

White Birch

CAMP PASQUANEY

SUMMER 2001

A Salute to Dave Ryder on his 50th Anniversary at Pasquaney

Outdoorsman, Craftsman, Naturalist, Sailor Teacher!

In the 1952 *Pasquaney Annual*, Jay Borden wrote, "in the woodshop the most outstanding work was done by Dave Ryder in the construction of a seat similar to those used in Baird Hall at campfire." This was Dave's second year as a camper. Fifty years later, Dave is still hard at work in the shop, and, over the past twenty years, he has transformed it into one of camp's most popular places.

Dave came to camp in 1951, the nephew of Nelson Curtis, Most Faithful Boy in 1909, one of the three original trustees, and a key figure in the first half of Pasquaney's history. Dave's camper years were spent in the shop, at the nature museum, in the theater, and at the waterfront, sailing and canoeing. His canoe tilting was legendary. He won the junior tilt his first summer and the senior tilt his last two. The story of his winning tilt with Dave Hughes in 1954 is still told in waterfront lore. In a



In the 1951 camp photo, Dave Ryder is second from right in top row. Mr. Charlie and Pop Watson are in front row.

maneuver since outlawed, Dave (as paddler) ran his canoe broadside over his opponent's gunwales as Dave Hughes moved from stern to bow to sink the opponent. In his final camper summer, 1955, he was a COI and Most Faithful Boy, as well as stroke of a winning crew, one of two senior sailors, and one of the Long Walk "rear guard."

During Dave's first four years on the council, he served as the nature counsellor. Those who have watched him develop his successful (and ever expanding) shop program over the past twenty years will recognize this quote from the 1959 *Annual* (in his words): "Like a cancerous growth, the Museum infiltrated the White Birch office to take over the entire building ... improvements included an equipment room, drying rack containing six bins, meteorological instruments including a hygrometer, two barometers, a rain gauge, wind vane, and several other small additions."

In 1958, Dave undertook his first construction project -- the nature hut up the hill from camp. He wanted "to build a structure using only an axe and an auger." Your editor recalls joining him at second rest as he felled trees and stripped them. His reputation as a woodsman grew the following year when Mr. Charlie asked him if he could cut a trail from Nancy Brook to join the old railroad path in the Pemi Wilderness. That first Notchpost expedition was known as N.E.T.E. (Northeast Trail Expedition), and we discovered that the geodetic survey map had Nancy Pond in the wrong location.

In the later 1960s, Dave moved from nature to become head sailing counselor, but he continued to run the Notchpost expeditions, often leading both expedition weeks. He is more responsible for the construction of the Nancy Pond Trail than anyone else.

Also, in the late 1960s, Dave and Melinda took over the Mary Lamb, living there with their young children, Donald and Cynthia. Dave was not on the council in the 1970s when his son, Don, came to camp, and it was indeed exciting to report to him in 1980 that Don had become the third member of his family to be elected Most Faithful.

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In 1995, Dave and Melinda Ryder enjoy their grandson, Peter, after a Sunday service in the Pasquaney Chapel.



In 1996, Dave works with camper Mark Dembitz on his project in the wood shop.

Dave returned to take over the shop program in 1981. A new shop had been built in 1977 and 1978 replacing the three smaller shops. The new building was a huge improvement as Dave created his wonderful woodworking program, but he soon ran out of space. Between 1986 and 1988, he directed campers and counsellors in building a new addition. The project included milling all the wood from trees on the hillside and constructing the addition, while only needing to buy the windows and the roof.

Over the past twenty years, Dave also supervised campers and counsellors in the construction of a bathhouse addition (1983), a waterfront shower/laundry building (1984), a second office building (1992-93), a wood storage building for the shop (1997), and a major addition to the nature center (2000).

In 1988, Dave's wife, Melinda, began taking a more active role in camp: for the past thirteen years she has run the camp store each morning, organized camper travel, helped organize camp uniforms, and added valuable insights as an educator.

