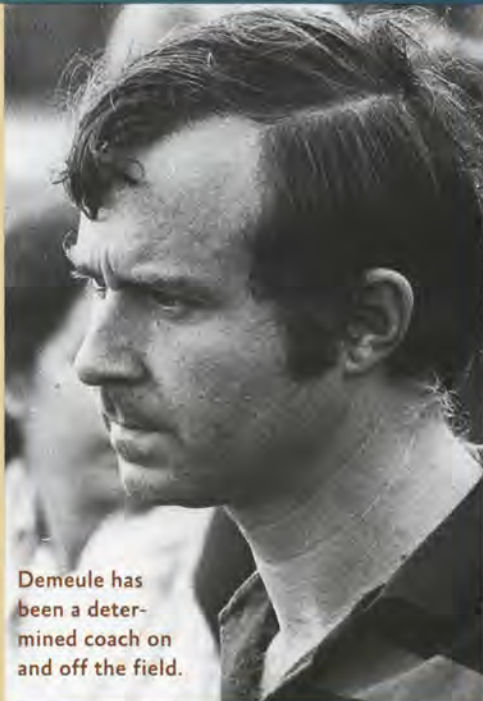




always being impressed with his ability to see all sides of a situation, to weigh the pros and cons and then arrive at an objective decision. Bob is very compassionate and sensitive; he feels things very deeply. He also has the gift of being able to accept life's twists and turns, shrug them off and keep on moving. I'm not sure, but I think that trait is very French!

Thirty-six years after he began that supposed three-year turn at Gilman, Bob has been involved in every facet of our community. I think that he will be remembered most for being a superb teacher and advisor, the quintessential teacher/coach. As a teacher, he is simply outstanding. He is fair, compassionate and demanding. He simply has a knack for working with kids. He has always instinctively known that line that separates the mentor from the friend. His students and advisees genuinely love him, and whenever they come back on campus, they stop in to see him. It is the little unexpected kindnesses that they remember...the congratulatory note, the caring pat on the shoulder, the Dutch Uncle talks, the advocate in troubled times...all instinctive with Bob.

Demeule has been a determined coach on and off the field.



When not in the classroom, Bob is a true team player. He demonstrated that unequivocally while he was the head coach for the varsity soccer team. His teams clearly reflected what he believed in and what he lives—sportsmanship, fair play and class—and they also won! He is a firm believer and supporter of our intramural program, and never has there been a

more dedicated intramural coach. In fact, Bob and Anton Vishio started the intramural baseball program, which morphed into the Fresh-Soph baseball team. During their first four years of coaching, the team was undefeated.

Bob also took over for many years as the intramural czar, making sure that all programs were operating smoothly and that the boys were being well served. And, of course, Bob led the Chess Club for many years.

Arguably Bob's greatest contribution to the School has been his work in admissions. Bob became an admissions counselor in 1991, and from 1999 through 2007, he was the admissions director. As my colleague in admissions, and later as I watched him as the director of admissions, the integrity he showed and the care and organization he brought to the office impressed me. He modernized the Admissions Office, and worked tirelessly to develop new sources of students and to open up new feeder schools. When you ask many students why they came to Gilman, they will tell you that much of that decision had to do with Mr. Demeule.

Admissions work is both back- and heartbreaking. Each year you meet and form relationships with wonderful kids and their families, and each February you have to tell a certain percentage of these people, of whom you have grown very fond, that they cannot come to Gilman. Bob will shrug it off and tell



Demeule accepts the 2009 May Holmes Service Award from Alumni Association president Peter R. McGill III '93, P'21, K



**Bob has the gift of being able to accept life's twists and turns, shrug them off and keep on moving. I'm not sure, but I think that trait is very French!**

you that it is just a part of the job. I do know that Bob endured many sleepless nights in January, February and March when decisions, which help to define the character and spirit of the School as we know it, were imminent. Bob made them look easy, and we are all greatly in his debt for the boys that we have had the privilege to teach.

Have you ever known anyone who loved to tell stories more than Bob? And have you ever reached a punch line or point by a more circuitous route? One evening, Janet and I were having dinner with Bob, and he began. . . for the rest of the evening, we were howling with laughter as one experience after another poured forth. Especially good were those stories that dealt with the exploits of Bob's and Gay's beloved Scooby, the Wonder Dog! Stories would start with something like, "Did I ever tell you about the time that Scooby. . .?" He would then begin, careening off onto tangent after tangent, but 15 minutes later, somehow, we reached the end, got the point and begged for another one. And did you ever notice that no one enjoys his stories more than he, or laughs harder at them? One of my fondest memories is Bob starting a story, cracking himself up and gasping for breath as he recounts his tale.

When I talk to the boys about class and acting with honor and integrity and compassion, Bob frequently comes to mind as an exemplar. I have never known anyone who is better able to come at a problem objectively, analyze it, make a decision and never look back. Bob is that kind of man. He knows what is right, does it and doesn't worry about the fallout.



During the past two years, Bob welcomed me into his office and I'd close the door and vent. Bob has been a part of every major decision I have made and anguished over. Unfailingly, whenever I am in a tough situation, there is a knock on the door, a furrowed brow pokes in, and asks, "Are you OK?" And that always made me feel better.

We should not talk about Bob without remembering Gay and the wonderful fami-

ly that they have raised. I believe that committed, principled and loving people most often produce committed, principled and loving children, and Maura, Sean '91, Rob '87 and Michelle are living examples. As a community, and as individuals, we are going to miss him and Gay, but we will not forget him.

As I said in my first goodbye tribute speech: Bob, it really is time to say goodbye. We send you off with our love, our gratitude and our admiration for 36 dedicated years at Gilman. We hope that you are finally able to pursue your love of military history, crossword puzzles, the opera, anything French, fine wines, gourmet cooking and (as Joe Duncan so aptly puts it) fatty foods, but most of all we hope that you will stay in touch and come back to visit often. We cannot thank you enough for all that you have done for Gilman.

***Merci beaucoup et bonne chance,  
mon cher ami!***



# Back to the Future: A History of the Gilman School Seal

This past fall, Gilman School launched a new coordinated visual identity program that includes a new school shield and seal. To develop it, the School reached back into its archives, and the end result represents the best of Gilman: a respect for history with a modern sensibility.

## THE PHILPOT SHIELD

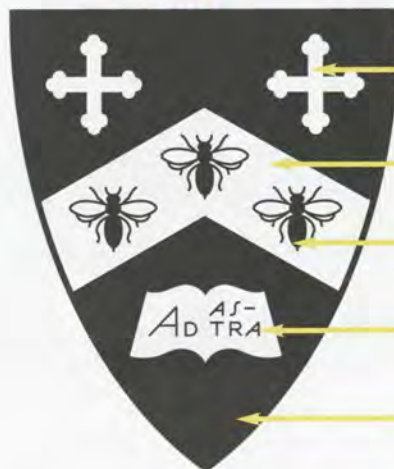
1907



The basis of this contemporary interpretation is the very first seal of the Country School for Boys, designed in 1907 by Hamlet S. Philpot, Greek, Latin and History Master from 1904 to 1913.

## THE NEW SHIELD

2010



**Patonce pattée:** three petals on ends of arms represent faith, hope and love or earth, sky and sea; four arms spread to corners of the world; spirituality

**Chevron:** in heraldry, symbolizes service

**Bees:** symbolize order, industriousness, diligence

**Book:** symbolizes manifestation, scholarship

**Escutcheon:** based on shape of medieval shield

The new shield's heraldic emblems, represent, as they have for more than 100 years, our founder Anne Galbraith Carey's intention to educate boys in mind, body and spirit. The book signifies scholarship, the bees embody industry and the cross forms stand as symbols of spirituality. The chevron upon which the bees sit represents builders—those who accomplish work of faithful service.

## EVOLUTION OF THE SEAL

The 1917 seal was based on the Philpot shield, above. The 1927 seal includes elements that were used in the 1993 seal. The 2010 shield and seal hark back to the forms created in 1907 and 1927.





The new version of our seal speaks to Gilman's strong traditions and progressive spirit, acknowledges our leadership, confidence and relevance in our second century.



**Motto:** from Psalm 36 "In thy light [we see] light," referencing the bright light and promise of each Gilman student

**Star:** completes "Ad Astra" quote in book on shield below: "Ad astra per aspera," Latin for "to the stars through difficulties"

In June 2009, the Board of Trustees approved a simplified, unified graphic identity program for the School. This new look is the cornerstone of a larger admissions marketing effort, an initiative that is a direct response to a key objective of the Long Range Plan that the Board adopted in January 2007.

Arriving at this point was a two-year process. For more than a year, a Trustee committee, led by Michael Beatty P'12, '15, '18, worked with graphic designer Abbott Miller, a principal in the global design firm Pentagram, and his team to develop visual elements that are unique to Gilman.

The complete circular form carries elements consistently found in our seal in its various interpretations over the years. The star, our cynosure, anchors the adage on the book, "Ad Astra," an abbreviated version of "Ad astra per aspera," which means "to the stars through difficulties."

The motto "In Tuo Lumine Lumen" translates to "in thy light we shall see light," words from Psalm 36 that have been part of the seal since Philpot's design. This verse captures Gilman's essence: the pillars of strength, courage, character, heart, determination, honesty, soul. The concept of light courses through Gilman. Each student and teacher, in every generation, brightens our School and our world.

## OTHER NEW VISUAL ELEMENTS



# GILMAN



# An Open Door

## Peter Kwiterovich '87 Returns to Head the Middle School

By DAVID ROSENFELD

**T**hird period ends in the Middle School and 259 students pour rather loudly into the halls on their way to the next class, right past the open door to the office of Peter Kwiterovich '87, Gilman Middle School head. "I love to hear the noise, the sounds," he says. "That's what we do every day. That's what the Middle School is all about."

Kwiterovich, who became Middle School head this past July after the retirement of Ron Culbertson, is particularly suited to understand the melody of that noise. Before taking residence in his office, he spent the last 10 years working with middle

school-aged students, first at a New Hampshire boarding school, Cardigan Mountain, and then at one of the best coed day schools on the East Coast, Virginia's Norfolk Academy.

Of course, he's also particularly suited to Gilman. After all, he's a 12-year man, a highly-honored student and athlete who later became a teacher in both the Middle and Upper Schools.

Add the two together, and the 1987 Gilman graduate is very much at his dream job when he sits in his sometimes-noisy office.

"Students change so much during the middle school years," says Kwiterovich. "I love being part of that process, of seeing students become who they are. I also think—and this is nothing

against the other divisions—that the Middle School epitomizes Gilman at its best. Our faculty members teach, serve as advisors, lead homerooms and coach athletics. They develop relationships that really exploit the ideals of mind, body and spirit in the best way."

In his first year as Middle School head, Kwiterovich has "managed by walking around."





His own career as a Gilman student was outstanding, culminating in a pair of awards at Founders Day in 1987. He earned both the Daniel Baker, Jr. Memorial Award, for his contribution to the welfare of his fellow students, and, as a three-sport athlete, the William Cabell Bruce, Jr. Prize for his athletic accomplishments. His best sport was baseball, which he also played at

Johns Hopkins before graduating in 1991.

Almost immediately, he returned to Gilman as a teacher, following in the footsteps of role models like Redmond Finney '47, Sherm Bristow '67, John Merrill and Bill Greene. Kwiterovich was mentored by Culbertson during his first year of teaching in the Middle School, and he then headed to the Upper School as a science teacher and coach. He became assistant dean of students in 1993 and in 1995 was appointed dean of students, running both the Judiciary and Honor Committees. He showed promise as a teacher as well, winning the Apgar Family Award for Teaching in 1998.

In 1999, he left Gilman to work at Cardigan Mountain, a school for boys in grades six through nine, where he taught middle school math, coached and served as a dorm parent and advisor. In addition, he was an assistant director of admissions and ran the school's Summer Session.

Three years later, he headed to Norfolk Academy, where he held a variety of teaching and administrative positions.

Kwiterovich's 10 years away from Gilman have given him an instructive perspective during his first year as head of the Middle School, including a deep commitment to and belief in the power of community service, formed in part during his five years as director of Norfolk Academy's "Breakthrough" pro-



Peter Kwiterovich '87  
as an Upper School  
student at Gilman.

**"Impacting others and giving as an individual—I believe that's how you become successful as an adult," says Kwiterovich.**

gram, an academic enrichment program that offers an intense summer experience to at-risk middle school students. A collaborative effort between the Academy and Norfolk's public school system, the Breakthrough program consists of a full academic day for six weeks in the summer and a community service element on weekends during the school year. The idea is to prepare participants for success in high school and college, while at the same time ensuring that they give their time to foster the success of others.

"I came from places with very strong community service programs, and I think it's an important component for the learning process," Kwiterovich says. "What Donell [Thompson '91, Gilman's service learning coordinator] has been leading with our students, starting in the sixth grade, is paying great dividends.

"Impacting others and giving as an individual—I believe that's how you become successful as an adult," he says.

Kwiterovich and his wife Jenny also impact the community in their personal lives. During the past six years, they have served as foster parents four times, to a 14-year-old girl, an 8-year-old twin brother/sister combo and a 12-year-old boy. Most recently, they fostered Addie, whom they raised for much of the first two years of her life. ►





Kwiterovich (at left, middle row, #25) with his varsity football teammates. Kwiterovich played baseball and was a wrestler at Gilman. He later played baseball at Johns Hopkins.

The couple, who have no children of their own, went through rigorous training in Virginia ("really Parenting 101," says Kwiterovich. "I think it could help anyone") in order to become foster parents, and they are now receiving Baltimore City's similar training. After caring for each child for about 18 months, they keep in touch after the children return to their natural families.

"These are amazingly special kids...We see it as a great opportunity to help and we hope to continue doing it," says Kwiterovich. The couple's generosity of spirit also extends to rescuing animals.

Back at Gilman, where he and his wife now live on campus, Kwiterovich describes his first year on the job as exciting and challenging. He's particularly fond of the Middle School faculty, describing the group as "creative, energetic, enthusiastic and invigorating to be around." During this year he has gotten to know all 259 Middle School students and their parents.

As he prepares to enter his second year as Middle School Head, Kwiterovich foresees other areas that will take precedence. At Norfolk, he was the school's academic technology and distance learning coordinator, and he's keen on meeting the challenge of finding the best uses for technology in Middle School classrooms. He also wants to increase student leadership opportunities to prepare them for the challenges of the Upper School and beyond.

In the meantime, Kwiterovich feels he's fortunate to be back at Gilman, where his education continues to this day. When he hears the boys streaming into the halls and sees the smiles on their faces, he knows that he's in the right place.

"I've learned, more than anything, how tradition can address the culture and spirituality of a school," he says. "I didn't realize it when I graduated, but eventually I realized that I wanted to be like my mentors here. I wanted to have the same impact on others that they had on me." ♦





Charlie Fenwick '66:

## A Blue Ribbon Kind of Guy

BY PATRICK SMITHWICK '69

The most recent addition to the Board of Trustees presidents' portraits that hang in the Gilman Room.



“Imagine in 30 years you are standing in front of a burning home,” President of the Board Charles C. Fenwick, Jr. '66 told the Gilman graduating Class of 2007, “and you see a three-year-old child on the second floor staring you right in the eye with terror on her face....”

This opening got the attention of the graduates—and of the hundreds of parents, friends and families attending Founders Day.

“You won’t have time to pull out a yellow legal pad, draw a line down the center and write the positives on one side, the negatives on the other,” he said. “Your character will tell you what to do immediately, and it works best when you practice every day preparing for that test. You have to walk the talk every day.”

Vintage Fenwick. Instead of droning on about how to save the world, only to have a soporific effect on the graduates, Fenwick took one minute, drew up one dramatic hypothetical situation, and the image he created, as well as the point he was making, was cauterized into the memory of the graduating class.



“You never know until you cross Tufton Avenue, and you’re headed into the third, what you’re going to do,” Fenwick says, a sparkle in his eye, explaining his use of that fiery graduation image. He is speaking of galloping full tilt across the mulch on Tufton Avenue in the Worthington Valley and preparing to jump one of the highest steeplechase race fences in the world, “the third” fence of the Maryland Hunt Cup.

Five times in the 1970s and '80s, Charlie Fenwick crossed Tufton, reached down deep and decided what to do—which was ride strongly into the third and go on to win the four-mile race over 22 fences. One time he galloped into Becher’s Brook at Aintree, ►



(l.-r.) Fenwick, John Schmick '67 and Pete Kwitero-  
vich '87 enjoy  
Family Day 2009.



which English racing fans believe is the toughest fence in racing, and found out what he could do, becoming only the second American, after his role model and mentor Tommy Smith, to win the English Grand National—four miles and 486 yards, over 30 fences.

More recently, and less glamorously, since becoming president of the Gilman Board in 2006, Fenwick has been tested twice by events as unexpected as a house fire: first the resignation of Headmaster Jon McGill, second by the country's worst recession since the Great Depression.

Fenwick reached down deep both times, galloped strongly into each crisis and did not come up wanting. He led the School smoothly through McGill's resignation, through the national search for a Headmaster that led to the installation of John Schmick '67 in 2008, and through the first years of the recession. He has worked with force and vision to prepare Gilman for the future.

"I've learned more from Gilman in the last 15 years—especially the last six—about how to think creatively than in all my years as a student," notes Fenwick. "Gilman has helped me develop as a person; I'm more outgoing. There has not been one minute I regretted having this position. That says a lot about the School. I wanted to serve Gilman, and if I were going to do it, why not do it when it is challenging."

Dealing successfully with these two major challenges will be Fenwick's legacy, but he will also be remembered for the many visible, tangible changes

to the campus that have occurred during his tenure.

Most upbeat and cheerful of all: the opening of a kindergarten. In this tough educational market, Gilman didn't want

to lose that one strong prospect who started in kindergarten at another school and whose parents then decided to keep him there. Who cut the ribbon last fall with style and grace? Charles C. Fenwick IV, a member of the first crop of Gilman kindergarteners in 50 years. Attending were his great-grandfather Charles C. Fenwick '42, grandfather Charles C. Fenwick, Jr. '66 and father Charles C. Fenwick III '93.

The Upper School survived 18 months of being stationed in trailers while a \$10 million gift from Wm. Polk Carey '48 supported a complete renovation and modernization of Carey Hall. Then the Lumen Center opened, providing Gilman faculty and students a state-of-the-art dining hall and a bright, airy place to dine for the first time in three decades, along with an art gallery, modern classrooms, a lecture hall and a spacious design and woodworking center.

And Gilman's tennis courts were finally relocated to the other side of Stony Run after years of tennis players being subjected to incoming foul balls from the baseball field.

For five years, Fenwick has invested an extraordinary amount of time and energy in the details of Gilman. "He has been seen, arms folded, standing behind home plate, pondering the position of the baseball field," Faye Shaya P'03, '06, treasurer of the Board, says. "During meetings he would sometimes talk about the shape of trees on campus and how they might, or might not, block the view from the window on the such-and-such floor of Carey Hall.



That thought, envisioning a student in a classroom looking out this window, would prompt him to begin to examine the depth of our curriculum. . . ." (Shaya also mentions bringing extra wool sweaters to trustee meetings where Fenwick insisted on conserving energy by not turning up the heat.)

"Charlie has not been a caretaker president," asserts his friend and Gilman classmate Ben Legg '66, a Board member. "He has been dynamic in identifying the most important issues facing Gilman, studying those issues, and taking action. He has, *inter alia*, named committees to conduct in-depth studies of athletics, college admission, the need for a kindergarten, . . . and many more issues. He was an active member of committees on all these topics." At every meeting, Fenwick took notes in a spiral notebook, "just like in tenth grade," says Legg. "Charlie is excellent at follow-up." Fenwick's most repeated phrases at those meetings: "We have got to get it right."

## THE FIRST CHALLENGE

During the spring of 2007, Fenwick learned that then-Headmaster Jon McGill had resigned. Assistant Headmaster John Schmick '67 was appointed Acting Headmaster, though some members of the Board wanted to make him Headmaster right away. Fenwick, Board Vice President Mark Fetting '72 and others insisted there be a national search; if Schmick came out on top, this would provide legitimacy to his position. To conduct the search, Fenwick appointed Legg, chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. No one would contest Legg's intellectual acumen, his integrity or his knowledge of what it takes to lead Gilman. For the next six months, Legg and Fenwick communicated on a daily basis.

During this time, many members of the Gilman community, including teachers and parents, came to know Fenwick. Jeff Christ, head of the Upper School English department, remembers calling

Fenwick's office in Cockeysville, where he is president and general manager of Valley Motors, one of the largest car dealerships in the Baltimore area. "I called Charlie to put in a good word for John [Schmick]. His secretary said he was in Dallas at a meeting and would call upon his return. I said fine and went back to grading papers." Five minutes later Fenwick called from Dallas. "Charlie listened attentively," says Christ. "He worked me through the questions I had for the impending search, and gratefully received my commendations on John, assuring me that my thoughts were most helpful, would be conveyed to the committee, and were very important to the process."

By January of 2008, Schmick was determined to be the clear winner in the search process. Middle School Assistant Head Matt Buck '93, a member of the search committee, recalls, "If I had to pinpoint one aspect of this work that is easily overlooked, it is the carefully chosen wording in the John Schmick appointment letter to the community. I can remember the words, co-authored by Charlie and Ben, by heart: 'John Schmick is the type of man we wish our boys to become.' That simple yet extraordinary statement epitomizes Charlie. It was the most important line in that letter—which was the most important communication from Charlie to the community—and is the most fundamental concept at Gilman. If you don't have good people, the very best in fact, you will not have a successful school. It all comes down to that."

Gilman settled down to a blissful spring of 2008 though, off the campus, away from the blossoming dogwoods, the seeds of a national economic crisis were beginning to sprout.

## THE SECOND CHALLENGE

Fenwick turned his attention to the future. "One of Charlie's greatest contributions has been his ability to have us focus on key areas critical to the future of the School," states Gilman's Director of ►



Finance and Operations, Sean Furlong. "He did so while bringing humor to the table, never demanding, always suggesting. 'Maybe it'd be a good idea if...what do you think?' he'd say."

Noted for his preparedness, Fenwick would hold meetings with a select few before major meetings to make sure everyone was on the same page. He emphasized camaraderie—when board meetings were held at his house, he insisted that everyone stay for a meal afterwards. In other words, Fenwick used the techniques he had learned during a three-decade business career and a record of civic-minded work. "Put it this way," states classmate Dave Irwin '66, "for a used car salesman, Charlie does a lot of community service."

With Schmick at the helm, Fenwick buckled down to catch up on other responsibilities. In 2008, he had been named chairman of GBMC (Greater Baltimore Medical Center) HealthCare's Board of Trustees. At home base, Valley Motors, he was planning a construction effort and a major overhaul of the facilities. Plus, as a member of the dealer councils of Audi, Porsche, Subaru and Volkswagen, he had reports to read from all four. As director of the Land Preservation Trust, which works to preserve open space in Baltimore County through land easements, he had a stack of potential projects to investigate. Lastly, he was developing a list of new sponsors for Shawan Downs' annual Legacy Chase, a day of steeplechase racing that raises money for GBMC.

Fenwick's work in preserving land and running the Legacy Chase goes back to his love of horses, physical competition and the countryside as a youth. So does his work ethic. If Reddy Finney was a spiritual and humanistic role model for Fenwick, it was a classmate of Finney's, Hall of Fame trainer D. M. "Mikey" Smithwick, who instilled in Fenwick a relentless and indefatigable approach toward getting the job done as well as a painstaking attention to details. "My brother Bruce and I used to go down to the Smithwick farm at Hydes on the weekends—

and it was an eye-opener. We'd never seen anything like it. It was Mikey who, by his example, taught us the work ethic."

In the fall of 2008 the recession hit. Gilman's \$50 million Character • Leadership • Commitment Campaign, begun under the term of Ray Bank '71, president of the Board from 2002-2006, had continued through Fenwick's term. Fenwick became Board president as the campaign reached its public phase. In the final report on the campaign, which closed June 30, 2008, Fenwick wrote, "Just as our student-athletes know, a win today does not mean you can skip training tomorrow, especially when confronted by a challenger as formidable as the recent global economic crisis. Despite our achievements in this campaign, we have seen our endowment value tumble from a high of approximately \$95 million in early 2007 to \$68.5 million as of December 31, 2008." (By March of 2010, Gilman's endowment had rebounded to \$81.4 million.)

Task forces went into overdrive, especially that of Financial Sustainability. Fenwick and Bill Paternotte '63, head of that task force, provided key assumptions for the 2010/11 budget:

- ◆No more than a three percent tuition increase.
- ◆Investment in strengthening the development office.
- ◆No net increase in total school salaries.
- ◆Financial aid would go first to students currently enrolled.

"Charlie led us to take a fresh look at Gilman's financial model and change it to make it more sustainable," observes Paternotte. "We had been raising tuitions at roughly three percentage points more than the rate of inflation. In many cases, especially when the recession hit, parents' incomes were not rising at three points over inflation. So, we examined our costs, and for 2010 the budget contains a tuition increase of only 2.4 percent—the lowest of any school we know of." Fenwick's insistence that



Four generations of Fenwicks celebrate the opening of Gilman's new kindergarten. Pictured, left to right: son Charlie Fenwick III '93, Fenwick, father Cuppy Fenwick '42 and grandson and kindergartner Charlie Fenwick IV.



the School's tuition rate could not continue to increase at a rate higher than inflation made it easier for the administration

to make painful cuts, because the faculty and staff knew that a strong Board and Board president were demanding them.

At the same time, Gilman has raised its financial aid budget by 10 percent. "Charlie has worked tirelessly to get us to focus on financial aid as a priority," says Board member Stephon Jackson '80. "He also speaks eloquently of the importance of diversity."

"This exercise in trimming the budget while increasing financial aid," Paternotte points out, "has made it clear that we need to raise endowment significantly."

That job will fall under the responsibilities of the incoming president of the Board, Paul F. McBride P'06, '09, '13, '14.



Concluding his 2007 commencement address, Fenwick commented on Gilman's century-old mission of "developing the mind, body and spirit of every boy." He said, "... the spirit may be the most important—to be committed to something far greater than yourself... With that comes an understanding of humility, the real keystone to true character development."

Yet, don't let this theme of humility make you think that Charlie Fenwick has lost any of his com-

petitive edge. His football coach and mentor in humility, Reddy Finney, would call out for his players to "play with reckless abandon," and Charlie still does. "Charlie was fearless," affirms Dave Irwin, who played football with him at Gilman. "He's still incredibly tenacious at sports. In tennis he'd break his arm to get a ball."

Sitting behind his desk at Valley Motors, with three large computer screens up in front of him, each with charts and bullet points and spreadsheets about Gilman, Charlie grabs something out of a drawer, "You'll get a kick out of this," he says, and hands over a small color photograph.

It's of several horsey-looking characters, all smiling and cheerful, posing in a field, cars and horses behind them. It's difficult to identify them.

"That's J. B.," he says, speaking of J. B. Secor, Class of 1971. "He's presenting the trophy, the Sarah Bosley Secor Memorial, at the Hunter Trials last fall."

There's someone standing in the center, with the visor of a rumpled Irish cap pulled down low over his eyes, leaving a shadow over his face. The riding clothes are informal, a bit tight—"ratcatcher" is the baffling yet correct term for them—showing off a knotty wrestler's build.

"Who's that old-timer in the middle?"

Charlie laughs. "That's me."

He must've been wearing his great-grandfather's jodhpurs and his father's riding jacket, and he was somewhat embarrassingly—after having ridden with his son Charlie in the family class at this low-key event—holding up a blue ribbon. ♦



## INTRODUCING PAUL McBRIDE:

# Gilman parent becomes Board of Trustees President July 1

Imagine that you've just taken a new job in a new city, where you have no connections other than the people you met during your interview process. Your move involves not just yourself, but your wife and four young boys.

Where do you begin? Specifically, what do you do first? Look for a house, or look for a school?

In the spring of 1999, Chris and Paul McBride decided to look for a school. Their search ended with Gilman.

Eleven years later, two of their boys, Paul '06 and Greg '09, have graduated, and the younger two, Thomas '13 and William '14, are still at Gilman.

Eleven years later, after previously moving from city to city every two years as Paul moved up the General Electric corporate ladder before taking an executive position at Black & Decker, the McBrides are very much part of Baltimore, which they all consider their hometown. And Gilman is a big part of why.

And now, as he prepares to take the helm of Gilman School's Board of Trustees for a four-year term as president, Paul McBride can best be characterized as an insider with an outsider's perspective.

McBride, who assumes his duties as Board president July 1, is only the second non-alumnus since 1949 to lead the Trustees. A former executive vice president and company officer at Black & Decker for 11 years and a member of the Gilman Board since 2004, McBride is looking forward to devoting his time to Gilman as more than just an involved parent and volunteer.

"I'm passionate about helping the School and working with John Schmick," he says. "As long as I am in this position, I'll continue to challenge our school and program to be the best that they can be. We need to do everything possible to drive towards excellence."

When an alumnus is asked to serve on the Board of Trustees, he has several years of Gilman schooling

under his belt, as well as myriad alumni-related experiences such as reunions and phonathons. A non-alumnus has a steeper learning curve, but also brings fresh perspectives.

McBride recognizes that Gilman alumni share a commonality, that they can often finish each other's sentences. Yet, in some ways, a non-alumnus parent's point of view is just as strong: Parents interact with the School through different venues—whether at an orientation, on the sidelines at a sporting event, an e-mail with a teacher, paying a bill or even dropping a child off at a classmate's house. McBride hopes to draw on his experiences with his boys as well as his business background to bring a global sensitivity to Gilman.

"The biggest job of the head of a board is to get the best possible person to take his place, and in my case that person is Paul McBride," says Charlie Fenwick '66, whose term as Board president ends this year.

"He's sent two boys through the School. He has two boys attending now. He attends numerous athletic and school events—the man is dedicated to Gilman—and he is a sound and visionary businessman. Paul will be the second recent president who is not an alumnus, and that's good; that's healthy for the School. It'll provide a fresh perspective."

McBride's early goals for his tenure are broad. Renew the School's mission for contemporary education. Revisit the Long Range Plan, look at what's been accomplished and what's left undone, and update the timeline and priorities. Develop a succession plan for both the administration and the Board



to ensure smooth transitions. Create a viable plan for human resources development and assessment. Support excellence and challenge the Board to support the "Gilman Five" initiative as a companion to the mission. Continue to support the use of technology in the classroom, as well as look toward online distance learning. Link the work of the Financial Sustainability Task Force to the goals of the Long Range Plan.

That's more than a few "small" objectives, and there will be just four years to accomplish them.

McBride recalls that one of his first volunteer interactions with Gilman was, quite simply, providing a Black & Decker product for the Bull Roast silent auction. Then, when Thomas and William were Lower Schoolers, McBride made a presentation about B&D products, including a discussion of B&D's sponsorship of NASCAR, surely a big hit with a roomful of little boys. He went on to support the School's annual giving effort by volunteering for *The Gilman Fund*.

In 2004, McBride joined the Board of Trustees at the behest of then president Ray Bank '71. McBride chaired the Board's task force that examined the feasibility of bringing a kindergarten to Gilman, a key objective of the School's 2006 Long Range Plan, and one that became reality this past fall. Through this exercise, he learned the depth of the talent within the Gilman community. He also learned about the competitiveness of the independent school market.

Back in 1999, when the McBrides moved to Baltimore from Albany, N.Y., Paul and Chris visited several of those independent schools. There was something about the Gilman setting and its proximity to downtown as well as the suburbs that appealed to the McBrides. He liked the urban feel of the campus, especially in comparison to what he felt was an almost too suburban, too country-like setting of some of Gilman's competitors.



Paul McBride

They worked closely with Bob Demeule, then director of admissions, to complete the application process for Paul and Greg. By early June, well after the close of the traditional admissions cycle, the older boys became members of the school community; in the fall, Paul started as a sixth grader and Greg

as a third grader. Thomas and William entered a few years later, when they reached school age.

The McBrides thus found themselves with a school in Baltimore for their kids before they had a permanent local address for the family. Gilman's location helped them narrow down where to look for a home. They first lived at the Burkshire Hotel at Towson University, centrally located to the Black & Decker headquarters in Towson and Gilman in Roland Park, and eventually purchased a home in Ruxton, ironically from another Gilman family.

For these newcomers to Baltimore, Gilman provided an entrée into a tight-knit city of generational families. Everyone who lives here knows that Baltimore is a place where the question "where did you go to school?" means high school, not college. Folks just seem to stay.

"Baltimore was the hardest community to break into," says Paul McBride. "Gilman was our bridge."

It may be serendipitous that McBride recently left Black & Decker in the wake of the company's sale to the Stanley Tool Corp., headquartered in Connecticut. He now considers himself "relaxing," not retired. And though he doesn't plan to stay relaxed very long, his work with the Gilman Board, as well as with the Board of the Living Classrooms Foundation, a non-profit experiential education program, will certainly keep him busy.

For 21 years, Paul McBride and his growing family moved around a lot. Eleven years ago, they found Gilman, making it easy for them to stay in their new hometown. As the family's time at Gilman comes full circle, Paul McBride looks forward to giving back to Gilman. ♦



## Kindergarten is Back!

Gilman officially dedicated its new kindergarten wing October 16 in a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Callard Hall, and some older kindergarteners joined in the festivities.

Members of the Gilman Class of 1971, the last class that could have attended kindergarten at Gilman before this year, joined the kindergarteners of today on a special day in the Lower School. The 1958-59 school year was the last year for kindergarten at Gilman until 26 boys came to the new wing this fall. Randy Beehler '71, who first envisioned this gathering, spoke to the boys about his and his classmates' kindergarten days.

Headmaster John Schmick '67 and Board of Trustees president Charlie Fenwick '66 (whose grandson Charlie is in the new kindergarten) also participated in the ceremony, as did Director of Admissions Bill Gamper, himself a member of the Class of 1971. Lower School Head Leith Herrmann '64 gave a musical address.

The kindergarten teaching team is led by director Sharon Lang and includes Mary Galvin Wilson, Melissa Montalto, Meredith Miller and Cheri McElroy.



Randy Beehler '71 tells stories to Gilman's youngest students about his own early days as a student at Gilman.



Henry P. A. Smyth

## Henry P. A. Smyth Appointed Assistant Headmaster

Headmaster John E. Schmick announced March 12 the appointment of Henry P. A. Smyth as assistant headmaster. A graduate of Phillips Andover, Princeton (A.B.) and Stanford (M.A.), Smyth has been associated with independent schools for 18 years. He has been a teacher, coach and administrator at various times in his career, which has included positions in the Czech Republic, at Charlotte Country Day School, St. Albans School and the Head-Royce School, where he was tenth grade dean and Assistant Director of Admissions. For the past six years he has been Head of the Upper School (grades 4-8) at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School in Washington, D.C. Smyth has taught at all levels—lower, middle, and upper—and has also coached soccer and basketball. Those who know him rave about his integrity, intellect, sensitivity, compassion and professionalism. He has been described as “esteemed by his colleagues,” as “the kind of outstanding person that Gilman strives to produce” and as a teacher/administrator who “has the touch.”

Mr. Smyth will assume the duties of assistant headmaster in July 2010 when he and his wife Elizabeth and their two sons, Billy and Pitman, will officially become part of the Gilman family.



# Meet the Teachers

*The following teachers now have a year of teaching at Gilman to their credit. Meet our "newest" teachers.*

By MAC BARRETT '67



**Elizabeth Sesler-Beckman** became the Middle School musical director after 22 years of teaching music and directing a wide range of choral and music programs at Boys' Latin School and Ruxton Country School. She directs the sixth, seventh and

eighth grade Middlemen Chorus and this year started the Middle T's, a smaller select group of singers comprised of members of Middlemen from all three grades. She earned her undergraduate degree in music from Wellesley College and her master's degree, also in music, from Tufts University. Sesler-Beckman plays in Jazz Caravan, a six-piece jazz band, and serves as Youth Choir Director at the Second Presbyterian Church in Guilford. "I find this to be a community that truly values excellence," she says. "There is such a wonderful balance that exists here between serious learning and joyous fun."



**Mary Galvin O'Connor Wilson** is serving as a kindergarten senior teacher. She arrived at Gilman with 21 years of experience teaching in pre-schools, mostly at the kindergarten level, and had been Head Kindergarten teacher at

Brown Memorial Weekday School since 1997. She holds a degree in elementary education from Loyola College. "I had never had the experience of teaching in a single sex school," she says. "It is much easier to address the different developmental needs and interests in an all-boys school. This year the boys in the Gilman kindergarten have certainly had an active, fun-filled year with many valuable learning experiences."



**Melissa Montalto**, also a kindergarten teacher, holds a bachelor's degree as well as a Master of Arts in Teaching from Loyola College. Previously, she interned at Pine Grove Elementary School. She has

coached with the ESF Sports Camp at Gilman and worked in child care, college admission counseling and marketing management. She competed in various high school sports and plays piano, flute and clarinet. "Everyone in the Gilman community has been so welcoming and supportive," she observes. "Being a part of the kindergarten team this year has been an amazing opportunity for me as a first-year teacher. I could never have imagined that I would feel so at home in such a short amount of time."



Also new to kindergarten teaching is **Meredith Miller**, a graduate of the University of Richmond and inductee of numerous honor societies who majored in Spanish and minored in Elementary Education. She

graduated from Calvert and Bryn Mawr Schools, and she worked for two summers with the Superkids Camp in Baltimore. When asked for her early reaction to her position she replied, "Gilman is such an energetic, caring, fun, supportive and creative environment for both students and faculty. I have wanted to be a teacher ever since I was a little girl, and my first year at Gilman has been so much better than I could have dreamed!" ►





**Essie Mallonee** came to Gilman as a one-year addition to the pre-first faculty due to larger than expected enrollment in that class and subsequently received an appointment to teach in the kindergarten. After graduating

from Gettysburg College in 2007, she was a substitute teacher at Park School and Garrison Forest School. She later worked at Garrison Forest as a Pre-Kindergarten Associate Teacher. She is the daughter of teachers and coaches and has impressive athletic credentials, having played and coached field hockey and lacrosse. Next year, she will join the kindergarten teaching staff.



**Michael Chamberlain**, an artist with a teaching background, has come to the Gilman Middle School to teach Design & Woodworking. He attended the Maryland Institute College of Art, where he took just five years to

earn both his bachelor's and master's degrees. He has made more than 20 different sculptures, some that have taken up to five years to complete. His work ranges from welding to fine woodworking. About his new home in the D&W shop, he says, "It's a great place for a kid to learn."



**Jill Landauer** has joined the Middle School as the new Science teacher. The daughter of Craig Landauer '69, she attended Glenelg Country School in Howard County, where she played soccer. She is a graduate of

Virginia Tech, where she received her undergraduate degree in biology, and earned her master's degree in education from the University of Virginia. She enjoys skiing and watching football.



In the Upper School, **Kimberly Harris** teaches several levels of Spanish and coaches cross country and track. She joined the Upper School modern language department from Mt. Carmel High School, a boys' school in Chicago.

A graduate of Eastern Illinois University, she has spent time working and studying abroad, specifically in Denmark, Argentina, Mexico and Columbia.



**Alex Vishio** returns to Gilman's Classics Department, where he has taught before. A 1987 graduate of Gilman and a former Cooper Teaching Fellow, he is the son of veteran teacher Anton Vishio. He graduated from Swarthmore

College and received his master of divinity from the University of Chicago. Currently pursuing a Ph.D in ethics, he teaches Latin and coaches football and basketball.



**Josh Weil** served as Gilman's 2009-2010 Tickner Writing Fellow. He holds a B.F.A. in film from the Honors Tutorial College of Ohio University and an M.F.A. in creative writing from Columbia University. He has taught writing

at Gotham Writers' Workshop in New York City and taught composition and rhetoric at Manhattan College and The College of Mount Saint Vincent. A published novelist and short story writer, his fiction has appeared in *Granata*, *Story Quarterly* and *New England Review*. He has also been a contributor to *The New York Times*. ♦



## Charles Edwards II, M.D. '88, Jeff Seibert Jr. '04 Visit for 2010 Cotton Lecture

Spine surgeon Charles Edwards II, M.D. '88 and entrepreneur and computer programmer Jeff Seibert, Jr. '04 returned to the Alumni Auditorium April 14 as the featured speakers for the 30th Annual H.K. Douglas Cotton Memorial Lecture.

Edwards, the medical director of the Maryland Spine Center at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore, used his own day-to-day experiences as a physician to encourage those students who might be interested in a career in medicine.

He told students that, prior to surgery, he serves as a detective, teacher, coach and friend to patients, then acts as a cheerleader and fan after surgery. He also noted that, while a student might not have the personality traits to be a spine surgeon, it's likely that every student has some aspect of his personality and life experience that would lead to success in one area of medicine or another.

Edwards, the father of a Gilman second grader, Charlie, attended Washington & Lee University and then the University of Maryland School of Medicine before doing his orthopedic surgery residency at Emory University.

### A career in medicine? or business?



Charles Edwards II, M.D. '88, P'20 (left) and Jeff Seibert, Jr. '04 offered students an insider's perspective of their careers.

Seibert, who formed Increo Solutions in 2007 while a junior at Stanford, started his presentation with anecdotes about Facebook and Twitter, two subjects dear to the hearts of Gilman students. He

pointed out that each enterprise started humbly, with "nothing special about them," and told those in the audience to believe in their own ideas and visions.

He encouraged students interested in technology and programming to be both "techie" and "fuzzy," learning computer science but also the business and marketing skills necessary to have success in selling their products and skills.

Seibert graduated from Stanford in 2008 and now lives in Boston, where he works for Box.net, which purchased Increo last year. ♦

The H.K. Douglas Cotton Memorial Lecture, established by Baltimore businessman Henry Kyd Douglas Cotton, annually features business and career lectures for students at Gilman. The program was created by an endowment established by Mr. Cotton shortly before his death in 1979 and reflects Mr. Cotton's strong belief in education and business. Visit [www.gilman.edu](http://www.gilman.edu) to view videos of the Cotton Lecture presentations.



## Alumni and Faculty Dinner Honors Gilman



Above: Alumni Association Treasurer Cheo Hurley '92 and faculty member Jerry Wolf. Below: Brad Peabody '67



Above: Jack Thompson, retired mathematics faculty, and Rob Daniels '84, son of the late Bruce Daniels. Below left: Three generations of Winsteds: Trey '93, Tom '38 and Tee '64. Below right: The Gamper boys, Tom '74, Bill '71 and Dick '69, and Jackie Gamper attended the dinner in honor of their father and husband, the legendary Charlie Gamper.

Nearly 200 members of the Gilman community filled the Lumen Center April 13 for the annual Alumni and Faculty Dinner, which honored distinguished faculty and staff and featured keynote remarks by legendary English teacher A. J. Downs.

This year's event honored the 57 Gilman faculty and staff members during Gilman's history who have retired from the School with 25 or more years of service. The earliest of these stalwarts was Arthur L. Lamb, who started working at Gilman in 1899 and retired in 1933.

Prior to the dinner, there was a brief dedication ceremony for the Distinguished Faculty and Staff photo gallery, located on the top floor of the Lumen Center.

Fifteen of the honorees were in attendance at the event, as were family members of four others who are deceased. Present were Ronald W. Bange, Sherman A. Bristow '67, Margaret Speer Classen, Ronald L. Culbertson, Robert J. Demeule, A.J. Downs, Redmond C.S. Finney '47, William A. Greene, Jr., Edwin A.S. Lewis '57, Elizabeth S. McDonald, M. Mercer Neale III, Nicholas M. Schloeder, Deborah A. Shawen, John R. Thompson and Charlotte Taggart Wolf. R. Bruce Daniels was represented by Robert B. Daniels, Jr. '84; Charles R. Gamper by his wife Jackie and sons William H. '71,





# Distinguished Faculty and Staff

Thomas O. '74 and C. Richard, Jr. '69 with his wife Maria; William M. Miller by son William M. Miller, Jr. '75 and grandson Timothy K. Miller '87; James C. Pine '21 by nephew Jonathan W. Pine, Jr. '75; Reginald S. Tickner by wife Elleanor H. Tickner and son Robert B. Tickner '70.

Downs' often-humorous, sometimes-sentimental remarks focused on the reasons why he, and many of the other honorees, stayed so long at Gilman. Downs was a member of the faculty for 39 years, from 1950-89, serving at various points during his career as head of the dramatics department and the English department, as head college counselor and as the dean of the faculty.

In addition to the recognition of the night's honorees, the Alumni Association honored another long-time Upper School faculty member, Shanthi Kumar, with the May Holmes Service Award.

Headmaster John Schmick '67 presented Upper School English teacher Justin Baker with the Apgar Award for Teaching Excellence.

Visit [www.gilman.edu](http://www.gilman.edu) to view video of A. J. Downs' remarks.



*Some of the honorees: Bill Greene, Gus Lewis '57, Peggy Classen, Reddy Finney '47, Ron Bange, Sherm Bristow '67 and A.J. Downs.*



*Above: Dennis Foster '72, P'10, '11, Jonathan Pine '75, P'12, John Colston '75, P'20, '21, Gerry Brewster '75. Right: Shanthi Kumar receives the May Holmes Service Award from Alumni Association President Howard Sobkov '84, P'17, '18.*





## A Bird Flies to Gilman

### *Former Orioles Player Coaches Varsity Baseball*

By DAVID ROSENFELD

Larry Sheets, Gilman's new baseball coach, likes to remind his friend Cal Ripken, Jr. that he was picked ahead of Ripken in the 1978 June amateur draft. The Orioles had four second-round picks that year, and Sheets, a promising left-handed slugger, was the team's first pick of the second round. It wasn't until 19 spots later that the O's grabbed the Ironman.

Sheets didn't make the Hall of Fame, but he turned out to be no slouch himself, playing six full seasons in the Major Leagues and a year in Japan before retiring from baseball in 1993. Now he brings that impressive playing background to Gilman, where his son Gavin is a rising ninth-grader. He assisted with the varsity team last season before taking over as head coach this year.

Even a quick glance at a Gilman practice gives you a good idea of the big-league experience that Sheets brings to the baseball program. Hitters work in stations on soft-toss; pitchers work on the mechanics of pickoff plays. In the preseason, while more than three feet of snow blanketed the fields, the team alternated early mornings between hitting and conditioning in the Arena to prepare for the season. The Greyhounds also had a spring break trip to South Carolina, where they played six games in five days.

The emphasis is on skill development and, says Sheets, preparing his players for college baseball if they have that goal.

"We're doing things a little differently, maybe a bit more like you'd see in pro ball," says Sheets. "We're trying to get a lot of reps in and really enhance the individual skills of each player. We're not going to spend a lot of time working on things that aren't going to come up in the game."

Sheets can thank his years of being around the game on a high level, 15 years in professional baseball in total,



for his comfort level as a coach. He can also thank Ripken, who's volunteered some of his time to a team that includes his son Ryan, '12 who pitches and plays first base.

"Cal's been out here a lot," says Sheets. "I especially love it when he works with our infielders and they get to pick his brain. We met 32 years ago in the rookie leagues, and now we get the chance to coach each other's kids. I think that's pretty cool."

Sheets and Ripken first played together in Bluefield, W.Va. in 1978, though Sheets took a different path to the big leagues than Ripken. He went to college at Eastern Mennonite, close to his hometown of Staunton, Va., and actually became more well-known for his basketball career than his baseball prowess. He was inducted into that school's athletic Hall of Honor as a basketball player, finishing his career as one of only two players in school history with 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds.

After that initial season at Bluefield, in fact, he played baseball only sparingly for a few years. When he finished college, however, his rise to the Majors was a quick one. In 1983, playing in AA Charlotte, he tied for the Southern League home run title with 25. By the end of the 1984 season, he had earned a call-up to the Orioles. And by 1985, he had made the Topps All-Rookie team after hitting



17 home runs for the O's as the team's main designated hitter.

"Baseball seemed to come naturally for me," he says. "When I was coming up I played in one American Legion tournament in front of a ton of scouts and had a really good tournament where I was named MVP. The next week the Orioles invited me to work out with them, and that led to me being drafted. That was where my future was, not on the basketball court."

Sheets' best year in the Majors was 1987, when he finished in the top 10 in the American League with a .316 batting average and smacked 31 home runs, hitting two home runs in a game five times. He would play on the 1988 Orioles team that set a dubious Major League record with 21 consecutive losses to begin the season and then be part of the 1989 "Why Not?" Orioles team that nearly won the pennant, finishing two games behind Toronto. He was traded to Detroit prior to the 1990 season and played one year for the Tigers, then played in Japan for a season. His last game in the Majors came in 1993 with Seattle.

