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### **What Emerged From** the Merger

f Snoopy had written the history of the Berkeley Institute's merger with the Carroll Street School, he might have used his characteristic setting of a "dark and stormy night" as the backdrop to the story. It's fun to think of clandestine meetings, late night telephone calls, and maybe even daggers delivered in the dead of night; although the story contains some of that (maybe not the daggers), the real story involved breakfast meetings, phone calls, financial reports, imagination, vision, dogged determination, and, ultimately, leaps of faith.

You'll read in this issue of The Magazine the story of the merger ("When Berkeley Met Carroll"); the reminiscences of beloved former English teacher Sue Ely; and the details before, during, and after the merger of the two schools,

> painstakingly catalogued by former Berkeley Carroll administrator (and parent) Lenora Brennan.

The two schools merged 25 years ago. The first graduating class of the Berkeley Carroll Street School (1983) claimed 18 graduates; 25 years later, the class of 2008 will boast more than three times that many students. Twenty-five years. A lifetime ago (more!) for many, and a blink of an eye for others (for example, the dozen current faculty and staff members who started working here long before the two schools merged). I wonder if I'm the only one out there with a few pairs of legwarmers stuffed



into the back of a drawer, along with a few removable shoulder pads. But if you're really looking for perspective, consider this: 1983 was the year that McDonalds introduced Chicken McNuggets. It was an historical time.

Enjoy the issue.

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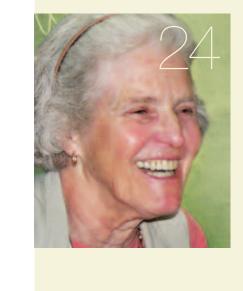


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### A SHARED VISION OF EXCELLENCE

elcome to this special edition of the magazine. Much thought, love, and many hours of labor, have gone into the collecting of photos and the writing of articles on the history of our school.

As you will read, our school came into existence through the extraordinary efforts of Dr. Bongsoon Zubay and a special group of trustees. These individuals saw an opportunity to create a new and exciting institution through the melding of The Berkeley Institute and The Carroll Street School. These were two schools with individual histories, different philosophies, but a shared vision of excellence

We can only imagine the difficulties encountered by the trustees and the trusting set of parents who enrolled their children in this newly merged school. Here was a school with no track record, spotty finances and an uncertain future. What was quickly seen, and valued by all, was the overwhelming commitment to every student exhibited by each teacher.

During those early years the school was extraordinarily well served by teachers and staff who were ready to teach new subjects, handle different age groups and lead all of the extracurricular groups. And even more impressive is that some of these pioneers are still exhibiting their mastery today at BCS giving us an enviable continuity of experience—Liz Kloner, Marvin Pollock, Judi Barrett, Marlene Clary, Kathy Grimes-Lamb, Mary Ann Hartley, Gloria Cruz, Maxine Barnett, Jennie Benipayo, Eileen Mercado, Maureen Sheehan, and Judy Valdez.

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BOB VITALO

The school has grown significantly in enrollment, facilities have been renovated, buildings have been added and our program has expanded to offer an exciting range of courses and activities. While the physical attributes of the school may have changed, it is important to take note that our efforts today are fueled as they have always been: with a deep belief that success is achieved in helping each student experience the passion of learning.

Special recognition needs to be given to the work of the 25th Anniversary Committee and our thanks go to them for the energy they have brought to this celebration. They have successfully reconnected generations of friends of BCS through the receptions, meetings and dinners they have arranged. Their efforts will result in a major increase in donations to the endowment for teacher professional development.

I look forward to seeing you on April 12th at the Athletic Center when we will gather together to celebrate the past that has prepared us so well for the future.

Sincerely, **Robert D. Vitalo** *Head of School* 

### (connections)

# Celebrating 75 YEARS of Cum Laude Society Membership

erkeley Carroll is one of just three schools celebrating 75 years of membership in the Cum Laude Society, the national honor society for independent schools. Bruce W. Galbraith, Cum Laude Society Registrar General, accorded special recognition to Berkeley Carroll, saying, "This is one of the longest, and most distinguished, tenures in Cum Laude, and speaks well of the outstanding academic program at Berkeley Carroll. The hundreds of students inducted in these 75 years have gone on to make their mark in the world, based upon the strong program of studies afforded them."

Election to the 100-year-old Cum Laude Society acknowledges those high school students who have consistently demonstrated superior scholarship in academics. The criteria for selection include grade point average, strength of program (in other words, consideration is given to students who avail themselves of the school's more challenging offerings), and scores on external measures of achievement such as the SATs and Advanced Placement examinations. The presence of a Cum Laude chapter at a secondary school is an indication that superior scholastic achievement is honored.

In congratulating Berkeley Carroll on its 75th anniversary in the society, the Cum Laude Society said, "You are an outstanding academic institution—a leader in our Society."



### **BC Students Fill Empty Bowls**

World Hunger Day was acknowledged in the Upper School on October 16, 2007, during a division-wide assembly, led by Student Council president Max Hardy.

Max's comments were followed by those of Rochelle Pollock, wife of the Upper School's Marvin Pollock, and lead volunteer in Brooklyn for Heifer International, a nonprofit organization that provides livestock and training to small-scale farmers and communities in order to help end world hunger and poverty. Mrs. Pollock spoke to the students about the difference between hope and despair and Heifer's work to end world hunger, one person at a time.

Berkeley Carroll's work to end world hunger was spearheaded by community service coordinator Rebeca Matthews and ceramics teacher Annie Asebrook. The school's Middle and Upper School students, along with the faculty, created hundreds of beautiful ceramic bowls, all of which were sold at

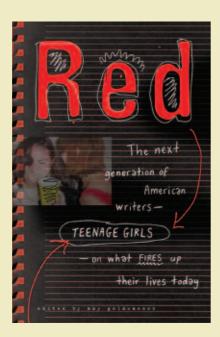
school during a two-day celebration in November. During the sale, soup was available to fill the empty bowls and student musicians (Ben Cohen and Stephen Toriello, accompanied at times by visiting alums) serenaded the crowd. At the end of the two days, over 500 bowls had been sold and over \$6,000 raised. The organizers and student volunteers (particularly the members of Lions Pride and the Art Squad) have a lot to be proud of.

The money raised will be given to Heifer International, a nonprofit organization committed to ending world hunger. A Heifer International official said, "When students learn there are hungry people in the world, sometimes they feel powerless; they think the problem is just too big. Berkeley Carroll students, however, have become empowered to do their part to effect positive change. We are so pleased that they are working on behalf of Heifer, and we applaud the efforts of the Berkeley Carroll students."

### (connections)

### Born at Berkeley Carroll:

### 6 PUBLISHED SENIORS READ FROM "RED"



During a reading and book signing for *Red: The Next Generation* of American Writers—Teenage Girls—On What Fires Up Their Lives Today, the book's editor, Amy Goldwasser, said that Berkeley Carroll was the school she broke her own rules for. "There was something really special about the girls from Berkeley Carroll," she said, explaining why Berkeley Carroll writers dominated the book.

Red's 58 essays were selected from over 800 submissions; the

authors span the country, and the girls' experiences (rural, urban, naïve, sophisticated) run the gamut as well. Thus it is particularly noteworthy that six of the 58 essayists are Berkeley Carroll students. No other school in the country is as well represented. The Berkeley Carroll student authors include Emma Considine (whose essay "Bloody Red Heart" is excerpted on Salon.com), Jane Horowitz, Sarah Harrison, Alison Smith, Aarian Marshall, and Lucy Bennett. Liz Perry, Berkeley Carroll English teacher who taught several of the girls, said, "the girls' writing is impressive for many reasons, but the quality that stands out to me most in this collection is *voice*. If we challenge students to move beyond the recycled scripts of adolescence and write with authenticity and courage about their own lives, the results can be quite astonishing."

Each Berkeley Carroll Red author read her essay at a community-wide book party on November 28, 2007. Prior to introducing Jane Horowitz, the first reader, Amy Goldwasser said, "In a lot of ways, this book was born at Berkeley Carroll."



Amanda Pike

# The 15th Annual DEXTER D. EARLE AWARD Presented to Amanda Pike

First grade teacher Amanda Pike was the recipient of the 2007 Dexter Earle Award—presented annually to a Berkeley Carroll teacher with over 10 years' teaching experience in recognition of excellence in teaching, dedication, involvement, passion, and the promotion of an intellectual community.

Amanda received her undergraduate degree at Amherst and her master's at Bank Street. Her time at Berkeley Carroll has been split between teaching 1st grade and teaching Lower School science. At the time she won the award, her first crop of 1st graders were sophomores in college. When asked if, after 14 years, did it ever get old, she said, "I cannot envision leaving Berkeley Carroll. Ever."

During the award ceremony, Amanda told the audience, "When I looked over the list of recipients of the 

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Dexter Earle Award, it was like a veritable Who's Who of colleagues, past and present, whom I respect and admire....

Receiving this award is a tremendous honor, and I am so grateful for this recognition. Even more than that, I am grateful for the time I have spent as part of the Berkeley Carroll community.

"In fact, I think my experience teaching science illustrates one of the best things about working here at Berkeley Carroll. No one expects teachers to know all the answers, but everyone expects us to ask questions and to continue learning. We are always encouraged to go to workshops and to visit other schools to get new and different ideas. Though we have always learned from one another informally, we now have a formal peer review process where teachers have a chance to think and talk about their work with other teachers. Committees on curriculum, diversity, and even scheduling constantly ask us to consider what we are doing and what we could do better. The students are clearly not the only ones engaged in learning here at Berkeley Carroll, and that makes it a wonderful place to work."





Tom Jameson

Frita Doko

### TWO TEACHERS RECEIVE THE 2007 REIDY AWARDS

Named in memory of John Reidy, a long-time Berkeley Carroll teacher who died of cancer in 2001, known for commitment, energy, and connection to students, the Reidy Award is presented each year to one Carroll Street and one Lincoln Place teacher. The teachers chosen must have between three and five years of teaching at Berkeley Carroll and are considered excellent.

In 2007, the Lincoln Place recipient was Middle School math teacher Tom Jameson. When he received his award, Tom said, "Every day when I come to work I find that someone does something that makes me happy. This place is like a family, it's the kind of place you want to be."

The Lower School recipient, Erita Doko, said, "So far, life has been a fairy tale. Coming to this country was a dream come true. The country offered me so many opportunities. I went to school, learned English, and one day was surfing the internet looking for a job and saw a school named Berkeley Carroll....Today I feel very honored to receive this award."

### connections

### Lower School ARCH DAY

Lower School Director
Ben Chant told the students that the arch is a door and, although it might not appear that by walking through it they were taking a big step, in reality walking through the arch is one of those moments that changes one's life.