Dave's life away from camp has had an equal impact on others over the years. He completed a B.S. at Fitchburg State College in 1961, an M.A. at the University of Maryland in 1963, and a Doctor of Education at Boston University in 1970, majoring in Educational Technology. Dave took a "temporary" job at Fitchburg State College in 1963 and "fell in love with college teaching." The temporary job led to his becoming Professor of Communications and Media. His career at Fitchburg spanned thirty-seven years. When he retired last June, the communications department was Fitchburg's largest with 400 students. Dave left Fitchburg for several years in the late 1970s to found and direct the Commonwealth Center for High Technology/Education in Wellesley, Massachusetts. The center developed education materials for high tech companies and courses for corporate training all over the world. He has also served nine years as Deacon at the Congregational Church in Townsend, Massachusetts, as well as helping to plan an addition to the church.

The common thread in all of this has been education and growth. The projects Dave takes on always attract a large following and tend to get bigger because of his leadership. But now, he says, "I'm going to start downsizing." We're happy to report that his downsizing plans do not include Pasquaney.

Dave Adds his Reflections on Fifty Years

As Dave reflected on his fifty years at Pasquaney, he commented on a "remarkable evolution" at camp over those years: Early in his career, Pasquaney "provided a group of boys an extraordinary opportunity for physical growth and character development within a traditional camp framework. Then Pasquaney went through a period of self-assessment and renewal evolving into a learning organization with a shared mission, an emphasis on open dialogue at all levels with both boys and counsellors sharing responsibility for insuring individual growth and self-realization.

"From this dynamic learning environment has emerged a community of interdependent campers, counsellors, trustees, and alumni participating in practices which define its unique culture based upon a rich history, kept alive by retelling our story through exemplary men who have embodied the Pasquaney ideals. One of the rewards of being a part of this community is seeing how Pasquaney enables its members to go beyond camp contributing to society at large."

A Spring Hike in Maryland and An Alumni Reunion in Louisville

On Saturday, May 5, Jay West and Cesar Collantes organized a hike of Pasquaney alumni and their families up Sugarloaf Mountain near Frederick, MD. The day was warm, at the peak of spring, and the showers predicted never materialized. The group divided into the Long and the Short Walks. It was a good chance to catch up with each other. After a lunch at the top, the two sections meandered back to the parking lot.

Instead of a drink at the Mary Lamb after the hike, Cesar Collantes led most of the group back to Centreville, VA, where he, his wife, Caroline, and their son, Nicholas, hosted a gathering of current and future Pasquaneyans and their families. After COI Doug Carey drew new campers Gordon Matthewson and Nick Collantes into the yard for a game, we all settled in for a meal of barbeque and cheesecake followed by slides of Pasquaney.

Wednesday evening, May 9, Louisville alums and other friends of Pasquaney filled the River Valley Club on the shores of the Ohio River. The Board of Trustees was in Louisville for their spring trustee meeting, and Ballard Morton, past camper, counsellor, and president of the Pasquaney Board, arranged an outstanding demonstration of Louisville hospitality. Many of the Louisville group housed the trustees in their homes and provided us with tours of the city. In gratitude for the years of service that Ballard has given to Pasquaney, current President of the Board, Hugh Antrim, and Director Vin Broderick presented Ballard with a copy of *At Old Siwash* and a Pasquaney kerosene lantern to read it by.



The Winter Term staff included Mary Antrim, on left, Director John Curtis, second from left, and Vin Broderick, on right.

Vin Broderick Reports on Teaching at The Winter Term

This winter the snows in New Hampshire were deep, still four feet deep in upper camp at the start of April. I missed seeing camp buried under that much snow because I was teaching at the Winter Term in Lenk, Switzerland. Switzerland's snows were not as deep, but in the beautiful mountains, the independent spirit of the people, and the unique accents of the language there are parallels to New Hampshire. Strong parallels also exist between the Winter Term and Pasquaney. Both programs stress respect, trust, and responsibility, and those values are essential to the education each provides.

