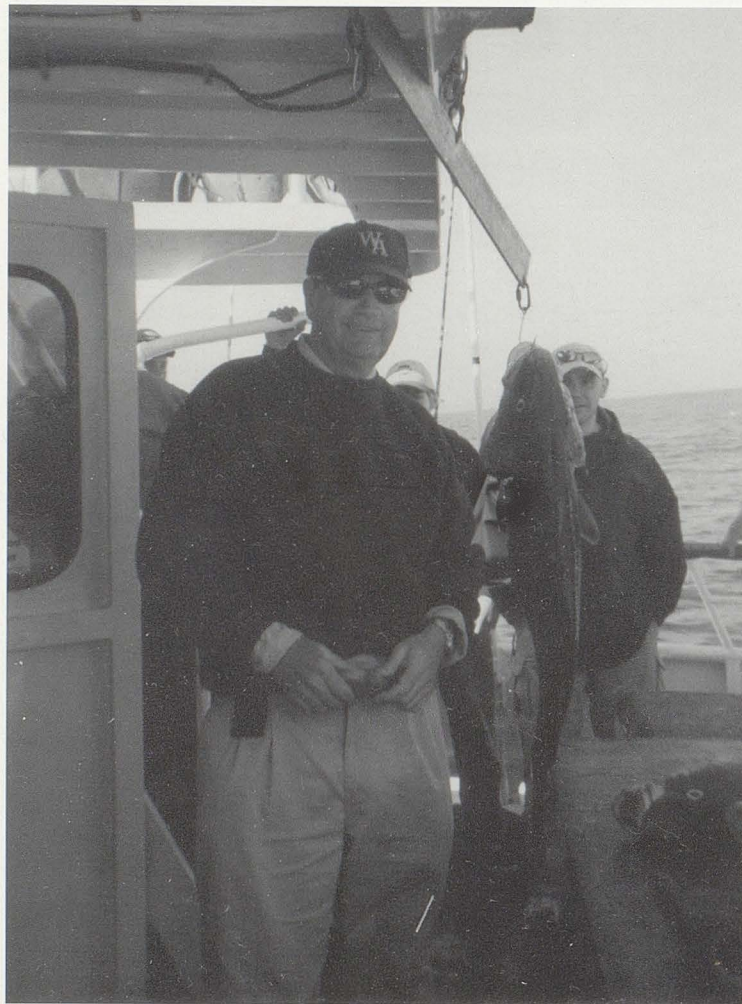


THE GLEANER
2002-2003

Dedication

It is with great pleasure and pride that we dedicate this issue, and revival of our Gleaner magazine to Headmaster Weaver. Mr. Weaver is retiring in June 2004 after 35 years of service to the Academy as English teacher, Guidance Counselor, coach, Administrator, and Headmaster. He joins a distinguished list of Faculty Emeritus, all of whom have retired from the Academy after having served for 25 years or more. Loyalty and commitment are rare commodities – we can only hope that Mr. Weaver's predecessor has half as much passion and love for the Academy as he. On behalf of the Alumni Association, we wish him a fond farewell, good health and happiness in his retirement, and many enjoyable afternoons off the Atlantic coast.

Congratulations, Mr. Weaver, and happy fishing...



Water Under the Bridge

Mary and I arrived at Woodstock Academy after teaching our first year in northern Maine. We had married in December and lived our first months together in a cabin on a frozen lake where the neighbors were kind enough to loan us snowshoes for the treks to town. Our plan was to teach for a year and then go to Europe where we could work in the Department of Defense school system. I was just out of the Army and had enjoyed Western Europe so much that I very much wanted to return with my bride.

We never got out of Woodstock. It's very hard to explain, but the Academy and the area, the students, and the opportunities were such that



The Weavers, April, 1978

escape was impossible. At that time, the most remarkable contrast between Waldoboro, Maine and Woodstock, Connecticut was that Woodstock had remained practically unchanged by the second half of the 20th century. In that year (1969) several young faculty members arrived in a heap on the Academy's doorstep. We were not alone so much as part of a litter. The school was in some conflict at the time. As I hurried to my first faculty meeting, a man leapt from the old juniper bush next to the Academy building and whispered, "don't go there." This was a very prophetic introduction to the Academy culture "working itself out" as apparently it has, is, and will continue to do. The man behind the bush was a Department Chairman, released or about to be released by the Headmaster. The faculty, or part of it, was on some sort of strike, or at least irritated to the point of tears.

The students were a mix of farm kids, families that worked in nearby towns, and the sons and daughters of area professionals. Then, as now, some were shocked by Academy academic expectations. They were generally less serious but better prepared than today's students are for a secondary English program, largely because, while the times were more relaxed, a youngster's escape from boredom

had to include reading. In 1969, the material being read was written in Standard English as opposed to computer shorthand. A typical student read a novel a week, or some fiction, short stories, etc., as well as Time magazine. Attendance, it seemed, was almost voluntary and some kids would do anything to skip particular classes.