When he left pro baseball, Sheets took a page out of the book of golf pros, returning to Baltimore and becoming a hitting instructor for aspiring young players. That turned out to be the beginnings of the Larry Sheets' Players Family Amusement Center, a 7000-sq. foot complex in Westminster that he and a partner opened in the late 1990s. The facility has an indoor field and batting cages, for sure, but it also features laser tag, glow-golf and arcade games and is a hot spot for birthday parties.

Back at Gilman, Sheets also has other duties, as a physical education instructor for the Lower School and as a strength and conditioning coach with student-athletes. After years of working with kids as an instructor, he views those jobs as a natural progression. But his main goal is the progression of the baseball team, a squad with plenty of talent in every class. And he's proved that Gilman in the spring isn't just about championship lacrosse.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm about baseball here," he says. "Our guys have been really fun to work with. We have the potential to play well and compete against anyone we play." ♦

Read more about Gilman's championship season at [www.gilman.edu](http://www.gilman.edu).

## Play Ball! Gilman's Coaching Staff



The Gilman coach line-up (l.-r.): Larry Sheets P'14, Keith Kormanik '91, Rob Heubeck, Justin Baker, Cal Ripken P'12.



# Sports Shorts



Guts on offense and heart on defense helped the Gilman varsity **football** team defeat archrival McDonogh, 34-27, to win the MIAA "A" Conference championship, one of three league titles for Greyhound varsity teams during the 2009-10 fall and winter seasons. The squash and swimming teams also won MIAA championships. Record-setting quarterback Darius Jennings ran for more than 2,000 yards and 25 touchdowns for the football team, which finished the year ranked No. 4 in the Baltimore *Sun* All-Metro rankings. A crowd of more than 6,000 at McDonogh witnessed a thrilling 94th meeting between the teams that ended with a Gilman celebration at midfield. Eleven players earned all-league honors; four, Jennings, defensive lineman Anthony Ferguson, linebacker Jim Poggi and offensive lineman Tripp Trainor, were all-metro picks.

The **swim team** won its third straight MIAA "B" Conference

championship, topping a seven-team field with 346 points. Sophomore Michael Morrow won two individual events for the Greyhounds, the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke, and was also a part of two winning relay squads, the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

Gilman **squash** also won the MIAA championship for the third year in a row, defeating McDonogh 7-0 in the championship match. The highlight of the match was an epic battle at the No. 5 spot between Gilman's Peter DeWire and McDonogh's Alex Sidney, with DeWire winning the



match in five hotly-contested games. Gilman finished the team match portion of the schedule with a 23-1 record and was ranked fourth in the country by U.S. Squash.

The winter also proved to be a breakout season for the **basketball** team, led by first-year head coach Owen Daly. A second-straight tournament championship at the Bristow Holiday Tournament proved to be the catalyst for a winning streak that eventually reached 16 games, among the best in program history. Thanks to that winning streak, which spanned nearly

two months, the Greyhounds won the "Red" Division of the MIAA's "B" Conference and earned the second seed in the conference playoffs. Gilman would fall one game short of the championship, however, losing to Archbishop Curley in the semifinals. Still, Daly's team, led by sophomore sensation Cyrus Jones (an All-MIAA pick) and senior Bryan Willis, finished 18-4 overall and won three games against "A" Conference competition during the season.

The **indoor track & field** squad went back and forth with archrival McDonogh all season long at the





top of the MIAA before finishing a close second to the Eagles in the championship meet in January. The Greyhounds won the 4X200 relay at that meet, with seniors J.D. Kameen and Arthur Modell and juniors Taaj Amin and Bobby Fenwick earning all-conference honors. Gilman won the regular-season portion of the MIAA schedule, winning two of the three dual meets, and also took first place at both the Mountain Express Holiday Meet and the Loyola Relays.

**Wrestling** again hosted top national competition at the annual Haswell M. Franklin '50 Gilman Duals, winning matches against Woodberry Forest and Mercersburg. Individually, senior standout Tommy Faust concluded a stellar career by winning the MIAA championship at 145 lbs., defeating McDonogh's Tyler Patrick 5-0 in the title match. As a team, Gilman finished eighth in the MIAA meet.

The **ice hockey** squad earned a victory against Boys' Latin in its season finale and also had ties against the Lakers and Loyola earlier in the year. Senior Cameron Lauf was an All-MIAA selection for the Greyhounds.

Back in the fall, the varsity **soccer** team finished the year 7-5-2 in league play and finished tied for fourth with Loyola in the league standings. Senior Diego McQuestion, the team's leading scorer, was named an All-Metro and All-MIAA pick for the Greyhounds.

**Volleyball** fell just short of its second straight "A" conference championship, falling to Calvert Hall in the league championship match in late October. Gilman finished the year with just three defeats in 16 matches; seniors Max Brodsky, Jay Brooks and Shane Edgar all earned All-MIAA honors.

The **cross country** squad had six dual-meet wins in regular-season competition and finished in fifth place in the league championship meet. Sophomore Will Meadows was an All-Metro pick; he finished 10th individually in that championship race.



**Water polo** also reached its conference playoffs, winning a play-in match against McDonogh before finishing its season with a semifinal loss to Loyola. Junior Fred Sutter was an all-league choice.

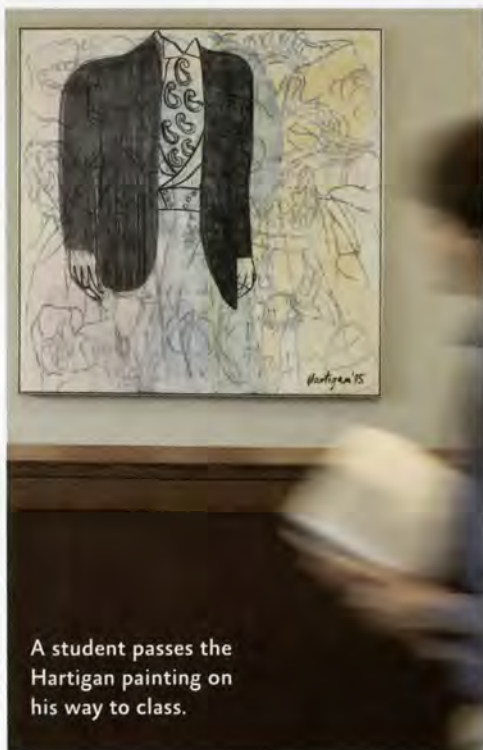
The magazine was on press as the spring season closed. Check [www.gilman.edu](http://www.gilman.edu) for results.





# Gracing Gilman

*Rex and Regina Stevens Give Grace Hartigan Painting to Gilman*



A student passes the Hartigan painting on his way to class.

**"I cannot expect even my own art to provide all the answers—only to hope it keeps asking the right questions."**

—GRACE HARTIGAN

**"C**an you stretch canvas? I need your help in my studio with putting up a big canvas and moving a table. You'll need to have help putting it up."

That was the question that Grace Hartigan, the famous Abstract Expressionist painter, asked Rex Stevens P'12 one lucky day in 1980. Stevens was working on his M.F.A. in painting, under Hartigan's tutelage as director of the Hoffberger School of Painting at Maryland Institute College of Art. Of course he knew how to stretch canvas on the wall; of course he would be happy to work in Grace's studio.

So he and Tom Bonacci, a fellow graduate student and a professional carpenter, arrived at Hartigan's Fells Point studio, in a former department store located at the corner of Eastern Avenue and Broadway. The two went upstairs, put the 6' x 8' canvas on the wall, moved the table, and, about 25 minutes later, returned downstairs to where Hartigan waited. Their swiftness surprised her.

She asked if there was any trouble getting the canvas up on the wall. None. In payment, Hartigan handed Stevens a \$20 bill and told him to split it between them. He ripped it in half and handed half to Bonacci. Grace exclaimed, "What are you doing? That's real money!" Stevens said, "It's all right, we're good to go."

Something in that act struck a harmonious chord with Hartigan. That moment was the beginning of a beautiful friendship, one that saw Stevens become Hartigan's studio assistant and manager for 28 years, and essentially become part of her family, along with his wife Regina and son Ryan, now a Gilman sophomore.

Since Ryan started at Gilman as a pre-first student, Grace was always interested in the School. When Ryan was in the Lower School, Grace participated in GrandFriends Day.

Stevens and his wife have now made Gilman School a part of Hartigan's heritage by donating one of her works, an oil on linen painting entitled "Wedding Fashions," to the School. The painting hangs prominently in the main Lumen Center staircase.

When he decided to give a painting to Gilman, Stevens asked another of Hartigan's students, Upper School art faculty mem-



**Strong connections between Rex Stevens P'12 and this renowned artist result in a remarkable gift to Gilman.**

ber Karl Connolly, to help select an appropriate work. Together, they selected "Wedding Fashions." The image is of a groom's formal attire surrounded by the images of the day. To Stevens, the painting represents a coming of age story and what the future might bring.

He and Regina gave the gift in honor of Ryan and of Fay Chandler, another of Hartigan's students and life-long friends. Chandler's son, Appy Chandler '69, attended Gilman for two years while his family lived in Baltimore.

Four years after he ripped the \$20 bill, Rex Stevens had completed his M.F.A. and was teaching at MICA. Regina, also a painter studying with Hartigan, had completed her B.F.A. degree and was about to finish her M.F.A. degree. The two thought about moving to New York City. Rex met with painter Elaine De Kooning, wife of Willem De Kooning, a longtime Hartigan friend, at her home in Easthampton, Long Island. Bill and Elaine were great friends of Grace's during the 1950s and 1960s in New York City. During this visit, Rex was in Easthampton visiting Bill in his studio while staying with Elaine.

When Stevens told Elaine of his plans to move, she asked "What about Grace?" De Kooning was concerned that her friend, by then a widow, would be alone without her right-hand man. Elaine suggested that maybe Rex and Regina could live on the floor above Hartigan's studio. By the time Rex arrived back in Baltimore, the plan had already been worked out.

It was an experiment that evolved and worked beautifully. Grace Hartigan, Rex Stevens and Regina Stevens (later joined by Ryan) lived together from 1985 until Grace's death in 2008.

When stairs became difficult for Grace in the Fells Point studio, the Hartigan-Stevens household bought a home in Lutherville-Timonium. There,



Grace Hartigan in her studio.

Stevens converted a three-car garage into Grace's studio.

Throughout her career, Grace Hartigan painted between 12 to 25 pieces a year. She worked in oil, watercolor and print. The majority of her pieces are human scale or oversize, reflecting the influence of the New York School and Abstract Expressionists early in her career. This school of thought looked to move away from easel painting and create a uniquely American point of view. (See pg. 52 for an artist biography.) Hartigan often changed her style, to the chagrin of contemporaries and critics, largely because ►





*The following biography, written by Karl Connolly, Upper School art faculty, hangs nearby "Wedding Fashions" (1995).*

## Grace Hartigan (1922–2008)

American painter Grace Hartigan came to prominence in the early 1950's as a second generation abstract expressionist. A few years earlier, her interest in that genre led her to the studios of Jackson Pollock and Willem De Kooning, with whom she would develop close friendships. She sold her first painting in 1950. In 1953, she sold her second one to the Museum of Modern Art.

During the 1950's Hartigan lived, worked and played in New York alongside Pollock, De Kooning, Kline, Rivers and other young titans of American art. The important critic Clement Greenberg initially served as her champion and was instrumental in her early

success. By the mid-1950s, however, her return to representational elements drawn from popular culture and simple shop windows caused a rift in their friendship. Greenberg ceased his support. In 1957, she was featured in *LIFE* magazine and was noted as "the most celebrated of the young American painters."



In the course of only a few years, Hartigan had become one of the most highly-regarded young artists in America and was routinely included in the most important exhibitions of modern art, both at home and abroad.

In 1964, she left New York for Baltimore and married her fourth husband, Dr. Winston Price, a noted Hopkins epidemiologist. With Price she found enormous happiness, and they were together until his death in 1981.

Hartigan remained in Lutherville-Timonium until her death in 2008. From its founding in 1965 until 2008, she directed the Hoffberger School of Painting in the graduate program at Maryland Institute College of Art. To the end, she maintained a vigorous studio habit. Her work is included in the collections of most major American museums, including the Museum of Modern Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Whitney Museum. In 1993, she was included in "Hand-Painted Pop: American Art in Transition 1955–1962" at the Whitney Museum, where she was identified as one of the first artists to have used popular culture in her work, presaging the work of artists such as Andy Warhol, Jasper Johns and Robert Rauschenberg. Despite her open objections to POP Art, she happily noted, "I'd rather be the pioneer of a movement I hate than a second generation of a movement I love."

she loved the creative process and its discoveries. She challenged herself—and her students—to reveal the best of themselves.

"All of us who studied with Grace are carrying her with us," says Stevens. "Her voice is always in our heads."

Now Rex Stevens is entrusted with shepherding the legacy of Grace Hartigan. As he did when the artist was alive, he continues to work with the galleries who represent her work, including C. Grimaldis Gallery in Baltimore and ACA Galleries in New York. Thanks to Stevens' efforts, Hartigan continues to have exhibitions.

Rex Stevens now is chair of the drawing and general fine arts departments at MICA, where he has been teaching since 1982. He, Regina and Ryan continue to live in the home they shared with Grace. Her studio, more than a year after her death, remains hers. ♦





Mac Barrett '67 with (left) Andrew Burton '12 and (right) Malcolm Powers '12.

## Allen M. (Mac) Barrett, Jr. '67

Allen M. (Mac) Barrett Jr. '67's association with Gilman baseball conjures images of Garrett Morris's classic "Saturday Night Live" character, Dominican baseball player Chico Escuela. With his limited English skills, Chico would answer every question the same way: "Baseball...been berry berry good to me."

Barrett began his time at Gilman as a kindergartener in 1954, walking to school each day from his home on Northern Parkway. Today, more than 40 years after his 1967 Gilman graduation, he still calls himself a 13-year man. Yet because of his association with Gilman baseball, he's more of a, well, at least 56-year man.

Because of baseball, Gilman remains a constant in Mac's life. His father, Allen M. Barrett '40, was one of the first organizers of the Alumni-Varsity baseball game, and he remembers watching the games as a child. But the game that lives most in his memory took place on May 14, 1988.

At the suggestion of then-Headmaster Redmond C. S. Finney '47, that annual matchup dedicated the playing field and dugout benches to the memory of Mac's father. And the Barrett Cup, which bears the score of each subsequent Alumni-Varsity game, was introduced. At that game, Mac's son Allen, age 2½, threw out the ceremonial first pitch from the field where his father would later watch him play for the Gilman varsity.

From that day on, baseball has been played on Barrett Field. And with that game, Mac Barrett, who spent many years assisting his father with running the Alumni-Varsity game, took over the coordination of the annual event, a volunteer post he has held for 22 years.

"I am really proud of my family history at Gilman," he says "but especially of the fact that my father, uncle [J. Clark Barrett '34], my son [Class of 2003] and I all won the Alumni Baseball Cup in our senior years."

Also constant in Mac Barrett's association with his alma mater is his support of *The Gilman Fund*. He has been a consistent and consecutive supporter of the annual fund for nearly four decades. He gives of both his time and his money because of his abiding love for Gilman.

"Gilman prepared me beautifully for college, and I view my experience at the School as an extension of my family upbringing," he says. "My parents sent me here and the faculty did the rest. Gilman has always been a special part of my life."



*The Gilman Fund* provides the funding to ensure that Gilman remains a place of superb learning, teaching and mentoring, thanks to an unwavering commitment to educating the whole boy in mind, body and spirit. *The Gilman Fund* provides flexible support for faculty professional development, campus facilities, educational programs and student financial aid. Visit [www.gilman.edu](http://www.gilman.edu) to make your gift online or contact the Development Office at 410.323.7178. This year's campaign ends June 30.



## Support *The Gilman Fund*

As the fiscal year draws to a close, the 2009–2010 Gilman Fund leadership team asks everyone to support *The Gilman Fund*, the School's annual giving effort, at whatever amount is comfortable. Each gift—no matter the size—makes our beloved school even better.

*The Gilman Fund* provides vital unrestricted support for current use. It helps fund faculty professional development, maintain campus facilities, enhance educational programs and pay for student financial aid.

For more information about *The Gilman Fund*, or to leave a message for any member of the campaign leadership, contact the Development Office at 410.323.7178. It is never too late to make a gift; to contribute online, visit [www.gilman.edu](http://www.gilman.edu).

### 2009–2010 Gilman Fund Leadership

Kudos to this year's leadership team for all of their hard work and dedication.

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### Gilman Philanthropist Wm. Polk Carey '48 Honored with Portrait

The newest portrait to grace Carey Hall is that of Wm. Polk Carey '48, grandson of founder Anne Galbraith Carey and longtime trustee. With his transformational gift of \$10 million toward the recent Carey Hall renovation, Mr. Carey holds the distinction of having made the largest single private gift in Gilman's history. Portrait artist Dean L. Paules created the painting, which hangs nearby the entrance to the Gilman Room.





The Swani House at Gilman, 5501 Roland Avenue

## Swani House at Gilman Dedicated

**B**ecause he believed in the best education for his children, Parvesh Swani sent his son Rahul to Gilman School, right across the street from his home at 5501 Roland Avenue.

Now, thanks to the generosity of Rahul Swani, his mother Sushma and brother Sanjay, the house that once sheltered a Gilman boy is now officially part of the campus, not to mention a lasting tribute to Parvesh's legacy.

In a ceremony March 6, the School dedicated the "Swani House at Gilman" in memory of Parvesh Swani, who passed away last July. The event was held at the residence, located on the northeast corner of Roland and Northern Parkway. More than 75 guests, including members of the Swani family and close friends, came from throughout the country to celebrate the house becoming a part of the Gilman campus.

"My father loved this house," said Rahul, a member of the Class of 1993. "I don't think he wanted to let go of it. Now, we don't have to."

Gilman has short-term plans to use the Swani House for faculty housing and, in the long term, plans to convert the house into the Headmaster's residence. In turn, the current Headmaster's home would become an Alumni House. The addition of the Swani House to Gilman's building inventory helps meet an important goal of the School's Long Range Plan and helps save the School millions of dollars in projected construction costs.

"We at Gilman are honored and touched that the Swani family feels that Gilman is the proper place to keep alive the vibrancy of this house, and we are extremely grateful to the family for their generosity," said Headmaster John Schmick '67. "On behalf of the Gilman community, I want to thank Sushma, Rahul and Sanjay Swani for their kindness and their generous spirit."

During the ceremony, Schmick and the Swani family unveiled a plaque that memorialized Parvesh Swani as "a true believer in education whose quest for knowledge was surpassed only by his dedication to helping others." The plaque is located permanently next to the front door of the house.

In his remarks, Rahul spoke about his father's own education as a child in India and his lifelong belief in the power of learning. He also mentioned his father's deep fondness for Gilman as a parent, past parent and friend.

"The decision to bring this house to Gilman was an easy one," Rahul remarked, "made possible by the strong bond we have established with the School. I know my father would be humbled by this honor, but I also know he was always thrilled to be part of the Gilman community and would be happy that we could continue to serve its rich tradition of excellence."

Even before serving as the Swani family's residence, the house was a part of the Gilman "family." David Cahn '86 and Charlie Cahn III '88 lived in the house with their parents in the 1970s and 1980s. ♦



From left: Rahul Swani '93, Sushma Swani, Sanjay Swani



## Matthew W. Wyskiel III '87 Makes a Bequest

One of Matthew W. Wyskiel III '87's most vivid Gilman memories is an interaction with his Middle School math teacher and advisor, Ron Culbertson. The boys were working on an assignment, and Matt had problems with the equation. He approached his teacher, who showed him how to solve it. Then he approached again. Upon the third approach, Mr. C. curtly asked young Matt if he expected him to do all of his homework for him. Matt got the message. He learned to try a bit harder to do his own work.

Gilman did what Gilman does best and matched a young man with advisors who would serve him well, first Culbertson in the Middle School, where he arrived from Calvert in the seventh grade, and then Ned Thompson in the Upper School.

"I was sent from one gruff bearded individual to another," he jokes.

Yet mathematics—and two of the men who taught it—provided ballast to Matt's journey through Gilman.

For this son of a math teacher, mathematics proved to be Matt's innate talent. He became a mathematics and economics major in college, which led to a career in finance. He worked in New York City before returning to Baltimore, working at then-Mercantile Bank in the Trust department (now PNC Wealth Management).

In 2007, after 11 years with the bank, he found his interest in bond markets dwindling and his interest in community efforts increasing, as was his desire to devote more time to them. So he took a leap, supported by his wife Christy, and began his own firm, Skill Capital Management. He was approved in 2008 as a registered investment advisor.



Matthew W. Wyskiel III '87 is in no rush for his future gift to Gilman to be realized.

Running his own business—he currently works with about a dozen clients with assets of \$100,000 or more—affords him more time to spend with his children—son Tolliver, 5, and daughter Jamie, 8—and to devote to community service. He is an active board member of the Children's Scholarship Fund Baltimore, which endeavors to help send low-income children in grades K-8 to non-public schools. This year, CSF helped 425 children, disbursing

approximately \$1 million in grants.

A steady supporter of *The Gilman Fund*, both as a volunteer and a contributor, as well as co-class secretary for the Class of 1987, Wyskiel also holds the honor of being The Grasshopper Society's youngest member. He engaged a firm to write his first Last Will and Testament when he was just out of Williams College. At that time, before marriage, before kids, he determined to leave a percentage of his estate in bequests to the three educational institutions that mean the most to him: Calvert School, Williams College and, of course, Gilman.

"I think it's very sensible for someone coming out of college to have a will. You work your whole life and you want to guide your assets to where you want them to be," he says. "I wanted to take control; I didn't want to let a random third party decide how to distribute my estate."

Though he has revised his will as his family has grown, Wyskiel has left those early charitable bequests in place. At the age of 41, of course, he's not in a rush for Gilman to realize his gift.

"Maybe my grandchildren or great-grandchildren will be at Gilman when my bequest kicks in," he says with a grin. ♦





## Discover the Benefits *of* Planned Giving at Gilman

Planned gift vehicles allow you to arrange for a gift beyond what you may contribute during your lifetime, with the promise that your ultimate act of generosity will ensure that future generations of students will cherish their Gilman education, friends and memories as much as you do yours.

*The Grasshopper Society* recognizes the generosity of Matthew W. Wyskiel III '87 (see story at left) and all participants in Gilman's planned giving program.

Planned gifts can help you save taxes, increase your income, leave more to your heirs and support Gilman School at the same time. These gifts are some of the most powerful philanthropic tools available to Gilman benefactors.

To learn more about including Gilman School in your will or establishing a life-income gift to benefit you or someone of your choosing, please contact the Development Office at 410.323.7178.

To commemorate the completion in 1910 of Gilman School's new Roland Park campus, a grasshopper weathervane, symbolic of freedom and financial success, was chosen to adorn the bell tower of the new building, now called Carey Hall. *The Grasshopper Society* echoes the weathervane's symbolism, representing both Gilman's distinguished tradition of giving as well as its members' role in ensuring the School's future financial success.





George A. Stewart, Jr. '39

## A FRIEND FOR LIFE:

## George A. Stewart, Jr. '39

**T**he Gilman community lost one of its finest members with the death of George A. Stewart, Jr. '39. Stewart, a trustee at Gilman from 1972 to 1976, who was a retired United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. executive and World War II veteran, was born in Baltimore and raised in Homeland. As a Gilman student, he was captain of the football and tennis teams and played basketball and lacrosse.

"I met George in 1934 as a freshman at Gilman, and he became my best friend for life. He was strong as steel, with total integrity, and a fine athlete," says his classmate, A. Samuel Cook '39. "He captained the Class of '39 football team and played on the '39 basketball team with me. We won the private school league Baltimore championship. He also played competitive golf and tennis in high school and at the University of Virginia."

Stewart earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Virginia in 1943 and was active in the UVA Alumni Association of Maryland.

"Academia was not our main forte at Gilman as we sat on the back row of Professor Frank Markriter's English class, where I shot paper clips at more scholarly students in the front rows," Cook continues. "George served as a U.S. Marine in World War II, fighting on the Pacific Islands without receiving a scratch, and he was my best friend for some 70 years. Semper Fi, George."

During World War II, Stewart served in the 2nd Marine Division in the Saipan-Tinian, Guam and Okinawa campaigns and was a member of the occupation forces in Japan. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean conflict but did not go overseas. He attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

"I had the distinct pleasure and privilege of being taken to the WWII Memorial in Washington on May 31 by my grandson—Will Stewart '97," Stewart wrote in his 2004 class notes. "We both thought the memorial was appropriate, and that its position does not detract from the openness of the Mall vista—Capitol to Lincoln Memorial—because of its design. That is our appreciation for what it is worth." In honor of his military service, he was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Stewart joined USF&G in 1946 and was assistant manager of the company's Richmond, Va., office and later manager of the New Orleans office. He returned to Baltimore and was named regional manager for the company's Southeastern region before taking over management of the Western region, the company's largest. He retired in 1986.

In addition to his term as a Gilman trustee, Stewart served as the annual alumni giving class chairman from 1980 to 1996 and class notes secretary from 1993 to 2008. He would usually open his report with mention of the location from where he wrote, whether Ardentiny, Argyll, Scotland, his wife Evelyn's hometown, New Hampshire or Baltimore. And he delighted the Development staff when he would stop by, often in his tennis togs, to drop off some paperwork and a batch of Evelyn's homemade shortbread.

*George Stewart died on August 16, 2009, at the Blakehurst retirement community in Towson. He was 87. He was predeceased by his wife of 38 years, the former Ann Gorman, who died in 1984. Survivors include his wife of 21 years, the former Evelyn McAslan; three sons, William G. Stewart, Robert M. Stewart '72, and G. Alan Stewart '69; a stepson, Neil L. McAslan '83; seven grandchildren including George M. Stewart '07 and William G. Stewart, Jr. '97 and two step-grandchildren.*



# Gilman and My Father, Bernard Manekin

BY CHIP MANEKIN '71

When my father, Bernard Manekin, died at the age of 95 this past September, he was memorialized as a successful Baltimore real estate developer, a tireless community leader and the beloved patriarch of a large, extended family. The story was often told how he grew up in modest surroundings during the Depression, served his country with distinction during World War II, and, together with his younger brother, Harold, formed the real estate company that still bears his name. His was a life of "moving up" and "giving back." He never forgot where he came from, or where he aspired to go.

Fewer people know the story of how my father became a member of the Gilman family, and how this relationship profoundly affected him and the School.

My father was not what many would have thought then (or now) to be Gilman material. An average student from a lower middle class Jewish family, he grew up in Baltimore and graduated from City College. I was supposed to follow in his and my older brothers' footsteps. But our mother died when I was eight, and so my father decided to send me to private school, first to Park and then to Gilman. The year was 1966, and my father was attracted, I think, by Gilman's academic reputation, its concern with character development and its emphasis on "discipline."

When I entered Gilman in the eighth grade, I thought I was on a different planet. Until then my world had been exclusively Jewish, and during my first year at Gilman, tutors were hired to come to Gilman to continue my Jewish education. I certainly wasn't the first Jew at Gilman, but arguably I



was among the most conspicuous, which made me the occasional target of jokes and taunts. Yet I was happy, and my father was extremely proud of the School. Although his work kept him very busy, he regularly drove carpool, attended sporting events and concerts and quickly became a Gilman booster.

His prominence as a community and business leader earned him an invitation to join the Gilman Board of Trustees. I can imagine how honored he, a self-made man and a product of public education, must have

felt by the invitation. I know that he wanted to give back to Gilman something of what the School had given me. And he served with distinction at a time of growth and diversification of the student body and faculty.

What I didn't know at the time was how close my father came to resigning from the board as the result of a particular incident. When some seniors were asked to speak to the trustees about the impact of the diversification of the student body on relations between students, they reported that anti-Semitism was a greater concern than prejudice against African-Americans. This revelation shocked him and other members of the board, but what disturbed him most was that nobody responded to that comment at that meeting. Were it not for the subsequent actions of Gilman Headmaster Reddy Finney '47 and the President and Vice-President of the board, Owen Daly '43 and Dawson Farber '35, my father would have resigned, or so he told me years later. Instead, he was assured that Gilman would tackle quickly and effectively the issue of anti-Semitism and any other form of religious and/or



personal prejudice. My father decided to remain on the board.

Gilman's swift response to this problem impressed my father deeply. He had always been active in trying to improve inter-communal relations, and, of course, he counted many non-Jews

among his business friends and associates. But this situation was something different. Here the initiative was not coming from members of an aggrieved minority but rather from those of a sensitive majority. He saw what could happen when like-minded individuals of different faiths came together to combat ignorance and prejudice through mutual respect and a commitment to serious learning about each other. Together with a fellow board member, Charlie Obrecht '52, who became one of his closest friends, and Gilman's new chaplain, Chris Leighton, another close friend, my father became deeply involved in the work of the school's Human Relations committee. This committee developed a school-wide program aimed at disarming religious stereotypes and promoting greater understanding among peoples of all faiths, especially Christians and Jews.

After the national workshop of the Conference of Christians and Jews was held in Baltimore in 1986, my father and Charlie founded the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies (ICJS); in 1987 Chris Leighton resigned his position at Gilman to become its executive director. A major goal of the



Bernard Manekin (r.) shown with Milton H. van den Berg when both were Regular Trustees of Gilman School.

**Manekin was deeply involved with Gilman's Human Relations committee, which sought to disarm religious stereotypes and promote greater understanding of persons of all faiths.**

ICJS is to teach Christians about Judaism and Jews about Christianity through developing curricula for churches and synagogues, taught by local and national clergy and scholars. Improving Jewish and Christian understanding was never a one-way street for my father; if Chris-

tians were to be educated about Judaism and the need to counter negative stereotypes in their tradition, Jews also should understand Christianity and the need to counter the negative stereotypes in their own tradition. And in recent years, Islam and Muslims were brought into the picture.

In the last 23 years of his life, no institution meant more to my father than the ICJS. It fostered his faith not only in Judaism (for he probably learned as much about Judaism as about Christianity in lectures and classes), but also in humanity's ability to transcend borders and to create shared spaces of understanding. This journey of faith, in addition to the friends he made, was Gilman's principal contribution to my father's life. He continued to attend Gilman events when my nephews were Gilman students and remained interested in the School throughout his life.

My father was grateful for what Gilman gave him, and Gilman was grateful for the role my father played in its growth. And as a son of both my father and of Gilman, I am deeply grateful for what I received from both.

The author wishes to thank Reddy Finney and Chris Leighton for allowing him to use material from their memorial tributes.



## Dr. Nilo S. Faria: Teacher, Man of Courage

By HENRY RUSSELL '99

My grandfather, Dr. Nilo S. Faria, was born in Santa Clara, Cuba in 1919. His parents sent him to attend Mount Saint Joseph High School in Baltimore, from which he graduated in 1938. He studied at The Johns Hopkins University for two years, until World War II broke out and his parents wanted him to come home. He returned to Cuba and earned a master's degree in law and a doctorate in education at the University of Havana. He later graduated from the Santa Clara School of Journalism, where he and my grandmother, Midgalia Galvez Faria, met.

*Abuelo* Nilo practiced law and taught English in Cuba while he and my grandmother raised two daughters, Felicitas and Migdy. When the communist movement in Cuba began, led by Fidel Castro, *Abuelo* Nilo took a strong stand against it. He spread anti-communist messages throughout the country and helped build opposition support. Once Castro took power, *Abuelo* Nilo helped Cubans escape from a beach house he owned in Santa Clara. He did this at great risk, but he wanted to help as many Cubans as possible escape tyranny.

Shortly before Christmas in 1962, Castro's soldiers stormed *Abuelo* Nilo's home. My frightened mother and aunt hid under beds. The soldiers ransacked the house and arrested *Abuelo* Nilo. He was imprisoned for five years, spending almost all of this time in solitary confinement. The communists offered to ease his situation if he would agree to become a communist, but he refused. Several other political prisoners took that deal, and were given shortened prison sentences, better living conditions and more food. *Abuelo* Nilo never gave in.



Dr. Nilo S. Faria

While in solitary confinement he communicated with other prisoners using Morse Code; this helped him stay motivated. When he entered prison he weighed 160 pounds; when he finished his sentence on December 18, 1967, he weighed 92 pounds.

*Abuelo* Nilo was then forced to spend the next 10 months in a miserable concentration camp, cutting sugar cane every day. When he was finally released, Castro wanted him out of the

country. *Abuelo* Nilo raised as much money as he could, and the family flew to Mexico. The following year, the family moved to the U.S., arriving in New York on September 11, 1969. He began teaching at the University of Maine, and while there he earned another master's degree in education.

Helping his family adjust to a new country was a big challenge for *Abuelo* Nilo. My grandmother, mother and aunt spoke only Spanish when they came to the U.S. Their older daughter, Felicitas—my mother—was already in high school when she came here, and had the difficult task of fitting in at a new school while learning English. Once he helped his daughters finish their schoolwork at night, *Abuelo* Nilo worked on his students' assignments. After two years at the University of Maine, *Abuelo* Nilo took a teaching job at Ricker College in Maine, where he worked from 1970–1972.

In the fall of 1972, Headmaster Redmond C. S. Finney offered *Abuelo* Nilo a position in Gilman's modern languages department. He accepted, and he remained at Gilman until he retired in 1985. *Abuelo* Nilo loved his time at Gilman and was thrilled to be a part of the school community. He always spoke of ►



## Nilo S. Faria *continued from page 61*

how great Gilman was to him and his family. His move to Gilman obviously made a big influence on me, a 12-year man who graduated in 1999.

"[He] was a wonderful teacher and a courageous individual if you knew his life's story," said Headmaster John E. Schmick, in an April 4 Baltimore *Sun* obituary by Frederick N. Rasmussen.

*Abuelo* Nilo refused to return to his native Cuba so long as Fidel Castro was still in power there. Unfortunately, he never made it back to his homeland. He was very proud to be a citizen of the United States, and toward the end of his life proudly wore his U.S. Navy hat. He would tell people that the United States is his country and the country of his family.

*Dr. Nilo Faria is survived by his wife of 55 years, Midgalia Galvez Faria; two daughters, Felicitas Russell of Annapolis and Migdy Faria of Hampstead; and four grandchildren, including Henry Russell '99.*

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## Josephine Goggins

The Gilman community mourns the loss of our longtime Director of Hospitality, Josephine



Goggins. Miss Josephine worked at Gilman for 30 years, from 1979 until her sudden death by stroke on December 19, 2009. Numerous alumni remember her gentle manner and kind demeanor. She is survived by her husband Hillman and five

sons, Michael, Morris, Marvin, Marc and Martin, and four daughters, Michele, Marsha, Malynda and Marguerite.

## Gilman Memorial List

Mr. John M. Lane, Jr. '24  
Mr. William K. Selden '30  
Mr. Dabney Moon '31  
Mr. Dorsey P. Alexander '33  
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Mr. M. Ernest Jenkins, Jr. '37  
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Mr. George A. Stewart, Jr. '39  
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Mr. James F. Turner III '53  
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Mr. Reginald F. Ungern '62  
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Mr. Paul E. Harper '68  
Mr. David E. Kingston '78  
Mr. Dwayne A. Lovick, Sr. '79  
Mr. Lawrence R. Seidman '82  
Mr. Christopher J. Coffland '84

*Deaths reported to Gilman as of May 13, 2010.*



## Founders Day 2009

Valedictorian Ben McClamrock thanked teachers, parents and classmates and celebrated “the unique quality” of the Class of 2009 as Gilman celebrated its 112th Founders Day on a brilliant Sunday afternoon outside the Old Gym.

“Even though the Class of 2009 is saying goodbye to Gilman, we’ll never actually leave,” said McClamrock, a 13-year man. “Our blue and grey will never wear off.”

The new Gilman graduate, who now attends Princeton, also mentioned another unique part of his class’s history. The Class of 2009 will be the only class to have studied in Carey Hall both before and after its recent renovation.

In addition to his valedictory honors, McClamrock was named the top scholar in his class three times. He also was the winner of both the Janvier Science Prize and Caruso Music Award and was a member of the Traveling Men.

The senior members of the Traveling Men, McClamrock, Jack Mitchell, Chris Maddox and Arthur Worthington, gave a musical performance of “The Parting Song” prior to the awarding of diplomas to the 99 members of their class.

Headmaster John Schmick ’67 praised the Class of 2009 for coming together during their senior year

and exemplifying the Gilman mission of “Mind, Body, Spirit.” In particular, he thanked the class for inaugurating the Senior Retreat program, praising the efforts of the class for making the program an unqualified success.

In addition to the awarding of diplomas, the School awarded numerous student honors for academics, athletics and service and honored distinguished faculty for teaching excellence. ▶

At right, top to bottom: School President Luis Queral embraces Headmaster John Schmick after receiving his diploma; Stephen Merwin, Alexander Nichols, Andrew Kauffman, Duncan Caslow; Nicholas Stetz and Matthew Shramko; the Class of 2009 processes into the ceremony.



Robert Hickey III





Trevor Hoffberger receives the William A. Fisher Medallion.



Ben McClamrock delivers the valedictory address.



## William S. Thomas Scholarship Prizes and Valedictorian

**Valedictorian:** Edward Benjamin McClamrock

**Class of 2009:** Harry Paul Rudo

**Class of 2010:** Christian Leonard Moscardi,  
Austin Lee Levitt

**Class of 2011:** Justin Aaron Schuster

**Class of 2012:** Connor Dunlap Hankin

**William Cabell Bruce, Jr. Athletic Prize:**

Gregory John McBride

Andrew Greely Nelson

**Daniel Baker, Jr. Memorial Award:**

Harry Paul Rudo

**Edward Fenimore Award:**

Houegnon Houeffa Attenoukon

Samuel Edwards Winter

**Peter Parrott Blanchard Award:**

Joseph Henry Barrazotto

Jacob Arents Comer

**Redmond C. Finney Award:**

Brandon M. Copeland

Luis Manuel Queral

**William A. Fisher Medallion:**

Trevor Chapin Hoffberger

## Faculty Development Awards

*(awarded at Founders Day and in other ceremonies)*

**Apgar Award for Teaching Excellence:**

Owen Daly IV

**Broadus-Hubbard Award:** Lana Janian

**Class of 1947 Fund:** Pamela Abruzzo

**Edward K. Dunn Faculty Fund:** Lisa Teeling,  
Michael Wallace, Timothy Lauer, John Mojzisek

**Dawson L. Farber, Jr. Award:** Ned Harris

**May Holmes Service Award:** Robert J. Demeule

**Gilman Advisor Fund & Award:** Wendy Barger,

Shonique Alexander, Ruth Williams

**Walter Lord Middle School Teaching Prize:**

Brooks Matthews

**Riepe Family Sabbatical:** Margaret Olgeirson

**Edward T. Russell Chair:** Bonita Klug

**Recognized for 20 Years of Service:** A. J. Howard

**Recognized for 30 Years of Service:** Jerry Thornbery





## College Choices

William Allenbach .....	Tulane University
Houegnon Attenoukon .....	Davidson College
Langley Aumann .....	University of Maryland
Roy Bands .....	University of Colorado
Joseph Barrazotto .....	University of Virginia
Samuel Beirne .....	Syracuse University
Eric Bloom .....	University of Wisconsin
Jabulani Blyden .....	Williams College
Sean Brennan .....	Loyola College
Bonsal Brooks .....	Union College
Cooper Brown .....	Washington and Lee University
Matthew Cahn* .....	Amherst College
Riley Campbell .....	Washington College
Duncan Caslow .....	Washington and Lee University
Alexander Chriss .....	Sewanee: University of the South
Kevin Clark .....	Trinity College
Louis Close .....	Roanoke College
Jacob Comer .....	Brown University

Malik Compton.....	Albright College
Brandon Copeland.....	University of Pennsylvania
Jeremy Dalcin*.....	M.I.T.
William Dawson.....	Tulane University
Benjamin Deford.....	University of Colorado
Stephen Demos*.....	Johns Hopkins University
John Doyle.....	Harvard University
David Emala.....	Georgetown University
John Eppler.....	University of Michigan
William Fenwick.....	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Patrick Fise.....	Wake Forest University
Mark Folkmann.....	George Washington University
Gehron Fredericks.....	Valparaiso University
Graeme Gates.....	Northwestern University
Ryan Gisriel.....	University of Notre Dame
Ian Godwin.....	Gap Year
Andrew Green*.....	University of Chicago
Scott Gummerson*.....	University of Pennsylvania
Christian Hall.....	Dickinson College
John Hamilton.....	Vanderbilt University

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Robert Hickey.....Bentley University  
 Thomas Hoblitzell.....University of South Carolina  
 Andrew Hoch.....Gettysburg College  
 Trevor Hoffberger.....Vanderbilt University  
 Marcus Holman.....UNC at Chapel Hill  
 Chase Jackson.....Colgate University  
 Ian Jones.....United States Military Academy  
 Eli Kahn.....Davidson College  
 Asher Kaplan.....Colgate University  
 Michael Katz\*.....Cornell University  
 Andrew Kauffman.....University of Maryland  
 George Kelly\*.....University of Virginia  
 Jeff Kim.....UMBC  
 George Lacher.....University of Colorado  
 Maury Lander-Portnoy\*.....Haverford College  
 Sang Lee.....McDaniel College  
 Jacob Levin.....Johns Hopkins University  
 Kevin Li\*.....Swarthmore College  
 Alexander Lulie.....Lehigh University  
 Christopher Maddox.....Hamilton College  
 Thomas Mathews.....Vanderbilt University  
 Gregory McBride.....UNC at Chapel Hill  
 E. Benjamin McClamrock\*.....Princeton University  
 Conor McGee\*.....University of Michigan  
 Anshul Mehra.....Johns Hopkins University  
 Stephen Merwin.....Colgate University  
 John Mitchell\*.....Northwestern University  
 Joshua Mosteiko\*.....University of Chicago  
 Andrew Nelson\*.....Yale University  
 Alexander Nichols.....Sewanee: University of the South  
 Bradley Nolan.....West Virginia University

Alexander Novak.....Roanoke College  
 William Ober.....University of Colorado  
 John Owens.....Trinity College  
 William Pagliaro.....Elon University  
 Wayne Paige.....Howard University  
 Thomas Reed Parkinson.....Clemson University  
 Nash Peyton.....Loyola College  
 Harry Prevas.....University of Virginia  
 Luis Queral.....UMBC  
 Michael Randolph.....Brown University  
 Noel Rief.....University of South Carolina  
 Clifford Robinson.....University of South Carolina  
 Harry Rudo\*.....Bucknell University  
 Benjamin Scholz.....University of Chicago  
 Matthew Shramko.....Colgate University  
 Giancarlo Simmons.....United States Military Academy  
 Kyle Snow.....Boston University  
 Ronald Song\*.....Georgetown University  
 Ramsey Sotir.....Denison University  
 Sahaan Sozhamannan.....Boston College  
 Nicholas Stetz.....Bucknell University  
 Lewis Tilghman Strudwick.....Ohio Wesleyan University  
 Frank Keech Turner\*.....Colgate University  
 Joseph Voeglein.....American University  
 James Wieler\*.....Swarthmore College  
 Lenwood Williams.....Gunnery School  
 Samuel Winter\*.....Yale University  
 Arthur Worthington.....Elon University  
 Michael Yue\*.....Washington University  
 Peter Zouck.....Dickinson College

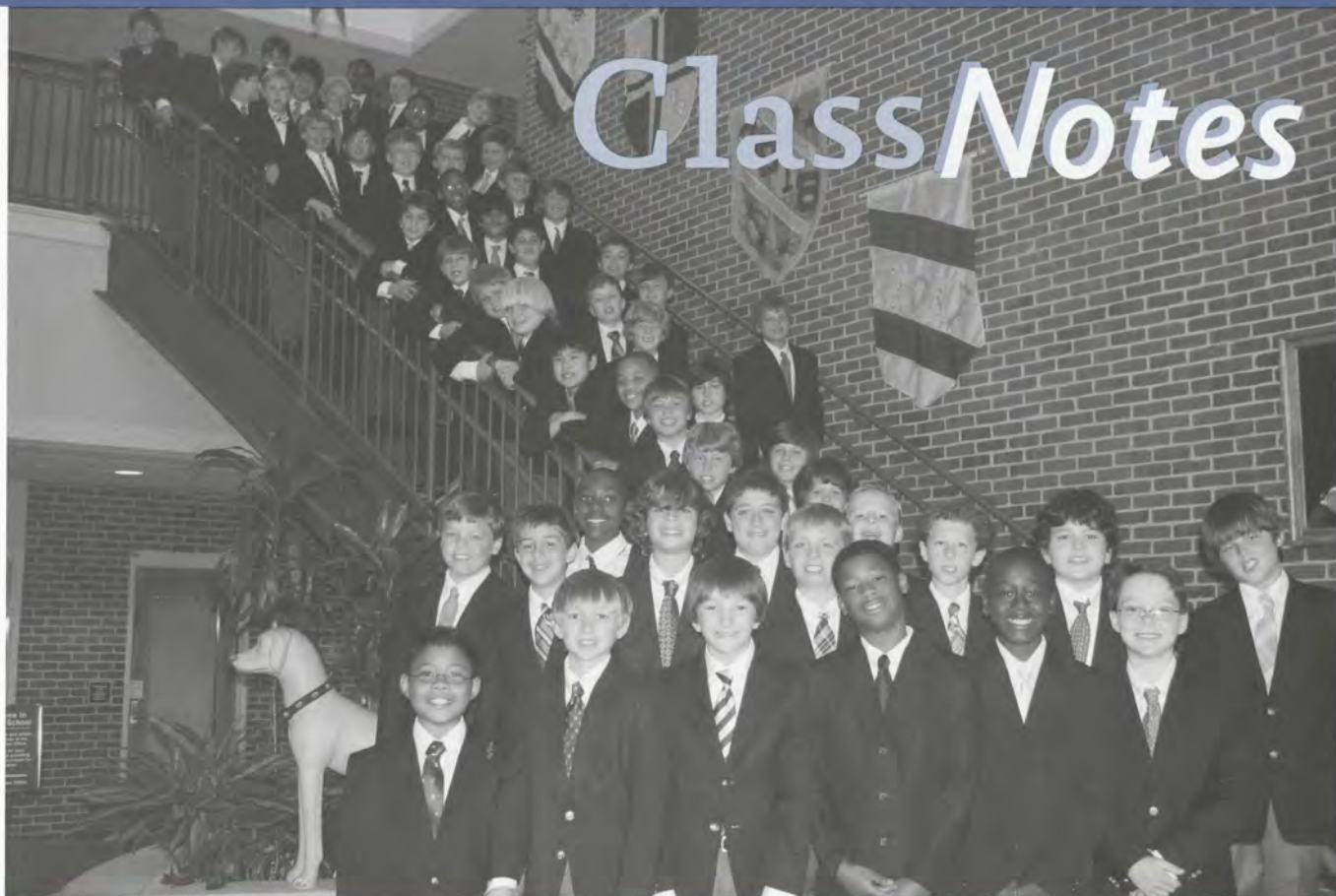


Left: Maury Lander-Portnoy '09 and John Kelly '10.  
 Above: The Traveling Men perform. Right: Houegnon Attenoukon '09 and Kevin Li '09.

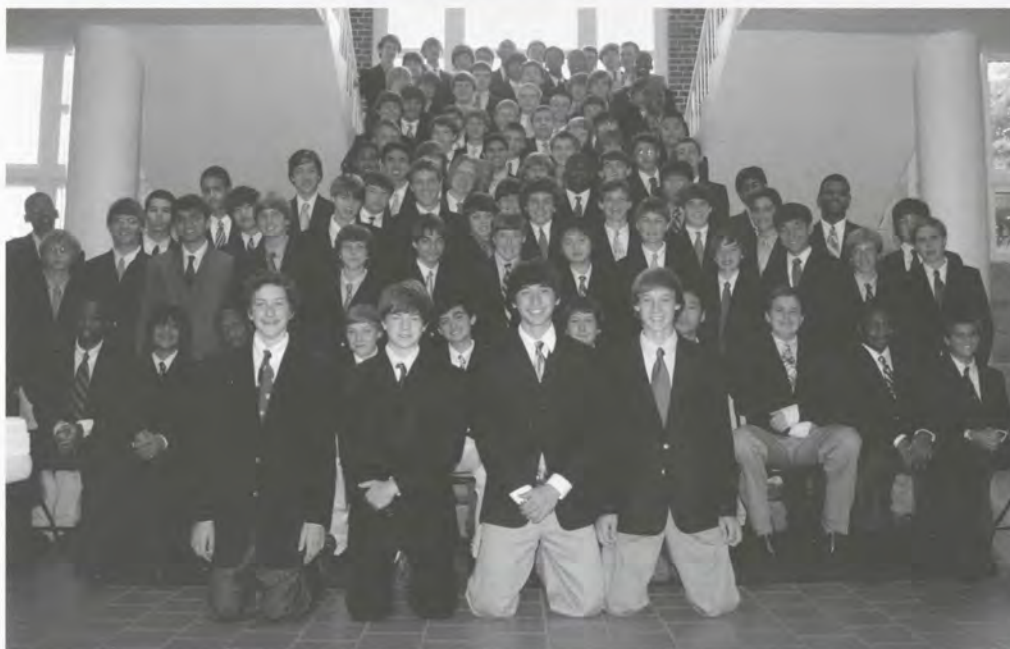
*\*Cum Laude Society*



# ClassNotes



The Class of 2016 (above) poses just before Lower School Closing exercises; (below) the Class of 2013 on its last day of Middle School.