When Hugh Antrim, president of the board of trustees, first talked with me about becoming director of Pasquaney in January of 1997, I was on sabbatical from Noble and Greenough School and was teaching English at the Winter Term. I was reluctant to leave teaching year-round, but Hugh and other members of the board encouraged me to find a way to continue teaching while serving as director. We all knew that teaching in the winter would strengthen the job I do as director. Since the Winter Term runs for three months, from January through March, it was an ideal match.

Brent Powell's arrival as assistant director in the fall of 2000 allowed the flexibility to return to teaching for the first time this January, confident that Pasquaney's winter office would be well staffed. As I write in early April, I am preparing for a return to New Hampshire after visits to alumni and prospective campers in London and Brussels, hosted by alumni and Pasquaney parents Parker Griffin and George Reigeluth respectively.

In addition to teaching English classes this winter, I directed Gerry O'Reilly's Pasquaney play, *Face the Music*, ran a writing workshop, and had the chance to be a member of a faculty once more, able to observe another educator running an excellent program. I plan to return to the Winter Term again next winter, this time as a teacher of European and Swiss history. Beyond the depth in the snow, the depth of the Winter Term experience nourishes substantially the deep roots of our work at Pasquaney.

Memorial Hall will be Site of Benefit New Orleans Jazz Fest

On the evening of August 19th, a week after Water Sports, a New Orleans Jazz Fest will be held in Memorial Hall at Pasquaney from 5:00-8:00 P.M.. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Mayhew Program and the Circle Program. It should be a spirited evening.

The Jazz Fest, organized by a joint committee of Mayhew and Circle Program trustees, is the first collaborative fundraising event to benefit both programs. Pasquaney was instrumental in the forming of Mayhew (in 1969), a year-round mentoring program for New Hampshire boys that includes a camp session on Mayhew Island in Newfound Lake. Many Mayhew graduates have gone on to become Pasquaney campers.

Camp Onaway established the Circle Program in the early nineties, modeled after the Mayhew Program. The girls start with a summer camp session at Pasquaney and Onaway after our regular camp seasons. Each girl meets through the year with an adult mentor from her community. The girls will have just finished their stay at Pasquaney the afternoon of the Jazz Fest.

If you will be in the area and are interested in joining the festivities, please call the Mayhew office at 603-744-6131 or email mayhew@mayhew.org.



A Real New Hampshire Winter Again

After a number of mild winters, New Hampshire experienced an "old-fashioned" winter this year with some memorable winter storms. A windstorm in mid-December brought down a tree on the Mary Lamb causing significant roof damage (photo above). It has been repaired and is ready for opening day.

The official snow total at camp was 109.5 inches, recorded by Nelson Adams. Several large storms in February and March caused problems around the state with many building collapses, but Pasquaney fared well, even with about 40 inches on the ground in late March. A "once in 100 years" avalanche took out many trees in Huntington Ravine on Mount Washington on March 24th. Official ice-out on Newfound Lake came on May 2nd, about two weeks later than normal.

Alumni News

Alumni notes are listed under the decade in which the majority of their camper years fall. If camper years are evenly split in two decades, they are listed in the decade when the alumnus was an older camper.

The 1920s and 1930s

Dick Blabon, a camper from 1923 to 1927, died last September in Suwanee, Georgia. During his five summers at camp, he won two canoe races and a crew race, went on three Long Walks, and served as a COI in 1927.

Joe Fox is the founder and financial backer of an international educational exchange program called Fox International Fellowships. Based at Yale, it involves two-way exchanges with many of the world's leading universities. Its objective is to help train young men and women who play a key role in their countries' international relations and in so doing contribute to peace in the world.

Edgar Mead died in February in Hanover, New Hampshire, his home since 1968. Raised in Greenwich, CT, he attended Choate School and graduated from Williams College. Railroads, particularly steam trains, were the theme of his personal and professional life. He worked on Wall Street as an investment analyst, specializing in transportation stocks, before moving to Hanover. From the 1950s to the 1980s, he traveled the world in search of disappearing steam railroads, and he authored 14 books and over 100 professional and technical articles on the subject. Tourist lines in New Jersey, France, and Ireland are now operating thanks to locomotives he purchased and preserved. With his wife, Emily, he co-founded the Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy in 1993, a nonpartisan state policy think tank in Concord. Their offices are in the same building as the Pasquaney winter office.