Representatives of each 4th grade class—
Amy Donovan, Max Leu, and Kennedy Austin—addressed their peers, teachers, and family during the June 14, 2007, Arch Day celebration.
Max told the audience that he's eager to move up to middle school at

Lincoln Place because he likes the pudding. In saying goodbye to his life at Carroll Street he acknowledged that his teacher, David Wood, helped make him smarter. Kennedy Austin revealed that she feels perfectly at home at Berkeley Carroll and ended by saying, "Today I feel like I'm on top of the world. The Berkeley Carroll Lower School has filled me with confidence."

Middle School CLOSING CEREMONIES

During the June 15, 2007, Middle School Closing Ceremonies, Middle School Director Jim Shapiro told the 8th graders, "You 8th graders know perfectly well how much everyone adores you."

Fifth grade student speaker Colum
O'Connor interrupted himself partway through his speech.
"Me and my friends...." he started to say, then abruptly changed it to "my friends and I." The morning was full of evidence that an enormous amount is learned during Middle School.

Philip Sweeting, speaking on behalf of the 6th grade, waxed reminiscent of his time, so far, in Middle School. Of 5th grade chorus he remarked, "A mandatory elective? What does that even mean?" draw-

ing enormous laughter from the audience.

For the 7th grade, Samantha Bellamy thanked her academic teachers for "making my life somewhat easier to deal with," and for the 8th grade, speaker Nia James spoke for the entire grade when she said, "there are 69 of us, but we quickly came together as one. That's been our greatest achievement."

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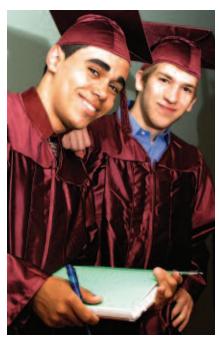


Patrick James, Jr.



Head of School Bob Vitalo greeted the 54 members of the Class of 2007 by saying, "This is good, and it's supposed to be fun." It was both, but it was also so much more. The 120th commencement exercises of the Berkeley Carroll School ran the gamut of emotions from funny, touching and, at times, awe-inspiring.

Upper School Director Suzanne
Fogarty told the graduates that when
she taught many of them back when
they were in 9th grade, they taught
her to be a better teacher. "What you
did for me as a teacher," she said, "was
make me learn to listen more." Max
Goldberg Liu '07, who greeted his
classmates, described the Class of
2007 as quiet, determined, and modest individuals who were eager to do
their best. His fellow speaker, Peter



Luis Almonte and Toby Gingold

Drinan '07, rallied the graduates by telling them, "We're caught between the familiarity of Berkeley Carroll and



Aydan Puth and Sara Couillou

the excitement of college," and it was true. The graduates, many of whom still seemed to have one foot firmly planted at Lincoln Place, have had extremely successful high school careers and are clearly eager to move on to the next step.

The connection between Berkelev Carroll and the world outside Lincoln Place was driven home by Hendrik Hertzberg, senior editor and staff writer at The New Yorker and superlative commencement speaker. Mr. Hertzberg spoke beautifully and eloquently about his mother, Hazel Whitman Hertzberg, a 1935 graduate of the Berkeley Institute. He also gave the graduates three pieces of advice (as he said, free advice worth "every penny"): First, when you get to college, he told them, choose your courses on the basis of who's teaching them. Second, you are emerging from a tunnel. Enjoy the shock of freedom. "You're about to discover the importance and, truly, the joy of making real choices." For his third piece of advice, he exhorted the grads to get involved. "Berkeley Carroll has given you a good start with this," he said. "You owe it to the billions who haven't had your advantages."

### Closing Ceremonies

### (connections)

### Congratulations to

### LUIS ALMONTE

Boston College

### SHEREEN BAR-OR

Eckerd College

### **BENJAMIN BARIS**

Skidmore College

### **TYLER BEN-AMOTZ**

University of Vermont

### MICHAEL BRUFFEE

Boston University

### AMANDA CARELLA

Bennington College

### JEROME CARTER

Rensselaer Polytechnic

### JAMES DELANEY

Springfield College

### JAHMIQUE DESOUZA

Stony Brook University

### PETER DRINAN

Brown University

### JAHNEILLE EDWARDS

**CUNY Honors College** 

### LAURA ESTREICH

Trinity College

### **TOBIAS GINGOLD**

University of Vermont

### ADRIANNA GLAVIANO

Internship: Milan, Italy

### MAX GOLDBERG LIU

Bowdoin College

### ALYSSA GOLDSTEIN

Bard College

### **EMILY GOODWIN**

Ohio Wesleyan University

### **SCOTT GUTNICK**

Hofstra University

### DYANNA HALLICK

Muhlenberg College

### JENÉ GONZALEZ-JACK

Drexel University

### PATRICK JAMES, JR.

Hofstra University

### **COREY JEFFERS**

Ithaca College

### ALBERTO JIMENEZ, JR.

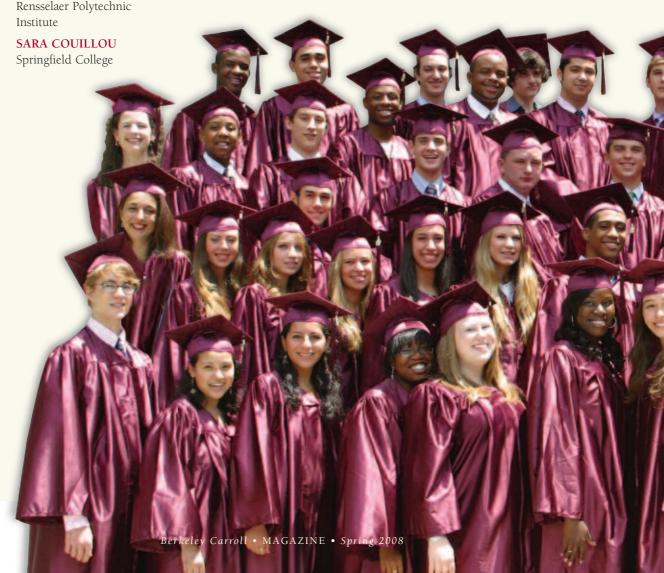
Vanderbilt University

### LIONEL JOHNNES

Washington University

### **JOSEPH KAPLAN**

Rhode Island School of Design



### the Class of 2007

### ANDREW KENT

Drew University

### **JEFFREY KOCH**

Manhattan School of Music

#### ALEXANDER KOLBER

Pitzer College

### **RACHEL LAMB**

University of Arizona

### PETER LAROSA

University of Redlands

### **RACHEL LEIT**

Skidmore College

### LIZ LUCIANO

St. Lawrence University

### LAUREN MENCHINI

Manhattan College

### **DAVID MULLERY**

University of St. Andrews

### **ENRIQUE NAUDON**

Bowdoin College

### **ANDREW**

### O'SHAUGHNESSY

University of Chicago

### CHRISTOPHER

PETRINOVIC

### Hamline University

MADELEINE PRENNER

### AYDAN PUTH

High Point University

### VAIL RAINEY

University of Arizona

#### LUCY RAVICH

Ithaca College

### PHOEBE REED

Bates College

### **ALEX RIINA**

Dartmouth College

### CHAD ROBERTS

University of Massachusetts

### AMANDA SACKS

Connecticut College

### **BLAIRE SACKS**

Bates College

### MARGARET SCHULTZ

Hamilton College

#### **EMILY SEAY**

Michigan State University

### JADE SHALLOW

Clark Atlanta University

### MICHAEL SULLIVAN

Purchase College

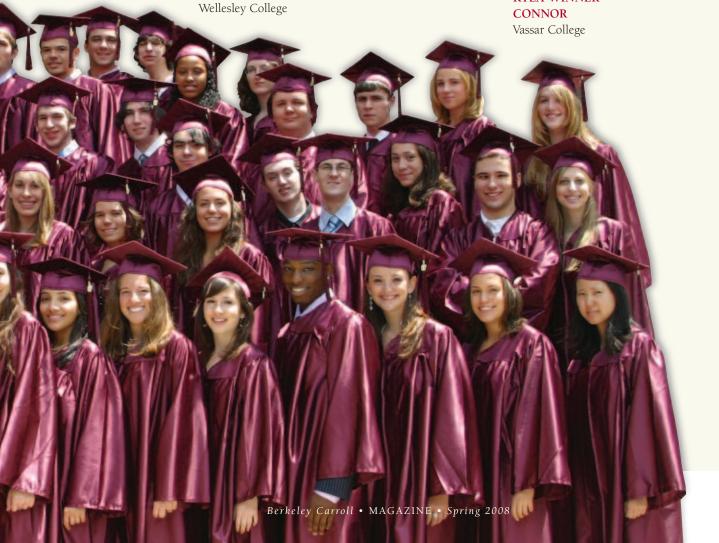
### REECE TREVOR

University of Chicago

### **EMI WANG**

Vassar College

### KYLA WINNER-



### (connections)

### 20th Reunion | April 20, 2007

On Friday, April 20, 2007 members of the class of 1987 celebrated their 20th reunion at a local restaurant, and the classes of 1957 to 2000 came out on Saturday, April 21 to enjoy reunion at the school while the class of 1967 met in Manhattan for their 40th. Dr. Marvin Pollock, Director of Studies at Berkeley Carroll, led a spirited and thought-provoking discussion on advertising, propaganda and media using the film, *Triumph of the Will* by Leni Riefenstahl, as his case study. Lunch in the Lincoln Place library followed where Carol Lamberg '57 received the Berkeley Carroll Alumni Service Award.



- 1. The class of 1987 20th reunion dinner
- (I to r): Ruth Hiller Nicolaci,
   Elaine lannelli Mennen and
   Patty Inaba-Chu from the class of
   1957—enjoying their 50th reunion.
- 3. Cecilia Burgin Streit '87 and Mike Winston '87
- Carol Lamberg '57 accepting the Alumni Service Award for her work in the affordable housing industry in New York City and nationwide.
- 5. Director of Studies, Marvin Pollock, speaking on "Art and Propaganda"

### Alumni Baseball Game | June 2, 2007

Eighteen veterans from Berkeley Carroll baseball teams past gathered at the fields at Breezy Point and played members of BC's varsity team. The alums can be proud—they came back from a 6-run deficit in the bottom of the 5th to tie the game at 8-8. Coach Walter Paller stopped the game at nine innings so everyone could lick their wounds, trade stories, and eat!

- 1. The entire alumni team
- 2. Carmine Giovino '98
- 3. James Brufee '99
- 4. Varsity baseball coach, Walter Paller
- Nick Pollack '06; Vanessa Prescott, Middle School science; Bryan Roberts '05 after the game



### Connecticut Reunion

September 26, 2007

Six alumnae who all live in or near Connecticut joined Head of School Bob Vitalo for lunch in Old Saybrook on September 26, 2007. They had a wonderful time catching up with each other.