## 1936

Nancy Rogers, wife of **Jake Rogers**, reports that he is doing well after a broken hip and other problems. Jake keeps his positive outlook and enjoys a picture of the Gilman football squad of '36 on his bedroom wall.

## 1939

**Ned Murray** is retired and notes that the class luncheon on the second Tuesday of each month is getting smaller and smaller.

**Bev Ridgely** is still recovering from a serious operation for a perforated ulcer in mid-

March 2009 but can now walk with a cane and drive around Providence. He received approval to drive to their place on Squam Lake, N.H., in September as well! Wife Barbara, their children and grandchildren were all an indispensable help during the long, difficult recovery. All of them are well and doing well; son Bob is doing conservation work in South America and daughter Laura is a medical student at George Washington University (and will be a bride in June!).

## 1940

**Butsy Lovelace** has now graduated to a mobile electronic chair (some call it a scooter), for the old legs are wearing

out on the long halls at his excellent retirement community!

## 1941

**Tom Cassilly** has finally, at the age of 86, retired from teaching after 20 years at





*Mac Barrett '67, Leslie and Donny Symington '43, John Herndon '45 and Robert Rigger '40 on their way home after the Returning Alumni Luncheon. Mac drove the Gilman minibus.*

Montclair State University in New Jersey and Manhattanville College in Purchase, N.Y. Teaching was a second career after 30 years in the foreign service.

## 1943

**SYD KING**

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After many long years as our faithful scribe, **Walter Dandy** has set down the quill pen and retired as our class secretary. With no prospect of ever equaling Walter's creativity and tenacity, I humbly beseech you to help me keep these columns informative, as time goes by.

My first request is a simple one. I was surprised that the school only has seven email addresses for our classmates. With thanks for **Carey, Finney, myself, Millspaugh, Thomas, Wagandt** and **Williams**, I implore the rest of you to send me your current email addresses so that I can make the exchange of information as painless as possible. I'll email you when I need material for this column and all you have to do is click on REPLY and give me some current information. Of course you may use the form that comes along with your annual dues request if you prefer.

My email address is: *syd.king9@gmail.com*.

The freshest information I have is an email from **Marty Millspaugh**, who writes: "My old company, Charles Center-Inner Harbor Management, Inc. received the Urban

Land Institute's 25-year Heritage Award for managing the development of the 200-acre Inner Harbor projects in 1965-85. The award has been given only eight times in the past 33 years, to projects such as Rockefeller Center, Disneyland and Chicago Lakefront."

Marty goes on to say that he's now concentrating on completing his book on the untold story of the Baltimore Renaissance from 1950-2000. For Marty, the game is not over. He's still kicking extra points!

On the other hand, **Frank Carey**, writing from his home in Ambler, Pa., declares himself officially retired, though I doubt that means he's not busy.

I saw Mary Jo and **Charles Wagandt** recently. They're both in great shape, and Charles still hits the office in Oella every day. That's what big-time developers do! Laurie and **Tony deMuth** have moved to the Blakehurst retirement community in Towson, where all our friends seem to be headed. It has, as they say, "all the comforts," as well as the best kitchen in town!

**Bill Rienhoff** scribbled a note declaring that he is "living on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and enjoying its bounty." Who could ask for anything more?

The class was well represented at the funeral of Dr. (Geography) and Colonel (Army) **Randall Beirne**, who attended West Point and later taught history and sociology at several area schools and was a professor at the University of Baltimore for more than 30 years.

As we go to press... **Doug Warner**, who was our classmate for many years before going off to the Pomfret School, died recently. A retired physics professor and a noted outdoorsman and preservationist, he was one of the co-founders of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Our condolences to Priscilla Beirne and Nancy Warner.

**Yours truly**, and wife Ann, recently joined the ranks of those who have been the victims of a scam. If you get a call asking you to post bail for a grandson who is in jail after a traffic stop BEWARE! We were both absolutely certain that we were talking on the phone to our grandson before a very nice "Canadian police sergeant" advised us how to send two checks to cover his bail. A very expensive lesson, I assure you.

Speaking of myself, I retired from WBAL-TV 20 years ago last December but feel like I'm still busy. Ann and I travel some and enjoyed a long weekend in London last spring when we flew over to see and hear a newly acquired granddaughter-in-law starring as Carmen at Royal Albert Hall. We took a daughter with us and two grandchildren; a great-granddaughter flew in from Warsaw and Berlin. We housed and fed them and fled London as quickly as possible!

A television program I produced back in 1964 was featured at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of African American Culture in Baltimore last winter and I'm hoping the yet-to-be-built Smithsonian Museum of African American History will embrace this unique one-hour video when it opens in 2015.

May this decade bring nothing but the best to the Class of 1943!

## 1945

**JOHN G. WHARTON**

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Based upon the information provided by Gilman, our class had a total of 58 members, including those who attended Gilman from the first grade of Lower School through to graduation. Many of our class members only attended Gilman for a couple of years. According to Gilman, 15 members of our class are lost, 28 members are deceased, and 15 of us are surviving in one shape or another. Fortunately, we had no deaths reported during 2009.

**John "The Hern" Herndon** has reported that he still enjoys summers in Nantucket and continues to play tennis.





During Homecoming class visits, Bo Kelly '46 shadowed his grandsons, Luke Wooten '13 (left) and Henry Kelly '12.

to your family, your trips, your gripes or whatever else you can conjure.

## 1946

**WARREN A. E. MAGRUDER**

Members **Evans, Hooper, J., Lamdin, Magruder, Murray** and **Slack** continue to communicate while reliving "historic" Gilman memories.

## 1947

The Reverend **Richard Loring** has ministered

part-time in parishes seeking new rectors since his retirement in 1995. He is currently in his 12th such position and is living in a life-care retirement community.

## 1948

**I. MANNING PARSONS III**

Our class celebrated its annual Christmas party at the Maryland Club. A large group of classmates and wives attended a luncheon hosted by **Bob Rich** and **Bill Passano**. Sally and **Hank Worthington** were also a great help in arranging the event. Among those attending were **John Strickland, Dick Donley, Dan Baker, Holland Wilmer, Manning Parsons, Guy Hollyday** and **Sandy Newlin**.

I attended a Gilman dinner in Naples, Fla., hosted by **Fred Whitridge '50** and **Stuart**

**Egerton '56**. Some contemporary Gilmanites were in attendance including **Dick Nash '47** and **D. C. Finney '43**.

We have lost a member of our Class of '48, **Dick Sener**, who died on April 28, 2009, at Heron Point in Chestertown. Dick worked in the automotive field in the States and in Europe as a customer service representative for the Chrysler Corporation. He returned to Baltimore in 1960 and was active in the automobile leasing industry. Dick's interests included his family and friends, travel, the theater and music, especially the music professed by The Mainstay, a performing arts center in Rock Hall. Services in Dick's behalf were held at Heron Point in Chestertown and at The Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore. We will remember and miss Dick, our good friend and classmate.

Also we mourn the passing of **Bill Ford's** wife Marilyn on March 18, 2009, after a lengthy struggle with leukemia. Their daughter Kathryn lives nearby and keeps in touch with her father. In September, Bob Rich visited with Bill at his home in Lexington, Mass. Much reminiscing about the Gilman years. Bill would enjoy hearing from or being visited by former classmates at 46 Outlook Drive, Lexington, MA 02421. Phone: 781-861-1608.

Guy Hollyday, a member of the Jones Falls Watershed Association, reports that the latest threat to Stony Run, the stream near his home, is erosion. He is now testing for silt in the stream. Guy wrote the Alumni Office: "My wife Pam and I were in London, England,

## Happy Birthday, Mr. Finney!



Longtime headmaster Redmond Finney '47 turned 80 years young October 19 and was honored with a birthday luncheon in the Gilman Room in Carey Hall.

Mr. Finney was joined at the table by grandsons Red, a Gilman senior, and Jules, a sixth grader in the Middle School. Members of the Traveling Men visited for a surprise singing of "Happy Birthday" in addition to a rendition of the school song.

Mr. Finney was Gilman's Headmaster from 1968-1992. He entered Gilman as a second grader in 1936 and spent 49 of the next 56 years as a student, teacher and administrator at the School. Happy 80th, Mr. Finney!



in October of 2009, where we had a delightful visit with Simone and **Tom Fenton**. Tom has just published a new book, *Junk News: The Failure of the Media in the 21st Century*. As in his earlier book, *Bad News*, he describes how the print media have turned their backs on serious reporting and the consequences of that for the country. In the earlier book, we learned the reasons given by owners of print media for their increasing abandonment of foreign correspondents. Now we learn that most of the information on television news comes from these same, poorly-served newspapers! A final chapter tells us what we should do about the situation. For the latest from Tom, go to [www.globalpost.com/bio/tom-fenton](http://www.globalpost.com/bio/tom-fenton).

This will be my last edition of class notes. Bob Rich will take over in future editions. Thanks for reading!

## 1949

JAY COOPER

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This was a big year for the Class of '49, our 60th Reunion year, and the centerpiece was our Reunion Dinner hosted Saturday, October 10, by Aurelia and **Perry Bolton** at their spacious, classically beautiful home. We had 10 classmates and spouses in attendance, with cocktails in the Boltons' generously proportioned living room, followed by a seated dinner and many speeches and toasts.

**Bob Cooper**, our M.C. for the evening, sounded the starting gun for the round of speeches, which by pre-arrangement were supposed to focus on important and/or humorous happenings in our lives at Gilman. Not necessarily in the order of their appearance, we summarize below.

Sally Willis told us about meeting with **Angus McLean** in his hometown of San Francisco, when husband **Bo Willis** was seeking donations for Gilman. While they waited for Angus to retrieve his car, Bo never looked at the check that Angus had just handed him as his donation. When Angus pulled up driving a Jaguar, Bo handed it back to Angus, saying "Angus, I'm sure you can do better!" Evidently lost in thoughts unconnected with money (or was it pangs of guilt???), Angus proceeded then and there to hand Bo a second check for twice the amount he had originally given. Guard down, Angus? If so, congratulations! Angus was unfortunately not able to attend

the dinner to explain himself further, but some said he had a golf game at Cypress Point that was too important to pass up. We'll pass on that one, but not forget Angus' strong competitive spirit. Maybe it operates on the golf course, too.

Perry Bolton reminded us that he initially attended Gilman beginning in our Sixth Form year, after several years at boarding schools, so he had to hit the ground running. Actually it was wrestling more than running, and Perry found himself in high demand because Coach Ed Russell was looking for 130-pounders, Perry's weight class. It was a rewarding experience on the mats, but Perry confessed that he never could beat **Ned Jarrett**. Perfection is rarely possible, it seems. Later that evening, Perry showed some of us his beautiful stone barn and stables, where he maintains the thoroughbreds that have brought him renown in Maryland racing circles. The barn, standing directly behind the family home, is another classic architectural beauty.

**Bill Brewster** told the story of the loss and later recovery of his prized commemorative ring in the midst of a Gilman-City College football game. The ring had been given to him by his father, and Bill was unable to find it on the field that day. He had to wait until the Gilman-City game the following year, where he detected a City player wearing the ring. Bill knew he had his man when the player was unable to decipher the antique French inscription on the ring. **Gus Palacios** assisted in the recovery operation by "softening up" the City player during the course of the game. Coach Charlie Gamper then negotiated the ring's return following the contest's end, and Bill still wears the ring today.

**Rufus Williams** told us of the "boarding school blues" he suffered after being transferred out to one of those leading New England learning institutions. In fact they persisted throughout the several years of his attendance, and were worsened by his parents' denial of his repeated requests to return to Gilman. But Rufus recovered enough to share his feelings with his Gilman classmates, and has since washed away the bad taste with an active squash career in the company of **Al Weaver**, **Jerv Finney** and others.

Al Weaver didn't talk a lot about squash (we all knew he was into that deep), but he did have a shocker to tell about his English



*The Class of 1949 at its 60th Reunion.*

teacher, Bill Porter. Seems that **Wayne Rairigh** was coaxed into cutting off Mr. Porter's necktie while the class was in session—the tie he'd worn every day that year. The class gave him two new ties, one of which he wore every day thereafter. Precursor of the Youth Revolt of the '60s? Makes you wonder...Were we really that avant-garde???

**Charlie Stout** led off his cameo with a laudatory to Gilman as "the greatest positive influence on my life and happiness." He then moved on to the nuts and bolts—no pun intended—of "how to handle" on the lacrosse field. It seems he took a zinger of a flat pass from goalie **Cy Horine** that bounced off his stick and hit him right in his most vulnerable spot. He stressed that Cy's signature was his zinger pass—always flat—so you had to be really alert when he had the ball and you were in range. Such hits can be extremely painful, as many of us know. Charlie's postscript was optimistic, saying that his recovery was quicker than expected. That was enough—we couldn't have asked for more for Charlie. *Ed. Note: Charlie Stout died on December 30, 2009. Please see page 71 for a memorial.*

Cy Horine responded only obliquely to Charlie's story, saying that he was proud to have had the formative experience of Gilman both academically and athletically, where he co-captained the Varsity Football Team with Charlie, and was a bulwark for Gilman lacrosse as goalie, and later (at Princeton) an All-American in that position. Cy in fact laid more stress on his scholastic and political interests, citing how fulfilling it had been for him to learn that his Sixth Form Speech on Karl Marx was voted as the all-time number two senior speech by our own Professor Roy Barker. Many of us remember Mr. Barker as a guy of demanding standards and (when so moved) capable of



razor-sharp critique. However, he must have been impressed—Cy didn't get to hear his opinion until some years after graduation, so Mr. Barker had evidently filed the speech away in memory at the top of the hundreds of speeches that he had heard over his years of service on the Gilman faculty. Recently on the front burner for Cy is the chronic failure of the American intelligence apparatus in correctly assessing political and military threats. He's currently auditing a course

at Towson University on the subject.

Ned Jarrett and **Alan Hoblitzell** reminded us that we were still schoolboys during our Gilman years, describing some of the antics that went on in Dr. Oscarson's Spanish class. Seems a plot was hatched to drop down a sign in the classroom window with the inscription (in Spanish), "What's up Doc??" while the good Doctor had his back turned, writing out grammatical exercises on the blackboard. The guffaws from the stu-

dent bench must have been more than just audible, or maybe it was just a rising titter? Anyway, Ned and Hobbie say that it was hard to get the Doc's attention away from his books. Some of the four-letter words writ large on the blackboard in **Ed Russell's** Latin class definitely come to mind here! Ned also brought us in on a far more exciting and dangerous escapade, which fortunately ended harmlessly. Hobbie was at the wheel for this one. He, Ned and **Bob Russell**

## Charles Langdon Stout '49

By **BOB RICH '48**



Charlie Stout '49

I write, with deep regret, of the December 30, 2009, death of Charlie Stout, a lifelong friend and beloved member of our circle of family and friends. We enjoyed many good times. My children knew "Uncle Charlie," and they loved him and thrived on his visits.

At Gilman, Charlie lettered in three varsity sports: football, wrestling and lacrosse; he captained the latter. He was exceptionally good at retrieving ground balls. During the MSA championship game of 1947 against Boys' Latin, Gilman was down 6-2. In the closing minutes, Coach Chandlee instructed midfielder Stout to get the ball and immediately pass it to Dick Tucker or Bo Willis. This strategy worked. Gilman went on to win the game 7-6 and the championship.

As a hunting companion, Charlie always insisted that his fellow hunter take the first shot, always sensed what the birds and fowl would be doing, always delighted in the performance (or lack thereof) of the Labrador retrievers. I will never forget his

decoy retrieval method—snagging the line by sticking his gun barrel in the water.

As an expert fisherman of the Chesapeake Bay and ocean waters, Charlie worked hard at fishing and delighted at seeing his fellow fishermen catch the first and/or biggest fish. A regular fishing friend commented, "Few fishermen could match Charlie's skill at spotting a billfish in the baits and dropping back and setting the hook."

Charlie was always there for us—whether offering sage investment advice (before and after his retirement), counsel on various personal issues or a concerned and comforting presence for those with health problems or other adversities. He was always interested in what was going on in our family. He was a font of knowledge about people and places to visit and see; he was a man that anyone and everyone turned to for guidance, solace and assistance. He loved the good life, knew how to live it and welcomed all to his version of it. Though he faced many medical problems, he never complained. He always coped with his trials and remained optimistic.

Charles left the world a better place. He will be sorely missed and forever remembered. ■

*In what would be the months and weeks leading to his death, Charlie Stout participated as a member of a fundraising committee to create a scholarship in memory of Ralph N. "Bo" Willis '49. He remained true to Gilman to the end. He is survived by his wife Margaret Parsons Stout, brother Merrell Langdon Stout, Jr. '54, and a niece and two nephews.*





(asleep in the back of the car) were driving up to Hyde Bay Camp to serve as counselors one Gilman summer (in Ed Russell's brand new Ford sedan). Attempting to pass a trailer truck in Pennsylvania, they had to veer off the road and, in the process, got 20 feet of air while vaulting the lawn of a residence along the roadside, miraculously returning to the highway unscathed. Attesting to Hobbie's grit, they next passed the smiling driver of the truck. Not a good idea to mess with the Redhead!

**Jay Cooper** returned to the theme of Senior Speeches, attesting to the indelible impact they had on our Gilman experience. His own—on Kodak founder George Eastman—was a truly memorable event, he said, for the shoe leather and brain chips that he left behind walking up and down the driveway at his home reciting aloud to commit the speech to memory. "I think the constant motion was a cathartic—definitely stepped up the vigor of my attack on the textual matter. Fortunately the neighboring houses were widely spaced in those days so that I couldn't be heard and thus be taken for a mentally impaired person. I mean, the process went on for two consecutive weeks, involving several hundred round trips in that small driveway, so there was plenty of time for a neighbor's critical observation. Looking back now, I still sense the triumphant feeling I had taking my seat in the Gilman Study Hall after the speech. I hadn't even stumbled in the delivery, and I'd discovered that I actually had a knack for this sort of thing. Only lately do I comprehend how heavily such discoveries count towards a fulfilling life experience, and I thank Gilman for making me realize that."

Rising from his place at the table, **Bob Cooper** first ruled out the use of any of his nicknames by those present ("Tubs," etc.), which of course got us all right back to the year 1949 in a single leap. He then launched into what turned out to be the banner story of the evening, i.e., the events surrounding the recruiting of songstress great Connie Haines to sing at the Class of 1949's Fifth Form Dance. The Dance Committee (Hoblitzell, Stout and Horine), through discreetly conducted negotiations, was able to contact Ms. Haines locally, as she had then been playing an engagement at that famed Baltimore nightclub palace of the 1940s and '50s, the Chanticleer. Point man for the negotiations was Bob Cooper—the man

with the connections. With the agreement signed and sealed, several Dance Committee members picked Ms. Haines and her agent up at her hotel in Dr. Merrell Stout's Cadillac, and presented her to the assembled guests at the dance. After several warm-up numbers, Connie slipped into "Birds Do It, Bees Do It," and the pace on the dance floor picked up, simultaneous with Mr. Callard's temper rising to the vicinity of Mars, and probably turning him the color of the "Red Planet." According to Bob, on finishing the number, Ms. Haines was severely scolded (off-microphone) by Mr. Callard, and warned never to come back for another visit. But that wasn't the end of the story...

Aurelia Bolton provided the topper a few minutes later, telling us that when she raised the events of our Fifth Form Dance with Mr. Callard several years later, his rejoinder was: "This was not one of my finest hours!" Still ever charitable was our Headmaster! Anyway, Aurelia's coda brought down our house, a fitting climax to a great evening!

Other Class of 1949 News:

**Clap Murray** told us recently that he really wanted to make the dinner but just could not get the logistics together. Clap asserts that he often consults "with Roy Barker upstairs" in his writing activities, a remark we could classify as telepathic in view of Cy's comments. Prof. Roy also helps with much-needed proofreading, he says. Clap has recently completed two novels with Curtis Brown publishers in N.Y., and is working on a third. The tie with Prof. Roy in real life was a close one—he sponsored Clap in his application to Wesleyan and subsequently encouraged him in his writing. Clap adds in passing that **John Welch** lately is finding time to spend some of the winter months in Florida, still maintaining, however, a primary residence in Portsmouth, N.H.

**Jim Downing**, lately of Stuart, Fla., writes, "Sorry to have missed my good classmates' 60th Reunion Dinner, but I'm enjoying life in Twin Bridges, Mont. (Pop. 400!)"

**Alec Jenkins** writes: "Carroll and I have moved to Atria Assisted Living Facility in Elk Grove, Calif. Carroll continues to lead Cystic Fibrosis Research, Inc. in the Bay Area during the week. I devote my leisure hours to long walks and reading. We keep up with our children in Sacramento and Davis, Calif., and with our daughter and grandchild in New England."

## 1950

**HASWELL FRANKLIN**

Thanks to the efforts of **Billy Jarrett**, a number of classmates continue to have lunch get-togethers at the Hopkins Club. In this way, in spite of efforts to withhold information from us, I have succeeded in learning the following:

**John Boynton** has been elected vice president of Fairhaven's residential board, gained a part in "A Christmas Carol," and is off to the Bahamas with a stop in Charleston, S.C., to see classmate **Bruce Turnbull** and to Key West, where he will hook up with **David Griswold**, who is flying down from Connecticut.

Bruce Turnbull still coaches lacrosse, but now with the smallest players, many of whom are only five years old.

In spite of many people saying "the marriage will never last," **Walter Brewster** announced that he and Maggie are about to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, with **Charlie Brown** and wife Jane not far ahead at 53 years of marriage. Charlie indicates that he has tripled his dosage of Prozac and just returned from Utah where he went to watch his grandsons play lacrosse.

**Tommy Powell** continues to serve as John Edwards' spiritual and moral support person. He recommends an outstanding book he has just finished reading, entitled *Life and Fate*.

When last seen, **Deac Miller** was still in a state of shock following the results of the Massachusetts senatorial election. With half a dozen books in hand, he and Sally are off to St. Barts.

Particular kudos are in order for **Fletcher Lowe**, who was kind enough to email me an update on what is happening in his and Mary Fran's lives. They celebrated their 50th anniversary at a family outing in Litchfield Beach, S.C., and then journeyed to Spain and Morocco, exploring the areas where the great religious communities lived (711-1492) in creative harmony with Muslim rule. On the way home, they visited Toronto and the Chautauqua Institution, where they participated in an amazing worship and listened to outstanding speeches. Fletcher was recently made rector emeritus at Holy Comforter Church in Richmond.

**Sam Lumpkin** arrived to our Class of 1950 luncheon with his dog and news that he and his wife will soon be leaving for Scotland,





The Class of 1954 celebrated its 55th Reunion with several events. Here the classmates are pictured at their Saturday morning breakfast and State of the School address.

where he plans to do a lot of fishing. His wife, Sandra, is a harpist, and it is certainly nice to see culture enter Sam's life.

Although *in absentia* from the luncheon, I did learn that **Fred Whitridge**, for the first time, was able to attend the previous luncheon, about which I did forget. Fred currently has escaped to Florida to avoid the cold.

In addition, I ran into **Furlong Baldwin** at Majestic Cleaners the other day. He is living in a North Baltimore condo and still looks like he could play clean defense for a college team.

**Billy Jarrett** advises that he recently delivered a paper to the Osler Society, so obviously he has not yet slowed.

Finally, **yours truly** is happy to announce that his 20th grandchild recently arrived and that his youngest daughter may have found the "right guy." Stay tuned for further developments.

## 1951

**BOB SWINDELL**  
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Once again, travel and grandchildren seem to keep us occupied. Several of you even took the time to drop me a line. Wish more of you were in the correspondence mood.

**Danny Moore** writes that he and Jen attempt to visit **Jack Cooper** once a week. Jack is now a full-time resident of the

Memory Ward at Keswick. When classmate names are mentioned, he seems to brighten up, according to Dan.

Danny also continues to work on alternative energy and the need to clean up the environment. He has seen Bingy, **Tom Eastman**, **Lew Barker** and **Roland Devries** in the past year.

**Gibby Carey** and AK still travel, but have slowed down a notch. Grandchildren and vacation residence keep him busy. He also is a trustee of the Taft Foundation, which provides funding to the University of Cincinnati and its archeology efforts. He keeps busy writing his memoirs of "interesting people, places and events I've brushed up against." He claims that many of his Gilman pals appear (guess we better clean up our act).

**Bingy Moore** passed on a poem his son **Willy '81** wrote exhorting his class to write. I hope he had better luck than I. Bingy said he would let us know promptly if he should win the Nobel Peace Prize, but in the meantime he is grateful to be a member of "the illustrious Class of '51. Life is good."

**Griff Morrel** and Sandy are still taking their grandchildren individually to Europe and getting to know them a little better. They have eight more to go, so that will be his story until 2017 (maybe he'll double up). Both have had interesting operations in the

last year to further bankrupt Medicare, but keep them healthy.

**Tom Offutt** resides on a beautiful farm outside Cleveland. He has over 1,000 maple trees that he taps each year. His maple syrup has placed second in North America two years in a row. His barns are used by 30-plus high school students for their horses. The group placed second in the National IEA Competition to, of all places, Garrison Forest School.

**Tom Parr** travels to Alaska ostensibly to visit children, but he's probably checking into the local political scene.

**Bill Merrick** still teaches in the Lower School (so, what else is new?).

The rest of you have not written, so we'll just hope you are still in good condition and thinking what to write next year. Incidentally, 2011 will be our 60th. Try to make plans to come to Baltimore, and we'll organize a get-together. It would help if you could let us know the probability of your appearance.

## 1952

**Jim Wilkerson** reports that his daughter Mary Beth and her family have moved back from Arizona and now live in Sparks. His granddaughter Maggie will attend Randolph Macon in the fall.





Above: John Sherwood '54, Jim Keesey '54 and Francis Reinhoff '54; below, Charlie O'Donovan '54 and Dave Woods '54 won the Legends Cup at the Alumni Golf Outing.



## 1954

**RALPH L. DEGROFF, JR.**  
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In January 2009, I called **Cliff Harding** to obtain some information for last year's publication. At the end of our conversation, Cliff said, "I look forward to seeing you at the reunion," to which I responded, "What reunion?" "Our 55th Reunion at Gilman," noted Cliff. Without the aid of my HP-12C, I subtracted 1954 from 2009 and arrived at 55. A quick call to **Harris Jones** confirmed to me that we should celebrate this reunion. My next call was to Gilman to find out what happened to our reunion. The response was that recent Gilman classes had not celebrated their 55th Reunion. I told Gilman that the Class of 1954 was different and we would have a reunion. From that point forward

Gilman's alumni relations people bent over backwards to work with us.

On the weekend of October 9-10, 2009, the following 1954 Classmates returned to celebrate their 55th Reunion: **Tom Burdette, Gary Carr, Ralph DeGross, Cliff Harding, Harris**

**Jones, Jim Keesey, Charlie O'Donovan, John Sherwood, Scott Sullivan, Gus Widhelm, McRae Williams and Dave Woods.** The Class of 1954 was joined by **Charlie Cole, Francis Rienhoff and Sam Merrick**, members of the Class of 1955 who had an affiliation with our Class at some earlier time. And most importantly, we had as our most special guests Peggy Gibbs (widow of **John Gibbs**), Sallilynn Smith (widow of **Truitt Smith**) and Dedi Whitaker (widow of **Hal Whitaker**).

The weekend began on Friday with the 32nd Annual Alumni Golf Outing, and I am proud to report that the Class participants excelled. Charlie O'Donovan and Dave Woods won the Legends Cup (the over 50 crowd) and Charlie O'Donovan won both the "Longest Drive" and the "Closest to the Pin" contests. Rumor has it that the Champions Tour has been in contact with Charlie. That evening a group of us gathered at the old Valley Inn to reminisce about our Gilman days, catch up on each other's lives and, of course, celebrate our golfers' success.

On Saturday morning we gathered for breakfast at Gilman, where Headmaster **John Schmick '67** provided the Class with an update on the School. According to John, Gilman is thriving. Recently, the students were challenged to think about the meaning of "Be Gilman." The result was the following—"Honor. Integrity. Respect. Humility. Excellence." There are now posters with these words in every classroom and hallway in the School.

John's address was followed by a Memorial Service for those classmates who are no longer with us. We were most fortunate in having Mr. A. J. Downs assist Harris and me in conducting this Service. Mr. Downs noted that he was a very young

teacher when he joined Gilman's faculty in 1951, and when he encountered the intellects of **George Anderson, Roger Howell** and Scott Sullivan he almost felt intimidated. After the first test he gave our Class, he was visited by George Anderson, who asked, "Mr. Downs, what did I do wrong?" Mr. Downs, somewhat surprised, responded, "Why do you ask?" George commented, "Well. Your grade on the test was the lowest I have ever received at Gilman." Mr. Downs had given George a "96" on the test.

My comments at the Memorial Service reflected some important input from **Jim Cox**, who unfortunately could not attend at the last moment due to a severe back problem. In my comments, I gave credit to **Peter Alexander**, who originally nominated me as your Class Secretary. (No classmate was willing to oppose Peter's nomination.) I noted that we were a small class, but quite a bright one, a class where we enjoyed each other's company and respected each other's individuality. After the service, the Class was given a tour of the School, which was fascinating. For those who could not be with us for reunions but find themselves in Baltimore, I highly recommend asking for a similar tour.

On Saturday evening Liz and Harris Jones graciously hosted a perfect dinner at their home. The congeniality of the group was overwhelming as I observed the class members and their wives sharing their current lives and reaching back into their memories for tales of their Gilman youth. Sam Merrick was seen talking for an extended period to Scott Sullivan when Sam discovered that Scott had just authored a novel entitled *Peter, Paul and Simon*.

Throughout the weekend, it became abundantly clear to this observer that Gilman School had meant a great deal to each of the attendees. On Saturday morning Scott Sullivan commented to several of his classmates, "You know, I don't think that any of our Gilman teachers were brilliant, but they were the best darn teachers I ever had." That is really saying something for someone who went to Yale and Cambridge. I have often thought that Gilman School was more than just an institution of learning—it was an "experience." All of us had our families who loved us, and religion which gave us direction in our lives, but we also had Gilman, which provided us with the fabric which wove together all of the other influences in our lives to make many of us what we are today. Thank you, Gilman School!



**Neil Bouscaren** dropped me a note with his regrets for the reunion, saying that he was "disemployed involuntarily" but was persisting into trying to remedy that situation. He wrote that he can still maintain reasonable mobility despite severe back problems caused by a drunken driver rear-ending him at 4 a.m. in February 2007 when Neil was on his way back to work.

In the 2009 movie, "Julie & Julia," **Remak Ramsay** plays the role of Julia Child's father, a very conservative man who supported Joe McCarthy.

An article in the July 15, 2009, issue of the *Financial Times* addressed the long-term viability for boutique financial advisory firms such as Greenhill & Co., founded and currently chaired by **Bob Greenhill**. The concept behind these firms is that they have no conflicts of interest, i.e., they don't bid on their clients' securities, don't invest in a client's securities, don't manage money which might invest in a client's company, etc. Bob was pictured in the article and quoted often. Bob said, "The question is whether the unconflicted model is going to be successful. If you think it is, it is hard to argue that adding trading and proprietary investing capability does anything positive." (Belle Sawhill, widow of **John Sawhill**, is a director of Greenhill & Co.)

I am proud to report that the Class contributed \$25,470 to Gilman's annual giving effort, with over 50% of our graduating class contributing.

## 1955

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Prof. "**Bow**" **Davis** writes to correct my Gilman Notes for last year which stated, incorrectly, that his book on Max Ernst is available from *Amazon.com*. It is available only from the publisher, <http://www.Midmarchantspress.org>.

**Fred Steck** finds that retired life is good—playing golf and tennis. He is chairman of "Project Rebuild" for Greensboro Rotary. The project is a home-repair group connected with Habitat for Humanity. Fred is also volunteering at Wyndham Golf Championship and spending time with his 11 grandchildren! In his spare time, Fred works on "an occasional Habitat build," and goes to UNC baseball and football games.

**Pitt Johnson** writes, "In July, Becky and I sold our Severna Park home of 39 years.

Everything went into storage, and we live in a temporary furnished rental in Riva, south of Annapolis. After Thanksgiving, we began our fifth season in Venice, Fla., as four-month snowbirds."

**Bev Compton** writes, "Cameron, my son (2015), is now in Grade 7 of the Middle School, and we are very pleased with the Middle School."

I was very happy to get Christmas cards from **Rob Garrett** and **Ray Beurket**. Rob's card was a picture of his family standing around, and climbing all over, the statue of Hans Christian Andersen in Central Park, NYC. There are ten people in the picture; it looks as though Rob is closing in on Fred in the Descendant Derby!

Ray Beurket writes that he is "finally a granddad." He notes that *Forbes* recently ranked West Point as the #1 college in America, and since he and I share an interest in the Army, we both looked forward to Saturday, December 11, 2010—Go Army! Beat Navy!

As for me, I'm still teaching frosh writing part-time at the University of Kentucky, and enjoying it. Ricky's mother, Betty (94), lived in our house for 11 years and died here this past October. We recommend Hospice at these difficult times. We visited our older son Andy and his family over Christmas at Ft. Dix, N.J., and had a wonder-filled time.

## 1956

**H. Spencer Everett, Jr.** enjoys keeping up with **Don Lawrence**, **Victor Bridgeman**, **Brigg Jory**, **David Eaton** and **George Bayton** in recent years—mostly by phone and email—and visits with **Dick Briggs** and **Mac Plant** in Florida. It's hard to believe he's lived in North Carolina for 22 years—he's still loving it.

**Bentley Offut** and Father **Joseph Healey** entered Gilman School in the first grade but left as sophomores to graduate from Portsmouth Priory School. Joe was back for a week to "celebrate life" and service for his sister Ann Healey. Father Healey—a Maryknoll missionary in East Africa for years—will be back in Baltimore in June. Bentley had a group of our Gilman classmates to lunch to see Joe two years ago and plans to do it again. Email or call if you would like to attend.

**Bob Stone** reports that all of his sons had graduated from medical school as of May 2008, and all were married as of May 2009. He has seven grandchildren.

## 1957

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From Maine to California, there are reports of the activities of members of Gilman's Class of 1957. As you will see, in many cases, those activities extend far beyond the borders of the U.S.

**Pat Mundy** reports that he and his wife Anna B are living in Maine full time. They reside about 30 minutes south of Camden in Spruce Head. Their house faces south looking at the ocean. Pat has found a very interesting professional niche, which he describes as follows: "I have been teaching American History at the Maine state prison for the last two years. The men are getting a college degree from the University of Maine. The program is sponsored by Doris Buffett, Warren's sister. Doris has college programs running in New York/Sing Sing & California/San Quentin. Everyone who has graduated and left prison has not come back.

"This last semester I taught a course I developed when I got my master's in Pennsylvania: 'Race, Religion & the U.S. Constitution.' It was a great experience to watch the men develop critical thinking skills, actively debate the issues and learn how to write crisp essays.

"When they get out with a college degree, they will have an excellent chance to get good jobs, stay out of prison and become productive tax-paying citizens."

Moving south to Massachusetts, **Walter Birge** checks in from Concord with a report on some travels—past and future: "I traveled to Antarctica two winters ago. What a trip! After two weeks at the bottom of the world, I decided to go to the Arctic. Last summer, after a month on a small ship all around Svalbard (check your maps), Iceland, and the southern half of Greenland, I was ready to come home, but not jaded. This summer another small ship and Alaska, the Aleutians, and on to Russia."

Now to the West Coast:

From California, **Tom Garrett** writes that "the Governor has me on furlough three days a month (three-day weekends!), but I am still traveling around Northern California to help bring hospitals and surgery centers into compliance with national healthcare standards and regulations." He adds that 2009 was a great year for grapes and wine.



Tom and his wife Cappie entertained Judi and **Jim Gieske** at the Garretts' home in Santa Rosa during the summer of 2009. A topic of discussion during the visit was the trips that Jim had taken to the North Pole and South Pole. Tom suggested that Jim be asked to write about his travels, so I asked Jimmy to share his experiences with the readers of the *Bulletin* and here is what he had to say: "Well, here is the story as briefly as I can make it. Judi and I took a two-year leave of absence from practices in 1992 and sailed a modest boat to South America and back. Judi rejoined her practice, but I was spoiled by the leisure time and, rather than go back to my 80-hour work week, I sought alternatives. I was approached by an adventure travel company, Quark Expeditions, and was asked if I could provide medical coverage for an expedition to the North Pole leaving in one week! I accepted, of course, and this was the beginning of a very nice relationship with Quark and others that took me to some truly exotic places on board small expedition ships and icebreakers, usually Russian. Typically I was encouraged to bring a family member, and Judi and our sons joined me for several adventures: Two trips to the North Pole on a nuclear-powered icebreaker, a concert by the Red Hot Chili Peppers at the magnetic north pole near Resolute Bay, and other expeditions to the high latitudes of Canada and Siberia. I then started going to the Antarctic and made many trips down there from Ushuaia, the Falklands and New Zealand. Compellingly beautiful experiences that I highly recommend. Please, anyone with an interest, feel free to contact me, as I know who does it right and not. I have now been judged 'too old' for their purposes and dropped from the list, but I treasure the memories and feel very privileged to have been able to travel in that way." Fascinating, to say the least.

There are reports from the hinterlands also: From Colorado, **Oliver Perin** makes the following observation: "Being 70 doesn't seem to have made a major impression on me, or maybe I'm too stupid to realize it. Our health is good and that's the most important factor in our lives. Thinking ahead a few years, we'll probably be in a Denver townhouse and not out here in the weeds pushing snow around."

From Tennessee, **Frank Gluck** reports that he retired in August 2009 from providing direct patient care, but is still doing some

teaching in a Nashville hospital's residency program (which he says he doesn't consider to be work). Frank waxes eloquently about his station in life: "I find that I have ample to do, and I am never bored. I feel extremely fortunate to have enjoyed my medical career as much as I did. Finishing it on a positive note has been gratifying. Still very nice not to have all the responsibilities." Frank relates that he and Judy were in Baltimore in September and had dinner with **Crossan O'Donovan** and that Crossan "seemed fine. Gave him grief for missing our [50th] reunion." Frank remains a staunch Tennessee Titans fan.

From Idaho, **Bruce Brian**, who has now completed his relocation from the Denver area to the northern reaches of the Gem State, provides news of another travel/professional adventure: "Linda and I are preparing to go to New Zealand for six months. I am going to work as a pulmonologist at the Taranaki Base Hospital in New Plymouth (look up New Plymouth on the Internet). The working hours are soft, and I am on call every sixth weekend. I start on March 1, 2010, if all the paperwork is completed. We'll miss the 2010 summer at Priest Lake, Idaho, but it is a great opportunity for us to see a new part of the world, discover new foods and friends, and even experience socialized medicine."

On a semi-international note, **Harvey Clapp** continues to reside in St. Croix, where he is managing his Turkish natural gas business, while spending as much time in Baltimore and Manassas as the IRS will allow. He writes that "Ann threw me a great 70th at a Baltimore restaurant attended by classmates **Jim Young, Hill Michaels, Tom Bailliere** and **Dick Riggs**, plus **Alan Yarbrow '58, Bob Harrison '58, David Clapp '87** and assorted other miscreants. . . ."

Harvey provides news about **Frank Deford**, saying that he attended a salute to Orioles' great Brooks Robinson where Frank was one of the featured speakers. Harvey wryly observes that "[Frank's] comments were as lucid as usual, although Ann thought he wasn't quite as good-looking as Jim Palmer, the M.C."

Adding to the travel ledger, Harvey's celebrant **Dick Riggs** provides the following account of his and Sheila's 2009 trip to India: "We spent two-and-a-half weeks traveling in northern India last spring—Rajasthan specifically. We were overwhelmed by the conges-

tion, poverty and filth. But this impression was offset by the bright colors and the beauty, happiness and general 'niceness' of the people. We were there just a few weeks after seeing 'Slumdog Millionaire.' It put a different light on the countless mutilated children we saw begging. All in all, we liked the trip, figured it was a 'must do,' but will most probably not go back to visit other areas of India. In the previous two years we had visited China and Egypt, each for the same length of trip."

2009 also saw Dick re-engage himself in the business world in a way that he would have preferred not to. The equity buyout firm to which he sold his company put it into bankruptcy. Dick spent a good part of last spring helping to find someone to buy the company out of bankruptcy. His efforts were successful and the company will survive, but at a much smaller size than it was.

Getting closer to home, **Sandy Cochran** reports from Virginia that he continues to work at the Pentagon. Sandy's assignment is an intriguing one; he works for General George Casey, the Army chief of staff, on a report dealing with the Iraq War and the general's current job. Sandy commutes on selected weekends to Corrales, N.M., just north of Albuquerque, to which he will relocate at some point in 2010. After making the move, Sandy plans to teach part-time at the University of New Mexico. He will be teaching a course on strategy and policy in the political science department—a course that he has taught for the past 10 years at various war colleges.

Now on to those still occupying the old home front in Maryland:

**Neal Haynie** reports that he continues to give tours at a couple of Baltimore's institutions, the Museum of Industry and the Maryland Historical Society, but, says Neal, "that's not 'news.' If anyone has not seen either of these lately, which is doubtful, I'd be glad to do the introductions." Neal sends "best wishes from a 71-year-old!!!"

**Gus Lewis** could provide Bruce Brian with some inside information about New Zealand. His daughter Kate is working on a Ph.D. in geology in Auckland. Gus and Mary Ann visited her and her family there for Christmas 2008 and then took about two more months exploring this unique and fascinating country. In Gus' words: "Amazing trip!" Gus' son Walker, an actor, married an actress in July and lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.



Not letting any grass grow under their feet, the Lewises have a sixteen-year-old Danish girl living with them for the 2010 spring semester. She is attending Bryn Mawr. Gus and Mary Ann have known their guest's parents, whom they met in Hungary, for about 20 years. Once again, in Gus' words, "It's an adventure!"

**John Lewin** continues with a fast-paced regime, splitting his time between Baltimore and his bayside home in Bethany Beach, Del. In August 2009, he celebrated his 70th birthday with all six of his grandchildren in attendance. A couple of months later, Trafford Press published John's first book, entitled *The Baltimore Briefs*. It covers 40 years of the Baltimore legal scene and recounts tales of many of the judges, lawyers and "rascals" that John encountered during that time. The book sounds like good reading and is available online at Amazon. John discloses that he came "out of retirement (which I have loved) in November [2009] to mediate legal disputes as a part of The McCammon Group, headquartered in Richmond but expanding into Maryland."

Joyce and **Eddie Brown**, Leslie and **Warren Hills** and **Bill Woodward** were honored guests at a 70th birthday party for **George Barker** that was given at the

Barkers' homestead in Columbia by Anne Barker in September 2009. Also in attendance were George's cousin **Nick Penniman '60** and his wife Linda. Highlights of the evening were reminiscences of Gilman and the people and environment that made it the place that it is. A 2009 travel highlight for the Barkers was an April trip to Europe to visit Normandy and its beaches and Holland to see the tulips in all their glory. It was a memorable trip and one not to be missed, to a large degree because of the contrast of the venues. Each was uplifting in its own unique way. Seeing Normandy first and the tulips second was the right way to go.

Bill Woodward traveled to Columbia from the Eastern Shore to be a part of the Barker festivities. Bill and his wife Ingrid, whom he married in 2002, live in Oxford in Talbot County, but Bill retains his ties with Carroll County, where he is the associate medical director of the county's hospice and does volunteer work for the county's Health Department on a weekly basis. Expressing his deep Baltimore roots, Bill, the proud grandfather of 10 (probably the class record), and Ingrid plan a trip to Florida in March 2010 to see the Orioles in their new spring training complex in Sarasota.

The last note is a sad one. In May 2009, **Jay Taylor** died in Charlottesville of heart failure. After Gilman, Jay graduated from the University of Virginia, where he continued his prowess in lacrosse and was named All-American. After teaching and coaching at St. Paul's in Brooklandville, he moved to Charlottesville, where he taught and coached at St. Anne's-Belfield School, starting its lacrosse program in the 1960s. In recent years, Jay had owned and operated a small business. Our classmate will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

Many thanks to every one of you who sent in a report during the year or responded by email to my year-end appeals for news. I urge everyone to drop me a note via email during the year when a noteworthy event concerning the writer or a classmate occurs so that it can be stored in the archives and its contents inserted in the class notes when they are written.

## 1958

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We had no news reports for this year's notes. **Norris Cook** was in Baltimore in December and we had a brief talk. He is



*The Class of 1959 celebrated its 50th Reunion at the home of Jennie and Hobie Fowlkes.*



positive and humorous, as always, but would like to see a steadier flow of new Ford sales. **John Spilman** remains a Baltimorean, but does have a place in Vero Beach in the same neighborhood as Norris. At this writing, John continues as a partner at Brown Advisory, and I am still at Venable. That makes three of us known to be in the shrinking ranks of the un-retired.

## 1959

**J. RICHARD UHLIG**  
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Our 50th Reunion was a roaring success! As **Andy Adelson** wrote, "it had to be one of the best reunions ever (anywhere, anytime)—too many people to thank, but we have to remember Jenny Lee and **Hobie Fowlkes** for their unbelievable generosity, **Bill Helfrich** and **Bill Schmick** for the wonderful year-book, obviously the result of a lot of effort and careful thought, **Bob Grose** for putting together a fantastic golf outing, and especially **Larry Stifler** for his generosity and **Carroll Neeseemann** for his inspiring talk."

By the way, I figure two of our classmates deserve the "long distance award" for travel to the reunion. **Tom Ahern** (Newport Beach, Calif.) and **Tom Andrew** (Bellevue, Wash.) made the trip from the West Coast, and it was great seeing them again.

Following up on the reunion, **Bill Spencer-Strong** organized a lunch meeting at the Valley Inn in late December 2009 attended by 17 of our classmates—Fowlkes, Helfrich, **Hardy**, **Bill Stifler**, **Gans**, **Campbell**, **Clapp**, **Ramsey**, **Haines**, **Uhligh**, **Markell**, **Grose**, **McPherson**, **Schmick**, **Hilgenberg** and **Offutt**. We agreed that this should be a regular event. Contact Bill Spencer-Strong for details.

Other news includes many grandchildren arriving—twins for the daughters of both Bruce Campbell (one boy, one girl) and Hobie Fowlkes (both boys), and our first Uhligh grandchild, a girl.

**Dick Gibbs** reports the grand opening of the new Irvine Nature Center in Owings Mills, where Dick is executive director emeritus. The lobby of the new Center is named after Dick in honor of his many years of dedication and service. Congratulations, Dickie, for all your decades of accomplishments!

Now enjoying his 47th year of teaching, mostly in Gilman's Middle School, **Bo Grimes** delayed his retirement and still finds plenty of new challenges and pleasures to sustain him for a while more!

**J. R. Ramsey** has retired, and his principal activities now include the Board of Planned Parenthood of Maryland and tutoring at Brown Memorial, plus continuing education courses through Johns Hopkins University.

**Ned Schwentker** and his wife Nancy live full-time in Honduras, where Ned runs a small pediatric orthopedic hospital for poor children with CURE International ([www.cureinternational.org](http://www.cureinternational.org)). Nancy serves as assistant to the executive director. Ned is an emeritus professor for the Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, Pa.

## 1960

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**Ken Bourne** retired from PNC in March 2009. His son **Ned '93** and daughter-in-law Lori welcomed a daughter, Emily Bennett Bourne, on August 13, 2009. She is Ken's first grandchild. His daughter Courtney married in October.

**Stan Heuisler** is celebrating life with his first grandchild, Naomi. Betsey (former head of the Gilman art department for five years) is finally over her two-year orthopedic nightmare and is back to "life, travel, gardening and painting." They spend about half the year in Rehoboth, Del. He sees classmates periodically. Stan is devoting himself to creating a downtown park and playground in honor of our late classmate **Pierce Flanigan**. Stan recently had dinner with Coach Schloeder, "who swears the 1959 football team was better than our record showed." Stan told him, "Poor coaching!"

**Edgie Russell** reports that since retiring five years ago, he volunteers on non-profit boards at Keswick Multicare Center, Good Samaritan Hospital and The Packard Center for ALS Research at JHU. He also serves on the board of the Washington Real Estate Investment Trust (NYSE). He says, "The rest of my time is spent fishing and golfing, etc."