Longtime camper, counsellor, and loyal alumnus **Shaw Mudge** died in January at his home in Greenwich, Connecticut. A graduate of Choate School and Yale University, he served as a Navy officer in World War II. In 1969, he founded Shaw Mudge & Co., a fragrance compound manufacturer. He was an active advocate for small business,

serving on advisory boards and task forces under President Reagan, two Connecticut governors, and U.S. Senator Weicker. He was chosen Connecticut's Small Business Person of the Year in 1981.

Shaw was a camper for six summers, and counsellor for two before military service took him away. He went on three Long Walks, served two years as a COI and one as Camp President, and was elected Most Faithful Boy in 1938. Since the *White Birch* was revived in 1988, he has been our most faithful correspondent, keeping us in constant touch with news of alumni throughout the world. His son, Grant, stated it well in his reflections at Shaw's Memorial Service: "His greatest satisfaction in life came from giving: a book, a pen, perfume, a newspaper article, a calendar, an opportunity, a compliment." One of his most prized possessions was his Most Faithful Boy medal. He left a note asking that it be returned to Pasquaney, which Grant plans to do this summer during the camp season.

Ted Tucker writes that although he had quintuple bypass surgery a few years ago he regularly walks 45 minutes. He remembers fondly the hiking he did at camp.

The 1940s and 1950s

Harold Anderson, camp doctor for the entire summer of 1953, recently passed away in Palo Alto, California. He received his B.A. and M.D. from the University of Minnesota and served in the U. S. Army Medical Corps. He had recently celebrated his 81st birthday.

Bob Bulkeley was recently honored at the Gilman School Alumni/Faculty Banquet with the Holmes Service Award. It was presented by Gilman Alumni Association President, **Dave Willis** (1970s). Bob taught English at Gilman for 25 years, serving the last 15 years as Director of Drug and Alcohol Education. "He helped countless students and parents from Gilman as well as from other schools. Known for his rebellious, irreverent, and refreshing flamboyance, he is sorely missed by English students of Gilman, Bryn Mawr, and Roland Park Country Schools. Most of his upper school electives involved teaching drama. He was [also] a long-time coach and booster of ice hockey at Gilman."

Bill Commons is the Far East Administrator for the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. He is responsible for 179 missionaries in 11 countries, and recently traveled to The Philippines, Hong Kong, Cambodia, and Singapore.

Henrique Machado, President of Siderurgica Venezolana "Sivensa," in Caracas, Venezuela, recently wrote, "After 55 years, it was gratifying to make contact with Pasquaney, of which I have pleasant memories. What a coincidence that **Gus Franklin**, President of Dana International, and a very good friend as well, had been a camper at Pasquaney! We discovered that one day in one of our meetings, and commented on the excellent experiences we had both shared, remembering 'Mr. Charlie' as an exceptional person. My best regards to all of you from Venezuela, and I hope to send you one of my grandchildren when they reach the right age." Henrique and his brother, Gustavo, attended camp in 1946.



Gordon Adams was surprised by Pasquaney friends on his fiftieth birthday in late March. Back row, from left, Dick and Linda Beyer, Priscilla Gemmill, Bob Thompson, Brent Powell; front row, Donna Gatnarek, Gordon and Shirley Adams. Photo by Wendy Powell.

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A Note of Thanks from the President of the Board of Trustees

May 2001

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The Pasquaney community is preparing to return to our hillside for camp's 107th season. Ninety-five boys and thirty-two counsellors will assemble at Headquarters for the traditional opening ceremony on Saturday, June 23rd. Enrollment continues to be strong and, as in recent years, we started a waiting list for 2002 two months ago.