- 1. Polina Bekker '94 and Kate Rubin Witherwax
- 2. Members of the class of 1989 (I to r): Jason Hernandez-Rosenblatt, Denise Kenny Touchet, and Heather Cunningham
- 3. Michelle Menendez Olgers and Victor Brown, both class of 1984
- 4. Janet McCauley Stark '60, Honorary Chair of the Founders Society, displaying the school's gift



### 13th Annual Young Alumni Night | November 21, 2007

We lost count, but over 90 alums from the classes of 1990-2004 came out for the annual Young Alum Party which took place this year at Union Hall in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Ayana Johnson '98 was the winner of our raffle and took home a \$75 gift certificate to Brooklyn Industries.



- Alexandra Lamb '03, Caroline Greig '03, Jane Livshits '03, Julia Loonin '03
- 2. Dionne Sinckler '98, Jennifer Thompson '97, Cary Graber '98
- 3. Zachary Mazzeo-Snyder '05, Michael Micalizzi '03
- 4. Kieran Roberts '99, Ayana Johnson '98
- 5. Andrew Margon '02, Caitlin Cahill '02, Sara Covey '02, Ben Grossman-Cohen '02

### connections

### A YEAR IN SPORTS

2006-07

The 2006-2007 seasons for sports at Berkeley Carroll proved to be quite successful, eventful, and captivating. With the senior class of 2007 leading each sport in practically every statistic, along with great leadership and pride, hopes were high during the year for our athletic success.

The varsity girls' soccer season was the first triumph of the year in sports. Lead by head coach Colm MacMahon and senior captains Rachel Leit and Sara Couillou, along with junior Elena Levi, the girls' soccer team already had their backbone of soccer stars. As sophomore Stephanie Boyle rose to the occasion when asked to play goal keeper, the girls seemed to have had no missing parts to the team. After a successful season, the girls were given the opportunity to play in the NYSAISAA state tournament. This was the first ever state tournament berth for varsity girls' soccer at Berkeley Carroll, ever.

As the winter rolled around, the Athletic Center became the home for our 06'-07' basketball season. The boys' varsity basketball team, lead by captains Peter Drinan '07 and Patrick James '07 as well as three other returning seniors, was invited back to their 4th straight NYSAISAA tournament. However, this was the first year with new head coach Bob DeMerrell. With seven of our twelve players leaving for college, and rising senior Jason Lewis being the only player who has played significant minutes at the varsity high school level, the basketball team will be in search of some to step up and take a leaders roll.

The girls' varsity basketball season

### BY GIANCARLO HIRSCH '09

was arguably the most exciting team to watch this year at Berkeley Carroll. With junior captain Zoe Cohen coming into her third year as a starter on the team, BC fans knew this would be an eventful season. This proved true. Lead by captain, four year varsity player, Rachel Leit, and the unlikely 8th grade presence of Keyanka Bailey, head coach Walter Paller and the girls managed to win the 2007 ACIS playoffs and receive their 8th straight invitation to the NYSAISAA state tournament.

With the temperature changing, our BC athletes began the baseball/softball season. Veteran coach Walter Paller and his varsity baseball team continued their tradition of returning to spring training camp in Florida this year. Without any 11th grade baseball players, the team was in desperate need of putting in the extra work over their spring break, and they did so. Lead by captains Peter Drinan and Patrick James, along with senior centerfielder Chad Roberts, the team was able to compete in the championship game of the ACIS playoffs, as well as earn a four seed in the NYSAISAA state tournament. However, looking forward, with no rising seniors, the class of 2009 lead by pitcher Theo Guest, short stop Philip Seay, and centerfielder

Giancarlo Hirsch, must step up, and take on leadership rolls.

As for the ladies, softball season was quite successful as well. Coached by athletic director Joe Wood, and led by captains Zoe Cohen and Lauren Menchini, the girls performed and played at a high level in the 2007 season. With help from 8th grade pitcher Lauren Malotra-Gaudet, the girls beat long time rivals, Friends Seminary, in the ACIS playoffs to become champions of the league.

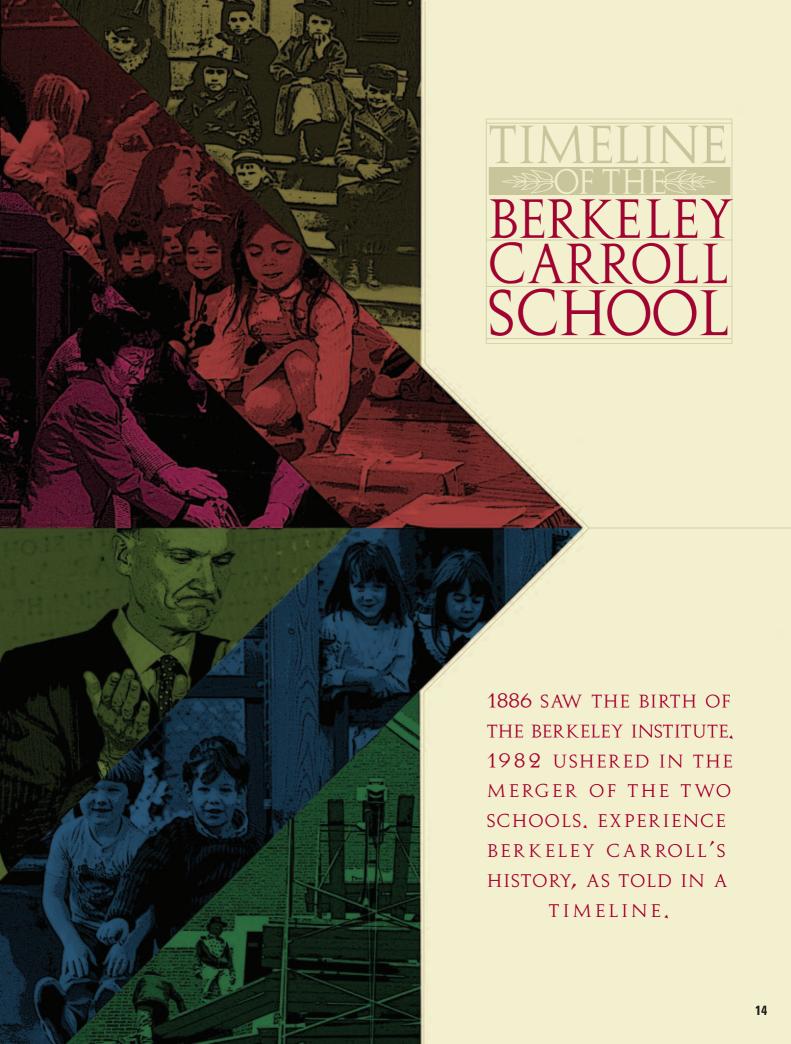
Down in the pool this year, the Berkeley Carroll swim team, coached by Meredith Rice and Roberto Welch and lead by captains Emi Wang, Phoebe Reed, Max Goldberg Liu, and Enrique Naudon (all seniors), swam with heart and pride. Working hard all year, for the first time ever, the BC swim team was invited to the Eastern Invitational down in Philadelphia. Hopefully this will become a tradition at Berkeley Carroll, and we will continue to be invited back to this invitational.

On a more personal note, three athletes were able to pass a huge milestone mark this year in basketball: 1,000 points. Seniors and four-year varsity basketball players James Delaney and Toby Gingold achieved this in their 2006-2007 basketball season. The third athlete being a junior makes this great achievement seem even more incredible. Zoe Cohen managed to score her 1,000th point after only three years of playing varsity basketball here at Berkeley Carroll.

And so although BC has still not managed to win a state tournament, the 2006-2007 season was quite successful in many ways.

Giancarlo (pictured on page 13) plays guard on Berkeley Carroll's Varsity Basketball Team and center field on the Varsity Baseball Team









Bongsoon Zubay, Headmistress



### 1886

Berkeley Institute
 founded as a school
 for girls and young
 women

### 1966

Montessori School of Brooklyn opens

### 1974

- ◆ Berkeley Institute becomes **co-ed**
- Montessori School of Brooklyn purchases
   701 Carroll Street

### 1975

Bongsoon Zubay

 appointed as
 Headmistress of

 Montessori School of
 Brooklyn

#### 1979

 Montessori School of Brooklyn renamed the Carroll Street School

### 1981

Carroll Street
 School purchases
 712 Carroll Street

### 1982

- Bongsoon Zubay

   appointed
   Headmistress of the
   newly merged
   Berkeley Carroll
   Street School
- ◆ The **Thrift Shop**opened in the
  basement of the 181
  gym under the
  leadership of the
  Parent Association





Berkeley Institute



1980's ooutdoor play



First class to graduate from the Berkeley Carroll Street School



Groundbreaking for new Upper School building



### 1983

- ◆ June 13—
   First Berkeley Carroll

   Street School class
   graduates
- Summer—Creative ArtsProgramand

Children's Summer Camp open

### 1985

March 19—
 Intergenerational
 Chorus sings at the
 40th Anniversary
 celebration of the
 United Nations

Thrift Shop on 5th Avenue after it moved from 181 Lincoln Place.



### 1986

◆ April 12—
Berkeley Carroll
Street School
celebrates
Berkeley Institute's
centennial

### 1987

 Science wing renovated at 181 Lincoln Place

### 1988

◆ June— School purchases **716 Carroll Street** 



Children's Summer Camp

### 1989

◆ Fall— "Street" dropped, school's name officially becomes Berkeley Carroll School

### 1990

June 1—
 Groundbreaking for
 new Upper School
 building on
 Lincoln Place

Early forays into computer work, 1980's

### 1991

◆ September— First student from **Prep for Prep** enrolls

### 1992

◆ February 29— New Upper School building opens at 181 Lincoln Place

#### 1993

◆ May—
 The first
 Dexter D. Earle
 Award presented to
 Marvin Pollock

#### 1994

November—
 Library Media
 Center opens at
 181 Lincoln Place

### 1996

- May—
   Berkeley Carroll named a

   Blue Ribbon
   School by the
   US Department of Education
- berkeleycarroll.orglaunched



Ribbon cutting for the new



Performance Space renovations



Ribbon cutting for the Athletic Center 2001



Head of School

### rch Day, a time-honored erkeley Carroll tradition

- ♦ January 27— First **Diversity Day**
- ◆ Lincoln Place **Science Center** opens

◆ September— **Child Care Center** opens on 6th Street

◆ Faculty members **Peter Shakeshaft** and John Reedy die

◆ April 9—

June—

- **Athletic Center** opens on President Street
- Dr. Bongsoon Zubay steps down as

Headmistress after 26 years

- ♦ July—
  - **Peter Kountz** begins tenure as Interim Head of School
- ◆ Summer— Renovations transform Marandon Auditorium into the **Performance** Space