**Ned Sullivan** writes from his home in Aspen that he is "still not retired." He has several part-time jobs, and does lots of volunteering and lots of travel.

**Ted Knowles** writes that his son David and daughter-in-law Wendy have a beautiful little daughter, Kaitlyn, born August 11, 2009. Son Sam is married to Aida and they live in Alexandria, Va. Tommy married Meghan in August 2009, and they live in Monterey, Calif. Ted enjoys living on the Eastern Shore: "It's friendly, small-town, and slow-paced."

## 1961

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Perhaps it's been a year of sitting back and watching, albeit with pleasure or disdain, because there's not much news, or at least not much has been reported, in this, our 49th year since graduation.

News from those who have been inclined or inspired to write: besides enjoying grandchildren or watching their son Bill's Friends Middle School wrestling team defeat Gilman, Lin and **Bill Hardy** visited the Galapagos Islands.

**Ed Muhlenfeld** left Ameriprise and joined First Financial Equity Corporation, in preparation for a phased-in retirement.

**John Stockbridge**, as Bedford, N.Y., town historian, seems intent on creating his own historical legacy, as evidenced by a family portrait of 12 children and grandchildren.

Of those still hard at work, **Tom O'Neil** reports that his retirement consists of five government consulting jobs, as well as continuing to write restaurant reviews, watching son Tim work on a doctorate in linguistics at the University of Delaware and traveling to exotic places with son Matt, who is based in London.

**Rick Ober** was named vice president and general counsel for Isles, Inc., an award-winning environmental and community development nonprofit organization in Trenton.

Father **Carl Cummings**, who was instrumental in planning, building and completing a new \$4.5 million activity center at the St. Agnes Parish in Catonsville, moved on to the St. Jane Francis de Chantal Church in Riviera Beach, Md. In March, he was elevated to the position of Monsignor in a ceremony attended by many Gilman classmates at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen here in Baltimore.

**Pope Barrow** retired from his House legislative counsel position and was duly honored at the Valley Inn by the Grumpy Old Men. And **Jim Garrett** was one of three prominent Baltimoreans to receive the Baltimore Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound Center's annual Cornerstone Award. As a founding board member, Jim was cited for his "support, faith, and commitment" to this organization's impact on the City of Baltimore.

As for me, it has been a year of highs and lows: I donated my prostate in April; eldest son David was married in Traverse City, Mich., in June; Ann and I celebrated our 38th



in August; we moved my parents to North Carolina from our home of 63 years in September, just after celebrating their 69th anniversary; son Matthew bought the next-door condo and began two new jobs: academic advisor in the natural science department at Michigan State University and radio color commentator for the women's basketball team; and I seem to have overcome a recent episode of blood clots in my leg. Come to think of it, that's mostly "highs!" It's time to start thinking seriously about our 50th. Hope to hear from more of you next year. As Porky used to say, "Th, Th, Th, That's all folks!"

## 1962

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2010 marks our 48th year since leaving the halls of Gilman. If you are like me, I sit here wondering what happened to all that time! We partied a lot, married (some of us twice), had kids, worked at our careers, and have anywhere from two to eight grandchildren. Now many of us are retiring. Wow, now we know where the time went.

Since most of you never report any news, here is the latest update on our classmates of 48 years ago!

**Yours truly** is still working in the insurance business and will celebrate 25 years in May 2010. We have six grandchildren, with the youngest being one year old. Jane retired in June and is really enjoying her new role.

**Rob Boyd** is still working and has his first grandchild.

**Winston Brundige** offers everyone a bedroom in Utah—get your skis and make the trip. He also asked about our 50th reunion.

**Charlie Emmons** had a wedding in September, when son Matthew married Heidi. It seems like life as a senior loan officer in Maine is good.

**Bob Little** now has five grandchildren who have become his full-time joy! The kids keep you young and make you feel special.

**Charles Marek** retired a year ago and moved to a summer home that he spent a year remodeling. Didn't know Gilman taught us those skills.

**Bert Polk** also has five grandchildren and it looks like he is still hard at work. Maybe we could have the Traveling Men at our 50th Reunion. We will have Bill and Bert work on this.

**Lyle Schill** retired at the end of 2008 but kept his hand in two other enterprises. We are just too young to hang it up all together. I see Lyle around, so golf is still part of his daily routine.

**Ken Van Durand** is retired, still in Florida, and reports lots of water sports and biking. Looks like Duke still is worth cheering for. I think Ken retired first in our class.

**Van Wolf's** term as chair of the National Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society ended in November. He continues to work, since he still has a daughter in high school who is following Dad's record with straight A's!

This concludes the guys who sent in an update, so I will attempt to mention some others I see around town. It would be easier for all of you to send in the form with your check or email me at GHammann@SFandC.com.

**Bud Adams** and I still play in a tennis group on Saturday mornings. He continues to run Bel Air Road Supply.

**Randy Arnot** is now in Florida most of the time.

**Dandy Blalock** makes videos and enjoys his life in the country.

**Bill Kerr** has his son working with him learning the ropes.

I heard that **Rob Maslin** rides his bike as much as ever and works during tax time.

**Bob Oster** has not slowed down at Brown Advisory, but does take time to travel.

**John Sheldon** retired and took on a major role as Clerk of Session at our church. Retirement seems to agree with him.

Colonel Ret. **Ray Robinson** and his wife Darlene continue to enjoy life on the beautiful island of Okinawa, Japan. Ray reports that the golf is great year-round, as is the weather. "All of the kids are going very well. Alysia, the youngest, is a junior at UNC and is in AFROTC, majoring in pre-nursing. Being a true 'military brat,' she wants to become a Critical Care Air Force flight nurse. Best to everyone."

I hope that all I did not hear from are well and will make an effort to attend our 50th Reunion in 2012!

## 1963

**JAKE SLAGLE**

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With deep sorrow comes word that **Allan Barnes** died this past year in South Carolina, where he was working in technology for the

U.S. Defense Department. He had been suffering from cardiovascular disease. **Ward Coe** informed me of this very sad news. Ward continues to be happy practicing law, from which active vacations to exotic locales are something of a ritual for him and Christy. One of the inspirations for their travel is an interest in cultural diversity. Likewise, Sally and **Eddie Supplee**, over coffee at a Starbucks in Half Moon Bay, Calif., recently updated my son **Alex '93** and me on a some of the highlights of a recent visit to the remote interior of Papua/New Guinea.

**Terry Ellen** writes about being arrested in Washington at a "peaceful" demonstration protesting the gutting of a clean air bill by the House Environmental Committee. "Very tight handcuffs," wrote Terry, "and two hours in a paddy wagon in hot sun led to passing out and an emergency room visit for heart issues." By September 16, Terry had recovered enough to attend a Class of '63 mini-reunion at the Severn Inn that focused on catching up with **Roger Yarbrow**, who had been dealing with serious respiratory problems. **Dave Larrabee** reportedly showed up on his motorcycle and **Tom Closs** on sea-legs after two months of cruising Maine waters in his motor yacht. Someone in the group mentioned that Professor **Mitch Miller** was scheduled to present three lectures at St. John's College in Annapolis on October 24. **Lance Bendann** and **John Claster**, who were also present, quickly went to work hoping to recruit Mitch to do a fourth lecture at Gilman, for which time proved too tight. John's *pro-bono* public service work since retiring has grown to include Safe Kids Worldwide, WYPR, The SEED School and the Maryland Zoo. Lance refers to himself as "semi-retired," and has taken Bendann Art Galleries, now in its 150th year, out of retailing and into art-related services by appointment. Son **Chris '03** teaches geography and ancient history at Gilman's Middle School. Managing the budget for that post and everything else that Gilman does is **Bill Paternotte**, now grandfather of six with another on the way. Bill is now closing in on his 20th year serving on Gilman's Board, where he chairs the Finance Committee.

**Dave Robinson** sent an email describing himself as "everything I used to ridicule—the doting devoted grandfather" twice over now, with another in the works. **Yours truly** also became a grandfather for the second time, when granddaughter Mavis Slagle was born in October. If you count "by marriage," **Bill**



**Oster** takes the prize for extending our generational composite the farthest. This year he assumed the title of step-great-grandfather and also participated in six family weddings, including that of son Hall.

**Tom Chase** reports being active with an earlier side of the generational spectrum as he hopes to consolidate his nonagenarian father, currently in Ocean City, under one roof with Johanna's nonagenarian parents in Northwood, N.H.

In other news, **George Scarlett** reports that with his oldest son bound for college this year, he's contemplating raising chickens. When the copy attached to his email of the cover from his latest book failed to open, I checked *Amazon.com*, which listed *The Baseball Starter* as the most recent of five books listed that George had authored.

I enjoyed chatting recently with **Jimmy Rouse**, who seemed happier than ever that the paintings to which he devotes most of his time are selling handily and generating a steady stream of income. **Jack Nesbitt** reports he's still active full time in his medical practice and continues to enjoy wood-working. Jack recently started working on model trains for his grandson, and has now added "doing ancient history with The Teaching Company" to his list. Similarly determined to be busy is **Robin Baker**, who still lives in Chapel Hill and is a senior research associate for MetaMetrics. This year, Robin and Mary visited Southeast Asia, India, Oman, Jordan and Egypt. Robin's closing remark was as follows: "I am becoming more and more aware of the fact that life does not go on forever. Seeing the memorial at the Taj Hotel to the people killed in the Mumbai terrorist attacks, Mary's being a breast cancer survivor, and **Don Patterson's** passing [Robin hadn't yet heard about Allan], Mary and I find ourselves asking, 'if not now, when?' And trying to replace 'we wish' with 'we will.'"

## 1964

**JIM HARDESTY**

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**Bill Anderson** has retired. His new job is working on his golf handicap, which is currently 10. He reports life is good.

**Bob Brown** has also retired from a long teaching career. A lifetime baseball fan, he is now putting in time for the Orioles.

Perhaps the nicest surprise to your class secretary was a note from **Bert Keidel**, a

long-lost classmate. Bert reports his first and only child is a first grader and says "late fatherhood is wonderful!" Bert and his wife Nidhi live in Bethesda, and he is consulting and writing on the economy of China. His official title is senior fellow of the Atlantic Council of the United States.

**Sandy Martin** continues to be a major player on the national speech circuit. He also reports that grandson Alex Martin III is a future Gilman Greyhound.

**Stuart McCarthy** reports from his new home in Hong Kong that his middle daughter is a sophomore at Bryn Mawr College, a long commute. Eleven-year-old Sean could be Gilman Class of '17. Stuart is coaching (!) rugby, and works as C.E.O. of BSI Brokers Limited. He came to the 45th Reunion in October 2009. **Bob Locke** and I had a wonderful dinner with Stuart at **Steve Scott's** house.

**John McCay** reports that he, too, is retired from "federal service" and is managing rental real estate in Knoxville.

Fran and **Doug Ober** hosted a beautiful 45th Reunion at their magnificent Hampton mansion. He reports son Mac graduated from Gilman in June and is off to the University of Colorado. Daughter Carlin is a junior at Bryn Mawr and a varsity field hockey player.

The reunion was a great success. Attendance was surprisingly good, I guess because it could be a warm-up for our high dive for our 50th in 2014.

**Tom Beck** was unchanged, except for a few new body parts. He had just returned from a golf trip with Robby McCormick and David Johnson. Although Rob was not able to attend, he sent an enormous amount of wine from his vineyard in northern California. The wine experts in our class (not me) pronounced it as magnificent as a Robert Parker 100.

**Bill Stafford** and his wife Bonnie were in from Milwaukee. She is a retired Presbyterian minister, and a delight. They stopped in Baltimore on their way to see their first grandchild.

**John Redwood** and his wife Lucia, who have been greatly missed, showed up; it was



*Rob Harwood '65 and Leith Herrmann '64, Lower School head, with their wives, Susie Herrmann and Melanie Harwood (far right).*

nice to see them. Retired from the World Bank, they live in McLean, Va.

Sherry and Bob Locke were also there. They have four grandchildren, not five as I mistakenly reported—sorry.

Pascale and **Bobby Pine** came down from New York. Bob is a senior financial official at LIJH Hospital on Long Island. In January, Bob and Pascale gave a special party at their New York apartment in honor of **Marty McDonough** and his new wife, a terrific French lady, Annie Baud-McDonough. Marty and Annie now commute between homes in New York and France.

**Jimmy Isaacs** came up from Salisbury. Married to Amy for 40 years, they have three sons. I haven't seen Jim in many years, but as our class president, he was one very special leader. In talking to him, he is more charismatic today than ever. He is the medical director of Hudson Health Services on the Eastern Shore.

**Jeff Miller** has had some health issues but looked great and has fully recovered. He continues as an economics professor at the University of Delaware.

Susie and **Leith Herrmann** attended too, and I think they've discovered the Fountain of Youth. Maybe they have, as Leith's father is turning 90 this year.

**Tommy Caplan** came from Tilghman Island on the Eastern Shore. He is putting the finishing touches on his fourth novel, a thriller this time.

Betsy and Steve Scott hosted a brunch on Sunday at their Poplar Hill home. In another of the series "On the Road with the Scotts and the Hardestys," we spent 10



days touring Scotland in early September. Fabulous country, great weather and all-in-all a great time.

Finally, I want to thank the many of you who sent class notes to the Alumni Office—this makes my job much easier.

## 1965

**WILLIAM R. BAKER**

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I received only a few cards from the regulars. **Stan Klinefelter** stepped down as golf chair at Elkridge after completion of an extensive restoration of the course there. Stan is continuing as the greens chair, concentrating on the course conditions. Stan and Sarah enjoyed a wonderful safari in Kenya and Tanzania, and continue to enjoy grandsons Will and Max. Also considered 'master travelers' are **Richard Tilghman** and wife Beverly, who have been to Tahiti and the Danube this year, with a cruise around South America scheduled for this winter.

**Fred Whelan** reports that his new book—his fourth—was published in April of 2009. Fred also welcomed his second grandson, Eli, born in August of 2009 to his son David. Fred's other son, Robbie, is still reporting for the *Daily Record* in Baltimore, and Fred hopes those of us in town have seen his byline.

**Temple Grassi** continues to devote a lot of time to his passion, court tennis, with trips to England to play. Temple is also a golfer of some repute now, having been the first-day co-leader of the Elkridge-Greenspring Tournament with his partner, **your scribe**. Unfortunately, on the second day, the Golf Gods weren't as favorable.

This information is the extent of the cards sent in, so I now must resort to other sources. My new college alumni directory

shows **Greg Zeigler** living in Santa Fe, N.M., as is **Mac Lewis**. I wonder if they ever run into each other? I also saw **Ridge Trimble** at a college reunion this past June. Ridge is still an emergency room physician in Orange County, Calif., living in San Juan Capistrano. **Jay Wilson** also attended the same reunion, and I see Jay and Stephanie often on the golf course. Their youngest child, Hilary, is a freshman at Princeton and loving it. I also heard that the Calvert School Reunion of those in our class that attended that institution was great, with a crew that included Jay and Stan, as well as **Jimmer Potter, Jack Hull, David Winstead, Ben Legg, Jack Turnbull** and **Vernon Mountcastle**. There were probably others, but I heard this report second-hand. Maybe someone from that group could provide a more complete list and let us know some of the things people from that group are doing.

## 1966

**Ron Sheff** reports that his older daughter, Jennifer, an estates and trusts lawyer in Baltimore, welcomed her first child, Caroline, in December 2008. His younger daughter, Allison, works in the Gilman Development Office. Son **John '00** is in graduate school at the University of Maryland, College Park.

## 1967

**F. KEY KIDDER**

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Every class leaves its imprint, and ours firmed up when **John Schmick** was named Gilman's 13th Headmaster. After almost half a century on campus as a student, teacher, administrator and headmaster, John is the quintessential Gilman Man in Full, and his ascension crowns our class legacy to the Gilman community, considering the significant percentage of classmates who either served as faculty and/or sent their sons (14 and still counting) to Gilman—**Schmick, Chris Legg, Sherm Bristow, Mac Barrett, Evan Krometis, Steve Pollock, Bruce Taylor, David Williams, Bart Harvey, John Isaacs, Jeff Quartner** and **yours truly**—not to mention others who have served the school in some capacity upon graduation.

John reports that son **John '97** was married in August, lives in Richmond and teaches at St. Christopher's School, while daughter Carole is a chef at Oldfields School in Baltimore County. John says wife Janet is

"working hard at Notre Dame Prep's Development Office and supporting me every step of the way!"

Class recollections of "Jolly," as John was popularly called, converge on his athletic and thespian talents. On the lacrosse field, he was named the team's most valuable player in his senior seasons at Gilman and the University of Pennsylvania.

"What I remember is John's personality," said **Albert Williams**. "His nickname Jolly exemplified his wonderfully optimistic temperament. Perhaps his exquisite performance as lacrosse goalie shows how he kept his cool and remained focused fending off shots." The last time I saw the slimmer Albert he was looking great.

**Steve Pollock** recalls a varsity lacrosse game against Friends School when he scooped up a loose ball and threw it toward Gilman's goalie. "Unfortunately, John was not looking and the ball sailed right past him into our goal. To this day, he still blames me, but it was a perfect pass, not a corner shot, and I say he called for the ball." Steve, chief cardiologist at St. Joseph's Hospital in Towson, reports that son **Jeremy '03** attends the University of Maryland School of Medicine, while son **Spencer '04** began law school.

**Bill deBuys**, an ardent conservationist and member of the literati, is engaged in writing a book about climate change in America's southwest.

"What I recall most about Jolly was the contrast between his genial, easy-going manner nine-tenths of the school day—which was the reason we called him Jolly—and the fierce, nerveless courage of the guy who inhabited the lacrosse goal," writes Bill. "I have never understood the mentality of goalies, but most have seemed to me borderline, fight-picking crazy. But not John Schmick. He seemed to like people. He seemed to like the world. But he would face anything and do anything to keep that ball from getting in the goal, and at that he was the best of them all."

Bill also remembers Jolly as "a frequent re-enactor, along with **Josh Shoemaker, Pope Brock** and **Neal Cavanaugh**," of impromptu historical dramatizations in the senior room. But it is Josh, inseparable from John during their Gilman days, who is the final authority on John's days at Gilman.

"All through my teenage years, the Schmicks were like a second family for me.



*Bill Baker '65 and his wife Nancy.*



The memories would fill, as they say, a book. Our Gilman classmates rolled their eyes at our constant talk about summers at the Hyde Bay Camp for boys in Cooperstown, N.Y., where Johnny and I served for many years as theater counselors. We wrote four plays a week for campers aged 8–16. Johnny had a tiny portable typewriter at which we would peck out these plays; he would sit and type as I paced, or vice-versa, like TV writers churning out weekly sketches. Our creations were generally serviceable and coherent, and some of them were actually pretty good. Usually, I would come up with a title, and Johnny would do the rest, especially the jokes. He has an excruciating talent for puns.

"Few are aware of his screen acting prowess. During and after college, I made many short films, and Johnny starred in at least two of them...Sadly, I believe these films are lost to us now, but it is my fond hope that perhaps, someday, pristine prints will be discovered in a Czechoslovakian warehouse, or maybe in a New Jersey swamp, and we will be able to have a triumphant screening for an audience of important Gilman people. Then, perhaps a DVD release?

"After we became drivers, Johnny acquired a burgundy Chevrolet sedan in which we passed countless hours patrolling Roland Park, the eastern shores of Delaware, Cooperstown and Grasty Road in Brooklandville...

"Even though we are not now joined at the hip, as we may have seemed to be in our student years at Gilman, we will always be the best of friends. I envy the families and teachers with whom he works now and those to come. These days, when our paths DO cross, and I hear him say, 'Hey, Shoe,' my heart soars with pride in our acquaintance and admiration for his accomplishments. Gilman has always been lucky to have him."

As for Josh, he's "slogging along at Bryn Mawr School, where I've been teaching drama, film, speaking and, occasionally, English for the past 34 years. More than happily married to Alex Armstrong's daughter Mary for all that time as well; we have three adult children, **David '99**, who is married and pursuing a career in early childhood education, Kate, who is pursuing a career as a soprano in opera, and **Tom '04**, who is selling stringed instruments in Newton, Mass., while doing a lot of acting and singing around Boston. Mary and I are lucky to have bought a small camp on a lake in Greenville, Maine, where we spend as much time as we can."

**Mark Kiefaber** put in an appearance in November at a 60s-theme dance at The Church of Redeemer on North Charles Street. Mark moved to the Annapolis area, where he indulges his passion for sailing when not delivering motivational sermons to rapt corporate audiences or hanging with **Crane Houston**. Mark owns two sailboats but aspires to move up to one more commodious.

While **Tom Jenkins**, also among the sizable Gilman contingent at the dance, was weighing in on America's regulatory climate, Bart Harvey was a non-stop dancing demon. Bart, who was appointed to Fannie Mae's Board of Directors after retiring in 2007 as Chairman and CEO of the Enterprise Foundation, gave a stirring eulogy before an overflow crowd at **Mike Kissel's** memorial service in New York, touching on Mike's irrepressible humor, *joie de vivre* and love of family. Mike, who succumbed to brain cancer, is survived by his wife Elena and three daughters.

A few classmates with long memories may remember **Greg Manuel**, a longtime banker who commutes from his home in Lutherville to his job in Texas each week, or **Greg Nevens**, a psychologist in Portland, Maine.

Given his affection for Gilman, we weren't too surprised to learn that **Mac Barrett** has returned to his old stomping grounds, having secured a position as Gilman's alumni special projects coordinator. Mac enjoyed his 12th season as public address announcer for the University of Maryland's men's basketball team, and reports that his twins, Lucy and Allen, both live in Florida.

**Evan Krometis** can kick back and work on lowering his golf handicap since selling Scandia Manufacturing Company, Inc., which makes and repairs precision hydraulic and mechanical marine assemblies and components for one customer—the Department of Defense.

Kudos to author **Pope Brock** for *Charlatan*, his portrait of "America's most dangerous huckster"—a 20th Century con named John Brinkley who proved as prolific at inventing wildly successful medical scams as he was at pioneering promotional techniques that profoundly influenced America's popular culture.

Brinkley made millions during the Great Depression by building the world's biggest radio station to sell goat-testicle transplants to men as a virility restorative, while plug-

ging goat ovaries as a wrinkle reducer and bust developer for ladies. He built a "border blaster" just across the Mexican border to promote his practice, mixing hard sell with pop tunes—a meld which became the AM radio template. Although Pope had never heard of the guy before stumbling upon him on *museumofhoaxes.com*, he knew instinctively and immediately that Brinkley's bio would consume his next several years.

According to Random House, Pope "is the author of the critically acclaimed *Indiana Gothic*, the story of his great-grandfather's murder in 1908...and has written for numerous publications, including *Rolling Stone*, *Esquire*, *GQ*, and the *London Sunday Times Magazine*. He lives in upstate New York with his twin daughters, Molly and Hannah."

I often see **John Isaacs** at the Maryland Athletic Club in Timonium. John maintains he is the *de facto* class towel-snapping champion from the Gilman locker room days, now retired and resting on his laurels. I considered challenging John but the urge passed.

Word trickles in that a mellowed **Ed Dana** is enjoying life as an adjunct psychology professor at Chapman University in Orange, Calif., where his leading research interest is listed as "objective self awareness." Ed says Gilman's academic regimen "blows away" anything he's seen in California, his home state since 1974. Brother **Ricky '68** lives nearby.

**Jeff Levy**, who lives on Aberdeen's waterfront along the upper reaches of the Chesapeake Bay, is retired and indulging his itch for travel. Jeff says do it while you can.

## 1968

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I randomly flipped open my February *Baltimore* magazine, and there were **Todd Morrill** and Karen staring out at me with their English bulldog, Maxine. The multi-page photo spread showcased their restored and renovated home on 40 acres in Reisters-town. Todd and Karen served as their own general contractors over the course of a year-long construction period that produced enough debris to fill at least seven dumpsters. Judging from the photographs, the resulting home is warm and cozy, colorful and tasteful, combining traditional elements with modern features. For our next reunion in 2013, perhaps we should prevail on Todd to play host!





Nick Schloeder, Denny Malone '68 and Jack Harvey '69.

Speaking of reunions, these are the first set of Class Notes since our 40th in 2008, thanks to a Class Secretary who keeps missing deadlines and who also missed the 40th Reunion dinner in order to attend his son's Freshman Parents Weekend at Union College.

Fortunately, into the fray stepped **Bill Reilly**, who masterminded, from what I understand, what was far and away a fantastic reunion gathering. It was held at one of Baltimore's newest and most critically praised restaurants, Woodberry Kitchen, which is located just steps away from (and below) the Jones Falls Expressway near the Pepsi Cola time/temperature sign. The evening allegedly ran late, and everyone had a wonderful time, especially a number of class members who had never attended a reunion before.

For example, **Rick Dana** attended the reunion, flying to Baltimore from California for the event. After spending the last 30 years as a physician specializing in internal medicine, Rick has now retired and is presumably doing what retired folks do, i.e., attend high school reunions. Perhaps we need a few more retirees.

Instead of retiring, **Al Burk** has changed jobs after 27 years of working for WBAL radio. Now he is underwriting sales for WYPR Public Radio. For those out-of-towners, public radio in Baltimore has been in a state of decided flux these past several years, so Al has certainly relocated to where all the action is. Al and Barbara have two children, Abby and Christopher.

**Andy Hirsch** seems to be getting younger as the rest of us slowly age. This past June, he went bicycling in Colorado. In just six

days, he pedaled 555 miles, climbing a total of 40,000 feet, surmounting two 12,000 summits and achieving a top speed of 48 miles per hour (probably descending from one of those summits). I would have had trouble hitting those stats over the course of an entire summer, much less over six days. Andy, I think a Senior Olympics is in your future. A year or two ago, Andy abandoned his bike and strapped on crampons

for an ascent to the top of the Grand Teton. Actually, I recall **Jim Murphy** doing the same thing...but Jim did it in his teens, while Andy waited until his late 50s to take the plunge (or should I say, the ascent).

While we're on the subject of unusual athletic endeavors, **Dennie Malone** has returned to the Gilman athletic fields, this time as a coach. He is coaching JV football, JV basketball and Freshman/Sophomore lacrosse. Dennie also reports that his son **Brian '94** has married.

Johns Hopkins University, epicenter of the no-parking-to-be-found-here zone of north Baltimore, has recently opened a huge, multi-level underground parking garage on San Martin Drive, thanks to the effective management of the University's new real estate impresario, **Travers Nelson**. Travers also reports that his daughter Rebecca graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Goucher College and has begun teaching fourth grade at an inner city Baltimore charter school.

With the departure of George W. Bush and the inauguration of Barack Obama, **Mark Iwry** has once again migrated from the halls of private enterprise (in this case the Brookings Institution think tank) to the halls of government. Mark has become the senior advisor to Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner, and also holds the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Retirement and Health Policy. Given the ups and downs of the healthcare legislation sponsored by the Obama Administration, it's safe to say that Mark has been very busy, but then he plowed this same ground a decade and a half ago when he advised the Clinton Administration on its healthcare bill.

**Bill Downes** and Laurie spent two weeks floating through the Grand Canyon. As I did that same trip several decades ago, I know that they had an absolutely mind-blowing experience, especially when, after hours of enduring over 100 degree temperatures, they entered serious rapids and waves of 40-degree water washed over them. I'll never forget the lengthy shivering periods that followed those dousings.

**David Schweizer** has become a regular visitor to Baltimore, as he has become one of Center Stage's regular directors. The last play I attended that was directed by David was "Caroline or Change." A contemporary musical, it was played on a multi-level stage and featured such eccentricities as a singing washing machine. Along with several other classmates, I attended the George Mountcastle Lecture at Gilman in the fall of 2008, when David was the featured speaker. His speech was vintage David and concluded with some of the actors from "Caroline" performing songs from the show.

David wrote an extremely candid and affecting mini-bio prior to our 40th Reunion, part of which I excerpt here: "I am single baring the odd, and happily not infrequent, affair, usually with lads a good deal younger...because it's not easy to catch ahold of me in any domestic way. But I have enjoyed a few very meaningful long partnerships over the years and still believe in it. So who knows? I have certainly had a life full of surprises, and I finally, after years of cosmetic assistance, allowed what remains of my hair to go white a few months ago and everyone says it makes me look younger."

Which brings us to the sad ending to this report. Our classmate **Bill Seabreeze** has died. Bill only joined us in Fourth Form but made a strong impression in the three years that he was a member of the Class of 1968. A quiet retiring boy, Bill played baseball each spring and was very active in the Gilman band. He was on the Areopagus debating team, where he overcame his natural shyness and made his points effectively and forcefully. Our deepest condolences to his wife Kathleen.

**Paul Harper** died suddenly on April 3. He was a vibrant member of our class. Entering Gilman during Lower School, Paul played varsity lacrosse, chaired the school's United Appeal Committee during our senior year, was a spirited cheerleader and a veteran member of the Pyramid Committee.





*The Class of 1969 marks its 40th Reunion at the home of Jack Machen.*

Following Gilman, Paul attended Brown University, practiced law, and raised a lovely family. Last year, he helped to organize our most successful 40th reunion.

## 1969

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Being a reunion year, many from our class had the chance to reconnect at the wonderful event held at **Jack Machen's** house. Kudos and thanks to Jack for being such a gracious host.

One person who did not make the reunion has reached out from across the big pond. **Austin Dolezal** reports that he is living and working in Taiwan at Amanly International Ltd. A quick Google search reveals Amanly International as a manufacturer and exporter of woven garments. We need more info, Austin.

**Jack Harvey** reports much news from his brood, led by the information that he is a grandfather because his oldest, Gillian, living in Asheville, N.C., has two children. Elsewhere within the Harvey clan: Cassie is press secretary for Senator Mikulski on The Hill; Isabel is a sophomore starting goalie for the lax team at Brown; and, Georgia is in the middle school at Jemicy.

I had a nice chat with **Tom Duquette** at the reunion. We compared notes on the growth of Virginia's Tidewater, which has been home to Tom for several decades, and is a growing real estate market. Tom still teaches and coaches at Norfolk Academy.

**Acky Barr** hails from Tom's college stomping grounds, Charlottesville, Va., where he is a commercial property manager with Allied Realty. Also residing in Charlottesville is **Pearce Johnson**, who is still chair of the biology department at St. Anne's-Belfield School.

**Richard Hayman** is still composer and publisher at Ear Media in the Big Apple. He and Barbara are parents to Robin and Adrian. Richard writes: "Once a wanderer exploring the world. Then a musician playing the world. Now a mariner sailing the world. Next a codger telling every taker tales of the world."

**Dick Bacharach** is still pursuing his psychiatry practice in Ellicott City. As reported in this very paragraph in the last section of these notes, **Cletus Baier** still practices with GI Associates in Concord, N.H. I will plead once again for a little more info out of the two of you.

It was good for many of us to catch up with Denver native **Jim Burghardt** over reunion weekend. Jim was well organized, having called a few of us in advance and

made the most of the weekend, although the football game was not a highlight. Jim is the managing partner of the law firm of Moye White LLP and is able to use his diverse business, investment banking and legal expertise to grow an impressive client base. However, from talking to him at reunion, you would only know that he has his priorities in line and is still the genuine guy that we remember from his Gilman days.

**Woods Bennett** was at reunion with his wife Cathy. Woods continues to practice law as a name partner in the firm of Cornblatt, Bennett, Penhallegon & Robertson in Towson. For those of you who might not remember, Cathy is **Bob Proutt's** (Class of 1968) sister and **Dick Proutt's** cousin. We have not heard much from Dick in a while, although I still have a Charlottesville address for him. Maybe Acky or Pearce could help us out?

Also practicing law in Towson is **David Clinnin**. David reports that his son **David Andrew Clinnin** is in Gilman's Class of 2015.

I had a chance to catch up with **Brooks Bradley** over breakfast several months ago. He is enjoying his business pursuits as president of The Bradley Company and has assembled a small but effective team to offer clients the best in estate planning and insurance services. I'd like to say that he has



mellowed, but my observation is that he has become more worldly while still maintaining that incredibly high energy level.

**Lee Gaines** has managed to keep his utility contracting company competitive in these most challenging of times. As previously reported, we cross paths in travels to our respective Raleigh offices.

I have seen **Doug Carroll** a good bit around town, including at my cousin's 50th birthday party and at the reunion. Doug continues as a voice for his environmental constituents in the valley. His son **Galen** is a 2008 graduate of the School.

I look forward to running into **Bruce Danzer** on one of my London trips. Bruce is principal architect with Studios Architecture.

Bruce's London location provides a nice transition into a comment about my new duties here in our commercial real estate firm. In addition to serving as chairman of our expanded company, I am heading our international operations. By the time classmates read these notes, our company will have rolled out our new brand name, Cassidy Turley. It has been an interesting and energizing ride, as we have merged a collection of regional professional service firms and unified them into a national company with the ability to help our clients worldwide. The travel is extensive. The journey is well underway. I am sure that there will be more to report.

When I am in Baltimore, Mary-Ann and I spend as much time as possible at St. Helena Island, with the only disagreement being over the amount of ice that it is proper to chop through in the winter to get to the island.

**George Duncan** can be seen around Gilman a lot these days as his sons **Garrett** (2013) and **Graham** (2015) navigate their way through their dad's *alma mater*. Also navigating such a path is **John Eager's** son **Gardner** (2013).

**Bill Somerville** continues to provide guidance as ethics counsel to the Maryland General Assembly. His older son Tim just graduated from Clemson with a degree in mechanical engineering, which he will put to good use at his new job with defense contractor AAI in Hunt Valley. His younger son, Chris, is a freshman at Babson College in Boston, where he hopes to study business communications.

It is almost a broken record, reporting in these notes every time on the success of

**Jack Dunn's** company, FTI Consulting. With the challenges of the recent economy, Jack's teams have tackled problems all over the world. The company is extremely well positioned to thrive through a downturn and also benefit from a resurging economy. Jack's leadership has been well recognized on Wall Street. We should all keep our eye on him and FTI.

**Phil Franke** has made a move to the law firm of Baxter, Baker, Sidle, Conn & Jones from his previous partner position at Anderson Coe & King.

And, no, **Dick Gamper** did not change companies. He is still at Bank of America, but he is now in their U.S. Trust Private Wealth Management division. Dick and Maria maintain the same full civic schedule. There is rarely a community event that I attend where I don't run into one or both of them.

**Walter Herlihy** is president and CEO of Repligen, a Waltham, Mass., company focused on the development of therapeutic treatments for diseases impacting the central nervous system. Their financials appear strong and we look forward to getting a more personal update directly from the CEO for our next edition. Congratulations, Walter!

**John (Bode) Imboden** is still a professor of medicine at UCSF, where he specializes in rheumatology. I continue to plead for more of a personal glimpse from John, as the myriad of impressive-sounding publications produced by a Google search cover topics beyond the scope of these notes.

**Mitch Koppelman** is vice president of television for Reuters in Washington, D.C., while brother **Larry Koppelman** reports nothing more than an address in Nederland, Colo.

A veteran of corporate America, **Hank Lambert's** most recently reported move was his hire as senior vice president by ArrowStream, Inc., a leading supply chain management and logistics services firm for the food industry. It would appear that Hank is back in Chicago after a stint in New Jersey.

**Craig Landauer** lives in the dynamic Harborview project in Baltimore's Inner Harbor and makes the commute to his job as Of Counsel for Pickard & Djinis in D.C., where he specializes in securities law relating to the brokerage industry.

It was great to see **Frank Riepe** at the reunion. He traveled down from Sudbury, Mass., for the affair. He reported some adjustments in his business approach due to

the economy, but general satisfaction with his architectural practice.

**Teddy Rouse** is president and CEO of Healthy Planet, LLC, a development company committed to sustainable real estate and investment. Get a load of his e-mail address: [Ted@heal-thy-planet.com](mailto:Ted@heal-thy-planet.com).

No issue of these notes would be complete without a mention of **Patrick Smithwick**. It will be interesting to see if he is part of the steeplechase jockey circuit again this spring. I had the pleasure to witness him on several occasions last year, and he still looks pretty good up on a horse. We are all awaiting his next literary accomplishment, the sequel to his hit book, *Racing My Father*. In the meantime, you can see him in person by checking out the following: [www.stoopstorytelling.com/shows/30/storytellers/241](http://www.stoopstorytelling.com/shows/30/storytellers/241)

I will close this edition on a familiar theme. We would love to hear from more of you like **Brent Whelan**, now teaching at Commonwealth School and living in Austin, Mass.

It only takes a minute. My e-mail address is [wally.pinkard@cassidyurley.com](mailto:wally.pinkard@cassidyurley.com)

## 1970

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Just one message came in this round, from **Allen Moore**, who was hired last August as a full-time faculty member of the Video and Film Arts Department at the Maryland Institute College of Art. Congratulations to Allen. With our 40th (!) reunion coming up, for the next edition of these notes I'll have news on those who attend.

## 1971

**NIGEL OGILVIE**  
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**Frank Fiske** reports that he still has his hunting club in Queenstown and is always "happy when waterfowl season is in full swing. Also, I am busy several evenings a week playing paddle tennis at L'Hirondelle." Frank's wife Brienne, a skating professional and former pupil of **your secretary's** parents, recently taught lessons to world-class competitor Kimmie Meissner. "Elder son, **Tommy '05**, is graduating from College Park in December, after which he will be applying to grad school for psychology, daughter Kelly is finishing up at Howard Community College



with plans to teach preschool, and younger son, **Patrick '08**, is a sophomore at Roanoke College and running varsity cross country and track. He's majoring in business and having a blast."

**Geordie French's** older son Alex, age 24, has been "gainfully employed for nearly 2½ years" after his graduation from Elon, working for TEKsystems (owned by Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti) in Charlotte, N.C., where he helps manage the firm's nationwide relationship with Bank of America. Geordie's daughter Ann graduated *magna cum laude* from University of Georgia, was accepted to law school, recoiled at the debt prospects, and found a job in the Frito Lay management training program. Son Clark is a sophomore at 'Ole Miss' and is headed for a term abroad in Liverpool. Next daughter, Katharine, "is an A student at Hereford Middle School, and final daughter Phoebe, age 8, matriculates at Sparks Elementary." Whew, I'm exhausted just reviewing this huge family—like me, Geordie, you may be working into your 70s! Geordie closes by noting his recent appointment to the Board of Regents of The Fund for American Studies ([www.tfas.org](http://www.tfas.org)), which so far has paid dividends in the form of a conference in Santa Barbara with side trips to the Reagan Ranch and Presidential Library. (Much more upscale than Independence, Mo., where your secretary spent hours communing with the spirit of Harry Truman, but upscale is a benefit that comes with being a Republican.)

**Dick Councill** and wife Nancy purchased "Cynmalira" in Monkton last summer—a big old home with lots of space and charm. It was built in 1822 by the great-great-great grandson of Charles Carroll. "**Charlie Duff**, please come visit...I could use some advice!" Son **Matthew '05** graduated from Sewanee and is working as an analyst in Charlottesville, Va., for SNL Financial, while **Christopher '08** is also working and Tim is a junior at Boys' Latin. Dick's employer, Roanoke Trade Services, was purchased by the Watkins Syndicate at Lloyds (which in turn is owned by Munich Re), and is transiting from broker to underwriter or some structure in between.

**Chip Manekin** sent a pithy note and granted license to edit, which it does not need: "The big news of this year for us was the passing of my father, Bernard Manekin, one month short of 96 (see pg. 59). Dad was an enthusiastic Gilman supporter, and a

member of the Board of Trustees for some years. At a memorial lecture for him, sponsored by the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies, which he and **Charlie Obrecht** co-founded, I had the pleasure of talking with Mr. Downs, who looked pretty much the same as he did the last time I saw him, 38 years ago. Aside from that I have fallen head-over-heels in love with the five-string banjo, and have been struggling valiantly to learn how to play it. I intended originally to play folk songs for my grandchildren in Israel, but I ended up playing them for my father, who was a very appreciative audience." A perfect vignette, Chip, thanks.

**Randy Beehler** and several other 13-year men participated in the Gilman Kindergarten Ribbon Cutting Event. Randy and wife Stephanie Kenyon recently expanded their home in northwest Washington—I got a tour last year—and Stephanie made the cover of the *Washington Post* Metro section when her auction house served as the consultant in the sale of famous psychic Jeanne Dixon's belongings. Meanwhile I am waiting for the Beehler name to resurface in government as the Republican resurgence builds.

**Mike Blum** reports, "It was a very interesting experience, volunteering as *The Gilman Fund* annual giving coordinator for FY2009, and I think we all can be proud that almost 60% of the class of 1971 participated, totaling \$15,710 in memory of Ricky Fox. Against my better judgment I accepted the role again for 2010, so I have been e-nagging and phone-nagging you all already this year; I thank Frank Fiske, **Billy Gamper** and Charlie Duff for helping at the phonathon in October 2009. If you haven't yet pledged this year, you'll be hearing from me again! On a personal note, my oldest child, Julia (BMS '98), got married to **Andrew Chan '96**, a very nice young man."

Mike adds that **Harry Turner** is in his fifth year as a full-time faculty member at Stevenson University, in the law department, and is engaged to be married to Martha Nesbitt, RPCS '71.

**Michael Hilliard** is "still living in Towson, still retired from the Baltimore Police Department, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Baltimore City residents for contributing to a portion of my Major's pension...Still working for HARBEL, a non-profit serving over 30 communities in Northeast Baltimore, where I am a communi-

ty organizer that deals with all the issues that affect a community's quality of life: zoning, housing, education, transportation, crime, problematic liquor establishments and sanitation. Please note, as community organizer, I am a U.S. President in training. So, be nice to me, because I will remember you when I get in the White House."

**Charlie Scarlett** remains happy in St. Louis, with "two new grandkids in the past year or so—Lea, 18 months, and Krew, 8 months—from Lori's kids. They are wonderful and I highly recommend grandkids—especially in leaf piles. My son Will is a sophomore at Reed College and Jes is a high school freshman in Chicago. Lori's and my self-employment coaching practice is booming, thanks in part to high unemployment, and Lori has just started teaching again part-time on an emergency basis at a friend's Montessori school. I know St. Louis is in a flyover state to most, but please stop in if you're ever in the area."

**Marvin Miller** continues to work for the greening of America. "It seems I am travelling more than ever to try to keep tabs on the floral marketplace in my job as market research manager with Ball Horticultural Company. I've just completed my 26th year with the company in West Chicago, Ill. I also continue to lead the Board of Directors for America in Bloom, a non-profit community-building program, masquerading as a beautification contest. In just eight years, we've already involved communities in 38 states in our annual contest. (See [www.americaainbloom.org](http://www.americaainbloom.org).)

Charlie Duff left his laptop at work, "so I hope the slow pecking on a Blackberry will temper my verbosity. Son **Robert** is a Gilman senior who wants to study mechanical engineering. Lydia goes to Europe on business (she says) every quarter. I've been able to tag along only once, and I'm all for it. Jubilee is still in business, a rare feat for a real estate developer in 2009. Not only that, but we're about to build a fairly large building—construction starts being rarer this year than profitable developments. Our building will be Baltimore's first-ever apartment house built and run specially for artists. Not surprisingly, we're building it in Station North, the city's biggest and most successful arts district. After a career of playing defense, helping the people of Baltimore to preserve what they're losing or regain what they've lost, I'm now on offense, helping to give



Baltimore something it's never had."

Fabulous work, Charlie! Our country needs optimistic forward thinkers like you and your staff at Jubilee.

**Tom Casey** experienced a transition this past year that is all too common today. "My big news is that the company I have worked for since 1985, CSD Architects, closed its doors at the end of September, a victim of the recession. I, along with a number of colleagues, have moved 10 blocks east on Pratt Street to Hord Coplan Macht, where I am working on the same projects as before. It is a strange time. Other than that, I anticipate two graduations next spring, Liza from Guilford College, and Maggie from Park School. Beth continues as executive director of the Middle Grades Partnership ([www.midlegradespartnership.org](http://www.midlegradespartnership.org))."

Your secretary did not officially hear from **Bert Berney** in the context of Gilman news, but I am in frequent touch with the good doctor and we plan to ski together at Powder Mountain and SnowBasin, northeast of Salt Lake City, in March. As for another good doctor, **Fred Nelson**, and computer whiz **Mark Wilson**, I am embarrassed to

report that I misplaced the paper replies that both classmates dutifully sent to Gilman. I think both are well, but as Charlie Brown might exclaim, "Aaarrggghhh!"

In Washington, D.C., about four months ago, I caught sight of **Bob Pinkard** walking through the lobby of 1850 K Street, N.W., with a Blackberry to his ear and looking, from behind, exactly the same height and weight I remember from his days on Gilman's playing fields. Bob, please get in touch if you read these lines.

Louisa and I are still happily married (as my former wife used to say, each day reaches a new record); she puts up with my long weekday and often weekend hours at the Fed, and also serves as an adjunct professor of art history at George Mason University, lectures periodically at the Smithsonian Associates Resident Program and helps me keep my head screwed on while making me laugh. Given the business I'm in, more laughter is better than less.

Please continue to send me news of yourselves and other class members not mentioned in these notes. I particularly search for e-mail addresses of those class

members whose names I circulated via e-mail earlier this year. My own cyberaddress is [nigel.ogilvie@frb.gov](mailto:nigel.ogilvie@frb.gov).

## 1972

**Charlie Carroll** reports that all is well. Brooke, 25, finished her master's in education at Vanderbilt in 2008 and teaches in Franklin, Tenn. Emilie, 23, finished Vanderbilt in 2007 and works as a consultant in Washington, D.C. Charlie, 18, is finishing Woodberry Forest and heads to Dickinson in the fall. Charlie and his wife are in Chicago working, riding horses and pheasant hunting with their Labradors.

**John Sinclair** writes that his daughter Jessica is a charge nurse in the medical ICU of Georgetown University Hospital and son Jamie is a senior at Towson University.

## 1974

**DAVE SEILER**  
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We graduated from Gilman 35 years ago, so that can mean only one thing—time for our 35th Reunion! Maris and **Bill Baker** hosted cocktails and dinner at their beautiful home in Garrison, Md., overlooking Greenspring Valley. A number of us got together to catch up: Bill Baker, **Andy Brooks**, **Dave Rich**, **Skip Porter**, **Bill Nesbitt**, **Tom Camper**, **Doug Antaya**, **Bruce Cameron**, **Jamie Murray**, **Courtenay Jenkins**, **Andy Murray**, **Ross Pearce**, **Steve Secor**, **Carlos Olague**, **Steve Richards**, **Bennett Sweren**, **Steve Dembo**, **Mike Cromwell**, **Chase Ridgely** and **Dave Seiler**. It was really great to see a few classmates that we haven't seen for quite awhile, and we seem to be aging (ouch, the "A" word) well. The Bakers' walls were echoing with adventures from the past, and a few misadventures from the Senior Revue I had not heard before. Thanks to the reunion committee (co-chairs Bill Baker and Doug Antaya, Bruce Cameron, Mike Cromwell, **Henry Blue** and **Dave Albright**) for all their work to arrange a delightful evening at the Bakers'.

Ross Pearce has been spending a lot of time with his nine-year-old son Parker, playing golf and watching him excel in soccer. His older daughter Jessica graduated from Virginia Tech and works at T. Rowe Price, while daughter Elizabeth graduated from Washington College and works at the Falls Road Animal Hospital. Doug Antaya's daugh-



*The Class of 1974 gathers for its 35th Reunion photograph.*



ter is a sophomore at Holy Cross, and he is looking at colleges with his high school senior son. Bruce Cameron and his wife were also looking at colleges for their daughter as they took a break to attend our reunion.

**Marty Himeles** writes that his daughter Elizabeth is a sophomore at Kenyon College and younger daughter Charlotte is a junior at Garrison Forest School. He continues as the managing partner at the law firm Zuckerman Spaeder and is available for white-collar criminal defense work, God forbid any of us should need it! **Bruce Shaeffer**, D.D.S., remains in York, Pa., running his well-established dental practice. His daughter Laura graduated from Steven-son University and is pursuing a master's degree.

We have two more published authors to add to our ranks. Bill Baker has written about the perilous state of the American financial system, what contributed to the collapse of the financial markets resulting in the great recession, and what our leaders must do to get our country out of potential economic disaster. *Endless Money—the Moral Hazards of Socialism* is a great read if you want to understand all of that in a comprehensive and insightful format. Hardcover and Kindle! **Chris White** has written his third book related to the Chesapeake Bay, entitled *Skipjack: The Story of America's Last Sailing Oystermen*, and was in Baltimore for a signing at Ivy Books. Chris lived on Tilghman Island (down the Bay, hon) for two years to research this book, including crewing on skipjacks, repairing those boats and shucking



*Luke and Jamie Murnaghan, sons of Beth and George '74, display their Gilman pride.*

was featured on the public television program "Nova Science Now." It's about his work to understand the mechanism by which memories are stored long-term in the brain. His group published in the journal *Science* evidence that the enzyme PKMzeta is required for sustaining memories throughout the brain, in contrast to current theories that memories are encoded as physical changes between neurons. Therapies to manage memory disorders may arise from his concept (phew!).