Once again, I have the pleasure of sending thanks on behalf of the Pasquaney community for your generous support over the past year. Camp continues to be strong financially, with donations last year totaling over \$268,000. The most impressive totals came in unrestricted Annual Giving: gifts totaled \$166,796 – a 26% increase over the record total the year before. The Parents Scholarship Fund received gifts of \$16,025, a rise in the number of parents donating, but not in total dollars. In addition, alumni, parents and friends added \$64,649 in gifts to Pasquaney's endowment funds. Roughly half of these gifts were for named scholarship funds. Most of the other half was gifts in memory of three alumni who died in the past year: Shaw Mudge (1934-41), Gil Jones (1929-36), and Finley Branch (1991-96).

On behalf of all of the Pasquaney community, and especially the current boys, counsellors and trustees, I send my heartfelt thanks for your help in keeping Pasquaney strong. Your loyal and generous support helps us to devote our full energy to making Pasquaney the best it can be for the boys who will arrive in a few weeks to open our 107th season.

With warm regards,

Hugh T. Antrim



The tradition of rigorous trustees inspections continues. Here, in August, 2000, trustees (from the left) Sam Bemiss, Barbara Kryder, and Hugh Antrim enjoy the thorough inspection of Dana Hall by trustee Bob Thompson (up the chimney), who knows all the best hiding places.

Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of this report. If you find an error or omission, please accept our apologies and notify the camp office.

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Marshall Bartlett wrote about the use of the 1901 baseball team photo on the 2001 Pasquaney calendar: "My grandfather, Marshall Prentiss, is in the middle of the second row (with hands on his shoulders). He kept this picture by his desk all his life. It meant a lot to him."



Cesar Collantes held his young son, Nicholas, at the camp entrance in July, 1991. In June, 2001, Nicholas will return to camp as a first-year camper.

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This is Rich Morrill's twentieth summer as a Pasquaney chef, and his fourteenth as Head Chef. Rich has also been active in theater talent shows with his annual kitchen skit. A regular feature of the skit is Rich as "Swami Gem-Johnny," (now "Swami Vin-Brawny"), a Johnny Carson take-off.

Dave Ryder recently tracked down **Dick Thorington** at the Smithsonian Institution where he is Curator of Mammals. His career as a research zoologist goes back to his days as nature counsellor and his work at camp with mice. Dick headed the primate department of the Smithsonian for many years. He is currently working with flying squirrels.

The 1960s

Living in Mannedorf, Switzerland, with his wife and two daughters, **Abbott Chrisman** has been repainting each room in the house while still finding time to teach corporate communications.

Bob Knox has changed direction in his painting, taking a chance with a new style -- paintings based on photos -- abstract and real at the same time. He's finding the change exciting and energizing.

Paul Shiverick's son Sam will be a first year camper this summer. Paul and his wife Margaret live with their two children in Bronxville, New York.

Nelson Vega recently wrote of his fond memories of camp. Nelson came to camp by way of St. Andrews, a summer camp associated with Choate School.

Bill Whitney's recent note stated, "The older I get the more I enjoy the memories and lessons learned at Pasquaney!"

Bill Wildrick is Chief of Staff for Plans, Strategy, Doctrines, and Future Concepts at Special Warfare Command in Coronado, California. He hopes to return in some capacity to Pasquaney, but right now is keeping busy with the mental and physical challenges of being a SEAL.

Lewis Wilkinson lives in Richmond, Virginia. His son John will be a first camper this summer

The 1970s

Rob Bertsche is a lawyer with Hill and Barlow in Massachusetts. His son Josh will be a new camper this summer.

Chris Birdsall lives in Ipswich, Massachusetts and his son, Ryan, will also be a first year camper.

Ros Bowers moved back to Richmond about a year ago and works as a security analyst for Lowe, Brockenbrough and Co. He had previously been an international analyst for Evergreen Funds in Boston.

Doug Boyle and his family have moved to Houston, Texas, where he will become President of Pennzoil-Quaker State's Lubricants Division. He left Pepsico after eighteen great years there. He hopes to find time, along with a move into a new house, for a visit to camp this summer with his son, Travis.