♦ July— **Richard Barter** begins tenure as interim Head of School

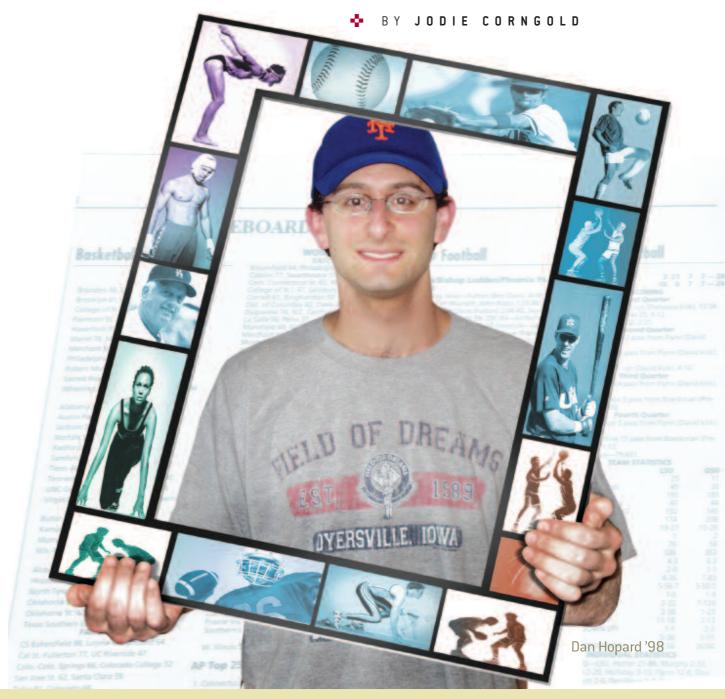
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Thanksgiving Sharing, a Berkeley Carroll tradition

# STATION OF THE STATIO



T'S NO SURPRISE THAT DAN HOPARD '98, WHO CALLS HIMSELF "STATMAN" AND WHOSE *FIELD OF Dreams* tee shirt was bought after a catch with his dad on that magical field in Dyersville, Iowa, loves baseball. He also loves basketball, hockey, bike racing, and just about every sport you can name. It's also no surprise that this avid sports fan does what so many people do—watch, read about, and talk about sports. What is surprising is that he gets paid for it.

It's particularly surprising when one considers that when Dan, as he freely admits, was a high school student in the mid 1990s, he was the most out of shape kid in his class. He also volunteers that once he got too old for Little League, he was never much of an athlete. In fact, he admits it: his sport of choice was watching sports. As a child his parents would forever lament that he spent all together too much time watching sports on television. "Stop watching sports," they'd say. "Can't you just watch regular TV?"

Dan is a researcher for the Elias Sports Bureau, where he compiles information for future use and researches information on an as-needed basis. Information like, who's the homerun king? Well, that used to be easy. How about who's hit the most homeruns as a switch hitter? That's where a researcher comes in (by the way, it's Mickey Mantle). How about this one? Which baseball player had the most unusual baseball nickname? The answer is subjective, of course. but perhaps it was Bob "Death to Flying Things" Ferguson who played for the New York Mutuals in the 1870s

He also compiles statistics. For baseball, in particular, the realm of

Dan's internship with Elias **Sports Bureau** segued into a summer job, a job over spring break during college, and, ultimately, a fulltime job following his 2003 graduation from Brooklyn College.

statistics long ago eclipsed the relatively simple area of batting averages. For example, on June 12, 2007, Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander pitched his no-hitter. Before he could even make

his way back into the dugout, sports announcers revealed the number of right-handed ex-rookies-of-the-year who had pitched no-hitters in the American League. How did they know? They got their information from Elias.

Elias Sports Bureau is officially recognized by Major League Baseball, the National Football League, the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey League, and others. That's a lot of statistics. Was Dan a math wiz or, at the very least, a budding statistician in high school? The question makes him laugh. "I bombed in calculus," he said. "Please don't check up on me with my old math teachers." What he was, however, was ambitious.

Managing the Berkeley Carroll girls' basketball team and the boys' baseball team gave him a taste of the insider's role, so as a senior Dan contacted Elias to see if he could finagle a senior internship with them. His internship segued into a summer job, a job over spring break during college, and, ultimately, a fulltime job following his 2003 graduation from Brooklyn College. It goes without saying that Dan loves his work, but what he does say is that as someone who is paid to indulge his passion—sports—he's the luckiest guy in the world.

### WHEN BERKELEY

In the Early 1980s, the Carroll Street School, an elementary school whose roots strongly entwined the theories of Montessori, was on its way up. Originally the "Montessori School of Brooklyn" and itinerant to boot, it had ultimately found a permanent home at 701 Carroll Street (a location that had previously been the St. Francis Xavier School) and had purchased the dilapidated building across the street. As its original name implied, this little school of 325 students traced its roots back to the teachings of Maria Montessori.

### BY JODIE CORNGOLD



### MET CARROLL....

the Berkeley Institute, once well known for educating young ladies, had suffered mightily through the 60's and 70's. By the fall of 1981, the school was nearly 100 years old and its enrollment down to 175 students (in contrast, present day Berkeley Carroll is home to more than 800 students). It was at this time that Bongsoon Zubay, headmistress of the Carroll Street School, received a phone call from the headmaster of the Berkeley Institute, Tom Dodd.

our blocks away on Lincoln Place,

Mr. Dodd was quite frank with her, Dr. Zubay recalls, and told her that if the downward trend of enrollment did not reverse, BI would be forced to close its doors. An alliance with a strong school, he told her, represented BI's only chance for survival. Over a follow-up breakfast meeting Dodd told her that his school was looking for another school to merge with. The conversation went well and over the course of several subsequent conversations, plans began rolling forward for the merger between the Carroll Street School and the Berkeley Institute. It should be noted, however, that at the time of these conversations, Mr. Dodd also indicated that he was also engaging in conversations with another Brooklyn school, Poly Prep. (Although BI was coed, it had only begun graduating boys within the previous 10 years. Prior to accepting boys into its upper echelons, Berkeley Institute educated boys through middle school at which time the male students went elsewhere for high school. Typically, after "graduating" from 8th grade they traveled across town to Poly Prep, located in Brooklyn's Dyker Heights neighborhood.)

It was these parallel conversations between BI and Poly that led to complications and, ultimately, misunderstandings. Back at Carroll Street, Bongsoon Zubay and the Carroll Street board were excited by the prospect of merging with their neighbor to the north. The preK-6th grade Carroll Street School had been steadily growing, and conversations concerning the feasibility of adding a 7th and 8th grade had started and were gaining momentum; the main stumbling block to a Carroll Street School expansion was the peren-

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nial New York City issue: lack of space. The opportunity to, in one fell swoop, double Carroll Street's size as well as its presence within the Park Slope neighborhood was almost more than Dr. Zubay and the Carroll Street School board could have hoped for.

The parallel conversations were concerning, however, and as a result, Bongsoon and Richard M. Rosan, president of the Carroll Street Board. called on Berkeley Institute's Tom Dodd one last time. "There was no doubt Berkeley was failing," Bongsoon said, "and there was no doubt that Tom Dodd would be separating himself from the school regardless of who they ultimately merged with. The merger came to realization because of Headmaster Tom Dodd's loyalty to Berkeley Institute and his board's desire for the continued existence of their historic school."

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Dr. Bongsoon Zubay

And that's what did it. The representatives of the Carroll Street School were able to convince their counterparts at the Berkeley Institute that a merger between BI and Carroll Street would preserve the BI image. Carroll Street assured BI that that Berkeley would continue to be a high school, that the building would continue to be utilized (rather than, perhaps, being sold off at a future date), and that the name "Berkeley" would be preserved.

Negotiations continued for most of the remainder of the 1981-1982 school year. Finally, on June 30, 1982, the Board of Trustees of both schools, the Berkeley Institute and the Carroll Street School, joined together for a board meeting chaired by President of the Carroll Street School Board Rick Rosan for its final meeting. The trustees from both boards were asked to participate in the joint Board meeting before dissolving each board. And that was that: enter the Berkeley Carroll Street School (the "street" was dropped in 1989).

Dr. Zubay was the head of Berkeley Carroll until her 2001 retirement. Since then, she has continued to be deeply involved in education. With her passion for high quality teaching as an essential element in a good school, Bongsoon moved on to her next career—creating and leading an

### The Business of Merging Two Schools

by RICHARD ROSAN, Former Head of the Board of Trustees



From 1978 to 1992, I served as President of the then Montessori School of Brooklyn, which became the Carroll Street School, which ultimately became the Berkeley Carroll School. Those were interesting times. The phenomena of families deciding to live in the city and bring up their children in

Park Slope was beginning to gain momentum. The enthusiasm of the staff, led by Bongsoon Zubay and the admissions work of Dolores Toolan, added to the growth of the school. By 1980 we were outgrowing the building at 701 Carroll Street. When a derelict building across the street became available, I (an architect and someone who loved developing new projects) urged the board to go for it, even though the financial risk seemed overwhelming (we paid \$28,000 for the building). We borrowed the needed sums to build the nursery and kindergarten building, which greatly added to our facilities. That's when the school became the Carroll Street School.

Shortly after, Bongsoon called to tell me we had an opportunity to merge with the then somewhat floundering Berkeley Institute, a venerable Brooklyn establishment that, unlike the Carroll Street School, had not caught the tide and enthusiasm of the new Brooklyn. The Berkeley Institute either needed to merge or go out of business. Our competition was the much better known and older established institution, Poly Prep, and we were clearly the mouse competing for an elephant. However, through a lot of creative thinking both on part of our board as well as the school staff, we were able to convince the Berkeley Institute that a new Berkeley Carroll School was needed for the new Park Slope community. We now had a school of pre-K through high school, which in fact had a history of nearly 100 years, past alumni, and two campuses. Berkeley Carroll's building process continued beyond my tenure not

only with more students, and a larger faculty, but also with yet another physical plant addition with the athletic center built in the 90s. Looking back, one cannot but be both extremely proud and pleased to have been a part of the enthusiasm and talent that has moved Berkeley Carroll to the place in the Brooklyn community it now holds.





urban teacher training center in New York City. She enjoyed working with college seniors from SUNY's four-year college campuses, training their seniors in the city public schools, and teaching student teaching seminars. Disappointed with the inherent bureaucracy that deterred her efficien-

cy and effectiveness, she moved on and now works as a consultant and educational researcher; she continues to make a difference in independent school education and recently published two articles in the *Independent School* magazine.

Looking back on the events of 25

years ago, she said, "I don't want anyone to think I merged the two schools alone. The creation of Berkeley Carroll required board support from both schools, not to mention the support of the parents and enthusiasm of the teachers. Looking back over the process, one can see that I was merely the broker."