And of course, where in the world is **Jock Whittlesey**? He and family remain in London in his capacity with the U.S. Embassy as a liaison for environmental, science and technology issues. He wrote that his wife Monique and son Phillip had the chance to meet President Obama at the American School and shake his hand!

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a lot of oysters. His chronicle of the lives of three oyster boat captains and their struggles to keep their unique way of life viable is tough to put down.

The research work of neurologist **Todd Sacktor**, M.D.,

## 1975

**JOE HOOPER**

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If I remember Mr. Daniels' Shakespeare class correctly, Hamlet got off a good line about certain customs being "more honored in the breach than the observance." He was talking about his uncle's boozy carrying-on, but still, not a bad description of the Class of '75 notes. Except this year, the '75 newsmakers won't be denied, once and possibly future Maryland governor **Bob Ehrlich** and our man in Afghanistan, Brigadier General **John Nicholson**, to name just two. Gilman class notes—"ripped from the headlines." As **Hank Young** said when I caught up with him on the phone recently: "I gotta tell you, I'm pretty impressed by all these people in our class who've actually done something." According to Bobby E. himself, speaking on the cell as he was being shuttled around town in a limo (I'm guessing it was a limo), "It's a really cool class, a lot of people doing a lot of really cool things."

Let's lead with Afghanistan. My understanding is that for several years, John Nicholson was the Army's highest-ranking officer leading combat operations in Afghanistan. As a colonel, he led a Brigade—word on the street, the mission was to hunt for Bin Laden. Later, as Brigadier General, he was "the point man on the ground" in southern Afghanistan, according to a 2008 network TV report, "The Commander." Intoned NBC's Jim Maceda, "His orders are as clear as they are daunting: Start winning the war." John told the correspondent, "I believe I was spared on 9/11 to do my duty here in Afghanistan." On that morning, the Al Qaeda plane hijackers destroyed his Pentagon office and killed his closest colleagues. John was taking a rare day off, moving his family into a new house.

Recently, John put down his rifle and took a position stateside, as the head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's Pakistan-Afghanistan coordination cell, his mission to help shape a nation-building "hearts and minds" strategy that, it is hoped, will leave the nation better equipped to resist Islamic extremism and sectarian violence. This past October, John (or Nick as some Gilmanites and many military folk call him) was pitching the mission to "60 Minutes," do-able, he says, now that we have the resources in place. Lean and



*Skip Porter, Doug Antaya, Dave Seiler and Bill Baker enjoy the 1974 Reunion, held at Bill's home.*



lantern-jawed, he looked every inch the can-do American bringing order to the unruly provinces. (History will of course have the last word.) **Ian MacFarlane**, one of his best pals from the Gilman era, caught up with John/Nick on the phone recently: "He's a big gun but he's the same old guy." Ian has created a LinkedIn blog/discussion site for Gilman Nicholson-watchers. If you're a LinkedIn member, Ian advises, "go into your groups tab and click on groups directory. From there, you can search groups, so find Gilman. Once on Gilman, there should be a button to join." If that doesn't work, take it up with Ian (he's president and CEO of EA Engineering, Science and Technology Inc. in Hunt Valley) or just punch in "John Nicholson" on Google. The choice media bits readily pop up.

If, as von Clausewitz famously said, "war is politics by other means," the reverse seems just as true. Republican Bob Ehrlich, currently a "rainmaker" for the law firm of Womble, Carlyle in downtown Baltimore, looks to be spoiling for a rematch against Democrat Martin O'Malley, who took the office away from him the last go-round. (None of this intel should be news to Baltimoreans, but the out-of-towners will be impressed.) By the time our class reassembles for its 35th Reunion over the weekend of October 15, Bob could be on the cusp of moving back to the Governor's Mansion in Annapolis, where he and his wife Kendel hosted our 30th reunion. (Yes, this is a plug for the upcoming reunion; check the Gilman websites for details as they develop.) Or not.

Here are some highlights from my recent phone conversation with Bob. (Politically, we agreed on very little; he was as charming as ever.)

On the upcoming gubernatorial race: "Right now, we're figuring out whether we should run this race. And there's some thought out there that the Senate race is another option. But I'm far more interested in the governor's race. I am ruling out the House. It will all play out in the next couple of months."

On Ehrlich the author (he's finished writing a political autobiography): "We've put it on ice for a couple of months [until after the election]. It draws on my experiences in Congress and as Governor and in the legislature in sort of a common-sense manifesto for where the country and the culture need to go in my view. It was fun to write. This

wasn't someone [a ghostwriter] coming in with a Dictaphone. I wrote it."

On my polling data (read: chats with classmates) suggesting dissatisfaction with the O'Malley governorship: "In the class of '75, yeah, a lot. [big laugh] A lot of Gilman folks have been very supportive of me all through my career, beginning as a delegate. I think **Mike McCarthy** wrote my first check."

On the perception that the country is turning away from the Obama Democratic agenda: "Boom, in a year everything turned just like that. And I'm trying to figure it out. It's not [just] a Republican deal, it's disaffected Democrats, independents. This is sort of revenge of the entrepreneurial class, small business people, aggrieved taxpayers, working class, middle class. It's anti-big government, intrusive government and too much spending. I'm a more libertarian-influenced Republican. You can't spend more than you take in. But I'm brutal on Wall Street, brutal on the rating houses, on that issue, way more brutal than Democrats."

On (arguably) rising Maryland Democratic star, our classmate **Kevin Kamenetz**: "Kevin and I have a great relationship and obviously we've generally stayed out of each other's way, given the fact that we're in different parties."

If Bobby is the perpetual Republican *wunderkind* in an overwhelmingly Democratic state, Kevin, a lawyer about town and Gilman father of two, has been pursuing a quieter political career, solidifying his power base as the four-term chairman of the Baltimore County Council. But he's ready for his breakout year, having raised over a million dollars to see him through the primary and general election for county executive

this fall. As we who took Nick Schloeder's government class recall, this was Spiro Agnew's path to the governorship and then the vice-presidency and then criminal indictment. Kevin says he plans to hold himself to a higher ethical standard, the Reddy Finney standard. "My guiding star is, 'What would Reddy do?' Reddy would make honest, ethical decisions that were well-thought-out." Can't argue with that. Of course, Kevin has to win first, but apparently he's got that covered: "I'm Schloeder-trained. We're only trained to win." Classmates **John Colston**, Ian MacFarlane and **Jonathan Pine** are on his election committee and are helping him plan a Gilman fundraiser. (The rest of us can click onto [KevinfortheCounty.com](http://KevinfortheCounty.com)) Kevin adds that from time to time he runs into **Brian Goodman**, another Baltimore lawyer and the general manager of the Young Vic theater company (Gilbert and Sullivan, in perpetuity), and our old *Gilman News* colleague, **Charles Wolpoff**, in local finance.

Then there is the recovering political animal. That would be **Gerry Brewster**, who ran and lost against Ehrlich in the 1994 Congressional race in an almost Civil War-like scenario, Greyhound brother against Greyhound brother. In a classically Brewster note, Gerry lets us know that there is life after electoral politics: "I recently moved to a new home in Cockeysville, and after Governor O'Malley nominated me and getting through a Senate confirmation, I was sworn in October as a commissioner of aviation for Maryland, overseeing BWI, Martin State and about 30 other airports in Maryland. My qualifications included being in a plane crash and skydiving where I ended up in the hospital!!!! I also continue to serve on

the Board of the Maryland State Fair, and I interview Gilman students applying for admission to Princeton. I also do other volunteer and *pro bono* legal work as a practicing attorney in Baltimore County. That should be more than my fair share of ink. Were I still running for office I would give you a lot more, but it would mostly be B.S. so I shall refrain." One postscript: John Colston had lunch with Gerry not long ago and claims that Gerry had visited "the scanner



Bob Ehrlich '75, right, and his Gilman football coach Alex Sotir.





Kevin Kamenetz '75, P'19, K and Jonathan Pine '75, P'12 walk down memory lane at the Gilman Bull Roast.

room at BWI where you see all the naked bodies with the faces blurred."

Then there are the Baltimore perennials. "Some of the local boys, we catch up every so often," Ian MacFarlane says. Mike McCarthy is piloting the family firm, the Riparius development and construction business, through tough economic times. **Bruce Matthai** is in commercial real estate, John Colston is a family man and proud Gilman parent, and **Jon Farber, Kevin Lynch, John Tompkins, Pete Matthews, Bo Lewis** and **Robbie Williams** (among others) are in local finance.

Jonathan Pine seems especially well-situated in the Charm City matrix, even keeping up with out-of-towners like **Dirk Fitzpatrick** and **Bill Miller**. A Gilman parent, Jonathan has been working "forever" as an editor of medical textbooks at Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins. "In our fathers' generation being with the same company for 30 year would be considered impressive," he says. "Now it just seems downright embarrassing." He has an unusual vantage point. His office on the seventh floor of a converted brick warehouse looks across to the upper deck restrooms at Camden Yards. Jonathan says he worries that it's the book business that's in the toilet these days, under assault from online media. As one who is making a living in the shrinking Manhattan print magazine world, I feel his pain. John Colston, who as a ground-floor player at

AOL bet on "new media" early and profitably, offers up a glimmer of hope: "My gut is that the print media are going to be bottoming out soon and there's going to be money in the revenue from all the services [they provide]. It's just figuring out the business model—like the Apple tablet."

On the lower-tech front, John says **Mark Foster** is doing very well with his Second Chance, Inc., a non-profit venture that sells valuable stuff from old buildings on the demo block: plumbing fixtures, mantels, fireplaces, etc. "If you're redoing an old house, somewhere in his warehouse he's got what you need," John says. And if your plumbing, vintage or otherwise, is on the fritz, know that **Tad Stellman** runs the family plumbing business and **Gordon**

**Schweizer** is in the same trade, working out of Columbia, Md. (At least *pro bono* PR is holding up nicely.)

**Reiley McDonald** reports, "I'm a breeder and seller of horses based in Lexington, Ky. Like everybody else's business, it's had hard times, but I'm still doing what I enjoy." I see Reiley more than I used to. For the past few years, he and my younger sister Cricket have been a couple. Both having found themselves newly single in their middle years, they rekindled an old flame. Reiley now divides his time between his home base in Kentucky and Old Greenwich, Conn., where Cricket and her two girls live. He's in regular touch with **Chris Hutchins**, whose daughter Tighe, a Cal Berkeley senior, recently came through a life-threatening illness, a stomach aneurysm, and is on the slow and challenging mend. "She's beaten the hard part," Reiley says. "She's a pretty tough kid."

Reiley tells us that Richmond-based cousin **Sandy McDonald** travels the world for Coca-Cola, in China especially, and that his eldest is in her mid-twenties which means, unlike some classmates, Sandy got down to business early.

Reiley also extends an open invitation to drop by the Cross Street Market around 3 p.m. the day after Thanksgiving, a tradition that Chris Hutchins launched some five years ago: "You eat oysters, drink beer. It gets bigger every year." Kevin Kamenetz ran into a bunch of classmates having a similarly con-

vivial lunch at Green Spring Station a few months ago: Brewster, Colston, MacFarlane, Matthai, Hutchins. "I told them next year maybe they can invite me. Once I'm elected."

**Joe Howard** is a captain of industry, not how I remember him in the early '70s. He is a partner in Worldbound Limited, headquartered in Pikesville, which seems to do pretty much everything ("project management, sourcing, manufacturing, business management services and commercializing of technology"), which as best as I can tell boils down to finding the right Chinese factory to make the right product at the right price. He says he's especially proud of a recent deal, selling 5,000 pre-fab houses to earthquake-ravaged Haiti at below-market cost. Joe has been touch with **Dom Tocci**, who is a contractor, and who moved from Maine to Andover, Conn., a few years ago after the Maine house burned down. "Dom rolls with the punches," Joe adds. And that Dom's youngest child speaks fluent Mandarin. Sounds about right.

On the phone, **Hank Young** sounds as bracingly acerbic as ever. Two years ago, he left Baltimore (but not his Baltimore law firm) for Oklahoma, where his wife Ann Boulton is from: "We did 25 years on the East Coast and she wanted to do the last 25 years out here. I'm here until 'death do us part,' or as they say in Oklahoma, until the Second Coming of Christ." Hank spends about a week every month back in Baltimore; the rest of the time, he's on the road or doing his lawyering via computer and phone back home in Edmond. (That would be between Stillwater and Oklahoma City for those of us who don't get out there much.) Hank says his eldest son "took his Quaker training at Friends School to heart and enlisted in the Marines. He's at boot camp right now, at Parris Island. We don't have the same world views but he's a pretty good kid."

In New York, we have a little community of Baltimore expats—**Tom Miller, MacKay Wolff, Andy Kaufman, David Morton**—who come together most frequently at Gilman alumni events in the city and at Ravens playoff games in front of big-screen televisions. Also Tom, MacKay and Andy talk a lot about getting together to play golf but being a non-golfer, how often this actually happens, I couldn't say.

I recently feigned great interest in the Ravens' playoff fortunes so I could collect some class life histories, Tom Sawyer-style.



Tom (once "T.A.") Miller reports: "After no submissions to Gilman class notes in 35 years (actually 36 in my case, but who's counting?), where to start? The brief bio is Yale, London School of Economics, a think tank in Paris for six years, then midtown Manhattan (Hell's Kitchen) for the past 25 years. I spent most of my professional career traveling the world and running the global research business for The Roper Organization. For the past four years, I've been full-time with a non-profit I helped set up after 9/11: Business for Diplomatic Action. Our mission is to get the private sector engaged in programs that improve relations between the United States and the world. It's rewarding and fun, and just a bit daunting; if anyone wants to help out, give me a call! On the personal side, I've been blessed with two beautiful daughters, Sara (a junior at Northwestern) and Julie (a freshman at the University of Maryland—go Terps!), but we lost their mom to cancer eight years ago. Luckily for me, however, another beautiful woman came into my life and was foolhardy enough to marry me. Jennifer and I are now the proud parents of James, born August 2009. So I guess there is a possible Miller member of the Class of 2028 (or '27—whatever)."

And peripatetic MacKay: "I've entered my 20th year working for the United Nations; my assignments now involve slightly more than seven months every year doing specialized writing in New York City, and the remainder elsewhere in the world consulting on economic development and emergency preparedness. My missions since the last reunion have been in West and East Africa, the Middle East and, later this year, in South-central Asia."

I was less successful with Andy. At the first Ravens playoff game, witnessed at Blondie's sports bar on W. 79th St., he launched into a provocative rant about Obama having sold out to the grifters on Wall Street (Andy works for a hedge fund). The second game, that dispiriting loss to the Colts, Andy demanded Ravens' coach John Harbaugh's head on a platter and left midway through the last quarter. I can tell you he's married to Marla, a very smart lawyer who tries to keep him in check, and they have two hyper-smart kids, the younger one, Ben, having become a regular at Blondie's.

In 2007, the New York posse enjoyed catching up with **Giovanni Prezioso** and

**Dirk Fitzpatrick** at Tom Miller's wedding. Dirk is owner/president of Software Engineering Resources, Inc. in D.C. and Gio had returned to corporate law in D.C. after a three-and-a-half year stint as general counsel at the SEC, as the storm clouds were presumably gathering over Wall Street. He should write a book.

I did write a book, with two doctors, with a somewhat hyperbolic title: *Muscle Medicine: The Revolutionary Approach to Maintaining Your Muscles and Joints*. It's an attempt to reconcile ("integrative" would be the buzz word) the worlds of manual "hands-on" muscle therapies with mainstream orthopedics in a guide for dealing with everyday aches and pains. In the fall, it spent two glorious weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list and has been sinking ever since. Please buy it. Before the book, I was writing, among other things, celebrity cover stories for *Elle* magazine: Keira, JLo, Penelope and the like. It made for much better dinner-party conversation. My wife Kate and I have been living in the same Upper West Side brownstone apartment for the past 17 years.

**Bill Harwood** works out of Princeton, so he enjoys social privileges with the New York Gilman club, should he care to exercise them. He writes: "As for my 'life and times,' here goes—I'm in my 10th year of running my own business (New Level Partners), an educational consulting firm specializing in e-learning for the insurance industry. Still happily married; two sons—a junior and freshman in high school. My other avocation is a classic rock band, The Dirty Little Secrets, which plays regularly at N.J. bars and private events. None of this may be useful fodder for class notes, but it's as interesting as I get these days!"

The Class of '75 has put its stamp on science as well. I found cult class member **Perry Keller** (recall those computer punch card chads) on Google, leading Agilent Technologies' digital test division: "Our application-optimized measurement support and automation capabilities can help complete validation and compliance tests in a fraction of the time it has taken to date, enabling much faster time to market and improved product quality." Excellent.

**Cal Bond** is the chairman of the Natural Sciences department at Greensboro College in Greensboro, N.C., and married to a Tar Heel gal. His chief research preoccupation is sponges. He says he is feeling intimations of

mortality. "One of the reasons I didn't go to my Amherst 30th reunion is I just didn't want to hear about my classmates' children going to college. It was just going to freak me out." He says his feet are growing longer (more intimations) and he has developed "midlife spread," having broken the 140 lb. barrier five years ago. "My legs are still skinny."

**Reid Johnson** is a big-time research biologist at UCLA, a "gene jock," Cal says.

**Roddy Wong** is a family man and an orthopedist in the San Francisco Bay Area (just north of San Jose), a national leader in "minimally invasive" hip replacement surgery. I had lunch with Roddy and his lovely wife Ruby in Manhattan two years back and baffled him with wild talk about an "integrative" approach to muscles and joints. Roddy competes in a USTA tennis league and his game compares favorably with his Gilman level of play, if you don't factor in the quality inflation ushered in by big graphite racquets.

And, when many of us were enjoying the Ehrlichs' hospitality at that 30th Reunion, **Brian Benninghoff** and his wife Susan were in the Ukraine, adopting two orphaned boys, ages 2 and 4, instant little brothers for their eldest son whom they had adopted in Russia as a newborn. Brian, a partner in a D.C.-area commercial real estate firm, says that after the usual dislocations and adjustments, everything worked out. "I live in Bethesda," he says. "Everyone's got their kids on track to go to big-name colleges. But [my experience] changes your perception of kids. What I find now, I'm just sort of happy if the kids are happy."

## 1976

**JOHN WHARTON**

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The closing days of 2009 coincided with the annual online exchange of personal updates among members of our class, sharing their experiences from a year in which no one could be unaware of or immune to its challenges. Nonetheless, most comments focused, and rightly so, on the positive and the future, embodied in part by our fellow alums' off-spring now making their own way forward.

**Keith Christian** wrote that he's still working as a police officer in King of Prussia, Pa., rebounding from an injury. "Other than wrecking a bike and fracturing my left foot, it was a quiet year," Keith reported. "I'm healed and back to work. FYI—don't go fly-



ing off of a motorcycle at 40 mph, it can be very painful."

**Ben Cripps** wrote that all is well in northern New Jersey, where his older daughter entered her freshman year in high school last fall. "Yes, I know, some of you have kids out of college already," Ben acknowledged. "Hey, I started late." She made it onto the roster of the school's varsity soccer team and started every game. "Obviously gets her athletic ability from me," Ben wrote. "She is also on the honor roll. My younger daughter just finished a short run dancing in the 'Nutcracker.' It is her fourth year. I can now debate the subtle differences between one sugar plum fairy and another."

**Roszel Thomsen** moved his office to Cross Keys last fall, "which is certainly convenient given all the time I spend attending my kids' sporting events and many, many meetings as president of the Board of Trustees at Roland Park Country School." His daughter Meghan is a sophomore at Harvard, where she was marketing director for a Women in Business conference at the Copley Hotel that drew 750 professional women from across the country last fall. "I attended, and I can report that we are all going to be working for Chinese women in the not too distant future," Roszel wrote, adding Jerry Seinfeld's line, "not that there's anything wrong with that." Roszel's daughter Caroline is a senior at Roland Park Country School, where she has completed her college applications and been accepted for non-binding early admission to the University of San Diego, which her father observed, "looks pretty sweet as I gaze out the window at the biggest December blizzard in Baltimore history." He wrote that his son **Philip** is in the seventh grade at Gilman, "and pries his fingers off of his PlayStation 3 to study often enough that he is likely to graduate—into eighth grade—next year."

**Dixon Harvey** and his wife Janet checked into a Philadelphia hotel a week before Christmas to await their daughter Annie's arrival from her fall junior semester in France, away from her campus of Trinity College in Hartford. "The good news is she is on U.S. soil," Dixon wrote as the holiday reunion process continued. "Bad news she is in Newark, as they diverted the plane at the last minute." Dixon wrote that Annie is a public policy major, "maybe law, maybe government-bound." Dixon's son Bob graduated from Cornell last year with a degree in land-

scape architecture, and a focus on sustainable development, before taking the winter off to work at a ski lodge in Utah. "Janet is three years into her painting career and loving it," Dixon wrote. "Our company, Black Oak, is in its 18th year, and we have weathered the tremors of the real estate industry as we get ready to acquire properties in '10."

**Bobby Thomas** wrote that he and his wife Polly are "reasonably healthy, employed and blessed with two wonderful, healthy and happy kids." Bobby and **Charles Steinberg** recently had a pleasant professional association at the Boston Red Sox. "Largely through Charles' unique brokering talents," Bobby wrote, "I found myself heading up their legal department in 2007 and 2008, while still trying to keep my hand on the tiller of my downtown law practice. It proved eventually to be unsustainable, and I have since returned to full-time work downtown, but it was a very fun gig. I learned a great deal about sports franchises and closely held businesses, and found myself, Forrest Gump-like, with a World Series ring for my having been in the right place at the right time. It was particularly enjoyable watching Charles work his magic in public relations. He really has unique talents, and I missed him a great deal when he left to take an offer from the Dodgers that was too good to turn down."

Bobby writes, "Back in the real world, my little law firm specializes in the prosecution of fraud cases, primarily on behalf of whistleblowers who are reporting on fraud against the taxpayers, [with] no shortage of that around. We've been involved in a couple of huge settlements, Serono [for] \$704 million [and] Pfizer [for] \$2.3 billion, which have been extraordinary experiences. It's a challenging and speculative way to make a living, but I love being on the 'right' side of the issues and having the flexibility of self-employment."

Athletically, Bobby adds, "I play a lot of tennis, am nowhere near as good as I think I am, and might someday be ready for **Andy deMuth** or **Ken Volk**. If they play left-handed."

Bobby's daughter Emma, 18, is a freshman at Swarthmore College, "and a wise soul," her father adds. "She brings grace and enthusiasm to everything she does, and it's wonderful to have her back in the house for a few weeks [over the holidays]." Eliza, 13, is in the eighth grade at Park School, a K through 9 private school in

Brookline, "and has matured a great deal in the few months since Big Sis has been off at college. She's having a big year academically and athletically, [in] soccer, and has decided to stay for 9th grade before choosing her next school. She's passed both Polly and Emma in height, and is showing some entrepreneurial instincts."

"The person who holds us all together," Bobby concluded, "is my amazing wife, Polly, who somehow keeps all the schedules straight, keeps her own job going [with the] research faculty in public health [at] UMass/Lowell, and still reaches out to the community in more ways than I can count. It can be a little intimidating being surrounded by such smart and capable females all the time. Sometimes I just have to go watch a football game—self-imposed timeout. But I am a very fortunate man to be in their midst."

As the pre-holiday blizzard swept through Maryland, **Frank Rosenberg** wrote, "I am sitting in the near dark on Saturday night in Lutherville around 11 p.m., typing my comments. Power went out in our neighborhood around 9:30 as collateral damage to this exciting snowstorm, but we are fine. My wife Ann is the most organized person on earth, so we have candles and flashlights. Looking out the window to a table on our deck, I am guessing about 20 inches of snow here. Enjoying our misery so far, Dr. Steinberg?"

Frank wrote that "2009 has been another blur with a similar pattern for the most part, including a ski trip to Colorado with my son in March, followed by a trip for me to Oregon and California wine countries after **Brent '05** headed back to school in North Carolina, several wine tastings at the house throughout the year, usually when Ann is out of town, as she cannot consume much wine,...several trips a year to NYC for work and fun, [an] annual trip to Chicago for the holidays to visit Ann's family and usually brave single-digit—often negative—wind chills, the proverbial parent weekend trips at the two kids' schools, and lots of work, even more so this past 12 months."

Frank also wrote of an experience that brought two Gilman families close, and the larger Gilman community even closer. "The most prominent part of the year was the near-death illness of Tighe Hutchins, the daughter of **Chris Hutchins** ('75) and Cathy. Ann and I became good friends with Chris





Bonnie and Biff Hearn '76, P'11

and Cathy, as our daughters became very good friends as classmates and teammates at Bryn Mawr, and I can tell you that the entire family is terrific. Tighe is a senior at Cal-Berkeley and she came back home the week before Thanksgiving after four operations, about three weeks in ICU and about another week and half in the Berkeley hospital. The Hutchinses received tremendous support throughout this ordeal, including support from Gilman. I believe all of you would be proud at how Gilman rallied behind the Hutchinses."

**Bill Spragins** didn't let a mishap slow him down too long. "I badly sprained my ankle in June, which limited a number of activities I normally like to do for the rest of the year," he wrote last December. "Embarrassingly enough, adult beverages were not even involved, just a complete klutz move in the backyard. I'm back to about 90 percent, so will try a little skiing this week in Telluride. The early winter storms hit the southern mountains, [so] we will head there. Then back to Denver for X-mas weekend, and then down to Playa, Mexico, 30 miles south of Cancun, for New Year's week and a little mid-winter beach break."

Baltimore Circuit Judge **Sylvester Cox** was in Louisville during the snowstorm and his original flight was cancelled, but he still got back to Maryland. "Kudos," he wrote, "to my wife, Judy, who was able to negotiate the 'rush' of re-scheduling for a Sunday morning flight home."

2009, Sylvester wrote, was "the same as it ever was. Our oldest daughter Lindsey grad-

uated from Howard University in May. She's had two jobs since, and has decided to attend Columbia in January 2010. I think she wants a career in medicine. I thought I had written my last check. Our youngest, Erin, is in the middle of her sophomore year at Morgan State, and had a good year as an outside hitter for their volleyball team. Unlike her dad, she led the team in kills, points and service aces."

At the courthouse, "I've been toiling in the civil trial docket. Lead paint, medical malpractice and motor torts. Learned a lot, like whether I really want that colonoscopy. Great stuff, but nothing like Bobby's practice. And of course, the one who keeps us on the right track is Judy. I don't know what we'd do without her."

**Nick Richardson** wrote that 2009 was relatively uneventful, but that his wife's ordeals at work were followed by family-wide health problems at home. "Anita continues to work for the FDA's Center for Biologics," Nick wrote, "regulating all live tissue use and vaccines. The swine flu vaccine was making her life miserable, working ridiculous hours to get companies approved to manufacture it for distribution, before all four of us caught the swine flu and we were all made miserable, simultaneously, for a week. We hadn't spent that much time together since we went to Cape May for a week last July! I missed five days of work, which is more than I have missed, in aggregate, in the past 20 years."

Nick's son **Matthew**, a senior at Gilman, is headed for William & Mary in fall of 2010. "When he had Anton Vishio for a class last year, I shot Mr. V an e-mail saying 'hello' and letting him know that Matthew was my son," Nick wrote. "True to form, Anton sent me a reply telling me that of course he knew that Matthew was my son, and [asking] 'Don't you still owe me that Ovid assignment?' Damn, I thought that he'd forget that after 35 years!"

Their second son, **Will**, is in eighth grade at Gilman's Middle School. "He loves it," Nick wrote, "and those of you that are on Facebook know that he has caught the music bug from me and having fun playing the guitar. He and I have played a few sets together at a few fundraising events and at an 'open mic' in Cape May, which gives me more joy than you can imagine. Luckily for him, he has spectacular talent and he gets all the interesting lead work. I tell myself

that, if I'd started playing that early, I'd be as quick a study, but I really don't think that is the case. Will's perfect pitch gives him a head start that is hard, for a mere aging mortal like me, to catch up with!! Will is looking forward to moving on to the Upper School, but he has loved every minute of the Middle School."

Nick wrote that he is still in the world of commercial banking, working for Wilmington Trust for about three years. "It is a great place to work; very focused on providing financing to closely-held, owner-operated companies in the mid-Atlantic," he wrote. "We are still lending, which is great, but working in finance isn't quite as fun as it was a few years ago."

To have some fun, Nick plays in an acoustic cover band, "4andO." "We only play out about 10 times a year, mainly for fundraisers, private parties and country clubs," Nick wrote. "Most of what we play is the music that we grew up with; lots of Grateful Dead, CSNY, The Band, REM, some Buffett, Beatles, Talking Heads and 'new' stuff. I think that anything that was written after 1990 is new, but my sons make sure that we've added some Jack Johnson and a few songs only a year or two old. Anyway, I'm having a blast. Luckily, Anita is very understanding. I think that she believes that, as midlife crises go, this music thing is pretty mild. Having said that, she can't understand why Will and I, each, have more than one guitar. This feeling could intensify as I have my eye on a nice Martin cut-away..."

**Blazer Catzen** wrote that "2009 was a great year" and his "rundown" on his children included a report that Erin, 22, would be graduating *magna cum laude* from American University in 2010 with a degree in international business and marketing and plans to go into sports marketing, with several offers of internships last winter. Blazer queried, "Bobby? Charles? I will wait until she has a few jobs before sending her to you."

Hannah, 20, is at Wellesley with a double major in peace and justice and music, along with a pre-med course load. Hannah recently was named an Albright Fellow to the Albright Institute. Nellie, 18, is a freshman at Fordham College at Lincoln Center, with a double major in urban anthropology and Spanish. She enjoys modeling and recently appeared in *Girls Life* magazine. Bert, a senior at Calvert Hall and an Eagle Scout candidate,



is becoming a good guitar player with an admirable sense of humor.

"My wife Kathy is still catering," Blazer wrote, "and has not yet learned to cook for less than 10. She remains computer illiterate and would love to keep it that way. I am not sure how well we are going to handle the peace and quiet when our last goes off to school, as we have become dependent on the chaos generated by four children, all of whom bring numerous friends home for the 'Family Jam Sessions.'"

Blazer completed his 200th hour of forensic computing boot camp last year. "As I explained to my children, 'Dad goes to school with the scary people,'" he wrote. "After completing my network intrusion course, taught by [a] former U.S. Army cyber crime investigator, I showed my kids some of the hacks I had learned, to which they responded in unison, 'Dad, you don't go to school with the scary people. You *are* the scary people.' Confirmation that I have arrived? I expect to be taking further courses this year with a focus in network penetration as well as to further refine my data recovery and electronic discovery skills. Catzen Forensic, formed in April 2008, saw its first anniversary, and continues to grow at a healthy pace despite a troubled economy. Data recovery and software/network engineering still consist of 50 percent of business, but the forensic work will likely be the majority in 2010."

Blazer said that hasn't left him much down time, as new business keeps him close to home, "but I did get some good beach time [with the] kids and I continue to fly 'serious kites.' I have designed a new kite—but have yet to fly it in its final iteration—that hopes to be available soon. Don't expect to see my name on it, as it is more about the passion of kite flying and not a commercial enterprise. I am still playing guitar daily and am working on a set to be performed at a local coffee house."

Blazer's dad still works and is "still addicted to wind surfing at age 81,...travel[ing] two times a year to the Outer Banks to sail with the Baltimore-area BoardSailors, as well as weekends in Bethany Beach. My mom seems busier than ever, having been retired for several years."

**Bill Matthai**, still an interventional cardiologist at University of Pennsylvania Hospital, wrote that he "had the joy of being on call" the weekend of the December

snowstorm, and when he was called in early Sunday morning, he got stuck in the 18 inches of snow in his driveway. "Had to be rescued by someone else and driven to the hospital," he wrote. "Our life is only getting busier, as it is now the standard of care to take most patients with heart attacks directly to the cardiac cath lab for an angioplasty. Unfortunately, we have not yet taught people to get sick during working hours. One of the med students recently paged me to his cell phone. When I asked why he had a 410 area code, he explained that he was from Towson and went to a school named Gilman. Small world."

Bill's daughter Alice, 17, is a senior at Baldwin. She will be going to Washington & Lee next year. She is the co-captain of the field hockey and lacrosse teams and was All Main Line in field hockey last fall. Charlotte, 14, is a freshman at Baldwin. She was on the varsity tennis team in the fall and sings in the school's *a cappella* group, which sang at the White House a few years ago.

Bill wrote that he still gets back to Baltimore pretty regularly to see family, and because "I also need an occasional Baltimore crab fix. They aren't the same just two hours north."

**John Purnell** wrote from Annapolis that the weekend before Christmas in his environs includes "the annual Thompson Street Christmas party, so there could be no excuse-making about the road conditions since everyone is within walking distance."

Two days earlier was his daughter Mary's "sweet sixteen" party. "It is just awesome," John wrote, "to see these grown-up girls in their fancy dresses and high-heeled shoes, which came off 20 minutes into the party—the shoes, that is." Mary is a field hockey goalie at Severn, and loves history and English. That milestone was followed a couple days later by daughter Lizzie's 13th birthday, making her dad "officially the father of two teens." They went out for sushi, her favorite food, on Main Street. Lizzie also attends Severn, is on the honor roll and plays field hockey and lacrosse.

John's wife Claire has a graphic design business that has continued into its 16th year, but he wrote, "I think the Garden Club and her variety of walking buddies are the priority."

Of his own vocational pursuits, John wrote, "My IT and telephone consulting business remains viable after the magical

five-year threshold. Claire and I both work out of our house, so we compliment ourselves on being very green. This year we won a contract to write a book with yours truly as the principal author. Suddenly I find myself straining to recall all that we learned from Bob Bulkeley and Alex Armstrong. My only firm recollection was that every single one of you did better in English than I did. Help!"

**Ted Pearre** sent his greetings from Boston, where he was in his 21st year at Fessenden. "I continue to enjoy the daily routines with middle school-aged boys," he said. "Their sense of wonder and eagerness to learn makes each day in the hallways and classrooms as exciting as it is challenging. While maintaining my role as middle school head, I must say the two most enjoyable times of the school day continue to be in the classroom, teaching math, and stepping on the wrestling mat in the wintertime. The echoing of Eddie Brown's voice still rings in my head, as well as Reddy stepping onto the mat—tossing off his jacket...and of course, **Mike Austin** throwing me around like a rag doll. Eddie and Reddy seemed to know that wrestling was not simply a sport—rather, it was simply a different kind of stage for learning life skills. It's been a privilege to attempt to bring those qualities to a few of the next generation."

In Baltimore, Ted wrote, "**Skip** continues to be the unofficial mayor of Fells Point. Mom and Dad moved from Geist Road two summers ago and are now happily ensconced at Broadmead. Needless to say, the move was far more difficult for the children than the parents! A wise man once commented, 'Old people didn't get to be old by being no fools!' At 91, dad is slow on his feet, but quick as ever with his mind. Lastly, one sister is on the West Coast and the other on Geist Road."

Ted concluded, "On the home front, Wendy and I have been gloating grandparents. Her younger son, now 30, has an almost 2-year-old with another in the oven! Jay, her older son, married four years ago into an immediate family. His older stepdaughter graduated from college and is now teaching Chinese in China! Whoever coined the phrase 'time flies' never thought it might be an understatement!"

**Randy Kiefer** wrote that Matt, his oldest child, switched from the Randallstown branch to the Towson branch of the



Baltimore County Public Library, where he's one of its circulation managers. Rob looked forward to finishing up at College Park in the spring with a computer science degree. He and three friends made it into the top 30 of Microsoft's national puzzle championship. They were in the top 10 at the University of Maryland campus. Daughter Bethany switched from York College to McDaniel College to pursue her social work degree.

Randy and Lynn celebrated 28 years together, slipping away to the Grand Canyon after a conference in Phoenix. They also took a week off and relaxed by the seaside in Galway, Ireland. Lynn has started fostering a German shepherd rescue dog. "It is quite the noisy crew at our house," Randy wrote, "with Clyde now mixed in with our two older Welsh Corgis."

Randy added, "I continue to travel for INFORMS to interesting places like India (third trip). Our library business held up during these tough financial times. Next year will tell if academic publishing can weather the storm. I am off to library meetings in Australia and the Czech Republic. I have caught up with a few of you via Facebook and have enjoyed the reminiscing."

**Allan Hansen** wrote that 2009 was a tough year in retail, and that the model is changing. "Running two 'Mom-and-Pop' stores, I'm Pop and Lynn is Mom, makes me feel like I'm selling dial-up service to a wireless world. But I'm not worried because I graduate this spring with a master of science in product development and am looking forward to a career change. I want to go into product innovation, anything from product extensions to new-to-the-world items. You know, best-sellers. So if you have worked with any great consumer product companies, let me know—I'll relocate—especially if there are palm trees involved."

His daughter Laura, 23, has moved to Vail and is working as a lift operator. "I don't think she will ever come back to Chicago," Allan wrote. Ian, 19, is a sophomore at the University of Denver, studying finance and international business. "Which is good," Allan wrote, "because a friend of mine manufactures floor coverings, and while her U.S. business is stagnant, her overseas sales are booming due to the weak dollar."

**Dick Mulligan** wrote that he was "feeling a bit like a party crasher," which he certainly is not, as he submitted his yuletide message to "toss in a few words for those who may remember me before my departure after

ninth grade! After I left Baltimore in 1976, I spent eight years in Charlottesville, occasionally seeing the 10 or so Gilman guys who ended up down the road at Washington and Lee. While in C'ville, I reconnected with **Whit Foster** (fraternity brother) and Blazer Catzen (neighbor)."

After 12 years of underwriting, trading and selling municipal bonds in New York, Dick wrote, "we moved to Richmond, Va., looking for a slower-paced lifestyle. Other than a short interlude in Savannah, Ga., we have remained here, and plan on doing so for the 'duration,' as we have many UVA/W&L/Hampden Sydney/UNC friends. My wife Lindalee coaches lacrosse at St. Catherine's, the local RPCS equivalent, where my seven-year-old, Haley, is in second grade. Obviously, I was (am?) a late bloomer. I continue in the securities industry, as a managing director at Morgan Keegan, a Southeast Investment Bank based in Memphis." Hardly the "party crasher" he described himself as, Dick is a faithful and welcome presence at our reunions.

**Mike "Rock" Austin** writes about how impressed he was with the performance of Gilman football star **Darius Jennings '11**, featured in several YouTube highlight reels. "The young man is awesome," Mike writes. "He has been phenomenal. Speed, moves, power, determination, vision—and he can throw the ball, on top of being a really good kid, I am told. He should be a top three recruit out of Maryland next year."

Mike works as a counselor for a youth program in Baltimore County, helping 16- to 18-year-old dropouts through the GED prep and work-readiness program in Cockeysville and Randallstown. Mike earlier had switched careers to be in the transportation industry and trained to be a conductor on the freight trains in the rail yards and on the road. "My plan was to learn the business on the ground, then to move into management," Mike writes, "but the economic downturn hit before I could make the second move. I was recalled in September but was [told] I could have been furloughed again in January...so I stayed with my youth [program]. God has a plan for me. So I am doing something that I like to do, even though it doesn't pay much, while I keep me eyes open."

Mike's wife Wanda works for a car dealership, Heritage Mile One, that luckily survived the downturn. His daughter, Mallory, 15, is in the tenth grade, Mike wrote, "and taller than

me now. OK, no short jokes. My son, Marcus, is 12, in the sixth grade and my height now. He's a big kid, but more of a lineman/linebacker type." Both of Mike's children attend the Reach Partnership School, which is at the Lake Clifton complex. Their grade 6-12 school is focused on the health care and construction fields.

Mike lost his dad in 2009. "It was great to have a few classmates there to support me: **Keith Christian, Sylvester Cox, Dave Campbell, David Heubeck** and others."

Your **Southern Maryland correspondent** couldn't let last year go by without a little travel—snorkeling, bicycling and sampling about a dozen varieties of conch chowder with Linda in Key West—but a true highlight of the year was a visit from Denver by brother Robert, his wife and our niece and nephews. A gluttonous battle for forkfuls of chocolate cake left nary a crumb behind at the legendary G&M crabcake restaurant, followed the next day by the mother of all chicken fights in brother Peter's swimming pool. 2010 brings a year for gratitude—for family, friends, ongoing employment at the newspaper three miles from home and the time that allows for quiet evenings at home overlooking Kingston Creek. If any of you get down this way, we're the pier with the little green canoe.

## 1977

**HAP COOPER**

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I haven't heard from many of you this year, but I do know that **Stuart Gray** left a promising career as a corporate treasurer/CFO a few months ago to become a financial advisor for MetLife. What? Stu Gray calling you and me as we sit down for dinner to sell life insurance? We figured he'd burn out in a few weeks. Then he won an award for being one of their fastest starters, and it made us think. The most honest guy in the world who is brilliant and doesn't have a self-serving bone in his body? He might become the biggest advisor ever. Give him a call at 443-955-9444.

I caught up with **Wick Zimmerman** on the phone during Gilman's annual giving phonathon. He's still the CEO of Outside the Lines in Orange, Calif. More interestingly, he said he "just made an honest woman" of longtime girlfriend Allison Buck. Many of you will remember her from our 25th Reunion at the Merrick residence.

Speaking of whom, **Bobby Merrick** just





Yani Rosenberg '96, Gilman Athletic Director Tim Holley '77, Mitchell Brown '78 and Garrett Pfeifer '78, P'14.

left Brown Advisory to help grow Alpha-Metrix, a Chicago-based firm that manages a platform of well-vetted hedge funds. Their goal is to "eliminate the risk of fraud in alternative investing," which got a huge boost with the crisis of confidence that followed Bernie Madoff and the Wall Street meltdown. Bobby splits his time between Chicago and New York offices, but he anticipates being able to keep the family in Baltimore.

Another classmate throwing caution to the wind—in more ways than one—is **Brison Ellinghaus**. Brison is still living in the UK and working on wind-powered energy projects. But he also told me during the phonathon that he's found THE ONE and will be married in 2010. Congrats. He anticipates moving back to Baltimore with his bride in the near future.

I know, you're wondering how I got roped into doing the phonathon when I have all girls and no need to suck up to Gilman. The answer is **Bill Baldwin**. I ran into him in front of Eddie's and he asked me to do it. I had already said no to several other classmates recruiting for the phonathon, but how do you say "No" to Bill Baldwin? Bill owns Wireless Home, Inc., which is a Verizon wireless provider. He also offers FiOS and high-speed Internet through his 10 locations, so give him a call (443-986-1562).

I'll wrap up with a montage from Facebook. **Charlie Tipper** also works for himself and spends a lot of time outdoors in Burlington, Vt. **Bob Johns** is still getting in some sailing while working for Lockheed Martin in Farnborough, UK.

chronology of his experience. As of Christmas, his rehab for damage done to his left vocal chord was to speak only in a falsetto voice. So if you hear Ken doing a Tiny Tim impersonation...it's on doctor's orders. All in all, Ken reports that everything indicates they've got the cancer licked.

**Fred White** is a database/systems wizard for SkyCreek Corp in Herndon, Va. (I think that's the company that takes over the world in "Terminator"). His daughter Alicia just turned 27—which reminds me that as we get used to the shock of being in our 50s, we're going to have to get used to the next milestone in short order: Grandparenthood.

**Dan Scherlis** continues to be one of the world's thought leaders in gaming. He founded a new business since we saw him at our 30th Reunion—Casual Massively-Multiplayer Game Startup in Waltham, Mass. Did you ever notice that our class has a lot of people with really cool careers? If you are one of them and I missed you, write me at [hap@prospectsc.com](mailto:hap@prospectsc.com). Have a great 2010!

## 1978

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Most of us have or are passing the half-century mark nowadays, and with every new wrinkle or creak of the bones, I am reminded how distant Gilman now looks in the rear-view mirror—and how increasingly important it is to stay in touch. *Ad astra*, y'all.

Inexorably, infirmities arise. And, as they do, our class suffers. **David Kingston** passed

**Dan Bierne** is setting longevity records at T. Rowe Price. I want to offer condolences on behalf of the class to Dan, whose father just passed away. Many of us knew Mr. Bierne—a great guy who will be missed.

**Ken Stockbridge** has been battling a treatable form of lymphoma for much of the past year. He treats his Facebook friends to a fascinating

away in September 2009 after a sudden illness at his home in Connecticut. He becomes the third of our ranks to pass on since May of 2008, including **Page Hearn** and **Mike Davis**. David leaves behind two daughters and many happy memories for those of us who knew him. I shall never forget David regaling some of us at a recent reunion with stories of working on the B-W Parkway at night—he lived an interesting life. Much thanks to **Charlie Wright**, who kept many in the class updated with news of David. Let us hope that such somber news has run its course with us for a while.

As none in our class saw fit to update us with news this year, I'm reduced to trolling on Facebook. From what I can tell, we seem to be hanging in there.

Some more prominently than others!

**Mitch Brown's** blog *Enlightenedwall streeter.com* recently got some air time on CNBC, so we'll expect to see Mitch and Jim Cramer duking it out any day now.

**Scott Bartkowski's** doing his part, I see, to introduce the alien sport of lacrosse to the natives of the Florida panhandle by coaching boys' lax to the impressionable lads of Pensacola and making sure they know an attackman from a middle. He's keeping tabs on Navy lacrosse, too. Scott, seems to me like you've blended the best of both worlds—the sport of the Land of Pleasant Living with Gulf breezes—enjoy!

Villanova is where you'll find Professor **Jim Wetzel**, keeping them honest and doing his part to bring enlightenment to the world, one classroom at a time. I believe I can discern that Jim is also teaching at a correctional facility nearby through the university, leading undoubtedly to some of the most erudite felons in the greater Philadelphia area. Keep up the good work, Jim.

**Jay Booze** writes that his wish is "that people will understand that children with disabilities do not have a disease; children with disabilities are not looking for a cure but for acceptance." We appreciate the wish, and add our "amen" to it.

I see **Tim Eastman** about a bit, usually loitering as I am as we wait to pick our daughters up from school. He's well and enjoying life—still with the woodworking, natch.

Call me. Write me. Email me. Facebook. Smoke signals. Carrier pigeon. Whatever—just stay in touch and let us know what you are up to these days, or any days. We want to know, and now it's more important than ever. Stay well, everyone.



## 1979

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I will try and update everyone with information that I know about our fellow classmates. Only one person sent in a completed note card to let the School know how he is doing. I apologize if I did not get all the personal information correct beforehand.

**Alan Taylor** and Danna added son Travis this past July. They currently live in Boulder, Colo. To the best of my knowledge, Travis's birth means that Alan has the youngest child out of all of our classmates. When he started his family in his 40s, **Jim Wilkerson** did not realize that he was going to have competition for being the oldest dad at his youngest child's college graduation. Jim and Jen have two cute young boys, Jay and Bennett. Jim is still in the printing business, working for Westland Printers.

Our class president, **Sam Hillers**, has moved to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, with Ann and their three boys Bo, Reddy and Mason. According to Wilky, Sam has taken naturally to the Mexican culture. He recently won a local tequila drinking contest. They plan to live in Mexico for at least a year and maybe two.

**Bill Senft** is the chaplain at UMBC, and he is studying to become a Roman Catholic deacon. His five children keep him extremely busy with all their extracurricular activities. Bill has spent much of his spare time coaching all the sports (soccer, basketball, lacrosse). Louise is still running her very successful mediation firm, and somehow Bill also finds the time to serve as its CFO. Paula, their oldest child, is a freshman at Maryland and **Pete** is a junior at Gilman. Dewey, Archer and Dutch all attend The School of the Cathedral.

**Adam Hitt** has relocated his professional career to Baltimore. He is now with Signal Hill, and I believe he is a partner. He and Joanne recently sent their oldest daughter, Lauren, off to her freshman year at Penn to follow in her parents' footsteps. Devon is a sophomore at Roland Park. I hear she is quite the basketball player.

I had lunch with **Ted Millsbaugh** the other day. He is a partner with Wilmer Hale in their commercial real estate division. His older daughter Sara is a freshman at the University of Georgia, following in her mother Faith's footsteps. Olivia is at McDonogh, where she had her Dad watch the big game from the wrong side. Fortunately, the good guys won

this year, and the trophy is back at Gilman where it belongs. Speaking of Gilman Football, **Biff Poggi** is still the head coach. His second son **Jim** has accepted a football scholarship to the University of Iowa for next year. His youngest boy **Henry** was also on the team this season. This was quite the accomplishment, since Henry is only a freshman. Biff and Amy graciously hosted a post-30th Reunion get-together at their home.