My first trip into the countryside was revealing. Approaching the bridge in Woodstock Valley, I could see a boy running back and forth across the road. On the south side of the bridge, he would pause and look down, then hurry back to the opposite side and repeat the sequence. When I asked him what he was up to, he simply said, "Chasing spit." That same year, I had a great time with freshman basketball. The Army has taught us that "an attack that is determined enough could carry any defense." So, our freshman team drove on zone defenses with abandon. On the coldest day of the winter, we played the freshmen from Webster, Mass. Fred Bates' clothes ended up in the shower and Fred was literally (as his mother informed me) frozen stiff when he walked home from our campus after the game.

Today's professional would not believe the "faculty lounge," with its smoke, dirty dishes and gruesome refrigerator. The cigarette smoke was so thick that it tinted the windows. We had a very serious science teacher who would leave a tape recorder turned on in the teacher's room closet to collect the comments of departed relatives who might want to instruct him.

One of the unique Academy experiences was 'The Shop'. Its underground operation combined woodworking, shellacking, metal casting, braising and furniture manufacture. The wood, metal filings,



paint, shellac and gas in the basement of today's library was a combination to make a safety officer weep. Affectionately, known as "the Bat Cave", the shop produced an amazing variety of furniture, back scratchers, whirligigs, and Mother's Day presents. I never met an unhappy student in that shop.

Shakespeare's Macbeth, Frost's 'Birches', Hawthorne's short stories and other "classics" offer, I think, tremendously important insights and convictions. I continue to believe that all our students should benefit from exposure to these works. However, convincing students of their worth was sometimes difficult. We were probably reading Ethan Frome when Allan Johnson jumped from his seat and out the classroom window. I'm told that

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The Weaver siblings with Dad: (Left to Right) Seana ('96), Seth ('92) and Jessica ('88).

Water Under the Bridge Continued



Mom and Dad Weaver, John and Ruth

Howard Edwards did the same thing several years before. Fortunately, for Allan, my classroom was on the first floor of the Bowen building. Howard was on the second floor of the Academy building when he jumped.

The track team was a huge part of my life from 1969 to 1984. There are too many track stories

to tell here. However, it was great to work with hundreds of young people on other than academic successes. Track is always rewarding – you are really competing against yourself.

The Academy has always been connected to memorable people. Six months shy of her 100th birthday, Mrs. Harriet Sampson Pitt passed away. Mrs. Pitt graduated from the Academy in 1915. An amazing lady, she lived next to the Academy her entire life. Since she drew her water from our system we always met on occasions when our water supply was shut down. At such times, while I delivered water for tea, she informed me of the major historical conflicts from our last century. I suspect that she was so irritated by the vocational agriculture program (1924) that we were never forgiven. Regardless, her memory provided us with the present colors of the restored Academy building.

Meanwhile, Mary and I had three children who attended the Academy, loved it, and went off to live on Cape Cod, in Washington, D.C., and Seattle respectively. Their experience confirmed my sense that a school can best serve its students through high expectations and teaching persistence, curiosity, effort and teamwork.

There are those that would make learning a complicated, even esoteric business. True, we have some important new insights, such as learning styles and data analysis that are of value. However, over 90% of our work (an 'A' grade, by the way) is the

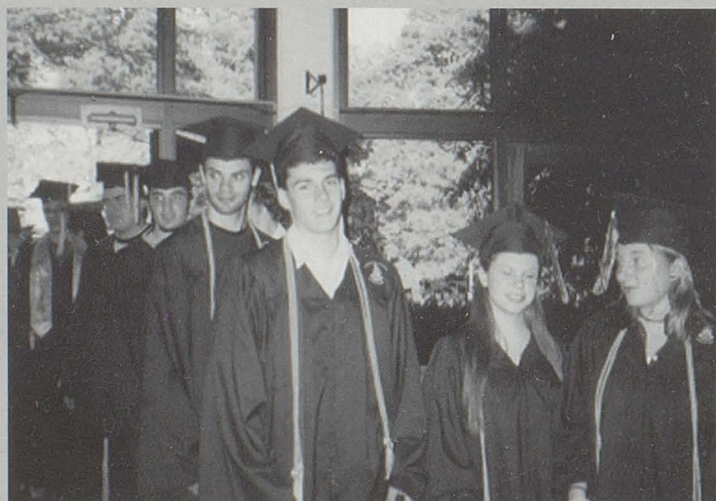
understanding and ability to work with all students for their success and to instill in them the persistence that makes success possible. That is why I am skeptical when anyone diminishes the value of competition, including sports, or spouts esoteric babble that isolates us from our clients. The big problem remains attracting and retaining the special people who are able and willing to persist with all kids, all of the time. A good start would be to pay each person what they are worth. And — we must recognize that a truly comprehensive test of a school's or a teacher's value to the student does not exist.

The Academy, more than other schools serving the public, has always been tested by serious challenges. Our school is at its best and most characteristic when we address difficult problems with great expectations and a persistence that reflects the history of this place. The mission "to prepare all students for a lifetime of learning" holds no success higher than the pursuit of learning. To the extent that our students have internalized that single ideal, we have succeeded.