### NO ONE COULD FORGET SUE ELY

BY JODIE CORNGOLD

"How long did you teach at Berkeley Carroll?" the interviewer asked.

"From the fall of 1982 until,"

Sue Ely paused,
"1997? I'm not good with dates."

Maybe not, but she sure was good with words, and with students, and with her colleagues. When former English teacher, Sue Ely, crossed the Hudson recently, returning to New York from her New Jersey home, a dozen of her peers ventured out of Lincoln Place in order to meet her for a meal. Although ten years retired from Berkeley Carroll, hers is a case of gone-but-not-forgotten. No one could forget Sue Ely.

Long-time Berkeley Carroll Middle and Upper School history teacher, Ken Corfield, who began teaching with Sue in 1986, said, "I couldn't forget Sue Ely because she is the best teacher I have ever known. She was bright, funny, scholarly, demanding, and adored by her students. I couldn't forget her for her stories of taking students on an educational, fun-filled

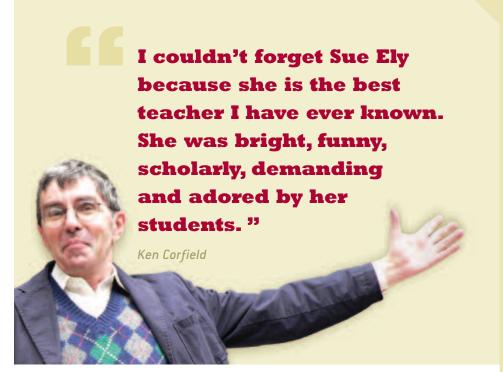


tour of Ireland in the days before she would have been sued (no pun intended) for half the things they got up to. And I couldn't forget her for talking me out of leaving Berkeley Carroll after an unhappy first year here."

Berkeley Carroll was just emerging as a school when Sue taught her first English class at Lincoln Place. The Berkeley Carroll Street School, as it would still be known for several years, boasted a senior class of ten students. Sue taught them, and she was also home room and English teacher for the 9th grade, the class of 1987. She remained the homeroom teacher to that class until they graduated, spoke at their graduation, and is still extremely proud of their successes in the world as well as at Berkeley Carroll, where two of them have served as members of the Board of Trustees.

Sue has retired from teaching now, and focuses her seemingly indefatigable energies on raising Norfolk Terriers and on her antiques business in New Jersey. The reader ponders: is there an analogy to be made? Can a metaphor be drawn? The teacher who, perhaps for the first time, had to provide the student with an answer said, "I like the antiques business because it enables me to live by my wits. I can use my teaching skills to sell an antique, and that helps me stay sharp."

The teaching skills that Sue brought to Berkeley Carroll included imagination, leadership, compassion, and vision. To this last point, consider the J Board. The Judiciary Board began as a student-run discipline committee that reviewed student infractions and made recommendations regarding discipline to the administration. It was only in this past year that the J Board underwent a reevaluation, ultimately emerging as the Upper School's Honor Council, a body whose roots can be



readily traced back to the original Judiciary board, architected by Sue in the 1980's.

Another innovation introduced by Sue to Berkeley Carroll was the Upper School's Peer Leadership program. At a teacher training workshop she attended early in her career, she learned of a pilot program wherein older students were trained to act as peer mentors to younger students. After that workshop, Sue begged Bongsoon Zubay, then head of the school, to send her to a training workshop; shortly thereafter, the first Peer Leadership class was formed. The class acted as a bridge. A group of 12th graders were trained to work with the entire 9th grade class both as friends and mentors, in small groups, and as an entire class. This program not only ensured a smoother entry into the Upper School for the 9th grade, but it also taught the selected 12th graders how to lead, and how to clarify important values in their own lives as well as in the lives of the younger students. Berkeley Carroll, a school that prides itself on encouraging relationships between students in other grades, and even in other divisions, takes great pride in this program. It is part of Sue Ely's

legacy at the school.

Sue Ely takes pride in her career as a teacher. "My mother was horrified when I took my first teaching job," she recalled. "I had been carefully raised to be able to do nothing well!" Nevertheless, she graduated with an AB in English from Wellesley College in 1958, and went on to earn an MA from Middlebury College in 1985. In the pursuit of that degree, she completed an honors thesis on 19th Century English naturalists, having done much of her research at Drew University in New Jersey and Oxford University in England.

While her naturalist mentors from that project might have preached the sanctity of leaving an environment exactly as she'd found it, that wasn't Sue. At Berkeley Carroll she forged a new path, and, in doing so, bent the existing rules quite often. "Bongsoon fired me at least once a month." she laughed. "And when the students who, let's just say questioned the status quo, were called up before her, it wasn't unusual for Bongsoon to say that they 'we're acting just like Mrs. Elv'. I don't know how the kids felt about that, but for me, there was no greater compliment!"

# My Life. My School.



Michelle Menendez Olgers'84

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First job • PR Assistant, NW Ayer Advertising, New York, NY

**Current job** • Executive Vice President, Hall + Partners Communication Architects, Petersburg, Virginia.

**Childhood Ambition**• To be a world-famous philanthropist, patron of the arts and socialite like Brooke Astor.

First job • PR Assistant, NW Ayer Advertising, New York, New York.

Inspiration • Mrs. Ely was in many ways an inspiration to me, as was
Mrs. Spiatta Jones (our 8th or 9th grade French teacher).
These were strong, intelligent women who went to great
colleges and who seemed to be living and enjoying the

life they wanted to live.

turkey and fixings made by chef Cleveland Rawlings the day before
Thanksgiving break and becoming old enough to actually be able to

use the "Commons."

Favorite subject at BC • Usually English

Fondest BC memory •

Senior year hangout • Mrs. Ely's house, Berkeley Place Pizza, Nicole Sims' house

"playing college"

**Most Memorable Teacher**• I believe I can still recite the name of each teacher I had for every grade and subject over those 13 years.

Standouts include Mr. William Kearns and Mrs. Susan Ely.

Being paraded each year past the traditional Thanksgiving

Biggest surprise in college • So many of the women my first year of college

seemed like they had led such sheltered lives, and now that they were "out on their own," they were running amok.

I never considered myself particularly worldly at 17, but I couldn't help but look down my nose at them and think,

"Really, we're supposed to be GROWN UP now!"

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be the last day. I enjoy most everything I do, and in looking back, would change nothing. I think that's a big compliment to my parents, who I may have disagreed with a lot as I was growing up. But in retrospect, I'm glad they did what they did, including

I have always lived my life in many ways like tomorrow might

sending me to Berkeley Carroll for 13 years. Though I may not have given as much money away as Brooke Astor, I do intend to continue to live my life to the fullest, as she did, so that when it's finally over, I can borrow the recently-deceased

philanthropist's epitaph myself ... "I had a wonderful life."

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My Life •

Along with my own family, Berkeley Carroll is what made me who I am today. It continues to be the foundation upon which my life is built. I want to make sure that foundation continues to be accessible to other students, so that they can start off life as prepared as I felt I was.

And I know alumni support is crucial to making that happen.



### 1930s»

Janet Rubensohn Lieberman '39 attended the 2007 Berkeley Carroll commencement exercises in June in honor of Jerome Carter '07, the son of her colleague,



Hazel Carter. Janet had initially suggested to Hazel that BC would be a good choice for Jerome and wanted to celebrate his subsequent graduation with the family. A few weeks after commencement, we met over lunch in Manhattan and talked at length about Janet's career in education developing innovative programs for

underserved urban students. As an administrator at LaGuardia Community College in New York City, Janet designed Middle College High School, an alternative high school established in 1974 to reverse the high drop out rate in the city's public high schools. Janet is the recipient of many awards for her work, and she has received grants from the Ford Foundation to replicate her work in other areas of the country. Currently, she is refining the model to transform the Middle College High Schools to Early College High Schools so that the transition from high school to college is seamless. In addition to all of this, she is in the midst of writing a book about older women engaged in social enterprises who have made a difference because of their work. Janet is in contact with Natalie Brown '40 and **Constance Livingston '40,** as well as other Berkeley alumni.

In addition to the magazine, class notes are published on a monthly basis in our alumni newsletter. On the first of the month during the school year, we email the newsletter to all alumni whose email addresses are on file in our office. If you aren't receiving the newsletter and would like to, please contact Holly Kempner at hkempner@berkeleycarroll.org with your current email information. You can also submit class notes online at www.berkeleycarroll.org/alumni/alumnin\_classnotes.asp or by mail to Holly Kempner, Berkeley Carroll School, 808 Union Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215.

### 1940s»

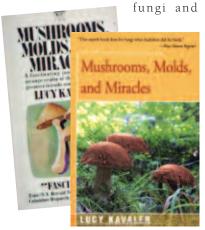
■ Dona Chumasero Everson '41 continues to summer on her island, winter in Florida, and is in the throes of preparing to move to a retirement community in 2008. Several book

groups keep her mind alive; a dying friend's request that she be a surrogate grandmother to her seven grandchildren has brought much new joy into her life.

■ Jane Cooke Harris '41 wrote us: "I am still busy pursuing an art career, and I am a member of City Gallery in New Haven, Connecticut at 994 State Street—a cooperative gallery that currently has 14 members (For more information on the gallery visit their website at www.citygallery.org and view Jane's work on her individual page at www.city-gallery.org/Harris.html). We each take a month to show in the gallery, and sometimes the show features one artist and other times a group or an invited artist will show their works. I also collaborate with two other artists where we all work on the same pieces which are often collages because they lend themselves to collaborative work. My other news is that my daughter and I took a trip to Italy where we visited Sorrento, Pompeii, Capri and then traveled north to Florence. Florence was jammed with tourists, but my daughter and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The trip was sponsored by Tulane University where my daughter is an alumna. They were a friendly bunch and had lots of stories about Hurricane Katrina as many of them live in the area. I keep in touch with my classmates, Dona Chumasero Everson and Lois Craig Schmidt as well as Joan Rafter Keyes and Jane Harden Sutcliffe." a collaged monotype

Lucy Estrin Kavaler's '41

book, Mushrooms, Molds, and Miracles: The Strange Realm of Fungi, has been republished in the Authors Guild Back-in-Print series of notable books and is available for order from any bookstore. The book, which was in print for many years, tells the story of



how they affect everyone. Because the book had been so popular, Lucy wanted to present the wonders of fungi to new readers and so turned to the Authors Guild. Lucy has authored 17 books and is known for writing about science as if it were the plot for a novel. Her books appear on best books of the year lists, in hardcover and foreign editions, and are excerpted in anthologies and major magazines. Lucy says that she became interested in fungi "when I was invited to join a group of writers going to Mexico to partake of the hallucinogenic mushroom and write under the influence. I didn't go, fortunately, because the Mexican government arrested all the writers!" The rerelease is getting a lot of online publicity. For more information, contact Lucy at www.lucykavaler.com. On a

more personal note, Lucy writes that, "My husband, Arthur, takes courses at Columbia University, my son, Roger, teaches in a San Francisco high school, and my daughter, Andrea, heads the North American division of a British firm. I am also continuing work on my next novel."