Steve Brownell is busy being a home dad and part time physical therapist in Florida. He and his wife Kim are enjoying raising their two daughters.

David Cist's wife, Alex, gave birth to Nathalie on Christmas Eve.

After serving his internship and residency in general surgery and urology at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, **Mike Curtis** has joined the medical staff at Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital in Lebanon, New Hampshire. During his residency, Mike received the Milham Award for clinical excellence and ethical care, and the Almy Award for outstanding teaching of medical students. He has served with "Doctors Without Borders," providing medical service in Bangladesh, Bosnia, and Macedonia. He travels twice a year to provide volunteer surgical service to the people of the Zambezi River Valley In Zambia, Mike and his parents (John Curtis - 40s) are setting up an environmental center there, and he writes that Pasquaney campers and alumni are welcome.

Peter Doggett spent much of 2000 making a trail map of Griffith Park in Los Angeles. The map shows 214 hiking routes that total 114 miles. The Hollywood sign is the park's famous landmark.

Gino Freeman is enjoying his third year of medical school at the University of North Carolina.

Terry Harwood lives with his wife and three children in Orford, New Hampshire. Their son, Gus, will be a new camper this summer.

Last spring **Henry Heyburn** and his wife Alicia rode their bikes from Massachusetts to Kentucky. The trip was 1,300 miles and took 25 days. Henry teaches history at the Hyde School in Maine.

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Tommy Hill's oldest of three sons, Harrison, will be a first year camper. Of course, we look forward to the others following soon.

Lots of news from the **Langfords**: **Robert** continues as Director of Operation Shoestring, which ministers to the disadvantaged in Jackson, Mississippi. **Jon** is an otolaryngologist (ear, nose, and throat) in North Carolina. And **William** is a cardiac intensive care nurse in Portland, Oregon.

John Newell is a lawyer with Goodwin, Proctor, and Hoar. He and his wife Nelia live in Weston, Massachusetts. Their son, Will, is enrolled as a new camper this summer.

Charlie Phelps is a pilot for Alaskan Airlines. His son, Charlie, will also be a first year camper.



Camper Albert Hopper with Walt Kotomski in 1992.

Walt Kotomski Served Eleven Summers As a Shop Counsellor (1987 - 1997)

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Walt Kotomski, in January, after a brief battle with cancer. Walt worked with Dave Ryder in the shop for eleven summers. His wife, Anne, ran the Mary Lamb and helped with office work during those summers.

Walt held bachelor's and master's degrees from Fitchburg State College, and did doctoral work at Harvard University. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. Walt lived in Holden, Massachusetts, for forty-one years and taught industrial arts for thirty-eight years in the Worcester Public Schools.

After his retirement from teaching, he was introduced to Pasquaney by relatives, Bill and Roe Sanford. He served the shop program as a full-time counsellor from 1987 through 1997. Dave Ryder recalls him as the "pied piper" of the shop, whose love for the boys "created a lot of energy" for the program. He remembers him walking toward the shop after rest with a parade of boys behind him. We all remember his cheerful greeting each day, "How are you, young fellow?" His spirit and good humor will be missed by all the campers he served.

Also enrolled as a new camper is Charlie Platt, son of **Tim Platt** and his wife Liz-Anne. Tim and family live in Maine, where Tim is a teacher, coach, and admissions officer at Berwick Academy, after being the Director of Mowgli for three years.

Brooke Southall is a journalist for a financial magazine and lives on a houseboat in Sausalito, California. He writes, "the smell of the sun on the deck reminds me of camp."

The 1980s

John (Al) Alexander married Roberta Veza in Castiglione del Lago, Italy, over Thanksgiving. John works as an Implementation Specialist at Sanchez Computer Associates.

Troy Blodgett recently moved to Flagstaff, Arizona, to resume his research on gems and minerals. He has a six-month-old daughter, Leonora.