One of the senior leaders for Gilman's football team was **David Willis'** son **Bryan**. He made some spectacular plays near the end of the Gilman/McDonogh game to seal the victory. Dave's second son **Connor** played on the JV football team, where he helped them to victory over McDonogh as well. Dave's and Kathleen's two younger children, Kate and Mike, are both at Cathedral. **Carville Collins'** boy **Matt** scored two TD's for Gilman against McDonogh in the JV game. **Henry Kelly** also played an important role for the JV football team. **George Kelly's** oldest son **Whitt** recently graduated from Gilman and is attending the University of Virginia. As a senior, Whitt was named the outstanding wrestler for the school. George has a third son, **Woody**, coming up through the ranks at Gilman, and daughter Louisa keeps everyone on their toes. George and Marietta stay in shape by playing tennis and they paddle throughout the year.

This past summer I spent some time in Richmond, Va., and saw two of our classmates, **Carter Buxbaum** and **Guy Davis**. Carter is involved with starting a new bank in Virginia. He is married with two children. Guy is still the national expert on bankruptcy valuations and has been traveling quite a bit recently due to the poor economy. He and Rachel send their children to St. Christopher's.

I stopped in and saw our classmate **Jon Jacobson** during my most recent visit to Boston. Jake was unable to attend our reunion this year because his children had college visits scheduled. He is still quite the sports fan, attending New England Patriots games regularly. He is very involved in the community and has many charitable interests



Bill Senft '79, P'11 and Boo Smith '70

outside of the work he has done for Gilman. I also spoke with **McLane Cover** while I was in Boston. He is currently starting his own hedge fund. Surprisingly, I also ran into McLane during spring break in the Charleston, S.C., area. Of course he was playing plenty of golf. He is happily married to Tenney, and they have two children.

**Sean Darby** is still at Otis Elevator. Sean and Patty have two wonderful children. Charlie is quite the athlete. He is a fantastic point guard on his basketball team like his grandfather. Like her big brother, Julia participates in sports all year long, too. This past fall Sean coached her soccer team.

**Tom Booker** and family recently returned from a trip to China. He and Ava took young **Thomas** to visit his big sister Sydney, who is studying abroad as part of a program offered through Princeton. When you see Tom, congratulate him on winning a major national award for management performance.

While supporting the Gilman wrestling team, I saw **Rick Snyder** and his wife, Cheryl. He is currently stationed at the Pentagon. He looked like he could still put on his wrestling singlet and make the varsity.

**G. W. Mix's** brother tells me that G.W.'s boy is an outstanding lacrosse player. **Tyler Blue** lives in the Washington, D.C., area and sends his children to Landon. **Jimmy Goldgeier** is a professor at G.W. and a successful author. The following all attended the 30th Reunion: **Rick Watts, Alex Montague, Bart Classen, Dan Evans, David Hagigh, Topher Russo** and **Scott Nesbitt**. **Dwayne Lovick's** widow Vera attended in his honor.



**Kevin Connor** is in Baltimore working in the mortgage business.

**John O'Donovan** and Lisa are the proud parents of two Gilman students. **Jenks** is the biggest fifth grader in his class and brother **Henry** is in fourth grade. Gill and **Bryan Koerber** have a sophomore at Gilman. **Gordie** takes after his Dad and plays both soccer and lacrosse for the Greyhounds.

**Marc Dubick** started his own real estate development firm in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. He and Draga have three children. His oldest child, Louis, is quite the athlete. He has already scored more goals playing lacrosse than his father, and he is not even in high school yet.

I learned recently that **Joe Carroll** just got married. He met his wife Rose on the triathlon circuit—they fell in love riding bikes!

Ellen and I have four children. Our daughter Leslie is a sophomore at Friends while two of her brothers, **Mac** and **Luke**, are middle school students at Gilman. Our youngest, Drew, is at Cathedral but may join his brothers at Gilman in the future. I have a financial services/employee benefits firm in Baltimore with my three brothers as my partners.

Hopefully, we will have a better turnout for our next big reunion. I will do my best to pass on information in these class notes, but I do need your help by sending the information in to the School to be forwarded to everyone. Also, I am sponsoring a contest for our class, with the prize to be determined later. **Ned Finney**? Has anybody seen him lately? The contest is for someone to actually see Ned and report back on his activities. Keep in touch!



*Joe Carroll '79 and Mac Cover '79*

Our sailing brother, **Mark Hillman**, had another successful year on the water with a second place in the J-24 Mid-Winter Championship, a second place in the J-24 National Championship and a sixth place in the J-24 World Championship in Sardinia. His firm is still plugging away in these tough investment times.

**Tim Codd**, as of this writing, just got back from a nice golf trip to Florida, where he played Gulfstream CC, MacArthur GC and Seminole. Not a bad line-up, Tim, and I hear you played well also. Tim is still a very successful shoulder specialist here in Baltimore.

**Bill Atkins** is doing well in DC with Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP and wants everyone to attend our 30th reunion this year. I hope to see Bill at the Bull Roast in a few weeks. I guess by the time you read this I should say it was great seeing Bill at the Bull Roast!

**Eddie Dunn** did a great job helping with the gift-giving for our class. Thanks, Eddie!

**George Finney** is now with CBIZ and still sells 401(k) plans. I know his daughters are getting older and looking to start dating soon, although I believe George wants to set the age they can start to date at 35. Let me know if it works, Fin!

**Jay Hergenroeder** is a V.P. at Gray & Sons and doing very well. We were able to get together for lunch a while back and catch up on some old times.

**Steph Jackson** is still retooling his golf swing. One of these days he will be able to take that 235-pound frame and hit the ball as far as **Roland Mackenzie**. Speaking of Roland, I bumped into him recently, and he seems to be doing well. Steph, Roland, Danks and I need to defend our Reunion Cup from five years ago this year, so get to practicing, boys!

Our brother in London, **Alan Livsey**, is doing well and plans on attending the 30th



*Members of the Class of 1979 mingle at their 30th Reunion. Top: Sean Darby, Scott Nesbitt, Jim Goldgeier and Dan Evans P'18. Middle: Alex Montague, Bart Classen, Rick Snyder and Bryan Koerber P'12. Bottom: Carville Collins P'12 and John O'Donovan P'17, '18.*

## 1980

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**Paul Danko's** son **Paul** has committed to play lacrosse at the University of Denver. His daughter Molly is a freshman at Bryn Mawr, while his youngest, Bridget, is in sixth grade at Calvert. Paul is now working with Lincoln Property Company here in Baltimore.

Speaking of Pauls, **Paul Hazlehurst** has left the Federal Public Defender's office to start his own firm named Dewey Cheatum and Howe (just kidding Hazle, I wanted to see if anyone was reading!). Hazle's new firm, Hazlehurst Vitano LLP, is located in Hunt Valley. We wish Paul a lot of success as he gets this new endeavor off the ground.



reunion this year. I look forward to seeing him again—and I hope the visit wasn't supposed to be a surprise!

**John Zentz'** son does very well in youth hockey in St. Louis, while his beautiful daughter Allison tears up the tennis courts. We would love to see John come visit again for the 30th this year. Hint! Hint!

**Mark Licht** has the unfortunate task of teaching my dad how to turn on his computer every Monday and then make copies of his emails before he writes out his replies. I know Mark is a better teacher than that. It is always nice to see him in the office, though.

As for me, my two daughters, Lexi and Mackenzie, are enjoying their basketball this winter while my son Garrett is enjoying being four...a lot! My beautiful wife is taking classes to potentially go for a nursing degree and has me, of all people, helping her with her homework. Yikes!

My three brothers and I are doing well in our financial planning practice in Hunt Valley. It has been an eventful year, and we are looking forward to the future. Lastly, I want to say thank you to a member of the class of 1984, **Chris Coffland**, for sacrificing his life for us in Afghanistan. It is good people like Chris who keep us safe. He will be sorely missed.

## 1981

**WILLY MOORE**

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As with each preceding year, I have made solicitations by email to get everyone to take a moment and drop me a line. This year's effort included a long rhyming verse, and I can easily say I have had no cause to create any rhyme since one of our Upper School English classes. Being very pleased with my effort, I shared it with good friend and former teacher **Cary Woodward '53**, who complimented me on my effort, and then pointed out some "metrical inconsistencies and obscure references." Thank goodness for the old "effort" component of the grading process!

Let's start with the Facebook reporting. If any of you want to reconnect with old classmates, this venue is wonderful. Through this web service, I have had the pleasure of finding several classmates that I have not heard from since graduation: **Andre Locke**, **Mark Carroll**, **Todd Stokes**, **Jonathan Sagner**, **Ron Godsey** and former classmate **Bill Underwood**, to name a few. **Tom McHale**,

our class Facebook junkie, was even kind enough to create a Gilman Class of '81 Group for classmates to join. Currently, I know of about 25 classmates who are now subscribed to this service; that is almost 25% of the entire class. If you have not yet joined, then give it some consideration, because it is a great way to reconnect with old friends from your past and present. And not to worry, your participation in the class group will not have you added to any mailing or call lists; it is purely a social instrument.

Mark Carroll's Facebook page says he is living in Decatur, Ga., and working for Mittal Steel, but in some message exchanges he noted he was moving from Pikesville to Towson, so I am hoping to run across him soon. Ron Godsey, who is also in town, used to work for P&G, but now works with Constellation (the parent of BGE, our local gas and power utility) at their Brandon Shores location. He and his wife Cheryl Tami have two kids, 8 and 10 years old. There is a great picture of Ron and his family on his Facebook site with all in their Ravens garb outside of M&T Stadium. And former classmate Bill Underwood was just married for the first time in July 2009. I guess after his many travels doing various oceanographic studies that were reported in previous years, he was finally ready to settle down.

Back in August, **Sandy Brown** reported, "I left Worldspace late last summer and was hired by a private equity firm in the fall to run one of their portfolio companies called Petry Media. Petry has been around since 1931 and is in the business of representing television stations for advertising. We currently represent over 200 stations nationwide for national advertising. We also have some cable (both domestic and international) and digital assets. Since returning from Asia almost four years ago, we moved to Greenwich, Conn. We have a daughter, Kendall, who turned 11 in October, and a son, Alex, who is 8. Both attend Greenwich Country Day School. I have to say that it has been nice to be on this side of the pond for a while, but one never knows when we will be on the move again. I must also say that being up here in New England, as great as the school experiences are up here, there is nothing like what we had at Gilman. There is not a day that goes by that I don't thank God for having Gilman be a part of my life. W&L doesn't hold a candle to that experience. It is truly something very special."

In October, **Bobby Greenfield** sent me a flier notifying that he had changed law firms, and is now working with Pearl Cohen Zedek Latzer, a small intellectual property law firm in the heart of Times Square, in New York City. And over the Thanksgiving break, I was able to get together with **Ted Xanders** (in town from Glendale, Calif., which is just north of L.A.), **Hal Burnett** (in town from Winston-Salem, N.C.) and **Steve Obstler** who is still in Baltimore. Ted and his wife Julie brought their two children, Conor and Rory; poor Conor is the spitting image of his father, and daughter Rory, who is very engaging, will probably be a future leader of the free world (all from character traits thankfully inherited from her mother). Ted is still an attorney doing appellate work, and Julie is chief legal counsel for the *L.A. Times*. Since Ted now lives near the Verdugo Mountains just north of Glendale; he mentioned he has now become a professional coyote wrestler.

My family gets to see Jeremy and **Hal Burnett** and their twins Molly and Ben a couple times a year. Every summer we spend a week with them on Lake Norman at their vacation home that doubles as a water-themed amusement park. Each year Hal adds a new component of fun, and 2009 saw the addition of a long water slide made from a massive piece of plastic storm-water pipe that is about three feet in diameter. Needless to say, it was a huge hit with the kids; we old farts even took it for a spin.

And when **Steve Obstler**, a.k.a. OP, was with us, he shared the details of his time at Bill Underwood's wedding and reception that was held in Taneytown, Md. According to Steve, Bill met his wife Angie while the two were hang gliding in Salt Lake City.

**Eliot Wagonheim**, whom I must label as one of our better class humorists, wrote the following: "Eliot, who has been obsessed with writing about himself in the third person since second grade, still finds himself as the managing partner of his massive six-attorney commercial and construction law firm in Hunt Valley. In October, Eliot ran what was for him the Susan G. Komen 3.4-ish km race, of which his firm was a proud Crystal Sponsor. If that wasn't enough, he combined this run with a 1.6-ish km spirited walk, inspiring even casual onlookers to wonder if there was no end to his athleticism. Long admired for having graduated in the top 95% of his class, Eliot now spends his days consoling his wife, Nicole, about the one really, really bad lifetime decision she



made, and trying to talk his two boys down from their post-Halloween chocolate high. Eliot is also pleased and proud to announce that he has now been working out at FX since February 2009 and is coming in on completing one full year of consistent exercise. Worth noting: his Wii Fit still considers him obese."

**David Ritmiller** was feeling none too well. He noted, "I'm really showing my age...showed my 9-year-old girl how to run suicides and now I'm scheduled for 12:00 p.m. ruptured Achilles surgery today...be on the shelf for a while."

And **Mark Neumann** said, "My older son just started as a freshman at Gilman, which I find incredibly hard to believe; I feel as if I just got out of Gilman not that long ago, so how can I have a son in high school?!? One of the nice things to see is how many familiar faces there are in terms of faculty. I continue to be involved in various business ventures, including the Penguin Diner in Bethany Beach along with **Alex White**. If anyone is in the area, stop in and see Alex there (and me occasionally)."

Two of the lines of my email rhyme requesting feedback said, "Whopper of lies, even extreme exaggerations are invited...Hell, you can even tell all about how you were recently knighted." And class humorist #2, **Marcus Ranum**, took this to heart and replied, "I recently became a being of pure light, one with the universe. Now that I am so big, it's hard to get pants to fit." Marcus, who continues to dabble in photography, also forwarded a very funny Christmas card sporting a picture he took of himself wearing a fine Santa suit with full beard, standing on the side of a busy snow-covered road, empty toy bag at his feet, hitchhiker's thumb raised, holding a sign for a preferred destination of Texas. He said he had a blast doing the shoot, as everyone kept honking and waving at him, but lo, I don't believe anyone was willing to take him to Texas.

I also heard from **Joe Layug**, who is "living out in Howard County. Two children: Patrick, 14 and Meghan, 8. I am an orthopedic surgeon in private practice. I ran into **John DeLeon** at the Columbia Triathlon this year; he has not changed a bit since graduation. I also heard **Leonard Frenkil's** name called as he finished, but was unable to track him down." Joe's wife Lynn, who forwarded Joe's message to me, felt obligated to add that Joe "has been happily mar-

ried for 19 years to his college sweetheart!" Let that be a lesson to all you knuckleheads...do not send notes through your wife that make mention of your work and kids but fail to mention that most important person in your life!

Len Frenkil wrote, "Paula and I celebrated the arrival of our third grandchild—John Allinder Medlock. We go to Charleston, S.C., as often as we can to visit. We come home to rest up! All in all, it has been a very good year. Work has been challenging but rewarding. We got a new dog we love as much as a child. I did my first half-iron distance triathlon this November in North Carolina; I have no podium aspirations but am proud of the accomplishment and the positive effect on my health. My family was blessed with another year of good health and fortune." Now make no mistake, Len has become an athletic machine. He and I had lunch together in December, and he is fit as a fiddle from participating in many triathlons, and is starting involvement with Ironman competitions. He is also a huge Ravens football fan, so if we can place Len and David Ritmiller, the turncoat Steelers fan that was our class wrestling star, in one of those chain link ultimate fighting rings, then my money will be on Len!

The Fin Man, a.k.a. **Tom Finney**, wrote in, "Well not too much news to report for 2009. A very tough year for me, and I will be glad to see it go! Daughter Georgie is in sixth grade at Roland Park...and is loving life! Son **Tom** is in fourth grade at Gilman and is also very happy. Work is good, but the banking environment is difficult, to say the least. I will have been with Wilmington Trust for eight years in January and have been very fortunate to work for such a solid organization. I am looking forward to 2010 as the road to recovery...let's hope."

**Jim Cavanaugh** added, "I'm continuing my research and teaching at the University of New England (UNE) in Portland, Maine. Generally speaking, I'm working to prevent falls, preserve mobility and promote healthy levels of physical activity in individuals with balance and mobility problems. My son, Ben, 18, started this year as a freshman at the University of Pittsburgh. Katie, 15, is in tenth grade here in Cape Elizabeth. Deb splits her time between clinical work as a physical therapist, helping with teaching at UNE and volunteering with AARP helping folks with preparing their tax returns. All is well."

Sounds like I could have used Jimbo at Jerry's Belvedere when I was bartending many years ago. What better person to have around when someone imbibes a bit too much than one who specializes in preventing falls and preserving mobility in individuals with balance problems? And good that Deb is volunteering with AARP, as we all will be eligible for membership in a scant few years, and we may all need her to help with our taxes!

**David Stunda**, who is still traveling the world for "beautiful silk textiles and other high-tech fabrics that are recycled and eco-friendly," wrote: "The Stunda family is doing well and still living in Boca Raton, Fla.! Daughters Sienna and Chloe are now 13 and 9 and attending St Paul's Lutheran School in Boca. I have been spending more time in Asia for business, including China, Hong Kong, Japan. My wife Elle continues to play competitive tennis on the team here, and I now fear playing her. I'm still running quite a bit, but no marathons in 2009. Looking forward to 2010! We took a holiday trip to London over Christmas/New Year."

I received a note from **Harry Nudelman**, who tells me that he and his family (wife and two daughters, ages 3 and 2) live in Boston, and that among other endeavors he serves on Gilman's endowment committee. And the Alumni office forwarded a note from **Rob Robinson**, a partner at Booz & Company, that said, "All is well in Michigan. Spending a significant amount of time in the energy industry. Holding at one wife and two kids (Robby and Caroline), and consider it a 'full' house."

**Carl Etchison** reported in "Still the same—three kids...Christian, 9, (third grader) at McDonogh, Duke, 14, (entering ninth grade next year somewhere), Corinne, 16, (sophomore at McDonogh), wife Christy and two Goldendoodles (Maya and Buddy). Christy teaches science part-time at McDonogh. I guess it's the proximity of living just nine miles from the school in Eldersburg that is appealing, because I much prefer Blue and Gray versus Orange and Black. Also, I switched jobs after a decade at one company to help a close friend with his company (also a federal government contractor providing software and IT services). Still coaching a lot and getting older faster than I want to..."

**JB Howard** found the time to write, "I still love my job as deputy attorney general to Doug Gansler. The variety of interesting



issues that we deal with every day is stimulating and challenging—it's never boring. Two of Jenny's and my three boys are at Gilman and having a wonderful experience—**Jack** in fourth grade and **Jeffrey** in Gilman's first class of kindergarteners (with the potential to be a 14-year man if he goes to Pre-First!). **Jamie**, 4, is in preschool. All three boys are absolute joys." My wife Caroline stumbled upon JB acting in his official duties in Annapolis. She was presenting before the Governor at the Board of Public Works, and JB was involved in clarifying various legal positions for the State; she said he was "Awesome!"

As for chance encounters, Caroline and I ran into **Riche Eyring** at an oyster bar in Federal Hill one Saturday night. He had a rendezvous with an old college friend that he had reconnected with on Facebook, and we happened to be sitting just a few seats from one another. Riche looks well, and seems to be enjoying his split life of being a captain for Charter fishing excursions and booking music bands for various venues around the country. I have also seen **George Calvert** several times throughout the year as we have looked at some potential properties where his wife Lynn could re-establish her retail clothing store. George and I also have an interest in alternative energy prospects, so we both share articles that we stumble upon. During one lunch, we promptly solved the world's energy problems by deciding to use the ocean's tidal cycles to drive massive servos to generate free electricity. If you are interested in this idea, please send your checks to me so I can go to the French Riviera and think about this concept in greater detail.

I ran into **John Worthington** and his wife Sheri at a mutual friend's 50th birthday party. John has been staying busy with his great restaurant, the Harryman House in Reisterstown, and has no shortage of home projects. Knowing of John's appreciation for various building tools, our dialogue quickly turned to a battle for testosterone supremacy, with John offering his new pneumatic nail gun against my recently acquired very old tractor with a front-end-loader and backhoe; you can be the judge of the winner of that encounter.

I also run into **Jeff Hettelman** every so often. Occasionally we see one another in a carpool line at school dances for our kids, or I may also see him at functions of the Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition. Jeff

is a partner in The Shelter Group, a national real estate development and property management company that builds very high quality multi-family and senior housing rental projects. He is also a board member of the aforementioned MAHC, where he very adeptly deals with legislative issues that affect the affordable housing market in our state.

As I may have mentioned in a prior year's notes, I sporadically do business with **Sean Darby '79**, who runs the Baltimore offices of Otis Elevator for United Technologies. During a recent office visit, I inquired about his brother **Christian** to learn what great entrepreneurial endeavor he was up to next. Sean reported that Christian is doing quite well with his latest and greatest new product. Have you seen the television infomercials for the artificial grass that is scented like real grass, and offers a place for your puppies to relieve themselves indoors without making a mess of the house? That's Christian's product and invention! What a great idea...I hope he finds great success with it.

And Caroline and I both run into Maria and **Terry Swindell** at various sporting events throughout the year, as our sons compete against one another at Friends versus Calvert football and basketball games. Terry is a vice president of wealth management at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, and has been quite pleased since his office was relocated from downtown to the much closer-to-home Towson office. In January of this year, Terry reported in that he "had lunch with Sandy Brown and his family over the weekend. He is doing well and sends his best to everyone."

And for the now regular post of sad news, I am sorry to report that **Tim Jackson's** mother passed away in June. The service was held at the Church of the Redeemer, and many from our class were in attendance. Added to that, in January 2010, Dabney Lancaster Stellmann unexpectedly passed away. Dabney was in our year at RPCS, and was a great friend to many in our grade. Her service was held at St. Thomas Church in Owings Mills, and I saw **Mac Ford**, **Tom Hoblitzell**, **John Worthington**, **Clark MacKenzie**, **Clarke Griffith**, **JB Howard**, **Rob Hopkins**, **Del Dressel**, **Bobby Blue**, **Riche Eyring**, **Tom Finney**, **Tim Jackson**, and **Terry** and **Cotton Swindell**.

One of those I saw at Tim's mother's and Dabney's funeral was **Clark MacKenzie**, whom I had not seen in years. Clark has

since shared the following: "Greetings from New Canaan, Conn., where I have lived since 1993 after graduating from business school. Currently I am in a career transition after working for Bear Stearns for 14 years in asset securitization. As a single parent (my lovely wife Kerry died of breast cancer about three years ago), my two children Innes, 11, and Finlay, 8, keep me busy with the school routine and sports. While I am still active in sports as an assistant coach for my children's rec. soccer and lacrosse teams, I confess that I have slowed down a hare [sic] after tearing my Achilles tendon playing club lacrosse in 2004. In our family quest for more fun, last winter we started to learn how to ski. During the summer months, our vacation travel adventures include France for baguettes and beach fun (continuing our love of that country, courtesy of my late wife), and Jackson Hole, Wyo., for horseback riding, hiking, fishing and camping. More recently, I have enjoyed re-connecting with old friends from Gilman, marveling at our children, meeting spouses and girlfriends, eating a meal together, and, yes, even playing catch lacrosse, stringing lacrosse sticks, hanging out in the pool and cranking tunes. We have more to share than ever these days, based on our various life experiences." Caroline and I were able to speak with Clark for a bit at Dabney's service, and all can rest assured that the passing of many years has not changed Clark at all. He is still full of endless energy, has somehow managed to maintain a youthful appearance, and has kept an incredibly positive outlook on life.

**Tom McHale** posted to an online class note, just in time for print: "For the 14th year in a row, I have neglected to get Uncle Willy my class note by his ridiculously aggressive deadline. So here's mine: I live in Charleston, S.C., with my most awesome bride Larissa Kopps McHale and my two kids, Alex and Savannah. I am working for a healthcare software company called Allviant, which is conveniently located in Scottsdale, AZ. It's a short commute. **John W. Highfield III** also lives in Charleston, and we both are incredibly lame, as we have not mustered up enough motivation to meet up since we found out we live in the same town several months ago.

"I'm threatening to do the Cooper River Bridge Run this year with my daughter Savannah. That will be quite a feat, since I have not really done any running since lacrosse scenics with Coach Jewitt. Boy, I



miss those. Speaking of lacrosse, my son Alex is playing this spring for his school—Academic Magnet. Lacrosse seems to be catching on in the area, as a lot of teams are starting for the first time. I will have to see if I can introduce ‘scenics’ to Charleston kids as well. They need some extra character.

“Come on down, y’all! If you’re in the area, please look up John Highfield and tell him I said hello!”

And as for me, 2009 was an interesting year. Back in March, Caroline left her employer of 23 years and has partnered with **George Tyler ‘84** and Michael Furbish, a green building construction specialist, to form their own real estate development company named Ekistics. She is continuing on with her efforts in a partnership with the State of Maryland to re-develop much of the land around the State office complex at MLK Boulevard and Eutaw Street in Baltimore City. My own company, Southway Builders, was the recipient of two nice awards in ‘09: one a safety award from the Associated Builders and Contractors, and then we were named Contractor of the Year by the Baltimore Metropolitan chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Also I was re-nominated for a three-year term on the Baltimore County Planning Board, and chaired the Capital Improvement Programming for the County’s fiscal 2010 and 2011 budget. Our two boys, Henry, 16, and Ben, 13, both at Friends School, are rapidly approaching me in height, and both have a knack for sports and music.

So that’s it for the notes. If you have enjoyed reading this missive, and have not contributed towards its contents, then I can assure you that others will enjoy hearing about you. So drop me a line at [willy@southwaybuilders.com](mailto:willy@southwaybuilders.com), and I will be sure to include it in next year’s notes. My best to you all.

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Thank you all again for returning my calls and answering my e-mails: you make this an easy job! This is why our class notes are always the BEST!

We lost one of our best classmates, **Larry Seidman**, this past year. Larry, who fought a brain tumor for more than five years, passed away on July 7, 2009. I spoke to many classmates and received emails from even more after Larry’s death. Not one classmate could

recall ANYONE saying anything negative about Larry. Most of the comments centered on this fact: he was one of the “good guys,” someone whom everyone liked and respected. I know we will all miss him. I have taken the liberty of summarizing his obituary from *The Baltimore Sun*:

Lawrence R. Seidman, a former partner in the Baltimore law firm of Hogan & Hartson LLP who was a respected and skilled negotiator in the field of corporate security law, died July 7 at Gilchrist Center for Hospice Care. The longtime Owings Mills resident was 45.

Mr. Seidman, who had been named partner of Hogan & Hartson in 1999, retired in 2004 after being diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Born in Baltimore and raised on Fallstaff Road, the son of an attorney and a dental hygienist, Mr. Seidman was a 1982 graduate of the Gilman School. He earned a bachelor’s degree in 1986 from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and his law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1991.

From 1986 to 1988, he was a corporate finance associate at Janney Montgomery Scott Inc. in Philadelphia, and a law clerk at Frank, Bernstein, Conaway & Goldman in Baltimore from 1988 to 1991.

Mr. Seidman was an associate at Piper & Marbury LLP from 1992 to 1998, when he was made a partner in the firm. He joined Hogan & Hartson in 1999.

Mr. Seidman’s legal expertise focused on the representation of emerging growth companies in all aspects of corporate and securities law and the representation of venture capital firms that finance these companies.

He represented a wide range of companies from business services to telecommunications, technology, biotechnology, consumer products and services, and privatized government services.

“I’ve known Larry since 1991, and he made partner at Piper & Marbury in record time in the modern era,” said Henry D. Kahn ‘73, a partner at Hogan & Hartson. “He was an extraordinarily talented individual and early on took on a tremendous amount of responsibility and work.”

He said Mr. Seidman had a portfolio of noteworthy clients, some of which included Alex. Brown & Sons, Duratek and Under Armour.

Mr. Seidman retired in order to

fight his cancer. Mr. Kahn said his friend fought back with a combination of courage and determination, and after his first radiation treatment in 2004, attended his son’s bar mitzvah, swearing he’d get there even if he had to go on a gurney.

Mr. Seidman changed his diet, exercised and fought to stay well, while trying to lead a normal life. He attended his children’s soccer and basketball games, helped with their homework, and got them off to school in the morning.

His family and health became his two major priorities, Mr. Kahn said. “It was always about how Larry could help, not how he could be helped,” Mr. Kahn said in his eulogy.

Mr. Seidman also made genetic material from his tumor available to clinicians and researchers which resulted, Mr. Kahn said, in a significant discovery of how cancer cells behave like stem cells.

Mr. Seidman was an avid runner and enjoyed traveling and vacationing at Bethany Beach, Del. He was a former member of Chestnut Ridge Country Club, and a member of Har Sinai Congregation.

Surviving are his wife of 18 years, the former Jill Reynolds, associate general counsel for the Cordish Cos.; a son, Eric Reynolds Seidman, 9; a daughter, Jordyn Reynolds Seidman, 12; his parents, Herbert A. and Marilyn Seidman of Baltimore; and a sister, Carol Tendler of Robbinsville, N.J.”

We have now lost five members of our class: **Calvin Lauf, Tinu Patel, Robert Perkins, Lawrie Riggs** and Larry Seidman. May they each rest in peace.

**Chris Alevizatos** writes, “Happy New Year. I have two at Gilman and two at RPCS. I saw **Ed Villamater, Jay Dugan** and **Wells**

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**Obrecht** at the phonathon. We just got back from our first family ski trip. I was at the funeral for **Chris Coffland '84** and saw **Jamey Hebb**. I saw **Taylor Classen** at a holiday party. Oh, I saw **Joey Seivold** this summer at a pizza shop—I nodded hello and walked by and he called my name—I couldn't believe I did not recognize him. He had just dropped his son off at the Naval Academy for Plebe Summer. He is doing great—same Joey!”

**Frank Bonsal** has one of the most interesting sites on Facebook, where he shares his thoughts about innovation and efficiencies in education and general technology enabled services. A recommended read, if you have the time. **Aaron Bryant** writes: “I’m working on my doctoral dissertation in American Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park and organizing a book and traveling exhibition with the Smithsonian that starts touring to ten cities in September 2011.”

Taylor Classen writes: “It is hard to believe it is time to embellish on my life again. Unfortunately, it continues to be rather mundane. A partner and I started a new construction firm, and despite a slow economy we have been relatively successful two years into the venture. Both **Tim Krongard** and **Frank Bonsal** have been kind enough to let us help with a few projects at their homes. I had the pleasure to work with **John Morrel** on the Gilman Kindergarten project. John and his previous firm, CSD, did a great job with the architecture and design of the addition to the existing Lower School. **Wells Obrecht** recently joined the Building & Grounds Committee at Gilman and has been working diligently to help Gilman review various green energy initiatives. He has met with **Hans Wittich '80**, who works with our old classmate **Tom Gaines** at Tommy’s company, SolarGaines (a firm that specializes in solar energy). Wells has been very busy analyzing various alternatives and crunching the numbers. We will wait and see what Wells has to say on these initiatives.” Taylor adds, “I continue to see Eddie Villamater around town. He and Ally have a son in pre-first at Gilman. I run into Alpo on a regular basis, but have yet to see him while lying down on the table.” Taylor is also quite modest: he is, as of this writing, vice president of the Board of Trustees at the Tech, solidly representing the Class of 1982!

**Jim Cooke** emailed this piece of news: “I am still engaged (almost two years now) and am getting married in the summer of 2010. I have new baby girl, Paula, born August 17, 2009. I guess that means I still have what it takes, but I think I am done now! Thank God she sleeps through the night! My son **Max** graduates from Gilman this year. He was accepted into his first choice, Bucknell. We had to give him a flu shot to protect against senioritis. My other son, **J.B.**, is an economics major at Princeton and treasurer of the Quadrangle eating club. I am burning it at both ends! Life is good, but very busy. I recently went on a diet with specific tough rules: eat and drink anything and as much as I want except alcohol, caffeinated soda and fast food. The fried chicken, steak and chocolate chip cookies are awesome on this diet! The biggest benefit is cutting out Coke and alcohol. I miss both!”

**John Danko** and his wife Janine welcomed another addition to their family. Mary Beth Danko joins brothers Daniel and Peter as another mouth to feed at the Danko estate in West Friendship. John remains CEO of Danko Arlington Inc., a full-service manufacturing company specializing in military and commercial aluminum and bronze sand castings. During the recent Christmas vacation, John and I had lunch at the Baltimore Country Club, where we relived various years of our Gilman experience. My sources tell me **Van Dorsey** is now principal counsel for the Maryland Insurance Administration. Van and his wife Jessica live in Rodgers Forge with their daughters Anna and Julia.

During phonathon season, I made the mistake of picking up my phone when I saw a Baltimore phone number and on the other end was Jay Dugan! Jay passed the phone around to Wells Obrecht, Chris Alevizatos and **David Knipp**. While it was good catching up live, I was guilted into making a pledge. I will never answer the phone again. My sources tell me **Charlie Eck** is living in Parkton, Md.

I recently had lunch with **Les Goldsborough**, who is embarking on a new career in the “health and wellness/cosmetics” industry. Les and his business partner, Dr. Nanette Liegeois, are expanding her clinical dermatological practice into new channels that could prove very successful in the future. Best of luck, Les! **Jay Goldstein** responded to my request for information with the following: “I really can’t say much

at this time as the TMZ coverage of the ‘Bagel Squad’ needs the ‘verification’ by a few more sources (as they have requested anonymity in view of the Tiger Woods incident).” Jay is president of JDG Consulting and Productions, which specializes in research, evaluation, education and publication of community-based youth sports initiatives. Jay and his wife Mary live in Kensington with their daughter.

Our first entry in the “you-can-run-but-you-cannot-hide” file belongs to **David Harris**. Dave sent in the following information: “Having edited *The Book of Sides*, a comprehensive discography of over 10,000 rock bands listing over 50,000 releases, and *World Base* and *The Story Hollywood Wouldn’t Let You Hear*, which are the booklets to the six-CD box set of Brad Knox’s band, Heavy The World, I am less than a year from publishing my edits of the two Indian epics, *Mahabharat* and *Ramayan*, via my own KRSHNA18 Press.”

**Jamey Hebb** writes, “I remain very busy with toddler sons Jack, 3, and Jim, 2. There is never a dull moment with Irish twins! My daughter Lucy will graduate from the Asheville School in Asheville, N.C., this spring, then it’s off to college. Her short list includes Wake Forest, Rhodes College, Sewanee and Tennessee. I continue to manage the sales operations for the Jones Junction Auto Group in Bel Air—look me up if you’re in need of new wheels! Finally, I’m planning to finish writing my first novel by year’s end 2010.” **Dave Hess** continues with his brilliant and critically-acclaimed art and sculpture work. He lives in Phoenix, Md., with his wife Sally, son Eli and daughter Sophie. **Tom Hoen** writes: “Along with wife Allison, daughter Baiz, 10, and son Penn, 7, I remain ever mired in life in Roland Park. You would think I would more frequently run into classmates that, not surprisingly, live above me on the plateau. I did bump into **Tom Waxter** while trying to track down some brown leather shoes for Penn’s portrayal of ‘Pinocchio’ in a local youth production, and last year had the pleasure of convincing Jim Cooke that it was not emasculating to help sew a sock monkey at a Christmas party held by Bryn Mawr graduates. Of late, I have been working the wee hours trying to get my web-based school/teacher/parent directory startup off the ground, while keeping my medical research clients happy. *The Baltimore Business Journal* gave a nod to the



effort, calling it one of the eight local startups to watch in 2010."

My cousin Francie Blatchley called me a few months ago to tell me she was having dinner and drinks with a classmate of hers from Maryville named Kelley who was married to a Gilman grad whom she thought I might know. That Gilman grad turned out to be **Glenn Lacher**, who is back in Baltimore selling real estate after spending a few years in Florida doing the same.

Tim Krongard e-mailed the following: "I am working away in Baltimore and see the usual cast of characters as well as a few others from time to time. It is amazing to hear regularly now that classmates' kids are graduating from area high schools." My sources tell me **Shawn Larson** continues to live in Upperco, Md., with his wife and family. Shawn is a criminal defense litigation attorney.

Former classmate **Bill Martien** sends the following via Facebook: "I am doing well. My band, Star FK Radium, just finished recording a CD that we will release through our own record label in January 2010. Needless to say, we're real excited. Our web site is [www.starfkradium.com](http://www.starfkradium.com)." **Bill Mathews** sent this bit of information: "The only news I have is that our family was featured in a three-part German TV show called 'Auf und Davon.' It's a reality 'documentary' about Germans that live abroad and what their experience is like. We got picked because we have a German au-pair. Believe me, 15 minutes of fame isn't what it's made out to be. After being chased by a camera crew for three weeks, I have had enough. David Hess agrees. I ran into him at a birthday party last summer, and he told me he had a similar experience. I guess the highlight of 2009 was that Michaela and I finally bought a boat. It's nothing like Rodney Dangerfield's yacht from 'Caddyshack,' but maybe more like Ted Knight's sailboat, 'The Flying Wasp!' In any case, now I can leave John Danko standing out on the Susquehanna flats." Bill and his wife Michaela live in Towson with their son Lukas.

While working late one night, I received an instant message from **Herb May** on Facebook. It seemed Herbie needed \$10,000 wired to him in London so that he could return home to Baltimore immediately. I had a funny feeling it was NOT Herbie when I asked him to verify his identity by correctly answering the following question: What nickname did Martin Smith give Calvin

Lauf?...and he could not answer the question. Wells Obrecht writes, "Having just done the phonathon, I could update you on a lot of folks. Unfortunately, my 10-minute memory has forsaken me and I am of little use to you. Next year I'll take notes...If I think of something incriminating, I'll call you back...but I refuse to leave a paper trail."

Another entry in the "you-can-run-but-you-cannot-hide" file, **Greg Quintilian** sends in the following: "I haven't been in the Gilman *Bulletin* for a while! But I'm still cooking at Chili's, still single, still playing guitar. I live over on Hamilton Avenue in Gardenville, and am a Baltimore Ravens fan. I hope you're doing well yourself!" **Doug Riley** emailed the following: "I survived the Gilman Alumni Homecoming flag football game! I scored a couple of TD's trying to represent us old dudes! I am still living in Randallstown, Md., with my wife Regina and the cats (Jama and Gigi), and operating my custom software development company (Silver Hill Technology, Inc.). I am excited about launching some new software products in 2010. I had a great time having lunch in Canton this past summer with Wells Obrecht and David Knipp. And, we ran into Les Goldsborough. If there are any web developers and/or graphic designers in our class, send me an email message!"

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of **Mike Sarbanes's** mom, Christine Sarbanes. Many of us had "Mike's mom" as a French or Latin teacher. She was kind, fair and intelligent, with a pleasant word or a stern reminder when we needed one or both. She was a class act, and I am proud to say she was one of my favorite teachers. Our deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to the Sarbanes family.

**Geary Stonesifer** is a director with Summit Street Research Partners, a health-care-focused investment bank in Baltimore. Geary and Shelley continue to live in Glyndon with their sons, Geary and Carter.

Ed Villamater sent in the following: "My son **Ethan** just started at Gilman this fall and he is classmates with **Ryan Alevizatos**. My wife told Ryan if he learned how to pronounce 'Villamater' that we would teach Ethan how to pronounce 'Alevizatos.' The tradition lives on!" **Peter Wilson** has left Portnoy Levine Design Associates, where he was an associate principal for two years, and is now a principal at The Ateri Group. Pete specializes in architecture and interior design

and is also a college-level adjunct professor in design. Pete and his wife Jeness have two daughters, Sydney and Anna.

My sources tell me **Bobby Bone** continues to live in Port St. Lucie, Fla., with his wife Dawna and his daughter Caroline Grace.

**Scott Bortz** e-mailed the following: "Hi Brian. I was down in your neck of the woods early last year when Cathy and I went to see 'Coldplay.' I hope your new company is going well—probably not so new anymore. Our kids are now 19, 17, 14 and 12. Our 19-year-old boy is a freshman at Alabama, and we headed out to Pasadena to see the BCS National Championship game, Alabama vs. Texas. We were both pumped up to see some real football. Our family was ecstatic to see ol' Roy win another NCAA hoops championship for the Tarheels. Commercial real estate is a real challenge right now, but I am fortunate to be in a decent market. I hope you are well and call me if you ever make it up to Charlotte."

I understand **Ned Brody** has returned to AOL after leading ARPU Inc. for almost four years. Ned is now managing AOL's Paid Services Division. Ned and his wife Toni live in Washington, D.C., with their twins, son EJ and daughter Charlotte. Ned sent in the following: "2009 was a great year. AOL bought me out, and I am now trying to help the biggest tech turnaround of all time. I skied with **Bruce Zuckerberg**, **Jay Goldstein**, **John Harrison** and **Scott Bowerman** at the end of January 2010. I saw **Alex Gavis** for coffee a few months ago, and held a Gilman alumni reception at my home."

I read on Facebook that former classmate **Wendell Phillips** continues his role as director of state and community relations at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, N.C. Wendell writes a fascinating blog ([www.wendellswrite.com](http://www.wendellswrite.com)) entitled, "Wendell's Write: Reflections, Observations & Commentary of a Post Civil Rights Son."

**Andy Mittelman** sent in the following: "I am still practicing real estate after 21 years, living for 23 years in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. I am now a certified distressed property expert, helping people to avoid foreclosure, which seems to be about 80% of the market! I am also doing business consulting and coaching through my new company, Xcellence, LLC."

My sources tell me **Craig Rocklin** is now the director of major gifts for CureSearch, an organization that unites the world's largest childhood cancer research organiza-



tion, the Children's Oncology Group, and the National Childhood Cancer Foundation to cure childhood cancer. I recently spoke to **Bill Rush**. Bill, his wife Darby, son Mason and daughter Liza live in Alexandria, Va. He did express remorse for missing every reunion we've ever had, but he had a reasonable excuse. It seems his five-year wedding anniversary falls on the same weekend as Gilman Homecoming. Billy is VP for EDI Solutions at Ingenix.

My sources tell me **John Sanders** continues to live in Mount Pleasant, S.C., with his wife Kathy and three children, Josh, Emily and Tommy. I believe John's son Josh is a freshman at Clemson. **Randy Wilgis** writes: "We are happily settled down in South Carolina in the small town of Camden. Our son, Shaw, 10, has become quite the hunter, bagging his first dove this year. Our daughter, Mary Royall, 12, is an avid equestrian and is now fox hunting

every weekend with the Camden Hunt. Mary and I are enjoying the slow pace of small town life, and the luxury of having my office just minutes from my back door. I am still working with **George Kelly '79** at Environmental Banc & Exchange, LLC, where we develop projects that restore and protect stream, wetlands and endangered species habitat. The business is challenging but extremely rewarding on many levels, not the least being that I get to work with a great team of people. We recently expanded the business and now have a presence in eight states with offices in Maryland, North Carolina and South Carolina. Needless to say, George and I are travelling a lot. We enjoyed spending Easter with **Frank Bonsal** and his clan down here in Camden, where Frank's mother grew up. It is always good to have some familiar Baltimore faces around during the holidays. If anyone is passing thru South Carolina, give us a call."

My sources tell me former classmate **David Wright** is married with two children and living in Washington, D.C., where he continues to serve as a correspondent for ABC News. I am pleased to report that **Alberto Zapata** and his wife Chris have a new addition to their family, Sophia Zapata. Al, Chris, Sophia and older sister Emilia live in Arlington, Va. I recently spoke to Alberto to get some information for the Class Notes. He regaled me with stories of Lower School poker in the fourth grade with **Temple Grassi '65** as the teacher. Al emailed the following: "The big news for our family is that Emilia, our six-year-old, has a new baby sister—Sophia, whom we adopted in September 2009. The whole family is thrilled with the new addition and trying to get used to the new routine on little sleep. I have touched base with a number of Tech alums through Facebook, including **Jeb Saunders**,

## Celebrating Chris Coffland '84

BY WILLIAM D. FRANKLIN '84



Chris Coffland '84 in the 11th grade, above, and, at right, more recently. The latter photo accompanied a story in a military newspaper about his death in Afghanistan on Nov. 13, 2009. It was titled, "A restless spirit tried to make a difference."



**C**hris Coffland embodies selflessness. By definition, selflessness means: "having little or no concern for oneself, especially with regard to fame, position, or money." Chris's decision to join the Army as he approached middle age showed the same selfless traits as former NFL player Pat Tillman. Chris was our Pat Tillman. His longtime desire to serve our country finally came to fruition after much research, introspection and life experience. In fact, it became clear to Chris that a career in the military was his ultimate calling.

Earlier this year, Chris asked me to write a letter of recommendation because he had applied for a job in the military intelligence field. When I asked him what I should include in my letter, Chris responded in his typical manner: "They want to know how long you have known me and in what capacity. Just tell them that I am some skinny kid that you knew in high school, I'm a weakling that has nothing going on in his life, and that I have never held a job for any length of time, but notwithstanding would be a great hire." I later sat down, and the following words flowed easily:

### To Whom It May Concern:

Over the last 29 years, I have known Chris Coffland very well in many capacities. Chris was not only a high school classmate and teammate on the football, wrestling and lacrosse teams, but he has also been a business client and remains a great friend. I have always found Chris to possess the highest level of integrity, dedication, loyalty, leadership and trustworthiness. He is one of the few individuals that I could count on to help out during challenging times, putting the needs of others ahead of his. Chris is a fierce competitor who often performed at his best when the stakes were the highest, mostly due to his intense preparation and goal focus.

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**Ken Brown**, Wendell Phillips, **Willy Howard**, **Rick Friedman** and John Sanders. It is a good way to stay in touch. I spoke with John Danko over the course of the year and he is busier than ever, with a new baby girl added to his brood. I emailed briefly with **Pete Lohrey '75**, my former finance professor, and brought him up-to-date on life and work. I spoke with Wells Obrecht on an annual giving call and he was in good spirits (he could sell anything!)"

Bruce Zukerberg and his wife Jennifer live in Boca Raton, Fla., with their two girls, Lindsay and Julia, and their son, Jared.

**Chris Cebra** emailed the following: "I hope all is well with you. I continue to be head of clinical sciences at the Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Work has been busy, taking me to Canada, Peru, Ireland and Switzerland in the last year. Luckily, I get to take my family

(wife Margaret, sons Brian and Christopher and daughter Mary) on some of the trips. We're all looking forward to New Zealand in June. I took everyone to Baltimore in August 2009, where we went the Fort McHenry and caught an O's game. The O's blew it with two down in the ninth, but the boys still loved their first Major League game. Otherwise, we're enjoying small town life in Oregon."

After threatening Rick Friedman with spreading idle gossip and innuendo about him on Facebook, he responded: "Threatening me via Facebook? Want to see who can make up crazier things about the other person? Sounds like mutually assured destruction. So, since you are desperate...2009 was a reasonably insane year for my family and me. We decided to torture ourselves by building a home out here in Northern California. I recommend this activi-

ty only slightly more than tooth extraction without a painkiller. Otherwise, all is well. My three daughters (11-year-old twins and a 7-year-old) are all doing well in school, but I find myself surrounded by American Girl Dolls, doll clothing, doll pets, doll wheelchairs and so on. My wife laughs at me and says for me to wait until they hit puberty, at which point I will be thinking back fondly to the days when rooms were cluttered with doll paraphernalia. Work was OK in 2009—not great, but acceptable. I enjoy pseudo-connecting with several of our classmates on Facebook and especially enjoy trouncing **Jay Brennan** in fantasy baseball."

My sources tell me Willy Howard continues to live in Taos, N.M., where he is a self-employed editor. My sources also tell me **Crawford Parr** continues to live in Anchorage, Alaska, with his family, where he is a commuter pilot. Crawford sent this in

## Chris Coffland '84 *continued from pg. 105*

After finishing my letter, I asked Chris if he would like to read it. In true form, he declined, probably because he never liked hearing people praise him for his character.

There are many other stories that demonstrate Chris's true selfless character and why so many people's lives were impacted by him. I'd like to share two of them with you.