### **■ Katherine Babcock McCurdy**

'41 writes that "I read every word that comes in the mail from Berkeley and it is all so exciting and encouraging. My husband, Gil, and I are happily living in a leisure home in Pittsford, a suburb of Rochester, New York. Our children live close by and we see a lot of them. My husband has Alzheimer's but is looking and feeling well and enjoying the many activities here: music, movies, lectures, and day trips. Our close friends here keep us laughing and informed."

- Jane Harden Sutcliffe '41 is still living in Garden City, New York. She welcomed a new grandson, John Hyland, to the family and now has eight grandchildren. Her granddaughter, Tara, is in the 2009 class at the US Naval Academy.
- Ruth Wallace '41 writes: "I hope that the rest of my class in a healthy state. It was nice to get another communication from the class of 1941. I was so glad that I had a chance to meet the new head in June at the commencement. I hope to get around and see you all soon again."

■ Mary Coffin McNulty '41 wrote Dona Everson with this news. "Last winter I spent ten days in Florida in Palm Beach with my old pals, Arnold Scaasi and Parker Ladd. They spoil me. It's all sparkle! Then we moved to the calm of Vero Beach, Florida with a set of old English/American chums. I came home to London rested and ready for most anything. In June of 2006 a wonderful, gifted teacher began teaching me piano. I adore it. Trilby (my eight year old grandchild) and I have the same Part I of *The Russian School of Piano Playing*. Finding practice time is not easy."



### ■ Irma Salzman Winer '44

became a great grandmother in the fall of 2007. She also has seven grandchildren, the two youngest of which are 16.

■ Susan Siris Wexler '46 is enjoying her third year studying at the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement where she is also teaching art history.

#### Jacqueline Simonson Kreider

'47 and her husband, Edward, are enjoying their retirement and still live in Wadsworth, Ohio, where they have been located for more than 40 years. In addition to traveling all over the United States visiting friends and family, Jacqueline collects books and antique needle working tools, does her own needlework, and is a member of the Art

and History Class, a membership group founded in 1903. The group meets twice a month and each member presents on a topic of special interest. Edward and she also play bridge.

Jill Nadell Claster '48 is professor of history emerita at New York University with a specialty in the Middle Ages. She has taught and studied the Crusader era extensively and currently teaches a freshman honors seminar, "The Crusades and Their Legacy."



### (classnotes)

The seminar covers not only the Crusades but also the relations among the three great religions and why they all claim Jerusalem for their own. Jill is also in the midst of writing a college level introductory text on the Crusades. She lives with her husband, Millard L. Midonick, in Greenwich Village, within walking distance of NYU.

- Patricia Root Foundet '48 is the bookkeeper for her homeowner's association in Bonsall, California. The volunteer position keeps her so busy that she has had to put her personal project of writing her memoirs on hold in order to keep up with her accounting responsibilities! In the spring of 2007 her grandson won third prize for his science project in a statewide science fair in California. Patricia has no doubt that some of his talent is genetic. Mom, Patricia's daughter, and dad are both PhD level physicists.
- Barbara Birch Smyth '48 and her husband, George, moved on June 4, 2007 from their home of many years in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, to an apartment one third the size. Barbara writes, "We are fortunate to have five young families plus a married granddaughter who were delighted to receive the benefits from our downsizing. We are completely settled and are gradually getting involved in activities. Since it is located just three miles from where we used to live, it has been an easy adjustment. The meals are delicious, and there are

trips and activities to please many interests. We are glad that we made the move. On July 4th our five children and spouses plus two of our nine grandchildren were here together to celebrate our 55th anniversary. It was such a wonderful treat to have them all at one time since they live in four different states. We had such a wonderful time together!"

and her husband love living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, especially because her children and grandchildren live nearby. Carolyn said that she has lived there since she graduated from Berkeley. Carolyn keeps busy playing bridge and remembers her years at Berkeley with great fondness.

### 1950s»

- Judith Acken Aylward '50 celebrated her 75th birthday this past spring 2007. Her daughter, Janet, contacted all of Judith's friends from Berkeley and asked them to send special wishes and messages that were presented to her at her surprise party. "The celebration was terrific," in Judith's words!
- Gloria Peterson Rapp '56 and her husband, Henry, who is permanently retiring—he has retired once before—have moved to North Carolina this past summer. They bought property near the Inland Waterway and will be close to their oldest son and his children, all of whom live in Raleigh.

### 1960s»

■ Deborah Smith Host '62 is living in Kernersville, North Carolina, a suburb of Winston-Salem, and has been retired for two years. She sold her home and now lives in an apartment complex geared to older adults where she enjoys playing cards and volunteering. Deborah would love to hear from her classmates and can be reached either by mail or phone. Her address is 2215 Gateway Place Lane, Kernersville, NC 27284, and her phone is: (336) 993-4047.

### **■ Dorothy Eldredge Sparling '62**

writes, "It's time for the class of 1962 to get re-connected! We just had our 45th anniversary and wouldn't it

be great to catch up with what we have been up to since we left Berkeley? I have volunteered to be our class rep and would love to hear from everyone in our class and to find our 'lost' classmates. Please call me at (301) 884-4419. I can't wait to hear from you!"

Julianne Steiner
Jackson '65 told us, "I
am busy working and
serving on the boards
of several organizations
in Bronxville, New
York, where I live. I
currently serve on the
board of the Bronxville
Adult School, the
Senior Citizens
Council (I am a past
board chair), and am
a member of the consistory of the





The class of 1967 celebrates their 40th anniversary. (I to r) Carol A. Fritz, Susan Levin Mashioff, Cassandra Bilotta, Ann Bailinson Kleinman, Maddy Waxman Lesure, Wendy Lobo Sowala

**Carol Fritz '67** sent in this note about the class of 1967. "Six members of the Class of 1967 gathered at Hudson Place in Manhattan on April 21, 2007 to celebrate our 40th Reunion. What a glorious day! We enjoyed good food, camaraderie, and the warmth of being with people we'd known closely in our formative years. The few hours we spent together seemed like minutes. While we had much—good and bad to share, mostly our brunch was a celebration of life. A few highlights: Maddy Waxman Lesure is the proud step-grandmother of two boys. Ann Bailinson Kleinman celebrated her daughter, Jill's, wedding in September of 2007. Wendy Lobo Sowala's daughter, Ellen, married in June 2007. Carol Fritz's daughter, Julia Rose, eloped four years ago. When asked what would she have liked someone to have told her when she graduated high school, Susan T. Levin Mashioff said, "Find something you love in life and follow your dreams." That combined with Ann Bailinson Kleinman's advice to "Be resourceful and resilient" sound like a recipe for a successful life. We'd love to hear from other classmates. You'll be amazed at how little everyone has changed. Wendy can still recite the class list alphabetically and maintains her concert-going ways."

Reformed Church of Bronxville. I also work several afternoons a week in a pediatrician's office where I assist in weighing the children and help out with other fun tasks! I am trying to lessen my board work so I can spend more time at our second home in a beach community in Delaware as well as for other things. Our son

was married in September 2006 and now lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, and will soon be moving to Colorado Springs, Colorado."

**Colette Bronstein Berkeley '68** sent us this note. "The big news in our family is that our daughter, Caitlin, graduated from Florida State University in April 2007, summa cum

laude. She graduated with two degrees, one in criminology and one in psychology. This last year at school she worked in a research project under Dr. Thomas Joiner. Her goals right now are to move back to Jupiter, Florida, and get a job in the mental health field before going on to graduate school for her master's in clinical and behavioral psychology. I can't begin to tell you how proud her father and I are of our wonderful daughter! For the past five years, I have been working in the same medical practice, and I am the supervisor. My husband is the same as always!"

Eileen S. Wilentz '69 lives in northwest Connecticut where she is a small animal veterinarian, traveling around the state and working out of several locations. She loves horses but decided that working with them was too dangerous and unpredictable. Eileen does have her own horse, a 26 year old Thoroughbred, but unfortunately doesn't have the time to ride him.

Jeffrey Nehrbas '75 lives in Phoenix, Arizona, and told us that his experience of living with AIDS was featured on the front page of the June 5, 2006 issue of The Arizona Republic, one of Arizona's largest newspapers. Jeff was diagnosed over 25 years ago, before HIV/AIDS had a name, and the article recounts his experience of living with the disease. Along the way, he lost his wife to AIDS and decided to move from California to Arizona so that he could make a new life for himself. He wonders why he is still alive—his age cohort of individuals with AIDS has a survival rate of only 12%. Jeff informally counsels young people who are HIV positive and is stunned by their lack of knowledge about the illness, despite all the available information. The complete article can be found on the internet at www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/news/articles/0605hivat25-0605.html. As for his classmates, Jeff told us that "I met Scott Yarmus '75 for dinner here in Phoenix. It was great to see him, and he picked up the check (first time ever...lol!). We were wondering about **Ted Ciuzio.** Anyone hear from him? And is anyone from the class of 1975 out there?" Contact Jeff at jnehrbas@msn.com.

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### 1970s»

We met with Angela Caracciolo Keenan '77 and her sister, Maria Caracciolo Weisensee '79 over lunch in their hometown of Clark, New Jersey in October. They remembered, with fondness, a school and a neighborhood experiencing significant transitions and struggling to keep up with and understand these changes. Mary Sue Miller was headmistress for some of their time, and she was committed to accepting students of color and diversifying the student body. Their father, a board member, supported these changes. Maria, as student association president, lobbied to change the green pinafores and white blouses used for years in PE to black shorts and yellow jerseys. It took time, but eventually the change was made. Angela has two high school age sons. Both boys, one is a junior and the other is a freshman, are active in team sports and Angela runs a bowling league for school-aged children. Angela would love to hear from her classmates. She can be reached at angelak411@aol.com. Maria has two children as well. She is president of the PTA at their school.



**Carol Mann Cohen '74** is a new grandmother. Her daughter gave birth to a son on July 1, 2007, and Carol stayed with them for six weeks after the birth to help out. Carol said all those stories that being a grandparent is an amazing experience are true-no time schedules, no responsibilities, just the sheer joy of being with her grandson. Carol continues her work as a psychotherapist in private practice in Stamford, Connecticut, as well as teaching in Fordham University's graduate school of social work.

- David K. Greene '78 is working in Maryland and would like to hear any news from his classmates. 2008 will be 30 years! David can be reached via email at tmdkg403@aol.com.
- Ronald Gross NG'79 has a new email address. Please get in touch with him at Ron@SenatorStreet.com.