Eric Bonnet-Eymard and former Onaway counsellor Kathy Sanford are the proud parents of a one year old daughter, Charlotte.

David Bromley is heading from Los Angeles to Mexico to teach for a year before moving back to Philadelphia to teach in the public schools. His wife, Heather, also teaches and they are busy raising Jonas (3 years) and Surya (7 months). David writes, "I sincerely miss Pasquaney." We look forward to seeing more of them, once they return to the East Coast.

Seth Burke is a self-employed contractor and handyman in Portland, Maine. He is also working on his Maine Guide License.

Doug Camp recently got engaged to Jenny Nisar. Congratulations, Dooger!

Tying the knot last August was **Jack Cavanaugh**. Jack works for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in New York and expects to visit camp this summer.

Cesar Collantes works for the Federal Government in Washington, DC when he is not running marathons (Marine Corps Marathon '99 and '00) and coaching his son's soccer team. He is excited about Nicholas's coming to camp this summer.

Katie and **Peter Denious** announced the birth of Peter Lockwood Denious, Jr., on March 26, 2001. Little Pete is signed up for Pasquaney 2012.

Murray Fisher, Jamie Stover, and Ed Swenson recently moved into an apartment together in New York City.

Peyton Gray, in his senior year at Groton School, acted in a four-person play called *Bums* and in Agatha Christie's *Appointment with Death*.

Aubrey Hawkins, a camper in 1985, died in the line of duty on Christmas eve: He was the Irving, Texas, police officer shot by one of seven escapees from a South Texas prison. They were later captured in Colorado after a nationwide search. Aubrey was remembered by over 2,000 who attended his service for his love of police work and his

family, especially his nine-year-old son, Andrew. He had been volunteering and working in public safety and law enforcement for more than ten years, including service as an emergency medical technician. His optimism and positive attitude were recurring themes in his service. His mother stated, "Aubrey taught his son how to be a man, kindhearted, sweet-spirited, vulnerable -- a man who is strong."

Jon Meredith and **Tom Stambaugh** (90s) are planning a trip in early June to Greenland to hike 105 miles from Kangerlussaug to Sisimuit. Tom wrote, "we hope to sing the camp song often and offer railroads to the Norse gods." Then Jon returns to camp as a counsellor, and Tom is off to study in England for the summer.

Wendy and **Brent Powell** announce the birth of their second daughter on November 30th: Charlotte joins Isabel in their new home in Concord, New Hampshire.

Tommy Sutro is engaged to Samantha Goodman. They plan to be married in late September. Tom is looking forward to many Pasquaney reunions on the Vineyard.

The 1990s

Tom Bayliss is in his first year at UVA Law School.

Ned Congdon will graduate from University of Pittsburgh this spring.

Andrew DeSalvo, a student at Rollins College, voted in Florida while studying campaign finance reform in a Social Problems course last fall. Also at Rollins is **Matt Haslett**, who is enjoying theater and crew.

Bill Cummisky and **Tim Dittmann** were both accepted early decision to Princeton University.

Mark Dembitz, who attends Brown University, spent six months in China learning the language and culture.

Ambrose Faturoti is busy at the University of Virginia with his courses, a Peer Help program, and a gospel choir.

Jerry Faulkner was recently honored with a scholarship at the Nashua Exchange Club with an ACE award (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) for an essay he wrote.

Knox Frank recently returned to St. Christopher's School to talk to a biology class about environmental issues in Africa.

Matt Gunther coaches wrestling at Williams College and has been working with two professors assessing facial muscle reactions and what they reveal about a person's opinions about what they see.

Charles Hampton is stationed in Pensicola, Florida, with the Marines, learning to fix airplanes.

Julian Knox is looking forward to joining the council this summer. He was just awarded a Beinecke Brothers Memorial Scholarship for graduate study in the Humanities. He hopes to do graduate work in English or German after graduating from Vassar College next year.