In my recommendation letter, I mentioned the sports teams that Chris and I were on together. You may have been surprised to hear that Chris wrestled. Many of us here today probably played on either a football or lacrosse team with Chris at some point, whether at the Overlea Rec Council, Gilman, Washington & Lee or the professional football team in Finland. But wrestling, you might ask? Yes. It was our junior year at Gilman. We had a very experienced team returning to challenge Mt. St. Joe for the MSA title. Our team had a major problem—we didn't have anyone in our program that weighed 140



Chris Coffland played football at W&L as well as at Gilman.

or 147 pounds. Dan Miller '84, Ted Brown '84, Matthew Mardiney '84 and I all played football with Chris and knew first-hand that he was tough as nails. We also knew that Chris played much larger than his actual size and that he did not weigh more than 147 pounds—in other words his size fit our needs. So, with Headmaster Finney's encouragement, Chris was asked to wrestle, even though he had never previously tried the sport. Those who have wrestled know that the sport can be tough to start in high school, particularly if you had a large ego. Without much hesitation, Chris agreed to wrestle and was immediately placed into the starting lineup for our big dual meet match against Old Mill. His first opponent happened to be the returning 147-pound champ, a difficult challenge for an experienced wrestler, let alone someone wrestling in his first match. Chris gave it everything he had, but his opponent's experience was too much to overcome. He was pinned. After shaking hands with his opponent, he took exception to the taunting by some of the stu-



via Facebook: "My wife, Melissa, and my daughter, Scarlet, 3, live in Anchorage. I've been living and flying in Alaska since '96. I flew small single engine piston airplanes all over western 'bush' AK until 2000. Then I moved with Melissa to Anchorage to fly twin engine turboprop commuter aircraft. Melissa is a teacher. We like the outdoors. I do a lot of cross country skiing in the winter to battle the middle age bulge, then undo all my winter progress in the summer with beer and fly fishing. I would love to see any of the old gang if they ever come through Anchorage."

I learned from **Charlie Price** that **Ben Kim** is now an in-house attorney with Disney in Burbank, Calif., and loves his job. Ben recently remarried and lives in downtown L.A., spending weekends with his three teenage kids in San Diego. My parents had dinner recently with Charlie Price's parents, and all reports are

that Charlie, Leta and his daughters, Aisha and Shayna, are doing well in Hawaii. Charlie is an attorney with Koshiba Agena & Kubota, one of Honolulu's leading firms. Check out this picture of Charlie on his firm's website: [www.koshibalaw.com/id34.html](http://www.koshibalaw.com/id34.html). Charlie emailed me the following: "I hope you and your family are doing well. Leta and the girls are doing fine. Aisha just completed her first semester in college; she likes the school (Harvard) but hates the cold. Shayna is a high school senior and finished the hassle of sending in her college applications before the Jan. 1 deadline. We're looking forward to being empty nesters later this year, but are dreading the financial burden. Now we know what our parents went through. Best wishes to everyone in the class for 2010. Thanks for keeping in touch."

**Wallace Simpson** writes: "My daughter Kati, 14, competes in Level 7 gymnastics, which took us to Orlando, Fla., in January

2010, Southern California in February 2010, and Boise, Idaho, in March 2010. My son David, 17, dislocated his kneecap in the first five minutes of his first JV Basketball game in December 2009, and was out until late January 2010. His life is SAT prep courses, and college planning is underway. He plays guitar and drums, and is interested in math and art. My wife and I are planning our annual trip to Maui for the middle of July 2010. It has been a big year for my photography. I was published in a couple of books and two photos were selected as the featured photos on *Bing.com*. Check out <http://wsimpson.zenfolio.com> for the complete portfolio, and [www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/933922](http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/933922) for my self-published book of landscape photographs. I have work travel planned for India and possibly Ireland in the coming months. I just celebrated 11 years with Microsoft and we are living in the Seattle, Wash., area.

dents in the bleachers and decided that he would enter the stands like Ron Artest and pick his next opponent. Fortunately, we were able to quickly intercept him and remind him that this is high school wrestling, not the WWE, that you don't get to choose your opponents, and that the officials would prefer for the wrestlers to remain on their bench and not enter the stands. His decision to wrestle without any prior experience demonstrated to me that Chris was the ultimate teammate. This sense of courage and selflessness was apparent early in his life.

I also remember that shortly after graduating from college, Chris and I went out with some of our friends. I don't remember exactly where we went or even what we did. Some might say that this was a common occurrence, but I would disagree. Anyway, Chris and I were at my parents' home after being over-served while we were out. Somehow, surprisingly so, we used good judgment, and Chris spent the night at my house rather than attempt to drive home. Very early the next morning, my mother woke me up in a panic to ask for help with my grandmother. At that time, my 85-year-old grandmother lived with my family. She had fallen out of her bed and was unable to get up off the floor. The next thing I knew, Chris was awake and by my side to help me lift my grandmother off the floor. The amazing thing was that my mother never asked Chris to help. He responded despite

how tired or bad he may have—definitely—felt. Chris was the type of person that you never had to ask more than once for help, if you even had to ask at all. I am almost certain that, last week in Afghanistan, Chris probably volunteered to go on that last mission, and did it so others could stay out of harm's way—that is just the type of person he was.

To those Chris touched, and to those of us who loved him, I think the following saying sums up his life. And I quote:

"Those whose minds are shaped by selfless thoughts give joy when they speak or act. Joy follows them like a shadow that never leaves them."

As I have spoken with many of you this week about Chris, it is apparent that that joy has touched many of our lives. It is the joy that we celebrate today. May the joy of Chris remain with us forever. ■

*Spc. Chris Coffland, Gilman Class of 1984, was killed along with two Marines by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan on November 13, 2009. Willie Franklin '84 delivered this eulogy at a funeral mass held November 21 at The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. Coffland received a full military burial at Arlington National Cemetery on December 1.*



Currently, I am working in the IT department on Release Management if anyone cares but is interested in getting into product planning and management. Let us know if you are ever in the area, as we love to show off the area to East Coasters. Lynne and I are celebrating 20 years of marriage with a trip to Napa, Calif. Sadly, no trips planned for Baltimore any time soon."

**Andy Owens** continues his practice of sending nothing to me for the Class Notes. I do know from his Christmas card that he is still married to Michele and the twins, Justin and Hayley, are adorable (they take after their mother!). I also know from Facebook that he is still a software engineer with A. Finkl & Sons. **David Reahl** writes, "Happy and blessed to report that all is well here in Chicago. David, Jr., 14, is a freshman at Loyola Academy playing soccer, and Matthew, 10, is a fifth grader at Sacred Heart Schools. Both make me very proud! I recently passed my 10-year anniversary in the Windy City and my eighth year with USAA Real Estate Company, with no complaints on either front. I'm looking forward to 2010 and hope that it is a great year for everyone! Cheers!"

Jeb Saunders emailed the following: "Not much exciting news at my end. I still live in Michigan with my wife, Molly, and two daughters, now 6 and 3. We still hope to relocate to the East Coast within the next couple of years, either to the DC/Baltimore area or North Carolina. Any reasonable job offers from Gilman classmates will be considered." I do know that Jeb and Andy think I am worthless for not providing tickets to last year's Final Four, where North Carolina won another national championship in basketball.

Joe Seivold is the middle school director at The Blake School in Hopkins, Minn., where his wife Joan is the assistant athletic director and boys' varsity soccer coach. Joe writes: "All is good here—son Jordan is now at the Naval Academy, so I have been and will be back in Maryland quite a bit, particularly in the spring during lax season. My wife Joan just finished her first season as coach of the boys varsity soccer team—they went 12-1-2 under her guidance. As for me, I continue to ride herd on 335 middle school kids and 50 teachers and staff, and find many things to smile about each and every day! My best to you and all the boys!"

My sources tell me **Terry Booker** continues to live in Philadelphia, Pa., with his wife Stephanie and son Corbin. Terry works for

Grain Communications Group. My sources also tell me **Ken Brown** has relocated to New Haven, Conn. What's the story, Ken? **Hollyday Compton** does not want to play. He continues to maintain this delusional fantasy that Liverpool Football Club will win a Premier League championship in his lifetime. Hollyday, there is only one team known as the "Reds," and it is Manchester United!

**Alex Gavis** writes, "We are all doing well in Boston area and our boys are growing up fast. I am sorry to have missed the reunion and seeing everyone—it looked like a great time. Unfortunately, the next time I was in Baltimore was for an unspeakably sad event—Larry Seidman's funeral. I know a number of his Gilman friends were there, too. Larry was so courageous and brave in his life, and we were all so deeply touched in knowing him and for his friendship. He was a true gem, and I miss him greatly."

**Joel Getz** is a phenomenon on Facebook. There is a Facebook Group entitled, "Friends of Joel Getz" which has almost 200 members, many from the Gilman Class of 1982...and Joel is still NOT a member of Facebook. My wife Leigh and I had lunch with him recently in New York at Benoit's French restaurant in Midtown. Aside from watching Joel eat various "traif" dishes, he did let me know he was embarking on a two-week trip to China in conjunction with his duties as associate dean for development and alumni affairs at Yale. Erstwhile classmate **Bobby Greenfeld** sent me the following: "I just wanted you to know that I recently moved to Pearl Cohen Zedek Latzer, a small, intellectual property law firm in the heart of Times Square." Bobby is a partner and patent attorney there.

My sources tell me **Mike Liebson** continues to live in Boston with his wife and two children. Mike is director of consumer product strategy for Oracle. My sources also tell me **Ian Miller** continues to live in Summit, N.J., with his wife and two children. Ian is CIO at Weil, Gotshal & Manges in New York. Former classmate **David Rothschild** is married with two children and living in New York, N.Y., where he is managing director of Rothschild Capital Partners.

I am pleased to announce that **Ross Taylor** is the proud father of triplet boys: Lachlan, Matthew and Nathaniel. My wife Leigh and I recently visited Ross and Kathleen's new apartment on the Upper East Side to meet the boys. What a handful! Ross's mom happened to be there that

morning and we had an enjoyable visit shaking our heads in disbelief that Papa Ross actually had three kids. Some of us (myself, Andy Owens, **Rob Yarlott**, **Mark Neumann '81** and Joel Getz) were not sure the boys actually existed, thinking they might be a figment of Ross' secretive life, but I can confirm their existence by the drool Lachlan left on my sweater! All the credit for the boys' good behavior and pleasant dispositions must be given to Ross' wife, Kathleen, who keeps the entire operation of feeding, sleeping and changing under control.

**Jon Thaler** sent me the following via Facebook: "Hey Brian, good to hear from you. I left Wall Street in 2008 to work on my new project, When I'm Mobile ([www.whenimobile.com](http://www.whenimobile.com)), a web consulting and mobile web strategy firm. I believe it could revolutionize the mobile web if I can get visibility. I am very happily married to Janet, with an awesome 9-year-old daughter, Dalia, dog Gomez (named after my favorite band) and cat Marshmallow rounding out the family. I am deeply involved with the NYC and Brooklyn independent music community; if anyone needs show recommendations when visiting New York, let me know. I work closely with KEXP Seattle on New York strategic planning and volunteer coordination."

My former neighbor **Jared Braiterman** sent in the following piece of news: "I am currently a research fellow at the Tokyo University of Agriculture, writing and consulting about Tokyo green space." **Joe Shin** reports: "I am still working as Korea CEO for Barclays Bank, so am still living in Seoul, Korea. My wife Inya and I had our second daughter, Soobin, on August 4, 2009. Our other daughter, Soojin, is four."

As for **your class secretary**, my wife Leigh and I are the proud parents of two boys, Patrick and Sean. Patrick, 11, is in the sixth grade at the Wesleyan School. Last spring, he played defense on his lacrosse team—coached by yours truly. We failed to qualify for the Buckhead U11 League Championship (to which Jeb Saunders promptly commented on Facebook that the Gilman Choke carries on in another generation). Patrick played football this past fall for the 6th Grade Dunwoody Colts, a travel football team, on which he started at left offensive tackle and defensive end. The Dunwoody Colts also won the North Atlanta 6th Grade Championship for 2009! As Jeb Saunders so kindly put it, the Gilman choke is over! Unlike his



father, Patrick has size and he can block! My son Sean, 9, is in the fourth grade at the Wesleyan School. Last spring, he played lacrosse for the first time, as goalie on a team that only won one game—again, coached by yours truly (is there a pattern here?). He was good enough to make the U9 All-Star team as its goalie. He also played football this past fall for the 4th Grade Dunwoody Colts, a travel football team, on which he started at fullback and linebacker. Unlike his father, Sean has speed, hits hard and scored touchdowns on offense and defense! I will continue to attribute all of this athletic success to their mother's gene pool. I also coached JV High School lacrosse last spring at Wesleyan School. One of my assistant coaches, Ed Smith, was a college roommate of my JV lacrosse coach and one of our former Gilman middle school teachers, Bob Smith! Small world! My company, Sponsorship Marketing Solutions, is still in business after two years. Hopefully, I am doing something right! During 2009, **Haig Kazazian '83** and I convinced Headmaster **John Schmick '67** to visit Atlanta as part of the Headmaster's alumni visits to various cities around the United States. We heard all the current news about the school and shared stories with fellow alumni. It was a grand evening at Haig's home and we had more than 30 Tech men turn out for the event.

Also, I would encourage you to use Facebook as a way of staying connected. As of this writing, I am connected with the following classmates on Facebook: Aaron Bryant, Alberto Zapata, Andy Owens, Bill Martien, Bruce Zukerberg, Charlie Eck, Craig Rocklin, Crawford Parr, David Hess, David Rothschild, David Wright, Doug Riley, Frank Bonsal, Geary Stonesifer, Greg Quintilian, Herb May, Ian Miller, Jamey Hebb, Jay Brennan, Jay Dugan, Jeb Saunders, Jim Cooke, **Joe Maisog**, John Sanders, John Harrison, Jon Thaler, Ken Brown, **Mike Jeffrey**, Mike Liebson, Ned Brody, **Owen Perkins**, **Pat O'Brien**, Rick Friedman, Shawn Larson, **TR Levin**, Taylor Classen, Terry Booker, Tom Hoen, **Vincent Hom**, Wallace Simpson, Wendell Phillips, **Will Howard** and **Wolf Zueckert**. I hope to see more of you and find some of our "lost" classmates.

Thank you again for making this class secretary job so much fun—I always look forward to catching up with each of you. As always, if you would like to be included in next year's notes, please feel free to send me

an e-mail ([abcdoud@bellsouth.net](mailto:abcdoud@bellsouth.net)) or call me directly (404-580-0434) and I will make sure you are "published" in the next issue.

## 1983

**ANDREW BUEGER**  
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It was a lot of fun spending time with so many classmates 18 months ago for our 25th Reunion. It was sad, but comforting, to see so many from our class show up for **Chris Coffland's** funeral. I saw **Jay Schmidt** there. Jay, a devoted father of three great kids (**Henry '14**, Caroline and Georgia), works at Legg Mason. I sat next to **Van Smith** and his beautiful newborn daughter. Van is an amazing journalist for *Baltimore's City Paper*.

Other updates include:

**John-William DeClaris** is a healthcare informatics consultant at HPTi in Maryland.

**Ric Ritter** is a V.P. at Met Life in Mount Pleasant, S.C., where he lives with his wife Ashley and two kids.

**Jim Harper** "Facebooked" me that me nothing's new. He's still in Coral Springs, Fla., working at First Data. He was headed to Australia for a month-long vacation to do some diving.

**Skip Howe** works as a third-grade teacher at Calvert and lives in Kingsville, Md.

**Michael Eng**, a physician in Lewiston, Maine, enjoys skiing with his daughters there.

**Lee Sterne** emailed me: "I survived the BGI/BLK merger and was promoted to managing director. My current position is head of the fixed income indexed and ETF portfolio management. My family has rented a condo at the base of Squaw Valley and for the 5th year in a row will be spending week-ends and breaks up in Tahoe skiing this winter!!! If anyone will be in the area either SF or Tahoe, please feel free to look me up!"

**Michael Daneker** is partner at the law firm of Arnold & Porter. He lives with his wife in Bethesda.

**Rob deMuth** works as V.P. at SmithBarney in their wealth management division.

**Willie DeVas** is a dentist in Baltimore.

**Haftan Eckholdt** is a quantitative equity model developer in the New York financial sector developing SAS-based equity trading models. (Please don't ask what that means.) He lives in Brooklyn.

**Richard Jacobs** is a director at Alvarez and Marshal in Orange County. He, his wife and son Ace are enjoying the amazing weather since their move from Seattle last May.

**Chris Walsh** reports via Facebook "Not much new for me...still living in Silver Spring, Md., working as a freelance producer and consultant. Doing a lot of work with *music fog.com*, a site dedicated to recording new American roots performances. My wife Patrice and I are enjoying our busy lives with four kids, and I'm looking for a new more permanent job."

**Jamie Alban** is president of Alban Tractor. He has four children and the family lives in Roland Park.

**Jose Aguto** works at the EPA and lives in Alexandria.

**John Albert** lives in Baltimore but works in Annapolis for Fannie Mae.

**Felipe Albuquerque** is a neurosurgeon in Phoenix, Ariz.

**Brian Bloom** is an assistant clinical professor of medicine at Bridgewater Goddard Park Medical in Stoughton, Mass.

**Rudiger Breitenacker** owns his own law firm in New York and does a lot of work in Japan, where he has occasion to see **James Howard**, who makes his home in Tokyo.

**Gideon Brower** is a screenwriter in Los Angeles.

**David Nelson** tells me: "I have two kids. Moved to Connecticut and work in the city. Love hearing about our classmates' lives. Fascinating how we all evolve along different paths."

**Timothy Carroll** works at RLS Tech in Baltimore.

**George Cassels-Smith** is the CEO of Tobacco Technology in Sykesville, Md.

**John Clarke** is a lawyer in New York with Baltimore-based DLA Piper.

**Joel Cohn** is a broker at SmithBarney, lives in Baltimore with his wife Jill and two kids. He still manages to escape every year to the western mountains for a big backpacking trip.

**David Cosby**, no surprise, makes a living pursuing his passion for music, as we always thought he would. He teaches and produces music and lives in Fairfax.

Also in the "No Surprise" category, Commander **Howard Goldman** now has his own submarine in the U.S. Navy. We're all very proud of him.

**Ron Creamer** is a lawyer in New York with Sullivan & Cromwell.

**Max Curran** works as attorney at Saul Ewing in Baltimore and manages to stay politically active.

**Tony Dahbura** works at Loudcloud in Centreville, Va., where he lives with his wife.



**Griff Evans** is a V.P. at Wetland Corp. Restoration in Forest Hill, Md.

**Wesley Everett** is president of CFA Financial Services in Chapel Hill.

**Alan Fleischmann** reports in that all is well on his end. He continues to work on initiatives with the Obama White House as an extension of his role as a lead on the President's Transition Team. He still travels quite a bit throughout the emerging markets as managing director of a youth investment organization, ImagineNations Group, and as senior counselor to a corporate strategy firm, the Albright Stonebridge Group. He and his wife Dafna are proud parents of Laura Julia, 5, and Natalia, 3. As of last report, Alan has lost over 30 pounds and is working out regularly, having taken on a very serious health regimen.

**Tony Foreman** continues to grow his Baltimore restaurant empire to include Charleston, Petit Louis, Pazo and now Cinghiale with his wife, famous chef Cindy Wolf. In addition to being Baltimore's foremost wine experts, they actively fundraise for breast cancer research.

**Mark Kaufman** has returned to public service as deputy commissioner of financial regulation in the Maryland Department of Labor. This is Mark's return to government, but on the State level (last time it was on Capitol Hill, working for the Banking Committee) after years in the financial sector. He and wife Lisa are proud parents of two Bryn Mawr girls, Caroline and Lucy. He picked a great time to get back into public service—the worst banking crisis since 1929. Thanks for helping our banks, Mark.

**David Zura** claims he's the one responsible for this collapse. He is the president of a small private equity-owned company, Professional Warranty. He writes, "Been there two years now. We provide insured warranties on new homes—so I can claim to be single-handedly responsible for the housing downturn these past few years! I was with Capital One in Richmond and Dallas for 10 years before that, so I planted the seeds to bring down banking before that as well! I'm married (Susan) and have three kids (Zachary, Caitlin and Tegan), and we live in Ashburn, Va., west of D.C. near Leesburg."

Also in banking, **Haig Kazazian** has been in Atlanta since he left Gilman, and is a first vice president at Federal Home Loan Bank. **Willis Macgill** is at Wells Fargo in Baltimore.

**Tom Keenan** continues to enjoy life with his wife in Portland, Ore.

We have a few people at T. Rowe: **John Linehan**, a portfolio manager; **Neil McAslan**, a software consultant; and, **Joey DeLeon**, an accountant.

**Doug Oursler** is a research engineer at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab. He lives in Marriottsville with his wife Kris.

**Peter Ratcliffe** and his wife Bizzy have a son, **Jett**, in Gilman's Class of 2014.

**Marty Schrieber** has his own law firm, located in Clipper Mill, and his wife Nancy is a vet.

**Doug Scriba** lives in Baltimore with his wife Trish, and works in Columbia at the Premier Planning Group.

**Andrew Sinwell** is a partner at Capital Management in Dallas.

**Danny Stuelpnagel** continues to show his artwork at galleries throughout the country; most recently, he exhibited in Philadelphia his Arabesque Expressionism works created in his Baltimore studio.

**David Watts** lives in Ruxton with his wife Holly and is a principal in the architecture firm of Marshall Craft Associates.

You can find me roaming not too far from Gilman, walking my 120 lb. bullmastiff Shasta on the trails leading up to the School. I'm married to a psychotherapist, Jennifer, whose practice is right on Wyndhurst. I'm the C.E.O. of Alter Communications, a local magazine publishing company. In our spare time we raise money for breast cancer and M.S. research by climbing mountains. Last summer we were in Iceland. If you see me running stadiums at Gilman, please join me.

## 1984

**WILLIE FRANKLIN**

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Our 25th class reunion weekend, which was filled with the alumni golf tournament, festivities on campus, and mini-reunions around town, was culminated by a fantastic party at **Nick Cortez's** home in Towson. The food was awesome, the beverages were plentiful and the stories continue to get better every reunion. Classmates traveled from as far away as California (**Arthur Gleckler**), Texas (**Brendan Linehan**) and Wisconsin (**Larry Glusman**) to reminisce about the glory days at Gilman. Many thanks to Louise and Nick for graciously hosting the event, which almost half of our class attended.

We had two foursomes represent the

class in the alumni golf tournament at Elkridge, competing for the Reunion Cup. In a major upset, **Ted Waters**, **Chase Monroe**, **Eric Pfeifer** and **Brendan Linehan** narrowly defeated the team consisting of **Brian Jones**, **Matthew Mardiney**, **Frank Goldman** and **Jim Swindell** to claim the title. Eric and Brendan also won the two-man tournament, leading many alumni to question the credibility of their math grades at Gilman.

One notable classmate, however, was unable to participate in any of the weekend reunion events. **Chris Coffland** was at a military training school in Washington state awaiting deployment to Afghanistan. At the end of October, Chris arrived in eastern Afghanistan as an intelligence specialist with the Army's 321st Military Intelligence Battalion out of Austin, Texas. Unfortunately, he was killed in Wardak province by a roadside bomb on November 13, after only two and a half weeks there. His funeral mass at the Cathedral and reception at Gilman on November 21, and subsequent burial with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on December 1, brought together a number of our classmates, fellow alumni, current and former faculty, friends, family members and other admirers. Chris was eulogized by **Dan Miller**, **Dave Bender**, **Bill McComas** and myself (see page 105) and remembered as a great friend, dedicated teammate, fierce competitor and independent spirit. Chris's life was also featured in a couple of newspaper articles in the *Baltimore Sun* on November 15 and November 20. Chris will certainly be missed by everyone in the Gilman community. We thank him for his courage, service and sacrifice. A scholarship at Gilman in memory of Chris is currently being planned. Details about how to support the effort will be communicated shortly.

## 1985

**EDWARD R. WINSTEAD**

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A wonderful recent article about **Mark Agent**, football coach and professional comic, begins: "He's a pretty big dude. And he's got a lot to say on both the gridiron and on stage." The story, which appeared last fall on *BMORE NEWS.com*, continues: "At Woodlawn High School, he's known to his 60 young players as Coach Agent. Most of them probably could never imagine seeing him on stage, talking serious smack, yet providing *bona fide* content to stimulate the intellect."





Alumni Association President Howard Sobkov '84, P'17, '18 and his wife Michele Shermak enjoy the Homecoming Crab Feast.

Schmidt family welcomed a daughter!" writes **Doug Schmidt**. The baby girl, Lila, has two older brothers, Spencer and Bennett.

**Pragathi Katta** lives in Washington, D.C., and races sailboats on the Potomac year 'round. A picture of him sailing in January recently appeared online as evidence of his passion for the sport. He's always looking for extra crew, if any locals might be game.

**J. B. Harlan** and his wife, Sarah, recently celebrated their 16th anniversary. Their girls, Callie, 12, and Grace, 8, attend Bryn Mawr, while **Benson**, 7, is in first grade at Gilman. "He is on track to eventually fall under the tutelage of my neighbor **Nick**

**Schloeder**," J. B. writes. Sarah is a lawyer in the Attorney General's office, and J. B. has joined the Katzen Eye Group, where he specializes in retinal surgery. "My oldest daughter has hung out a few times with the son of neighbor **Wil Stith** and has competed vigorously with both **James** and **Nicholas Schloeder** in several intense games of neighborhood capture-the-flag," he adds.

Through the magic of Facebook, **Bob Landon** organized an impromptu reunion at Café Hon during a recent visit to Baltimore. Bob lives in Rio de Janeiro, where he is civilly united. He works as a writer for Lonely Planet as well as for Oracle and other technology companies. **Kurt Schultheis**, **Tom Washburn**, **Kieran Fox** and I welcomed him back to Hampden.

Leaving ice cream behind, Tom Washburn has entered the beer and wine business, reportedly traveling the globe in search of new products. As the author of a blog about food and wine in Baltimore wrote recently, "Tom is a great guy with a great beer and wine portfolio. If you see his name on a bottle of beer or wine (or know he's distributes it), you can bet it's very good." I hope to enjoy some samples at our 25th Reunion.

A big thanks goes out to **David Rody**, a New Yorker enlisted to chair the event, with the help of **Bernie Rhee**, **Harry Halpert** and many others. For me, an unexpected highlight of our 20th Reunion was the spontaneous bear hug I received from Mr. Shanthi Kumar, now an English teacher in the Upper School. I hope to get another hug this fall and to see you there!

## 1986

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As we approach 2011, it is hard to believe that it has been almost 25 years since we walked the halls of Gilman. Now many of our classmates are walking those same halls (after some beautiful renovations) as fathers, watching their sons grow and learn at Gilman and bring home the same "Beat McDonogh" stickers that we all had. **John Spilman**, **Tim Oursler**, **William Whitehurst**, **Brad Lebow**, **Robb Doub** and **Rob Saltzman** all have boys at Gilman who are doing great. Robb has vivid memories of being called into Mr. Schmick's office as a student. Recently he reports, "I went to the Headmaster's house for dinner. Never thought I would be drinking Jack Daniel's with Mr. Schmick in the Headmaster's house. How things change."

Through the power of Facebook, LinkedIn and other means, I have connected with many of our classmates, and have received the following reports:

**David Cahn** wins the award of living closest to Gilman, just one mile away, in Mt. Washington with his wife Caroline and 9-year-old twin girls who "run his house." David is plenty busy as the managing owner of the law firm Franchise & Business Law Group, near Towson. He still keeps up with **David Pletcher**, who is now father of a boy toddler, Jamison, and stepfather of two school-aged kids. He lives in the Anneslie



Ariella Rose Comfort, daughter of Marissa and Steve Comfort '85.

While taking a break from his work as a comic, Mark "Big Dawg" Agent led the football team to a successful season. "To these young players, he is the father, and he said the other coaches are their uncles...He wants them to understand that giving anything short of one's best is simply unacceptable," the article says.

Meanwhile, Mark's comic routines are famous in Baltimore's Club 347. "Mark has toured up and down the East Coast and out to Cleveland—holding his own with some of the leaders in the industry—from Mo'nique to Mike Epps to D.L. Hughley to Cheryl Underwood and Sinbad," the article notes. The story quotes **Michael Mitchell II**, his classmate, longtime friend, attorney, and booking agent, saying of Mark, "The football players at Woodlawn are truly blessed to have one of my personal heroes as their coach."

Michael continues: "For more than 20 years that I've had the honor of knowing him, he has approached life with an intensity and humility for which we all should strive. It is said that a sports team is a reflection of their coach. Woodlawn's varsity football team is on a roll, and the world can be their oyster." For anyone interested, *BMORE NEWS.com* posted a video interview with the coach. Google "Mark Big Dawg Agent"—there's only one!

In other Baltimore news, **John Brush** and his wife Cynthia welcomed a son, Myles Lucan, in September 2008. John is the chief geotechnical engineer for the State of Maryland. Around the same time, "The





*The Class of 1984 celebrates its 25th Reunion at the home of Louise and Nick Cortezi '84, P'11, '13, '19.*

neighborhood, near Towson. His also sees **Nick Greene**, who found an interesting new job in D.C. He lives in Annapolis with his companion of many years, Anthea. David also reports that **Dan Cavanaugh** lives near Oakland, Calif., and is raising his three kids with his wife Jen. Dan's parents moved out there and live about 30 minutes away. Dan has thrived for almost 20 full years at Accenture.

**Ted McKeldin** reports, "I'm back in native BAWLmer, commuting to/from Ft. Meade, working within the National Security Agency for what should soon be the new U.S. Cyber Command. I help plan cyber operations for the Iraq campaign. Might head back to Baghdad for the summer...ah, summering in Baghdad...not quite the same as summering in New Hampshire. Maybe another year in uniform before retiring from the USMC Reserves, then shifting into civil service. Heading back to Mother Africa in September [2010], this time to KwaZulu/Natal, in eastern South Africa. Many more species of antelope to whack, this time whilst dodging prevalent rhino...Trying to stay in touch with **Brad Wheeler** and lure

him and his family back to the East Coast (from Los Angeles), and also **Toby Broadus**, who is teaching at Gilman."

Brad reports, "The lack of a change of seasons here in L.A. makes the passing of time an obscene concept and can lead to chronic 'flakeheimers' disease, immunity to which comes from a wonderful wife (Shannon) and daughter (Cassie)...and a bizarre field beagle and street chihuahua. Currently developing specialty paints for Dunn-Edwards; there is a great new paint technology catalyzed by room lighting that breaks down bad smells; I can still smell the old gym...the new one can't be much better. I might just send some to Gilman for testing."

Also still out in L.A. is **Brian Sher**, who is running Category5 Entertainment. My family and I spent some quality time with Brian and with his son Jake and daughter Samantha in Annapolis last summer (his wife Deb was enjoying a weekend of peace at some far-away spa). Brian was traveling east to visit with his new client, Quarterback Michael Vick, in an effort to produce a BET series on Vick's life and his efforts to redeem himself and revive his public image. Brian says his

family is great and he still enjoys the occasional cameo on the popular HBO series, "Entourage."

**Jason Pappas** reports: "Life has been great. Still based in B-More, although I spent the last 14 months commuting weekly to Tampa as the interim COO of a company that was in the midst of a turnaround. Really interesting experience, but needed to get off the road, mainly because my wife Cindy and I had our second son on December 28. Eric joins his big brother Luke, who is almost three. Luke is built like a tight end, while Eric is definitely a lineman. Hopefully both have better feet and are faster than Dad...I am doing a little bit of consulting to keep busy and really enjoying the time with the family..."

**Adam Morgan** still works as a radiologist at Upper Chesapeake Medical

Center in Harford County, where he has been for seven years. He reports, "My wife of 15 years, two sons and I live in a house we had built to accommodate my wheelchair and me. It has been almost six years since I became a C6 quadriplegic in a skiing accident. Although I hope every day for a cure, I am not waiting. Although life is a daily struggle, I do have some independence. I am able to drive. My hardy wheelchair handles all the soccer and lacrosse fields my sons' games throw at it. Their successes I share as my own. The disability takes living vicariously to another level. I have been thinking about Gilman more recently. As Andrew, 11, and Philip, 8, mature, I imagine them both at Gilman. I still feel it's the best school in Baltimore. They currently go to a private school in Harford County."

**David Long** is in Baltimore, living with his wife Elizabeth and son Ben. He is a principal with D.B. Long Films, which offers independent film and creative services. **Raymar Mango**, also in Baltimore, is married to Margaret and has two children, Alex and Annabelle. He is a system administrator at the University of Maryland Medical Center.



**Nick Baldick** resides in Chevy Chase, Md., with his wife Liz and their children, Serena and Aidan. He is the managing partner and founder of Hilltop Public Solutions, a Washington, D.C.-based public affairs and political consulting firm. Nick is a nationally recognized campaign strategist, and of course an avid Hoya basketball fan. **Chris Neidlinger** also lives and works outside D.C., with his wife Michele and their three daughters, Madison, 13, McKenna, 11, and Jordan, 9. He is "in the market for a nice shotgun." He is still with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and travelling all the time.

**Billy Hess** lives near Charlottesville and is married to Wendy, a nutritionist. They have two children, Solomon, almost 4, and Althea, 1½. Billy is a full-time glass artist/product designer who works exclusively with recycled glass. He makes a whole range of stuff regionally and nationally, from sculpture to custom lighting and kitchen/bathroom tile. When he's not working, he enjoys hiking with the family just outside his door in the Blue Ridge mountains. **Carl Hutzler** lives in Reston, Va. He is a portrait and commercial photographer. **Rob Fraizer** lives in Wilmington, N.C., is married to Michelle and has two daughters. Rob is director of port and warehouse operations (Mid-Atlantic region) for Independent Container Line.

**George Clark** is still out in Denver, where he and his wife Catherine are hanging out in the mountains regularly with their pugs, Jake and Elwood. When he's not playing doctor, George can be found at Widespread Panic concerts. He keeps in touch with **Bob Zura** and **Mike Marr**, who, he reports, ran a marathon together in Houston last year; Zura won.

**Rodney Twells** is in Cleveland and reports all is well with Nicole. They are busy watching their kids grow. "Robbie is an eighth grader and enjoys sports more than his studies. Charlotte is in fifth grade and continues to march to the beat of her own drummer. Both are happy and healthy, and we're having a blast." **Gordon DeKuyper** lives in Houston, Texas, and is head of U.S. Oil and Gas Banking at Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ.

**Brendan Fox** sent in the following report: "I've been living in Holland for the last 14 years. I'm married and have two kids, Ryan, 10, and Shay, almost 8. I work as an operational risk officer at a large international bank in Amsterdam."

**David Norton** still lives in Las Vegas with his wife Kristin and their children, Sophie,

10, Owen, 8, and Charlie, 5. He said everyone is keeping busy, including skiing in the mountains of California on a regular basis. Dave is still senior V.P. and chief marketing officer for Harrah's Entertainment. He said the company is taking over Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas and leading an effort to reinvigorate Atlantic City.

**Brian David** has been living in NYC since 2008 after 12 years in San Francisco, but is commuting to D.C. for work. He was at the FCC for a short stint, helping run the national broadband plan after many years at tech companies. He got married in September and says, "There are some pretty cool pics at [www.tinyurl.com/daraandbrian](http://www.tinyurl.com/daraandbrian) if you are interested and want to see proof that I now have about as much hair on my head as Mercer Neale." **Josh Sarubin** lives in Montclair, N.J., with his wife Bridget and their boys Leo, 6, and Calvin, 3. Josh still works for Sony/ATV Music Publishing in NYC. **Randall Krongard** lives in East Hampton, N.Y., with his wife Allison and children, Brandon and Lilly. Randall is doing theater there and getting back into acting... "MacBeth," "12 Angry Men," "Cuckoo's Nest." He also finished up his own action film ([www.overridethemovie.com](http://www.overridethemovie.com)).

**Mark Flaherty** lives in Metuchen, N.J., with his wife Lisa. Mark runs marketing for a software company. He reports that they were getting ready for a vacation to Greece & Egypt.

**Bo Fowlkes** has been based in NYC for the last 17 years, but reports "a strange tri-continental existence since 2006 (NY-Rome-Chandigarh, India)." Bo still works for Fletcher Asset Management (doing events, travel, investor relations), but in the last year FAM purchased the magazine *Budget Travel*, with which Bo is more involved these days. His partner, Mehul, lives between Europe and India. Bo reports, "We were in Mumbai the day before the terrorist attack on the Taj Mahal and Oberoi hotels. Flew up to Chandigarh then received a call from my mom late that night in a panic that we were still there. Luckily we had just left. We were totally freaked."

**David Grose** lives in San Francisco and is married to Holly. He is a senior loan consultant for RPM, and enjoys mountain biking and lacrosse in his free time. Always trying to find some free time to surf or ski, **Jeff Tadder** lives in San Diego with his wife Anne and three beautiful girls. Jeff always makes it back home for a few Ravens games. Jeff is still at Merrill Lynch in Rancho Santa Fe, where he is vice president, wealth management advisor.

Jeff keeps in touch with **Roli Breiteneker**, who is living outside NYC and working for Morgan Stanley in the Private Wealth Management Group. Roli's wife Jooin and son Luke are "all good." Last winter Roli took his annual ski trip to Alta with **Robb Doub**, who is still living the dream with Sri Lisa and his three kids in Greenspring Valley. Robb is a general partner with New Markets Growth Fund. **William Whitehurst** also lives in the Valley, with his wife Anna Lincoln and their sons, **Wil** (who's enjoying Gilman) and Ben. William still works in group insurance for Hoffman Thomas. **John Spilman** and his wife Mollie,



Doug Schmidt '85 rides the mechanical bull, the centerpiece of the 2010 Bull Roast.



also in Green Spring Valley, have two boys, **Billy** and **Ryan**, who are both at Gilman. John is working for Montagu Newhall in Baltimore.

As for **myself**, I am a partner with the newly restructured firm Baldwin Kagan & Gormley in Annapolis, practicing commercial litigation. I just finished a successful year as president of the Anne Arundel County Bar Association, and I was recently appointed to the Ethics Commission for the City of Annapolis. My wife Marnie and I still live in downtown Annapolis across from St. Mary's High School. Our twins, Matthew and Skylar, are five and attending Pre-K at Indian Creek. This past year I started swimming in the Master's Program at the Naval Academy and really enjoying it. For an ex-offensive lineman, I'm not bad.

For those classmates I missed, please send me an update and I will include you in the next notes. My e-mail is [jkagan@bkglawfirm.com](mailto:jkagan@bkglawfirm.com).

## 1987

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There is lots of good news about the Class of '87:

**Eric Anderson** lives in Baltimore and is an expert metals craftsman.

**Tom Annau** is a vice president at Blekko, a San Francisco-based company building a general-purpose web search engine. Prior to joining Blekko, Tom spent four years at Google running ten different projects in web search and online advertising, from Map/Reduce distributed computing infrastructure to applying massive-scale machine-learning models to search indexing, ad serving, spelling correction and document content analysis.

**Bill Barroll** is vice president of asset management/leasing for Corporate Office Properties Trust (COPT). He is responsible for the financial performance of a portfolio of buildings located in Baltimore, Anne Arundel and St. Mary's counties in Maryland, including The Corporate Park at Arundel Preserve, Airport Square and Lexington Park. The portfolio totals 67



*Philip Thompson '89, Middle School Head Peter Kwiterovich '87 and Brandon Neblett '89.*

buildings containing nearly three million square feet of office space.

**Neal Bayless** is a graphic designer and an executive producer at FreshDirect in New York City. FreshDirect delivers farm fresh food directly to customers. **Willy Calvert** received the Spirit of Design Award in 2009 from Philadelphia University (from which Willy graduated in 1991). The award recognized Willy's "substantial mark in the fashion industry."

**Jack Buchanan** continues to enjoy living in Jackson, Wyo. Jack is an accomplished mountain climber and is very skilled with a canoe and kayak. When back in Baltimore in the past year, Jack and **Matt Wyskiel** (and Jack's brother **Bill '79**) enjoyed playing a round of golf together.

**Kevin "Bubba" Buerger** and his wife and three children live near Gilman, and Bubba works for a local internet company. He and Matt Wyskiel enjoy lifting weights at Gilman on a weekly basis.

**Jack Cavanaugh** and his wife and their son and daughter live in the Baltimore area, and Jack is president and CEO of Cavanaugh Capital Management, an independent local investment company that specializes in fixed-income portfolios.

**Sandy Colhoun** and his family live in New Hampshire, where Sandy heads the development office for the New Hampton School.

**David Clapp** lives in Baltimore with his wife and young daughter. David is Calvert School's assistant headmaster.

**Sackett Cook** and his wife Felicity (a.k.a. Flop), two daughters and son live in Connecticut. Sackett has a short commute to his job at a hedge fund, Diamondback

Capital Management. Sackett specializes in being long or short on various U.S. and foreign financial stocks.

**Liam Culman** lives with his wife and daughter in New York City's Chelsea neighborhood above his wife's art gallery, the Marianne Boesky Gallery. Liam is the managing partner of Bigelow Sands LLC, which is involved with the creation and management of an art investment fund.

**Mark Cooper** lives and works as a doctor down in Alabama with his wife and three sons. Mark runs his own family practice, which is so popular that it has as many families as he can handle.

**Henry Franklin** and his family live near Gilman. Henry works with his brothers at Franklin Financial Group and in his spare time he is head coach of Gilman's wrestling team.

**Doug Godine** and his wife and three children (two boys and one daughter) live in Baltimore. Doug is a managing director of institutional equity sales for Baltimore-based Signal Hill Capital Group. In his free time, Doug enjoys coaching his sons in football and lacrosse.

**Joby Gardner** and his wife and their children live in Chicago. Joby is a faculty member of DePaul University's Education Department.

**James Gerlach** is a manager of systems administrators with Lexis-Nexis, formerly ChoicePoint. James is based in West Palm Beach, Fla. **Rodney Goggins** is a real estate agent with Bryan Mobley Real Estate in Baltimore. **Andrew Hawes** is a client service manager with WebOffice at Cisco WebEx in the Boston area. **Alex Hoehn-Saric** is legal counsel for communications and media issues for the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation under Chairman John D. Rockefeller. **Dae Up Kim** is a vice president for research at the National Association of Convenience Stores in Washington, D.C.

**Pete Kwiterovich** is the head of Gilman's Middle School. **Byron Lawson** is the director of faculty recruitment and an A.P. history teacher at St. Mark's School of Texas.

**Kevin McCambridge** is a territory business manager at Bard Electrophysiology. **Sam Merrick** is the social studies department chair at Jemicy School. **Craig Powell** is the



chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Thea Bowman Preparatory Academy in Washington, D.C., a public charter middle school. **Gregg Riccio** is now a director of field operations at PepsiCo.

**Jon Guth**, his wife Stacy and their son Miles moved from Stoneleigh to the Ridge Road area near Hunt Valley. **Simon Hamilton** hosts a weekly investment-related radio show on a station in Northern Virginia. Simon is a first vice president at The Wise Investor Group of Baird. His areas of expertise include portfolio management, asset allocation and fixed-income analysis. **Brian Voelker** is now the head lacrosse coach at Drexel University after serving in the same position for seven years at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Eric Harlan** and his wife and son and daughter live in Baltimore County. Eric is a lawyer with Shapiro, Sher, Guinot & Sandler in Baltimore, where he is a partner in the firm's litigation department. He concentrates in general litigation, including commercial, domestic and personal injury matters.

**DB Hebb** is a doctor at Kent Hospital in Connecticut, where he lives with his family. DB, Sandy and Brent enjoy getting together when their schedules allow it.

**Scott Kurlander** and his family live in the Baltimore area, where Scott works as a lawyer.

**Brooks Matthews** teaches in Gilman's Middle School and is head coach of Gilman's very successful varsity lacrosse team (they won the MIAA championship last year and many people considered the team to be #1 in the country).

**Kenzie Marty** lives in Baltimore and works in real estate for PNC Bank. He enjoys getting together to play cards with Gilman classmates **Andrew Meredith** and **Ricky Roebuck**.

Andrew Meredith and his wife and children live in Baltimore. Andrew works in equity sales with his dad at Bank of America/Merrill Lynch.

**Brent Powell** and his wife and two daughters and son live in Hopkinton, N.H. Brent is head of the Upper School at the Derryfield School in Manchester, N.H.

Ricky Roebuck works with his older brother at their family company, Roebuck Printing.

**Clark Wight** and his wife, two sons and daughter live in Cleveland, where Clark is head of the University School's Middle School. Clark enjoys periodic trips back to



*Myron Jacobs '89 and Hank Schumann '89*

Baltimore for special occasions, and also meets up with Liam Culman and Matt Wyskiel on Nantucket during the summer.

**Bruce Taylor** has started Taylor Consulting after working as vice president of digital media and distribution at *Spin Magazine*. Bruce is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Blue Bear School of Music in San Francisco, Calif., a non-profit music school for aspiring musicians of all ages. **Stocky Williams** is currently serving on a time-limited basis as advisor for sustainable housing and communities for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), working in the office of Deputy Secretary Ron Sims to develop new initiatives to expand energy efficiency and smarter land use and implement cross-cutting policies among HUD, the departments of Energy, Labor and Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the White House Council on Environmental Quality. **Jack Hoffberger** is a financial planning specialist at Smith Barney in Baltimore. Jack also had an exhibition of his photographs shown in Baltimore at the Living Classrooms Foundation in September 2009. **Josh Kurland** and his wife, Jennifer, celebrated the birth of their son.

The **Rev. Timothy E. Schenck**, Episcopal priest and writer, is the rector of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Hingham, Mass. Tim previously served as rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. (2002-2009) and for two years as the assistant priest at Old Saint Paul's Church in downtown Baltimore.

I, Matt Wyskiel, live near Gilman with my wife, daughter, and son. About two years ago, I founded Skill Capital Management, which invests client assets in a low-cost tax-

efficient fashion using Vanguard index mutual funds. I'm enjoying being an entrepreneur, and I feel very lucky for so many things in my life. In addition to time spent helping Calvert School, Gilman and Williams College, I'm on the Board of Children's Scholarship Fund Baltimore, which provides partial scholarships to over 400 children of low-income Baltimore families so that they can attend the school of their choice. If you're interested in reading more about CSFB, go to [www.CSFBaltimore.org](http://www.CSFBaltimore.org).

## 1990

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Having received no information from anyone, I did my best to cobble together some news of our class from publicly-available information on Facebook, LinkedIn and the like. I was going to create a fictional column, and next time I'll have to, if I don't start getting some news.

Our class seems inexorably drawn to Las Vegas. **Bill Guyton**, though living in Houston with his wife and three kids, was apparently headed out to Sin City recently. No word on whether brother **Nat Guyton**, who also lives near Houston, went along. He must have been there with **Doug Kaufman**, a senior associate at Grubb & Ellis in Baltimore, who went out for a convention.

**Chris Clark** won a trip out for the World Series of Poker, and **Kent Chan** dropped in over Presidents Day weekend. While in Vegas, Doug visited some of my money, which I last saw on a Saturday morning at Paris, and had lunch with **Spencer Sun**, who recently moved there while continuing to work for *iPost.com*. Vegas is also home to **Duane Holloway**, who's VP in charge of litigation, labor and employment for Harrah's Entertainment (and near the top of the list of guys who are making better use of their law degrees than I am).

Lots of us also call New York home. **Jon Busky** is there, and he welcomed a daughter not long ago. **Julian Abrams** is a gastroenterologist at Columbia. **Kwan Chang** is an oncologist in White Plains, and **Nick Romagnoli** is a lawyer on Long Island. From what I recall, **Perry Offut**, **Brett Garfinkel** and **Andy Cohen** are also in the city. Unfortunately, it's been at least a few years since I had the pleasure of hitting you all up for money during a phone-a-thon, so my information may be a little stale.





*The Class of 1989 at its 20th Reunion.*

**Craig Dates** is married, living in D.C., and has recently welcomed a new addition, born just after midnight on New Year's Eve. Congrats to Craig and wife Krista. **Ethan Ewing** also appears to have welcomed a new arrival, though the 'net is (understandably) short on further details. **Allen Hsaio** is married, living in New Haven and on the faculty at Yale. He's got at least two kids, depending on how current the Facebook photo is. See how ridiculous that sounds? I wouldn't have to write this stuff if you people would provide actual news. **Eric Jeffries** is married, living in Silver Spring and, if memory serves, a neurosurgeon someplace nearby. **Greg Friedman** is also local, and (if I recall) working in commercial real estate somewhere in the Towson area. **Jack Collins** was (about eight months ago when I spoke to him last) living in Annapolis and working as a financial planner at First Mariner Bank. **Mike Schwartz** is a dentist in Catonsville. Mike, the 20th Reunion committee would like to speak to you about a bulk rate on laughing gas. **Gordon Griffith** is living in Seattle, working for Amazon. I had dinner not long ago with **Nick Judson**, who was then living in D.C. and doing some phenomenal artwork, having recently left a job that he tried in vain to reduce to an intellectual level that I could understand. Nick has since moved to Cambridge, where he works at MIT, doing another job that he has tried, unsuccessfully, to reduce to an intellectual level that I could understand.

I'm in Baltimore, working as a commercial litigator for a small firm in Hunt Valley, run by another 'hound. I recently passed the Nevada bar, and I am working on relocating to Las Vegas. My knees and ankles have had enough Baltimore winters to last a lifetime. Send me updates, so I don't have to start making stuff up. I hope you're all making plans to attend our 20th, over the weekend of October 15-16, 2010. As you walk in, inhale deeply and count backwards from ten. Thank Dr. Schwartz on your way out.