### 1980s»

Silvia Bogdanovics Durno '80 lives in Westport, Connecticut with her husband, Geoff Durno, and their two teenaged children. Geoff is a managing director at FSA, a financial insurer. They moved back to the United States in 2006 after being overseas for almost a decade. The Durnos previously lived in London for four years and before that lived in Singapore for five years.

**■ Michelle Menendez Olgers '84** sent this note, "We host an annual event, Southside Virginia Heritage Days, in late March or early April at our home in Virginia, and this vear we had beautiful weather and a huge turnout. The event featured an open house and Civil War living history demonstrations to commemorate the anniversary of the Civil War battle of Sutherland Station. The anniversary event was started 11 years ago by my husband, Darrell, and has greatly expanded over the years to include a wide variety of civilian and military living history demonstrations and displays celebrating and educating the public about life in our part of Virginia in the early and mid 1800's. I help organize and promote the event, and since the early days, we have added farm animals, children's story-telling and many other exhibits. Hope any BCS alums in the area can come join us for the event next year! Give me a call at (804) 943-2283 (day) or (804) 265-8141 (evening) for more information."

■ Nicole V. Sims '84 writes, "I have been so lucky to receive more than one great opportunity as a result of finally pursuing my passion as a chef. This past year, I worked on an episode for the latest broadband filming of Border's new series on cookbook authors and chefs. The episode featured New York's own Lidia Bastianich who is a founder of Women Chefs Restaurateurs. WCR promotes the education and advancement of women in the restaurant industry and the betterment of the industry as a whole, and I am the local coordinator here in Michigan. You can view our efforts at: www.bordersmedia.com/borderskitchen/. Live your dream!"

**■** Bethany George Martz '85 emailed us last spring and told us, "As you can imagine spring in Bloomington, Indiana is grand as ever. I work for the Indiana University Student Foundation, and we put on the "Little 500" so it is busy, busy here. The races are in April. I have lived in Bloomington since graduating from Berkeley Carroll in 1985 and love it. I have a nine year old son, Jacob. It appears that things are going great at BC."

Jennifer Sherman '85 contacted us last spring with this note. "I have been a Sergeant in the New York City Police Department since 2001 and have been with the department 12 years now. Since we can retire in our 20th year, I have eight years to decide on my next career. I am also seven months pregnant

with our first child. We chose not to know the baby's sex until the day of delivery. My husband, John Dineen and I are very excited about this new stage in our lives!"

- In 1996 Robyn Evans '87 received a master's in public health from the School of Health Science at Hunter College and is currently working in a private hospital in Manhattan. Since graduation, she has seen fellow Berkeley alums: David Santoro '85, Akim Vann '85, Kayode Vann '88, Jeanine Walton '88, and Simone McIntosh '88. Robyn said that even though so many of her fellow classmates live in close proximity to each other, a "Berkelevite sighting is few and far between!" Robyn would love to hear from her classmates and can be reached at REE1969@aol.com.
- **Heather Cunningham '89** is a project manager for United Stages, Inc. in New York City. United Stages is dedicated to audience development, marketing, and branding via internet and publishing for off-off Broadway and "indie" theater. She continues on as the artistic director of Retro Productions also based in New York City. Heather's most recent production at Retro, which ran in November 2007 was What I Did Last Summer by A. R. Gurney. In 2007, the company produced its first twoshow season and was a resident company at the Spoon Theater, a new space in midtown Manhattan at 38 West 38th Street.

### 1990s»

- Catherine "Cassie" Adcock '90 finished her PhD in history of religions at the University of Chicago in the spring of 2007 and joined the faculty at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in the fall of 2007. Cassie is an assistant professor in South Asian studies working jointly in the history department and the religious studies program.
- **Kieran Juska '91** married Stephane DiTullio on September 29, 2007 at their farmhouse in the Catskills.
- Sarah Brennan '92 moved back to Brooklyn last year after 14 years in the Boston area. She's working on sustainable energy and climate change policy for the Earth Institute at Columbia University and has recently traveled to Iceland and India, which Sarah says might be "bad for the carbon footprint, but is lots of fun!" (Holly's note: The Earth Institute works to achieve sustainable development by expanding the world's understanding of Earth as one integrated system and by using scientific research, education and the practical application of research to solve realworld challenges. For more information go to their web site at www.earthinstitute.columbia.edu/sections/view/9.)
- **Rachel Klein '92** and husband Lee Weber welcomed the birth of their son, Ethan Bonham Weber, on July 15, 2007.

- Lauren Rosenberg Foley '92 gave birth to her second child, Charlotte, in June 2007. Charlotte was born exactly two years after Lauren's first daughter, Gwendolyn. Lauren is on leave from her job as a sixth grade teacher.
- Ethan S. Clary '93 received his MBA from the Columbia University Business School this past spring. He has signed a four year contract with Citigroup and will be working on structured finance in a global context. Ethan was one of only four Citigroup employees chosen to receive full funding for his MBA studies.
- Kareem Varlack '94 let us know, "I am studying for my master's in forensic psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice here in New York City and expect to graduate in the fall of 2008. With a growing family, I am going to school part time. My daughter is now nine years old and my son is seven months old. My wife is an attorney for AXA Financial, and she and I have a home in Bedford Stuyvesant in Brooklyn. Life is good!"
- Leah Foster '95 just finished her second year of law school and spent her summer in New Orleans working on death penalty appeals. She sends her love to "good ol' BC."
- Jeffrey Sandgrund '95 works for the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and is the manager of Fort Greene Park in Brooklyn. (Holly's

- note—for more information about the park go to www.fortgreenepark.org/.)
- Jesse D. Sokolovsky '95 has lived in Japan for eight years and wrote us: "I'm working on my PhD in Japanese language education at Nagova University and am also teaching English at a local high school. My wife, Miyuki, and I just celebrated our second anniversary, and we are living in the beautiful Japanese countryside surrounded by mountains and rice fields. Some people in my class might remember that my sister, Kate, was born when we were in 9th grade (during finals week, actually) and interestingly she took her 9th grade finals last spring!" (Kate is in the class of 2010 at Berkeley Carroll.) Jesse would love to hear from his classmates, and you can email him at: sokoinjapan@yahoo.com.
- Deirdre Black '96 wrote us last spring to let us know that she is enrolled at St. John's College Graduate Institute in Annapolis, Maryland, working on an MLA that focuses on the foundational philosophical texts of western civilization. She is currently working on her master's thesis on Plato's Republic. As of June 2007 she moved to the St. John's campus in Santa Fe to complete her degree (the college has the same program on two campuses). Her plan is to return to New York and pursue a PhD in the philosophy of education. In Deidre's words, "I very highly recommend St. John's College to Berkeley Carroll alumni look-

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ing for an experience that deeply challenges the intellect and engages the heart."

■ Nicole Ayala Fouron '96 is now an investment product manager at the Bank of New York Mellon Corporation and lives in Pittsburgh. She was previously a corporate recruiter at Mellon Financial. York City's Access Theater. The play follows an actor producing his dream show—a production of Hamlet where the roles change every night—and examines the implications for traditional theater and performance in the age of YouTube where everyone is an actor. The show incorporates new



Justine Kenna Fludgate '96 wrote to tell us, "My husband, Matt, and I had a baby girl, Katherine Sidney Fludgate, on August 27, 2007 and we are thrilled! She's been smiling since the beginning of October, which is amazing. We are very lucky parents!"

- Zoe Klein '97 has been traveling the world teaching acrobatics and salsa. In 2007 she performed in Tokyo, New Zealand, and Singapore. Despite the long, exhausting flights, Zoe says that "we love the work and we love how much people thank us for inspiring them to move, to dance, to perform and do physically challenging things they never thought they could do. It's truly a joy."
- **Sergei Burbank's '98** new play, *The Danish Meditations*, was produced and performed in September 2007 in New

- media—the self-congratulatory blog, inadvertently revealing videos—to underscore how little remains out of bounds in the pursuit of entertainment.
- Daniel S. Hopard '98 let us know that "I ran my seventh and fastest ever marathon (3:29:08.2) at the Niagara Falls International marathon held on October 28, 2007. That's 7:58 per mile!"
- **Lauren V. Walters '99** has received her MS degree from Carnegie Mellon University.

### 2000s»

Nicole Ouinn '00 told us. "I am working for Gleacher Fund Advisors, a firm based in Greenwich, Connecticut, that manages funds for hedge fund portfolios, and I am doing marketing and investor relations. I will be taking my series 65, a national exam focusing on topics that investment advisors need to know when providing investment advice. Once I pass that, I will qualify as an investment advisor representative. It is keeping me very busy, but very happy! I am also the new class rep for the class of 2000 and I am thrilled with the opportunity to give back to the school that gave so much to me"

- **Geoffrey Schotter '00** writes: "I am in my first year at Case Western Reserve law school in Cleveland, Ohio."
- **Matthew Baccash '01** will enter his third year at Fordham Law School, having graduated from the University of Rochester in 2005. He is spending the summer as an intern in the Brooklyn district attorney's office.
- Erik Carrion '01 wrote us with this news: "I have graduated from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. I have moved back to NYC and am currently looking for work."



■ Pia Murray '01 graduated from Oberlin College this past May but found time to return to Berkeley Carroll last spring to teach West African dances and rhythms to Dalienne Majors' middle school dance classes. Pia challenged the students to learn movements from two dances, Tiriba and Mandjiani, and they quickly warmed to her enthusiasm and encouragement. Fellow Oberlin grads, Sebastian and Casa, were on the drums. Pia first came back to BC as a member of the Urban Bush Women dance troupe that performed at school in the fall 2006. As of fall 2007 Pia is teaching master classes in African dance at BC.

- William Kraman '01 tells us: "I've been living on the west coast (Seattle), but my home will be Brooklyn for as long as I have air in my lungs!!"
- **Deidre Moskowitz '01** is in her second year at the George Washington University Law School and expects to graduate in 2009.

an art institution in New York City.

ed from Pitzer College in 2006 and is now spending a year as a Fulbright Scholar in Timbuktu, Mali, studying Islamic education. Obviously, the wanderlust bug has bitten



**Andrew Conyers '03** is in the Marines and was stationed in Iraq but is now safely back home in the states.



'02 has been accepted into the Peace Corps. Robert departed for Panama on August 13 to begin training as a community economic development volunteer. Upon completion of his training in November, he will be assisting rural cooperatives by helping them improve their financial management, accounting, and savings and loan

practices. After graduating from Berkeley Carroll, Robert earned a bachelor of arts in economics from Boston College in Boston, Massachusetts, graduating in 2006. He then worked as a sales associate with The Plum Group in downtown Manhattan. During the first three months of his service with the Peace Corps, Robert will live with a host family in Panama to become fully immersed in the country's language and culture. After acquiring the language and cultural skills necessary to assist his community, he will serve for two years in Panama, living in a manner similar to people in his host country.