Ken McNish was captain for the second year of his indoor track team at Kenyon College. He hoped to break at



Remembering Finley Branch

It was nearly a year ago that we lost Finley Branch in a car accident. Finley had attended St. Christopher's School and graduated from the Blue Ridge School. He was about to attend Flagler College. A camper for six summers, from 1991 through 1996, he had a special love for hiking, natural history, and fly-fishing. Kirk Phelps recalls his many good times with Finley: "He loved nature and the outdoors. Often when it was raining or the day after a hike when most everyone was tired, he would express enthusiasm for getting out in the woods and exploring. As a 13-year-old, Finley joined me and four Cate School students on a fishing and backpacking trip to New Zealand. He was skilled and able at tramping in New Zealand's outback -- over 40 miles in a week. And he caught some huge trout! He loved to fish -- especially fly-fishing. Fin and I made our own fly rods in the shop over two summers. He had the patience and quietness of heart that makes a truly good fisherman. He loved casting all day on glassy waters -- not even catching anything, just as much as he loved when his rod would bend under the strain of some monster cutbow. When Pasquaney offered a Baxter Park expedition, Fin went as a 12-year-old with Nordy and me. He reveled in the pristine surroundings of that remote park, watching moose swim in the ponds, scaling the Knife Edge, tossing flies in Roaring Brook, baking pizzas and cinnamon rolls, and sleeping under the stars." At the end of his note, Kirk added, "it was fun starting off my morning thinking of my dear friend, Finley."

least one of the indoor records this season. Ken graduates from Kenyon in May and returns to the council in June.

Jeff Nick will be attending Davidson College as a freshman next year.

Lachlan Oliphant, a senior at Millbrook School, went on an archeological dig of Mayan ruins in Belize in March.

Jon Rorer works for Continental Express as a first officer on an ATR-42. He is based in Newark, NJ, and flies all over the East Coast.

A Poetic Tribute to Mr. Charlie

By Alumnus Paul Hertelendy

Former camper from 1941 to 1946 Paul Hertelendy recently sent us his latest book of poetry to add to the Pasquaney library. A California poet with narratives of exotic journeys and personal experiences, he has written a collection of some seventy poems of discovery to bring to life recent odysseys around the globe. His book, *Vietnam, Venice, Varied Tales*, published in November, 2000, was his second in a year. After his first book, *The Very Slender Volume*, he was named poet laureate by the national board of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Born in Eastern Europe and brought up in Washington, Paul is a music critic of 20 years' experience with the *San Jose Mercury News*. He makes his home with his family in Piedmont, California.

Paul called our attention to page 95 of his new book which had a poem entitled "Shaping Us." We have shared it with the Stanwood family and thought all alumni would enjoy it, too:

Shaping Us

Revered camp director, 90, is gone
Former campers congregate at lakeside,
Mountain or some cheery campfire parley
And reminisce about a beacon
whom they treasured
Called quite simply Mister Charlie.

So vig'rously at the summer camp
by lakeshore reigned
His patient spirit, principle and stance.
This metallurgist working human alloys
shaped us
Voiding coarse impurities like sloth and arrogance.

His guidance touched 'most every one,
from reckless kids
To know-it-alls who thought they had it made.
Gently nudging reasoning and conscience,
He brought heart to chapel, glade and talks
beneath the spreading tree.

Sailing off with Mr. Charlie
toward the campout isle
Was joy of stellar magnitude.
The nightly fire lit dreams as vast as sky,
A catalyst to newfound aptitudes.

No one's given more in life's essential quests
Than he -- war veteran, eagle-turned-dove,
World-record holder on the track and
teacher deeply committed.
Yet for his epitaph, sculpt none of the above.

Write simply, "Molder of stout hearts
and character in youths."
He made us strong and true today,
Transforming weak-willed nature
with his mark heroic,
Destined evermore to rest engraved.

— 2001 Camp Schedule —

Saturday, June 23 — Camp Opens

July 2 - 6 — Camping Expeditions

July 23 - 28 — Long Walk

August 4 - 5 — Trustees' Weekend

August 11 - 12 — Water Sports Weekend

Sunday, August 12 — Camp Closes



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