## 1991

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It is always great to catch up with everyone and hear all of the exciting news people have to report. Thanks to those who wrote in to update us on their busy lives.

**Rich Brueckner** is enjoying a successful career in Ocean City, where he serves as the Assistant State's Attorney for Wicomico County in the Gang Resistance and Firearm Crime Unit. In 2009 he won a series of 10 trials evicting the 9-Tre Bloods Gang from the Pemberton Manor Apartments in Salisbury. He still lives in Ocean City near Assateague Island, where he surfs several times per week. He enjoys annual winter trips to Costa Rica for extended surfing trips. Rich also volunteer-coaches The Salisbury School's Mock Trial Team, and is in his first year on the board of the Maryland State Bar Association.

**Arun Agrawal** and his wife Misty have three little girls. They still live in East Highlands Ranch, Calif., where Arun serves as a board-certified anesthesiologist. They really enjoy all of the exciting things that Southern California has to offer. He and **Eric Davison** got together in San Diego for the Chargers/Ravens game this season.

**Stephen Chen** moved out to the Bay area in 1998 and currently lives in Mountain View, Calif. He works for Google in the operations division. Outside of work, Stephen spends most of his time running around after his three kids (Dylan, 6, Ryan, 4, and Karina, 2). He recently caught up with **John Fishman** and **Colston Young**, both of whom also live in the Bay area. And last year, he had lunch with Coach David Chae, who is the pastor of a local church.

**Athan Sunderland** wrote in that all is going well for him and his family. He has two daughters (Lucy, 3, Emma, 9) and one son (Tritt, 6) who keep him and Kate busy with their energy and love of sports. They recently added a new yellow Lab to the family to make sure things stay in constant motion. Athan enjoys working at Preston Partners and is thinking it might be time to finally hang up his cleats.

**Bill Randall** lives in Woodstock, Md., with two sons. The older one is in kindergarten and the younger one turned four in January. Bill is working for PayPal in Timonium and runs into **Jamie Edwards** and **Mike Weinfeld** at Gilman parent events.

**Greg Levin** works with NBC News Channel as a producer/editor. NBC News Channel is the affiliate feed service for NBC News. He delivers news content to over 200 stations and clients around the world. January 3, 2010, marked his tenth year with the network.

**Shawn Barbaris**, **Charlie Neer**, **Fred Lohr** and **Ed Trusty** all wrote in. Shawn, whose son Jonathan is almost three, started two successful businesses in 2009. Charlie wrote from Philly to report that his son Christopher is turning one in September. Fred reported that everything is going well for the Lohrs in Baltimore, and Ed started a new job as the head of Calvert's Lower School. He enjoys the transition and opportunity.

As for us, Meaghan and I welcomed our son Ty in June. He really enjoys playing with his sister Drew, 5, and brother Fitz, 3. We continue to enjoy life in Richmond, Va. Meaghan works as a CRNA at the Medical College of



Virginia and I am in my 14th year at Collegiate School, working in the Admission Office and the Athletic Department.

Thanks to everyone who checked in. I hope we all have a great 2010 and I look forward to hearing from you all soon. As always, please feel free to drop me a line at [astanley@collegiate-va.org](mailto:astanley@collegiate-va.org).

## 1992

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**Cheo Hurley** writes in from Baltimore to advise that he is now the director of community and economic development for Park Heights Renaissance. You can learn more about his work at [www.parkheightsrenaissance.org](http://www.parkheightsrenaissance.org).

**Josh Civin**, also in Baltimore, has rejoined the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, where he works as a civil rights attorney on economic justice and educational opportunity cases. He has also been elected vice president of the board of a local non-profit, the Citizen Planning and Housing Association, that advocates for healthy, inclusive communities in the Baltimore region.

**Justin Klein** was blessed with a third child, Drew, who was born in March and is slated to be in the Gilman Class of 2027. Justin continues to serve on the Gilman Alumni Board of Governors, which keeps him connected both to Gilman and to Cheo, who also serves. Justin writes that he regularly sees a bunch of classmates locally, including: **Davey Iglehart, Matt Zink, Toby Bozzuto, Matt Hodson** and **Michael Brennan**.

**Paul Lee** apparently responded well to being publicly called out in last year's notes. He writes: "Thanks to all the encouragement/well-wishes/guilt trip from your last notes, I am able to report that I am on page 1457 of my first fiction novel, which is being edited in large part from emails I have sent to myself dating back to 1996. As I am not James Joyce, I foresee a heckuva lot more editing before this tome sees anyone else's eyes. But, it's a start. I think I may have a collection of short fiction done before this monster, though." With regard to his "day job," Paul is approximately a year and a half from finishing his training as a child neurologist at Johns Hopkins and is looking forward to his next steps. Paul's son **Edward** is a first grader at Gilman, which makes Paul realize that he, himself, is far from Mrs. Hilliard's class. Paul reports that Edward is making

Gilman "his own place" and that his other son Avery is a preschooler with an "admirable stubborn streak."

**Matthew Hamilton** is an attending gastroenterology specialist at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He hopes to make it back to Charm City, however, at some point. The Hamiltons have two beautiful daughters, Zoe, 4, and Kathleen, almost 2, at this writing.

North to New York City, **Raphael Lee** is happy to report that he and his wife Joby had a baby girl, Elana, in September 2009. Elana is doing well and the Lee family is enjoying parenthood. Raph is working as employment counsel at Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc.

Heading South, **Kevin Klug** is still in Sanford, N.C., which is in the center of the state. He and his wife Kelly welcomed their first child, Ben, into the world in November 2009.

**Alan Cranston** reports that he has left Atlanta—at least for the next year. The Cranston family, including wife Melissa, Will, 3½, and Chase, 14 months, have moved to Paris for a year-long work assignment. They live in the Seventh Arrondissement, where Will attends the Lennen School at the American Church. Though Alan credits Mr. Demeule with much of his French prowess, he reports that Will is quickly surpassing him.

Even farther afield, **Colin Pine** writes that he is still living in Shanghai, working for the NBA on its licensing business. He travels a lot, including trips last year to Sri Lanka, India and Korea. Of course, Colin managed to get back to the U.S. three times in between. Colin is happy to connect with anybody who gets to Shanghai for business or pleasure.

Heading back to the West Coast of the U.S., **Matthew Enna** checked in from Santa Barbara, Calif., where he is still loving the sunshine and beaches. Matt writes that he has a very busy orthopedic surgery practice and, in his free time, he recently qualified for the Boston Marathon with a personal record time at the Sacramento Marathon.

Contrary to the class list that I received from the alumni office, **Dana Underwood** is not "lost." Dana walked off his job in Shanghai in April 2008 and took ten months off, during which time he became a professional photographer. You can see his work at [www.danaseye.com](http://www.danaseye.com). Dana reports that one

influence is Gilman alumnus **Tim Tadder**, who is a world-renowned commercial photographer. Dana's recent photography highlights include his first gallery showing in April 2009, the photographic shoot of President Obama and being invited to conduct a photography seminar at African Leadership Academy in Johannesburg, South Africa. Dana rejoined the workforce in February 2009 at Pacific Biosciences in Menlo Park, Calif. The company designs genetic sequencing platforms, which will enable the future discovery and exploration of genetically-influenced areas of medicine. Dana is a product manager, which allows him to combine his mechanical design and business backgrounds.

**Aaron Jensen** and wife Shelly have left Chicago after 11 years and now live in the San Francisco Bay Area. He is still an architect with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP, and reports that most of his projects are in China.

While the San Francisco Bay area gained **Aaron Jensen**, it lost another member of the Class of '92. **Benjamin Temchine** left his position as senior producer of the daily call-in show on KALW in San Francisco, and, along with wife Mikaela Seligman and son Asher Wolfson Temchine, has moved back East to Washington, D.C. Ben is freelance reporting in video, audio and print, and producing mainly in radio. He is also working on a media start-up through which he hopes to save local public radio. Ben's wife is from Flourtown, Pa., outside of Philadelphia, so I hope to connect with him soon.

Also in Washington, **David Jordan** and his wife Ameeta had their first child, a boy, Reece, on December 3, 2009. As of the date of his update, he reported being "in the midst of sleep deprivation mode." The same week that Reece was born, David was elevated to "partner" at Fish & Richardson P.C., where he focuses on legal work in patents and intellectual property.

**Ned Moran** is also not "lost." He is busy working and teaching at Georgetown.

The folks in D.C. should expect a new neighbor. Major **David Olsen**, who is currently serving with 2nd Squadron, 3d ACR, at Fort Hood, Texas, recently found out that the Army will be moving him to the D.C. area in May 2010 to attend 16 months of schooling before his next assignment. David and wife Heather were married in May 2009 and took a short honeymoon to Aruba. Heather is from Houston and is a



convention services manager/event coordinator for the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort in Texas. The Olsen family is excited about the chance to move to the East Coast and be closer to family and friends.

**Hall Kesmodel** also is living in Washington, D.C., along with his wife and three-year-old daughter Chloe. He spent the last year completely renovating his 90-year-old house. Some of the joys of this project included eating meals outside and being without a kitchen for four months. Hall, channeling Vice President Joe Biden, reports that he seems to keep running into our classmates on Amtrak. He writes: "This summer, my train had pulled into Baltimore. As the train stopped, I heard a knocking on my window—it was **James Guyton** waiting on the platform for his train to D.C.! A few weeks ago, I boarded a train in New Jersey, took a seat, turned to my left and there was **H.G. Chissell**! We had a great time chatting up during the 45-minute ride to Philly. Who knows who I'll run into next?!"

H. G. Chissell also reported the meeting. He and his wife Cecilia are expecting their second child and enjoy living outside of Philadelphia. H. G. works for a start-up smart grid energy company, where he does marketing, strategy and product development.

As for **me**, I continue to live in Cheltenham, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia, with my wife Rachel and son Max, 5. All are well. We are looking at schools for Max which, of course, makes me think a lot about my own school experiences at Gilman. I am a commercial litigator at Blank Rome LLP in Philadelphia, and I still make time to photograph every once in a while. Roughly once a year, I write these notes. Thanks for reading them.

## 1993

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Did you know the Class of 1993 has a Facebook group? Do a quick search, sign up and reconnect with your classmates!

After three years of living in Austin, Texas, **Rob Carr**, his wife Colleen and their dog Jake relocated back to the Bay Area, living in Marin and working in San Francisco. They are happy being back in Northern California, close to mountains, the ocean and Colleen's family.

On May 1, 2009, **Tony Hodson** and his wife Patricia became the proud parents of Isabella Josaphine Hodson. The family saw many changes this year, including a new house in Baltimore and a new job for Tony (with MetLife Financial Services in the Natty Boh Building in Canton...how cool is that?).

**Mosi Bennett** reports that after years in Baltimore and a residency at Johns Hopkins, he and his wife Vickie have moved to Cleveland with their two sons, Graham, 19 months, and Garrick, 4 months. Mosi is now a cardiology fellow at the Cleveland Clinic.

**Matt Tucker** lives in Philadelphia with his wife Maree and son Felix. Matt hopes to spend more time in Baltimore in the near future now that his law firm has opened an office in Charm City.

**Jonathan Githans-Mazer** is living in Exeter, UK, with his wife Gayle and kids Lilly, 4, and Nathaniel, 1. He just launched his new European Muslim Research Centre at the University of Exeter with a report on Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate crime in London. "I love living in UK, but get homesick for family, friends, real pizza and the Ravens," he writes. "I saw **Jeremy Levy** and his twins last spring, and anyone travelling over here should feel free to get in touch!"

**Jeremy Levy** lives in Arlington, Va., with his wife Allison and nine-month-old twin boys, Adam and Brooks. He works in corporate finance at Eloqua, a software start-up. Jeremy has kept his O's season tickets through the lean years, and he enjoys every chance to come back to Baltimore.

**Will Marbury** posted the following note to the alumni online community: "My wife Robi and I have returned to Baltimore after almost three years in Africa. We served as Peace Corps volunteers in South Africa and traveled through nine countries in southern and eastern Africa. After a long time away, it's nice to be home."

As for **me**, **Jason Klaitman**: Alison and I are still enjoying life in Chapel Hill, N.C., with our two girls, Abigail and Eliza. Despite the downturn in real estate, I'm still hard at work managing multifamily and mixed-use assets and development projects for Rivercrest Realty. After knocking off the Seattle and Chicago Marathons, I plan on running NY or Marine Corps next fall—anyone interested in joining me?



*Tony Hodson '93, his wife Patricia and daughter Isabella Josaphine.*

## 1994

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My classmates and I celebrated our 15-year reunion back in October in Fells Point at Red Star. Many of us gathered earlier in the day at Gilman to watch the football game, and even more joined in for the evening's festivities.

**Hugh Cole** and **Mitchell Whiteman** did yeomen's work in arranging the reunion weekend for our class. Both gentlemen are doing well in Baltimore, gainfully employed and happily married. During the past year, Hugh also arranged a Facebook page for the Class of '94. Please check it out if you haven't yet.

It was great seeing many classmates, like **Judah Adashi**, **Mike Allan**, **Mark Cornes**, **Landon Davies**, **David Gross**, **Tronster Hartley**, **Art Swartwout**, **Jim Zimmerman** and **David Zinreich**. And because **David Mir** was unable to travel from Australia to attend, his ever-thoughtful classmate **Boyne Kim** placed the long-distance call to let him know just how much he was missed.

**Tom Coleman** and his wife Ashley welcomed their first son, Andrew Thomas Coleman, in June. They live in Haddonfield, N.J., in the same vicinity as **Rafael Haciski**, his wife and their girls.

Other news on the parenthood front: **Jason Finkelstein's** wife Marla gave birth to



the couple's first child, Ethan Alexander Finkelstein. The young man already has Gilman gear and looks good in it.

**Evan Goldman** is already paying Gilman tuition; his son **Jack** is in the first new Kindergarten class. Evan and his wife Payton were at the reunion and had plenty of stories as Gilman parents.

**Stewart Kesmodel** and his wife Jamie became parents in July, welcoming Abigail Hunter Kesmodel into the world. They were unable to make it down from Greenwich, Conn., for the reunion, but we're planning on seeing Stew and his family at the 20th....

Kate and **Kevin Robbins** had their second son about a year ago—Grayson Gillespie Robbins. Little Grady joins big brother Tucker at the Robbins' home in McLean. Kevin made a big move recently, leaving his job with a government contractor and striking out on his own to invest in growth companies in the federal government technology market. Good luck, Kev!

**Sean Tyszk** and his wife had their second child in June. Sean is a staff physician at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Va.

**Chris Niemeyer** and his wife Natasha have been married for more than four years and live

in South Philadelphia. Chris is approaching his tenth year at Springboard Media, where he's an Apple computer technician and consultant, and Natasha is working towards her nursing degree. The couple celebrated New Year's in Russia, where they met.

**John Bond** married Nina Lee this past summer, and many of his classmates were on hand to celebrate, including **Dyson Dryden**, **Trey Fitzpatrick**, Boyne Kim, **Mike Kim** and **Dan Pollard**. Dan was living back on the East Coast and considered Bond's wedding among the highlights of the past year. He also referenced Ravens games, and I know that Bondy has the Gilman guys in NYC united for the games.

**Arif Joshi** is engaged to Stephanie Java, and the couple plans to wed this summer in West Palm Beach. Also engaged is **John Kim**.

## 1995

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**Hans Breville** works for Universal Consulting Services and lives in Arlington, Va., with his wife Anne and daughter Lena, who was born in April 2009.

**Nauman Siddiqi** lives in Irvine, Calif., with his wife Aiza. He is a cardiology fellow at UC-Irvine.

**Andy Snow** works for the Leo Burnett Company. He still lives in New York with his wife Kimberly and their two children, Carter and Henry Thomas.

**Matt Woodward**, along with wife Rianti and daughter Sasha, moved to Newark to pursue his training in oral surgery. He graduated from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in May 2009.

**James McIntyre** and his wife Lauren remain in Manhattan, with their dog Sophie.

**Brandon Thornton** lives in Baltimore and works in the Baltimore City Public Defender's Office.

**David Payne** and his wife Jennifer returned to Baltimore from Portland, Ore.

**Brad Beacham** works as an archaeologist, living in southern New Mexico.

**Jon Jachman** and his wife Arielle had their third child, Hannah, in September 2009. They still live in Manhattan.

**Lewis Applefeld** and his wife remain in New York City.

**Dan McGill** earned his master's in real estate from the Massachusetts Institute of



*The Class of 1994 squeezes in for a 15th Reunion photo (apologies to those missing!).*



Technology in 2007. He has been working in commercial real estate in San Francisco.

**Nathaniel Hoffman** lives in Boise's Northend, where he works as the news editor at the *Boise Weekly*, Idaho's only alternative weekly paper. He's also busy with his girls, Petra and Mandela.

**Michael Kleinman** moved from Los Angeles to San Francisco in mid-2009. He works for the human rights foundation Humanity United and continues to travel frequently in Liberia and Sudan.

**Brandon Thornton** lives in Baltimore and works for the Public Defender's Office.

**David Payne** and his wife Jennifer live in Baltimore, where David works for Constellation Energy as a finance manager.

My wife Abby, daughter Rosie and I remain in Cambridge, Mass., where I am mid-way through my residency in anesthesiology.

As many of you many have already heard or read, **R.C. Kaufman** died from injuries sustained in a traffic accident last year in Florida.

## 1996

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If 2007 felt like the year of weddings for our class, then 2009 felt like the year of children.

- **Jeremy Edwards**, who is an intellectual property lawyer with Knobbe Martens in D.C., and his wife Gretchen had their first child, Cole Brooks, in February. The family lives in Arlington, Va.

- **Cliff Athey** and his wife Heather had their first child, Lillian (Lily) Patricia, in March. They live in Nashville, where Cliff works in institutional sales at Avondale Partners.

- **Chase Martin**, who works for The Cordish Company as a development director, also had his first child, Byers, in the Spring.

- **Steve Ruark's** wife, Bryn Mawr grad Mandy Harrison, delivered Stella Vitti on May 2. Steve remains a self-employed photographer in Baltimore—keep an eye out for his photo credits, or check [www.ruarkphoto.com](http://www.ruarkphoto.com).

- **John Boyle**, who still works in development at Children's National Medical Center in D.C. and lives in Columbia with his wife Tara, welcomed an adorable baby boy, John Stephen (who is not John Jr.), on October 22.

- **Doug Miller** and his wife Carren had their first child, Madelyn, on November 2. Doug has taken over his family business and serves as president of C&D Corporation.

- **Steve Beyer** and his wife Katie welcomed their second child (and first girl), Lillian Jane, on November 18. Steve is still with MedStaff Healthcare Solutions in Pennsylvania, where he is now a senior personnel placement consultant.

- **Noah Gallico**, who still works as a producer in creative advertising/marketing for NBC Universal, just bought his first house with his wife Sarah, who is pregnant with their first child, due in June.

I have a feeling that there will be many more kid-related updates over the coming years.

Speaking of Noah, he reports that **Pete Marudas** is living in Baltimore and made the playoffs in their fantasy football league (in which Noah finished last). Living a real-life sports fantasy, **Sean Kiernan** is in his ninth year with the sports agency Impact Sports.

He and his girlfriend Alejandra recently bought a house in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Also on the West Coast, **Gaurab Bansal** lives in Seattle, where he practices law. In his spare time, he is active with Teach for America and public education reform advocacy. A little further north, **Lee Braxton** is living in Vancouver, B.C., where he works as a buyer at La Bicicletta Pro Shop and is an avid cyclist (roadie, track bikes and cyclo-cross). I also hear through the grapevine that **Tommy Knowles** was married on the beach in California, with **Lawson DeVries** and **John Wise** in attendance.

Lawson is still with the same company in D.C., but is also getting his M.B.A. from Duke while working. Also getting an M.B.A. is **Daron Hines**, who now lives in Minneapolis with his wife Micah. Daron is in the Executive M.B.A. Program at the Kellogg School of Management while working as a senior region development manager at General Mills. **John Battaglia** received his M.B.A. from the University of Baltimore in January. He continues to work at Honeywell as an account executive.

**Scott Bartlett** has perhaps the least typical job for a Gilman alumnus—playing guitar and singing backup with the band Saving Abel. Their album went gold and their single, "Addicted," went platinum. They have shared the stage with huge acts including Nickelback, Seether, Stone Temple Pilots, Alice in Chains and more. They have also done three major music videos for their three singles (all of which broke the top five at active rock radio). Be on the lookout for their sophomore release, which should be out around March. Scott has also started a clothing line called "tatco," which stands for "The Artist Tattoo Company." More info is available at [tatcodesign.com](http://tatcodesign.com). Scott also had the opportunity to speak (and perform) at a Gilman assembly in November.

**Jake Rothwell** reports that he is serving as the secretary of the Colorado Bowfishing Association ([www.coloradobowfishing.org](http://www.coloradobowfishing.org)), which he co-founded. The organization is dedicated to protecting and promoting the sport in Colorado. Jake also ran the Marine Corps Marathon in honor of his late father, and raised money for Johns Hopkins Sarcoma Center in the process. Given that he had never run five consecutive miles in his life prior to training for the marathon, he should be extremely proud of his 3:38:18 time.



*Before and After: (left) Ryan Isaac '94 and Mitchell Whiteman '94 with Oriole Mike Boddicker in 1987; Ryan Isaac today with John Schmick '67 and Jason Finkelstein '94.*





A number of folks remain closer (at least geographically) to Gilman, including:

- **Patrick Rodgers**, who has three children with his wife Brooke: Patrick, 5, Jay, 3, and Annie, 1. He works for his family's company (Hill & Co. Realtors) selling residential real estate in Baltimore City and County.
- **Jack Finney**, who also lives in Baltimore, works for ARC Wheeler, a commercial real estate developer.
- **Evan Kreitzer**, who still lives in Owings Mills, works as a mortgage broker for Clear Summit Mortgage. He enjoys going to all the Ravens games and teaching his son Coby to love the team. Evan was also in **Chris Tully's** wedding this past summer when Chris married Jodi in a beautiful ceremony in Annapolis.
- **George Brown** married Emily Ross in November at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. He moved from Canton to Lutherville, where he has been renovating his grandparents' old house for the past year. George's business, Greenleaf Remodeling, is doing well despite the economy, and started a two-story addition in Federal Hill in January. George also sings in the choir at Brown Memorial Church in Bolton Hill. While they don't have any kids yet, he reports that "three dogs are enough—two Jack Russells and a standard poodle."
- **Kevin Frank**, who lives in D.C. and was between jobs as of press time, but had several interviews lined up for legal work in D.C., Houston and elsewhere. Kevin was spotted having a good time at George's wedding.
- **Jay Homa** lives outside of D.C. in Montgomery Village, Md., with his wife Meghan, daughter Anna and dog Grace. Jay works for a community bank in Rockville, and has enjoyed keeping in touch with Cliff Athey and Chris Zienty.

**Page Conkling** recently left his job at a law firm in Columbia, Md., and moved from Bolton Hill to Cambridge, Mass., where he is pursuing a master's in public policy at Harvard.

**William Offut** continues to run his Web development company (Natural Fusion). He now lives in State College, Pa., and recently got engaged to Tom Koerber. He spends much of his time renovating the house, hanging out at cafes and traveling.



*John Boyle '96 with son John Stephen Boyle.*

**David Anderson** has served as a staff writer for *The Free Press* of Kinston, N.C., for the past two and a half years. He is enjoying spending time with his girlfriend and her two children (especially during the holidays when David got to experience both Christmas and Hanukkah through the kids' eyes).

I attended **Brett Brandau's** wedding to Jennifer Buck on April 17 in Baltimore. Brett and Jen live in Wilmington, where both of them work at Bank of America.

Since I didn't receive updates from other classmates, I suggest checking last year's Class Notes for more updates or just logging on to Facebook, where well over half the class is now represented.

As for me, I'm still living on the Upper East Side of NYC while my wife Melinda finishes the last few months of her Ph.D. in neuroscience at Rockefeller University. 2009 was a roller coaster for my company, kasina, but the year ended strong and is off to a great start in 2010. In addition to consulting with our financial services clients, we also run the kasina Youth Foundation, a non-profit focused on financial literacy, of which I serve as president.

Shoot me a note at [kowarski@kasina.com](mailto:kowarski@kasina.com) with any updates for next year's Class Notes, give me a call if you are coming to New York and want to grab a meal, or just connect to me via Facebook ([www.facebook.com/kowarski](http://www.facebook.com/kowarski)).

## 1997

**Brooks Marshall** accepted a position with InSight Health as director of corporate development; he and his wife are moving to Laguna Beach. They are very excited for a new adventure!

**Danny Mooney** married Evan Neuhaus of Houston, Texas, in March 2010.

## 1998

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Let me just say this. If you can honestly sit through "Benji: The Hunted" without weeping for that little doggy—lost in the jungle with the baby lions whose mommy fell off the mountain—then I say you are not a man. An emotionally constipated robot is what you are.

With that out of the way, here are the updates for '98: **Collin Bishop** and his wife Rebecca continue to live in Baltimore. They are happily busy enjoying life with their young son, Anthony. **Will Brassel** is a second year M.B.A. candidate at The Johnson School at Cornell University and plans to graduate in May 2010. Upon graduation, Will intends to pursue a career in marketing with Johnson & Johnson. He will reside in the Princeton area.

**Kevin Culbertson** continues to pass along his knowledge of kinesiology to the wee youngsters of Franklin Elementary. In the spring of 2009 he married Tina Giunta. I spoke with Tina beforehand. Apparently she knew what she was doing. This summer Kevin will be playing in a wood-bat baseball league with Tom Prevas. Til then, he is writing an anthology of haikus about animals with fur. He does not write on Tuesdays. Tuesdays are for yoga. Kevin's favorite yoga pose is "Downward dog."

**Landis Kauffman** left New York City last summer ('09) and moved to San Francisco for a job in store design at Gap Inc. He is working on transitioning the stores to sustainable construction, as well as on the general design of the fixturing and spatial layouts. Outside of work, Landis has taken up sailing and is competing in his first triathlon in May 2010. **Tim Kurz** has been living in Bogota, Colombia, and working in an all-boys private school as an English teacher. Planning to return to the States with his fiancée at the beginning of 2010, Tim is hoping to pursue a master's degree at American University in Spanish/Latin American studies.

**Craig Langrall** is happy to report that he and wife Ania welcomed a baby girl, Lucy Rose Langrall, on July 14, 2009. Craig is now working as an associate attorney at Davis, Upton, Palumbo & Keffler in Prince Frederick, Md. He and the family will relocate to Prince Frederick in the future. **Joe Logan** expects to graduate from William &



Mary's Mason School of Business in May 2010. Joe and his wife, Mary Ellis, are expecting their second child shortly before then.

**Sandy London** remains in New York with his partner, Tim. Sandy's second book, *Far From Zion*, was published in October 2009. He is now making a shift away from journalism and working on a series of novels for tweens. *The Calamitous Adventures Club* is due out from Penguin Children's Books next winter (2010-11).

**Skip Paal** was married in September 2009 and has fully relocated to New Jersey. He is still working in the flower business—and very successfully, with five retail shops doing well. **Tim Perkin** will marry in May 2010 and then compete in his first Ironman triathlon in August 2010 in Louisville, Ky. **Tom Prevas** and wife Emily welcomed daughter Lillian on October 7, 2009. Tom expects he will pass along his poetic subtlety, quiet poise and gentle gracefulness. He rocks Lillian to sleep each night with soft cooing noises and other authentic pigeon sounds. Beyond fatherly duties, Tom is a busy little Prevas. During the Fall 2009 semester he returned to RPCS as an English 10 teacher. Beginning in 2010, 'tis back to the law. Tom will serve as State's Attorney of Baltimore County (on loan from DLA Piper in Baltimore). In other news, Emily Prevas is a saint.

**Randy Resnik** works for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage downtown in Federal Hill, and he is looking forward to moving into a new house in Ellicott City in March 2010. Sir **Justin Short** continues at RPCS. By all accounts, Mr. Short is an exemplary educator, his teacherly qualities matched only by his musical genius. (Classmates will surely recall the boy-band wonders of "J-Sizzle and the Stallions." Funk on bass; Prevas on harp; Kevy C on the golden recorder; Bruce on triangle; me rockin' the kazoo; and Justin the lyrical gangster.) Speaking of greatness, Justin married fellow teacher Annie Ferebee in August 2009. The two live in Medfield with a fluffy Bijon-frise that walks Justin around the neighborhood (no doubt looking quite masculine). In his spare time Justin writes short stories about elves and gypsies.

And that leaves me (**Chad Prather**). I'm teaching at Glencliff High School in Nashville and dishing out some real good learnin' to the fine scholars of the South. When I'm not making the world a better place, I'm defending my home against ants and ladybugs. Their presence in the house

unsettles me. I hate them. And I kill them until they die. In the hours left over I do sweet things for my wife Katie. I am very sensitive to her needs. Katie says she needs to put me in a home when I turn 45. She says they'll give me the milk of magnesia and take me for nice walks in the courtyard. I suspect I shall have a phone with great big numbers on it.

## 1999

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**Craig Bennett** still teaches Tenth Age (fourth grade) homeroom at Calvert School. He also coaches football, basketball and the "powerhouse" girls' lacrosse squad, for which he takes full credit.

**Ricky Beyer** and wife Christina just welcomed their second baby into the family. Joseph Xavier Beyer was born November 20, 2009, and tipped the scales at 7 lbs, 5 oz. Older brother John Paul just turned two, and the family still resides in Rhode Island.

**Soumi Chatterjee** is moving to Washington, D.C., as he finishes master's degrees in communications and international relations from Syracuse University. He is beginning to work part-time at The Brookings Institution as well.

**Jack Dietrich** completed his active duty service in the U.S. Marine Corps and is now in the middle of a J.D./M.B.A. program at the University of South Carolina. He has also enjoyed doing some traveling with his wife Ellen.

**Kwaisi France** will start law school at CUNY in September.

**Kiran George** recently proposed to Meghan Sheehan, and she responded in the affirmative. He is finishing his M.B.A. at Duke and will spend the winter trimester abroad in London. Kiran and Meghan are tentatively eyeing May 2011 to say "I do."

**Justin Haas** started law school at the University of Maryland in September.

**Bill Hildebrandt** is scheduled to tie the knot on May 15, 2010, to fiancée Kara Belknap.

**Tim Hurley** got married in October and is still a lawyer with Miles & Stockbridge. He and Anne are settling into a new house in Federal Hill.

**Darryl Jordan** is a vocal teacher at a school in Harlem. He and his wife Jenny have started a theater company called "Ruffled Feathers Theater Exchange." The company



Andrew Faraone '99 spins the big wheel at the Bull Roast.

had a mainstage production in December and has another scheduled for March 2010.

**Marty Lotz** and wife Sara are the proud parents of Isabella Marie Lotz, born December 1, 2009.

**Brenden Mulligan** married on October 3, 2009. Classmates Matt Peters, Ward Bank, David Finney, Mike Rogers and Jack Dietrich were in attendance.

**Steve Pulimood** is moving back to New York as he finishes his Ph.D. in art history from Oxford University. He will begin teaching at Sotheby's Institute of Art this year.

**Kittu Rao** recently started medical school in the Caribbean at Saba University School of Medicine. He enjoys catching rays during the little free time he has as a medical student.

**Del Schmidt** married his fiancée, Meghan, in Holden Beach, S.C., on August 10, 2009. Lots of Gilman alums were part of the wedding party, including classmate **Shields Sullivan**, brother **Jay Schmidt '83** and his son **Henry Schmidt '14**. Classmate **Chris Hoffberger**, aka "DJ Hoff" spun some hot beats on the wheels of steel to fuel a night that went into the wee hours of the next morning.

**Steve Scott** lives in Bolton Hill with his wife Kyle and their two cats. He is a freelance film technician specializing in lighting design, rigging and operation for feature





*The first Alumni Flag Football squad, coached by Nick Schloeder (standing, third from left) and Alex Sotir, (standing, far right).*

films and television. He is also currently collaborating with artist David Hahn on his first big comic book project. Kyle works for Gore Bros, Nationwide while studying court reporting.

**Charles Wagandt** is excited to report that he has joined the Gilman School Alumni Board with classmates and fellow Colliers Pinkard colleagues Del Schmidt and **Andrew Faraone**.

**Frank Wooten** wed Rachel Tegano on June 13, 2009.

## 2000

### CHARLIE RING

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**Charlie Stockman** writes that for the last three years he has been laying low in the great Northwest. He passes the time tinkering with computers and dabbling in comedy. He looks forward to mingling with former classmates in October.

**Josh Polon** writes, "I'm living in Venice, Calif., working on producing and directing documentary and narrative films. I've most recently started working with the Duplass Brothers, a brother filmmaking team that I've admired since their feature debut in 2005, 'The Puffy Chair.' I spent 2009 in the editing room with them and their editor on their upcoming Fox Searchlight movie, 'Cyrus,' that premiered at Sundance and will be out in theaters late spring or summer. That's about it. Please go see it, because

we'd love to sell some tickets. Speaking of which, you too can be a film producer! Let me know if you want to read and maybe shadow-invest in my first feature."

After several years in New York City, **John Sheff** is back in Baltimore. He is currently in his first year of the real estate development master's program at the University of Maryland.

## 2002

**Costas Lignos** reports that after two years of working for Microsoft in Seattle, he has moved to Philadelphia to pursue a Ph.D. in computer science at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Drew Todd** is taking a brief respite from a long-term backpacking trip in various parts of the world. So far he has been to Japan, China, Singapore, Malaysia, and, believe it or not, North Korea! He is headed to Europe and Africa soon.

## 2003

**David Cohn** is on deployment in South America.

**Tap Kolkun** is in his third year of teaching at Gilman, with two sections each of tenth grade English and European Civilization. He also coaches fresh-soph football and varsity lacrosse. He lives in Fells Point and still enjoys all that Gilman and Baltimore have to offer.

**Alex Mazer** recently moved to Chicago to begin a new job with a start-up company.

**Chris Bendann** continues to teach in the Gilman Middle School. He's having a great time!

## 2004

**Michael Brown** is completing a master's degree in Strasbourg, France, through the EU's Erasmus Mundus Program.

## 2005

### TYLER HOFFBERGER

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Hey all:

As the Class of 2005 grows up, it seems our nation faces giant hurdles every momentous step of our way. Entering the Upper School in 2001, we were greeted by the 9/11



*Members of the Class of 1999 kick off their reunion weekend at the crab feast.*





*It's all smiles at the Class of 1999 10th Reunion.*

tragedies within a week. When a handful of our classmates were set to matriculate at Tulane in the Fall of 2005, Hurricane Katrina dispersed them to schools all over the country. Now, as we enter the job market for the first time, we stare down an intimidating, troubled economy that seems to offer no remorse or reprieve for our young professional ambitions.

Our classmates have taken full advantage of this turbulent economy as they pursue their passions literally around the globe.

**Matt Todd** is enjoying his time working for the Wake Forest study abroad office as a graduate assistant in their Vienna house.

**Paul Stack**, boasting Europe's top blog of 2009, teaches English in Nancy, France, where he reconnected with his eighth grade exchange student. **Pell George** spent a couple months volunteering at an orphanage named Ama Char outside of Kathmandu, Nepal, before traveling to Tibet, India and New Zealand among other places.

**Matt Bressler** does tons of traveling for his work at Oliver Wyman. He's in the firm's general management consulting group, based out of Boston.

We've got a good contingent working in New York City. **Jake Klein** recently moved up north to work for Thomson Reuters.

**Alex Janian** is at Broadpoint Gleacher. **Will Schoeberlein** and **Chachu Wu** live together and sold their souls to Perella Weinberg Partners and First Manhattan Consulting Group, respectively. These guys work around the clock. Who thought the real world would be this tough?

Clearly not **Ty Ruff**, star of MTV's "The Real World: DC." Move over Kormanik, Gilman's got a new gift for Reality TV. Tyrell is the star of the newest season of MTV's hit show and is now looking forward to pursuing a career in acting.

We have a few others pursuing careers in show business as well. **Pat Slevin** and **Owen Slevin**, a.k.a. the Farrelly Brothers 2.0, are working as production assistants in New York City and Los Angeles, respectively. **Justin Wiley** has moved to the ESPN Campus in Bristol, Conn., where he's a production assistant, mainly responsible for making the highlights for various shows.



*Meaghan and Del Schmidt '99, Chisom Opara '99, Henry Russell '99 and Shields Sullivan '99.*



Plenty of '05ers have joined Wiley in the sports industry. **Andrew Friedman** and **Matt Legg** both worked for the Orioles this summer. Legg, now in Philadelphia, went to the World Series with the Phillies as part of their corporate sales office. **Andrew Watkins** recently returned from Minnesota, where he did marketing for the Vikings. He now teaches at New Hope School in Baltimore City, but looks forward to returning to sports.

Among our other teachers, **Noel Madison Fetting-Smith** heads down to New Orleans this Fall to begin teaching as part of Teach for America. **Hal "Teachcott" Turner** is already settled into NOLA, following in the family footsteps with a career in education. Hal is really enjoying teaching special education and coaching lacrosse at a KIPP school as part of TFA.

Congratulations to the many classmates who are wrapping up graduate programs and entering the workforce this summer

and fall. **Britton Nyce** starts working for Ernst & Young this fall after earning a master's in accounting at Tulane. **Marcus Singleton** joins him at Ernst & Young in their audit practice after completing his master's of accounting at W&M. **Brent Rosenberg** is finishing his master of arts in management at Wake Forest. He already has plenty of options for work after school, including a position as a financial advisor at Edward Jones. **Red Farha** joins **Alex Goldscher** (Wells Fargo) in Charlotte to work for Bank of America after he finishes his M.S. in accountancy at Wake Forest. Red is also pursuing his C.P.A. **Austin Hanley** is set to graduate this spring from Tulane's Freeman School of Business. **Ryan Summers** is pursuing a master's degree in sports psychology.

**Dave Laslett** attends medical school at



*Phil Han '04 with Joe Duncan, Spanish teacher.*

UPenn and **Adam Kuhn** is in his first year of dental school at University of Maryland.

**Jeremy Batoff** began his studies at University of Baltimore School of Law this fall. **John Thompson** is now in his first year

## Protecting Manhattan's Children: The Adeona Foundation

BY CHAD BURDETTE '02 AND CLARK FINNEY '02

Just as young people have done for generations, we moved to New York City to pursue our careers after graduating from college. We quickly became part of a strong group of young professionals who decided to become more proactive in our service to the people of Manhattan. We took part in a variety of charitable initiatives and, along the way, realized what causes inspired us the most and how to effectively engage others. We also realized the significance of our Gilman education and came to a deeper, more personal understanding of Gilman's motto of Mind, Body, Spirit.

Still, we were not 100 percent dedicated to any one organization, despite many admirable efforts and noteworthy missions. Then we had an epiphany—why not create our own charity?

Along with three friends, Grant Hewit, Chris Quick and Colgate Smith, we created the Adeona Foundation in the spring of 2008. Adeona is the name of the Roman goddess who protected children throughout life's journey and saw that they had a safe return home. We felt that Adeona's name helped illustrate what we want our foundation to achieve: to make a profound impact on the lives of New York City children who are physically, socially, academically and economically disadvantaged.

We believe strongly that helping these children during the early stages of their lives will have a profound impact going forward, both for them and for those around them. We focus on raising awareness and funds for grassroots organizations that play an important role within their respective communities but lack funding and exposure to New York's network of young professionals, a relatively untapped demographic.

The Adeona Foundation is built on the premise that our peers, people in their mid 20's, may not be able to make significant financial contributions as individuals, but, when their gifts are pooled together, they can raise a considerable amount. Fortunately, we quickly discovered that many other young professionals share the same views.

The Adeona Foundation engages young professionals by organizing and hosting social benefits in New York City. We've created a support base of over 3,000 people by tapping into our high school, college, sports and professional networks.

Since the fall of 2008, we have hosted a number of successful fundraising events. Our first, which we now consider our annual flagship fundraiser, was a Western-themed Halloween party in October 2008. The event

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attracted more than 500 participants and sold out weeks in advance. We grossed almost \$50,000 and made a sizeable donation to The Cooke Center for Learning and Development, which plays an integral role in helping mentally-challenged children in Manhattan and its surrounding communities. It embraces and promotes inclusion, an educational practice through which children with learning challenges are taught in general education settings alongside their peers.

We visited the Cooke Center to meet students and faculty, tour the facilities and deliver our donation. Having the opportunity to meet these children firsthand really made us appreciate what The Adeona Foundation can accomplish.

In fact, our efforts inspired the Cooke Center to grow their own network of young professionals. We coordinated with their development office to draw on a number of our constituents to establish a more permanent support base for Cooke. Our combined effort concluded in a successful fundraiser, specific to Cooke, in spring 2009. The Fox Network's morning news show, *Fox and Friends*, later featured our involvement with Cooke.

In March 2009, our second event benefited the Andrew Glover Youth Program (AGYP), located in Manhattan's East Village. We grossed nearly \$45,000, and we were able to donate a sizeable portion of that to the program.

The AGYP provides after-school programs, tutoring, and social activities for troubled youths, ages 13 to 16, as an alternative to incarceration for non-violent crimes.

The program's goal is to help mentor these children and provide them with a constructive and caring environment. The AGYP has successfully decreased juvenile misconduct within the East Village and has helped to break the cycle of repeat incarceration.

Most recently, in December 2009, our foundation partnered with the Children's Aid Society (CAS) of New York, the nonprofit organization that provides care for New York's orphans and foster children. We hosted a holiday party in Staten Island and gave Christmas gifts to more than 200 children. With the help of CAS caseworkers, we were able to obtain each child's Christmas wish list and then personally delivered a toy to each child at the holiday party. The experience was genuinely moving, and one we hope to recreate for years to come.

Aside from raising funds for these select charities, our foundation has started to create and implement some of

its own programs. In these, we find ourselves drawing on the concept of Mind, Body, Spirit from our Gilman years. So far, we've put in motion sports and academic initiatives, and we plan to develop a community initiative in 2012.

Our sports initiative focuses on raising funds for athletic-related children's causes in Manhattan. Having been athletes at Gilman and in college, Clark and I realize the importance of building teamwork and sportsmanship skills at a young age. Thanks to our New York City Marathon team, we raised nearly \$10,000 for the initiative.

Our academic initiative involves donating time rather than money. Our hope is to build a broad base of colleagues and peers who can volunteer their free time to help tutor and mentor children. We are currently working with the Facing History School, a public high school on Manhattan's West Side.

From witnessing a learning-challenged child gain self-confidence while attending class, to watching a troubled youth receive a second chance to do what's right, these encounters have helped put our lives in perspective and have inspired us to do more. We've learned a great deal about the many challenges that children in our community face. Additionally, Clark and I have learned a tremendous amount about running a small organization. The learning curve has been steep, but it has challenged us to solve problems. Plus, we've had the opportunity to network with some remarkable individuals around the city.

Going forward, Clark and I hope to continue to grow The Adeona Foundation and attract more young professionals in New York to support our cause. We are confident that our more permanent set of initiatives will encourage our network of peers to give their time and inspire additional contributions. We are extremely optimistic about what is ahead, and we look forward to reporting our progress in the future. Please visit our website [www.adeonafoundation.com](http://www.adeonafoundation.com) for more information, and do not hesitate to contact either of us with any questions. ■

*Clark Finney and Chad Burdette moved to New York after graduating college in 2006 to pursue careers in finance and real estate, respectively. Clark is a commercial real estate broker for Cushman & Wakefield. Chad is an analyst with W. P. Carey & Co.*





*The Class of 2004 was represented by (l.-r.) Kyle Blackman, Ben Waller, Phil Han, David Caperna, Nate Hummel and Alan Alegado.*

of med school at Johns Hopkins. **Neill Thupari** is working in **Dave Irwin's** office before heading off to law school next year. **Ned Laslett** is an underwriter for Cigna International Expatriate Benefits in Wilmington, Del. **Teddy "Slash" Davidson** is our class's Kordell Stewart, sharing time as a financial analyst/valuation consultant/tech guru at SPARDA in Annapolis. **Simon Landau** works as a social media coordinator for CondoDomainDC and enjoys freelance videography on the side.

I am living in D.C. with **Peter Cornbrooks**, who works at Corporate Executive Board as a sales associate. I've done some work marketing the Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship and Pam Shriver's BCF Tennis Challenge and am currently pursuing more work in sports marketing.

I'm so proud (and jealous) of all the great things you '05ers are accomplishing despite the tough times. Here's to a new year and a new decade. Good luck to everyone as we move into 2010!

## 2006

**Peter Demers** is a senior at Washington University in St. Louis. He spent spring semester 2009 in Chile.

**Sam Novey** is at Harvard majoring in sociology. He took a year off after graduating from Gilman to work for Congressman Sarbanes and continued that work into his freshman year. He started a business, Online Organizing Solutions, with three friends at college. It helps organizations and politicians use social networking platforms effectively. Novey also ran the Boston Marathon in a burger suit for charity (seriously!).

## 2007

**Adam Miller** spent three weeks touring Israel last summer. He is a junior at Connecticut College and is House Governor.

## 2008

**Jamie Wiles** transferred to the University of Delaware.

## 2009

**Michael Yue** is studying in the Pathfinders Program at Washington University, St. Louis.

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## What They're Writing About . . . Recent Gilman Authors

### Child's Play

**George Scarlett '63** recently published *The Baseball Starter: A Handbook for Coaching Children and Teens*. The long-time professor at Tufts University has authored or co-authored five books on child development and education.

Scarlett may be competing in the marketplace with one of those teens, **Quinn Cotter '11**, whose book *Playing Time: What Kids Really Think About Kids' Sports* was published May 1. Cotter, just 17, began writing down his observations for the book when he was 10 years old. Congrats to Quinn for his tremendous accomplishment!

### Getting Ahead

**Fred Whelan '65** is the co-author of *Goal! Your 30-Day Game Plan for Business and Career Success*. Whelan is the founder of Whelan Stone, a San Francisco executive recruiting and coaching firm. He authors a blog on Huffington Post and often contributes to the career site Monster.

### Flimflam Man

**Pope Brock '67's** latest, entitled *Charlatan*, earned a terrific review in *The Washington Post*. His portrait of "America's most dangerous huckster," 20th century con man John Brinkley, is a cautionary tale of medical scams and the pioneering marketing and promotional ideas that still influence America's popular culture.

### The Class of '74

Two of the most recent books from Gilman authors are works from the Class of 1974. **Bill Baker's** *Endless Money: The Moral Hazards of Socialism*, is a detailed look at the perilous state

of the American financial system and the collapse of the financial markets.

**Chris White** went back to the Chesapeake Bay for *Skipjack: The Story of America's Last Sailing Oystermen*, released last November. The author lived on Tilghman Island and worked on skipjacks to research the book. Congrats!

### Feeling Better

Freelancer **Joe Hooper '75** joined with a pair of doctors known for their work with professional athletes to write a book, entitled *Muscle Medicine: The Revolutionary Approach to Maintaining Your Muscles and Joints*. The book, according to Joe, is "an attempt to reconcile the worlds of manual "hands-on" muscle therapies with mainstream orthopedics in a guide for dealing with everyday aches and pains."

### Briefly . . .

Retired attorney **John Lewin '57** provides a glimpse into his 40-year career as a trial lawyer with true stories and tales from both inside and outside the courtroom in *The Baltimore Briefs*, published last August.

### Traveling the Globe

New York-based **Sandy London '98** has become a prolific author in the last three years, with his latest entitled *Far From Zion: In Search of a Global Jewish Community*, released in 2009. The book was a Finalist at the 2009 National Jewish Book Awards. He also wrote a 2007 book entitled *One Day The Soldiers Came*, based on several years of experience with children around the world affected by armed conflict.

### The Fourth Estate

**Tom Fenton '48** is still going strong. His *Junk News: The Failure of the Media in the 21st Century* was released in 2009. The book serves as a critique of the American media, particularly in how they present world news. Tom, of course, is an Emmy Award-winning journalist and the former senior foreign correspondent for CBS News.

### The Cause for Vaccines

*Autism's False Prophets*, the latest effort from **Paul Offit '69**, was released in 2008 and became available in paperback in 2010. He is the chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases and the director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Offit also wrote *Vaccinated: One Man's Quest to Defeat the World's Deadliest Diseases*, published in 2007, and *The Cutter Incident: How America's First Polio Vaccine Led to the Growing Vaccine Crisis* (2005).

### An Author Among Faculty

First-grade teacher **Claudia Friddell** published her first children's book, *Goliath: Hero of the Great Baltimore Fire* in May 2010. Meticulously researched and documented with original photos, *Goliath* is the story of a fire horse assigned to Engine Company 15 and his heroics during the great Baltimore Fire of 1904. Two years ago, Claudia was the recipient of Gilman's Riepe Sabbatical. One of the outcomes of her semester away was *Goliath*.

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