Casey hard, as last year she spent six months in Beijing, China, teaching English to kindergarten students. While at Pitzer, Casey also spent several months studying in

■ **Benjamin Carr '03** will be entering his fifth, and final, year at Rensselaer Polytechnic

Morocco and working at an

orphanage in India.

Institute in fall 2007 where he is studying architecture. He spent summer 2007 in Rome, Italy, working for an architect and living with **Steven Long** who attended BC in 9th grade before going on to LaGuardia High School for the Performing Arts. Relationships forged at BC can last a lifetime!

- Adam Ottavino '03 had a terrific season this past summer playing with the Palm Beach Cardinals, a part of the minor league system of the St. Louis Cardinals. He had a 12-7 record and was named to the Florida State League All-Stars achieving 122 strikeouts in 138 innings.
- **Benjamin Baccash '04** is entering his senior year at New York University where he is majoring in urban planning and architecture.
- Rachel Lew '04 spent her summer working at the Prudential Douglas Elliman real estate company in Brooklyn Heights in sales development and rentals. Rachel has had her real estate license for two years and

would love to hear from you at rayl531@brandeis.edu.

As a junior center fielder last spring on the Johns Hopkins University varsity baseball team, the Blue Jays, Rob Pietroforte '04 made his second straight appearance on the all-centennial first team and was also named to the American Baseball Coaches' Association mid-Atlantic all region first team. Rob started all of the Blue Jays 49 games in centerfield and hit .360. He tied the Johns Hopkins single-season triples record with seven and



Hannouche '02 graduated magna cum laude from Mt. Holyoke College in June. At MHC Cherie majored in art history and minored in music. She was a member of the Mt. Holyoke V8's, an a cappella group, and the MHC Vocal Jazz Ensemble. She plans on working in the communications department at

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needs just two more to tie the career record. He had 14 doubles and 50 RBIs for the season and was one of four Blue Jays to reach 100 hits for his career this season.

- Maxim Pinkovskiy '04 was selected this past May to receive a prestigious award from Columbia University that is given to students for their performance in Columbia's contemporary civilization class. The class is part of Columbia's core curriculum, and deals with western philosophy from Plato to Rawls. Maxim credits his success in part to the remarkable background in western literature and philosophy that he received at Berkeley Carroll as well as the analytical tools that allowed him to make the most of the class.
- David Shapiro '05 writes, "I was accepted for the '07-'08 academic year into Keble College at Oxford University, Oxford, England. I will be returning to the amazing Washington University in St. Louis my senior year to finish my BA, which hopefully will consist of a major in political science and history with honors."
- Four Berkeley Carroll jazz alumni were guest artists at the June 1, 2007 jazz concert at BC. Brett Chalfin '06, Sasha Hirsch '06, Charles Lee-Georgescu '05 and Russell Manning '03 performed "Blues in the Closet." Russell was a semi finalist in the International Society of Bassists jazz competition this past June. Russell is a jazz performance major at the Oberlin College

Conservatory of Music and is a member of their jazz septet. Charles is also majoring in jazz performance and studies at the New School here in New York City, Brett is at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and Sasha is at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont.

- writes, "Reed College is awesome! I'm firespinning, acting, doing sciences and loving every minute of college! Sounds like others are having a great time, too." (Holly's note-as per Wikipedia: "Firedancing, also known as 'fire twirling,' 'fire spinning,' or 'fire manipulation,' is a group of circus-art disciplines that involve manipulation of objects on fire.")
- Michael Patlingrao '06 is a sophomore at Tufts University. He is a member of the BlackOut step team, the Spirit of Color hip-hop/jazz dance troupe, SJAI (Social Justice Arts Initiative) and the S-Factor a cappella ensemble.
- maryse Pearce '06 was named the outstanding student freshman leader at the Washington University awards ceremony on April 29, 2007 for leadership within the campus community. In particular she worked with the Pride Alliance and Black Anthology theatre and was involved in a production of Suzan-Lori Park's 365 Plays/365 Days, which discusses the difficulty of soldiers coming home from Vietnam.
- **Michael E. Bruffee '07** has joined a Boston University a

cappella group called the Allegrettos. They sing songs that are relatively modern but also some from the late 70's and 80's.

- **Peter J. Drinan '07** attends Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island and is now in a rock band, "The Trolleys," which has been playing in Providence and Boston. They hope to expand into Connecticut and New York City. You can view their web site at www.myspace.com/thetrolleys. Over the winter break Peter went to Ghana to work in an orphanage as part of OrphanAid Africa, an organization that assists women and children. Peter is also a mentor for CityBrothers, a group that reaches out to middle schools in Providence. Spring semester he will be the coordinator of the program.
- Jahneille R. Edwards '07 will be going to Honduras next August to volunteer at a free medical clinic as part of a Hunter College sponsored program. She is currently fundraising and raising awareness for the group. Jahneille attends the Honor College at CUNY in New York City.
- Emily Goodwin '07 is transferring to Marymount Manhattan College for the spring 2008 semester. She writes. "I am very excited to be coming back to the city and closer to the Berkeley Carroll community!"
- **Liz Luciano '07** joined crew at St. Lawrence University and is the coxswain for the boats.

### **DEATHS**IN THE BERKELEY CARROLL FAMILY



Louise Heeren McAdam '41 died Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at her home in Limerick, Maine. Louise was born in Brooklyn, New York on March 7, 1923 and was the daughter of the late Ernst and Joyce Van Buskirk Heeren. She was a graduate of Mills School, which was a division of Adelphi College. Louise spent part of her life in East Hempstead, New York and Plainfield, New Jersey before moving to Limerick, Maine. As an elementary school teacher, Louise worked at Linder Place School in Malverne, New York for six years, the fifth grade of Hollis Elementary School for one and a half years, and the Limerick, Maine Elementary School as a first-grade teacher for 22 years.

Louise kept herself very active. She was the first president of the Massabesic, Maine Teacher's Association, past President of the Historical Society of Limerick, Maine, and past President and Treasurer of the American





■ Catherine Roraback '37 died on Wednesday, October 20, 2007. Catherine, a 1992 recipient of the Berkeley Carroll Alumni Service Award for her work as a legal advocate, practiced law in Connecticut, her home state. After graduating from Mount Holyoke College she received her law degree from Yale

where she was the only woman in her class. She won special recognition for pressing the *Griswold vs. Connecticut* case, which made the sale of contraceptives legal in that state. The case eventually led the United States Supreme Court to rule that laws banning the use of contraceptives were unconstitutional, a precursor to its *Roe vs. Wade* decision on abortions. In addition to the *Griswold vs. Connecticut* decision, Catherine was the lead lawyer in several other controversial cases in her 50-year career, including the 1971 trial of the Black Panther leader Bobby Seale in the killing of another party member. Catherine was a founding member of the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union. At Berkeley she was an avid athlete and a member of many school activities.

Legion Auxiliary. She was also an active member of the Limerick Congregational Church U.C.C., where she served as Moderator, President of the Research Club, member of the Deaconate, Pastoral Relations Committee, and choir member and director for many years. She also enjoyed baking goodies and making candy that she sold at Cliff McAdam Creations and which she provided to church functions. Louise's husband, Clifford McAdam, predeceased her. Surviving are her daughters Nancy Prue and her husband Jim of Dover, New Hampshire, Peggy McAdam of North Waterboro, Maine and her

grandchildren, Corv Plaisted and his wife Michelle of Ellsworth, Maine, Kip Plaisted and John Crowe of Bangor, Maine, and Acacia McAdam of North Waterboro, Maine. Also surviving are four great-grandchildren, Kayla, Briana, Aaron, and Amber; a sister Esther Luginbuhl and her husband Donald of Largo, Florida and Banner Elk, North Carolina, and several nieces and nephews.

# **Dorothy Giustra Fullerton '66** passed away on November 1, 2005. Dorothy's sister, Donna Giustra Appel '68, sent us this obituary. "After Dorothy graduated from Berkeley, she attended Dickinson College in

Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where she earned a BA in French. She then spent the next year at the University of Michigan earning her masters in French. Dorothy moved to New Jersey to room with a college friend and taught at Holmdel Middle School and later at Holmdel High School. During this time she met her future husband, Bob Fullerton, and they were married in 1977. They made their home in Freehold, New Jersey, and raised two wonderful children, Kristy, 26, a graduate of Middlebury College, a French teacher like her mom-Kristy had the unique experience of team teaching with Dorothy during Dorothy's last two years at the school-and a candidate for a masters degree in counseling, and Tim, 23, a finance graduate of Rutgers College and as of fall 2007 an intern with Morgan Stanley. Dorothy was a devoted mother and left teaching temporarily in order to raise her children. She returned in 1995 and taught until her death in November 2005. Dorothy was an amazing teacher and was greatly admired by her students. In the spring of 2001 Dorothy was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer and given only 17 months to live, but as those of us who knew Dorothy can imagine, she wasn't about to give up. She was the last person admitted to a new experimental treatment program, which for a while did eliminate the cancer. Sadly, it came back a year

later, and one year after that my sweet sister died. In all, she lived for four and a half years after her terrible diagnosis, still getting out for her ten-mile bicycle rides, snow skiing, and water skiing. She lived her life to the very end never doubting God's ability to perform a miracle in her. Because of Dorothy and the other brave souls who participated in the experimental program, the drug she was on was approved by the FDA shortly before her death. Dorothy is sadly missed by her moth-



Donna, Dorothy, and Mary Lou

er, Dorothy, 91, her six brothers, two sisters—Mary Lou Giustra Scardapane '60 and Donna Giustra Appel '68, 21 nieces and nephews, 26 great nieces and nephews as well as numerous friends and colleagues. I am attaching a picture of the Giustra girls in happier and simpler times."



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e have a special Reunion weekend planned this year to help celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the merger of the Berkeley Institute and the Carroll Street School and recognize the special role that Bongsoon Zubay has played in the life of the school.

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### 60th REUNION CLASS Class of 1948

**Reunion contact:**Barbara Birch Smyth

#### Lost alums:

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- · Phyllis Spooner Murray

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Reunion contacts:

Marjorie Schiff Jasper & Cynthia deHeyman Spry

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- Barbara Ann Frey
- Renee Green
- Ronnie Horowitz
- Stephanie Kass
- · Evelyn Harding McElligott

#### 40th REUNION CLASS Class of 1968

#### Lost alums:

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- Maria Castellano Casalino
- Gail Kent
- Diane Souffi

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Reunion contact:

David Greene

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- William Raskin

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### Reunion contact:

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- Peter Castaldi
- Joan Garza
- Peter Wachtel

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#### Reunion contact:

Amanda Stern

#### Lost alums:

- Christiana Anderson
- Marvin Bracey

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Dionne Sinckler

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