Our family has been very, very fortunate to be part of the people, place, effort and adventure that compose Woodstock Academy. The work can never cease or falter. To my colleagues — you are the heroes in this epic, if not — earn it. Give it your best or make room for someone who will. To borrow from Frost this is "the proper place for love" — I don't know where it could have gone better.

Thank you for all the wonderful years,

Ken Weaver & family

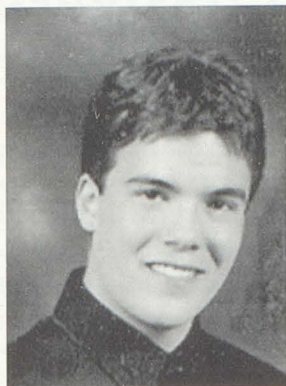


David Pechie, center, recipient of the 2003 Alumni Scholarship

Alumni Scholarship Recipients

(for the past decade)

- 2003 – David Pechie
- 2002 – Derek Child
- 2001 – Sebastian Paquette
- 2000 – Alysia Syriac
- 1999 – Serena Johnson, Sarah Welch
- 1998 – Kristin Rathbone
- 1997 – Melissa Blais
- 1996 – Heather Couture, Karen James, Elisabeth Woodward
- 1995 – Scott Elliott, Jeffrey Gilson
- 1994 – Chad Ellis, Heidi Galenski



Jesse Farnham, Class of 2004

2003 Connecticut Governor's Scholar

Woodstock Academy is pleased to announce its second Governor's Scholar for the State of Connecticut in three years. Jesse Farnham, son of Kevin and Dale Farnham of Pomfret, was selected from an entry pool of the top juniors in Connecticut. Jonathan Wakely, Class of 2001, was also chosen as a Governor's Scholar in 2000.

The Governor's Scholar Program, under the direction of the Education Commissioner, is now in its sixth year and recognizes academically talented high school students throughout the state. Twenty students are presented for special recognition each year based on scholarship, grade point average and rank in class, and an essay on a selected subject. Jesse received outstanding achievement awards at the Academy in science, math, history and music, and recognition as a CAPT scholar. He is a member of the Spanish Honor Society, Karate Club and track team. He has studied and performed classical piano for 12 years and took part in the Hartford Symphony Orchestra's Young Artist's competition. Jesse spends his free time at home delving into astronomy, building and flying radio-controlled aircraft and rockets, and writing computer games.

Jesse was also selected from a nationwide entry pool of 4,000 high school juniors to attend the United States Military Academy's Invitational Academic workshops for outstanding high school juniors at West Point in June 2003. Invitations are awarded competitively, based upon academic, athletic and extracurricular achievements. The workshop included academic classes, military training, physical fitness and athletics with West Point senior cadets serving as squad leaders.

Jesse's current plans include applications to Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Wesleyan, Bowdoin and Haverford. His college counselor, Mr. Al Cormier, can not say enough about this amazing young man. He describes Jesse as a student who's "motivation is pure learning for learning's sake. ...His commitments provide a wide range of accomplishments rarely attempted by peers. An accomplished classical pianist, an environmentalist, athlete, programmer, astronomer, and outdoorsman, Jesse is a multi-talented individual. He is a brilliant student, strong leader, good friend and a positive and vital member of our academic community."

Alumni Association Sponsors Salad Booth at the 2003 Woodstock Fair



The Alumni Association was given the opportunity this year to take over a booth at the 2003 Woodstock Fair. The Salad Booth, previously sponsored by the Woodstock



Academy United Nations Club, turned out to be a great opportunity for an annual fund raiser for the Association, clearing a little over \$3,000 for our first-time efforts. Many, many thanks to our Fair patrons and especially to our 47 volunteers, alumni and friends, who answered the plea for help in running the booth.

Special thanks to: Jenn

Armstrong, Nina Baillargeon, Diane White Barlow, Herman Barlow, Amy Sansoucy Beausoleil, Rose Carminati, Vinnie Carminati, Arianne Corrente, Jackie Croteau, Jon Duncan, Lisa Duncan, Sharon Kozey Edwards, Kathleen Ellsworth, Liz Ellsworth, Mike Fredrickson, Sandy Breen Fredrickson, Gale Gileau, Jane Warren Grube, Nancy Holzshu, Carrie Lindeman, Katherine Woodcock Lynn, Paul Lynn, Denise Gileau Marshall, Ann Mitra, Tracie Molinaro, Lynne Croteau Morin, Durrin Eddy Motley, Jeri Lee Musumeci, Brian Musumeci, Joe Musumeci, Karen Garabrant Musumeci, Tanya Passmore, David Pechie, Steve Rosendahl, Suzanne Staveski Rosendahl, Don Spaeth, Brenda Stockwell, Jamie Swift, Bill Troy, Roman Wajer, Kent Weaver, Mary Weaver, Bob Willis, Ann Wonoski, Louis Wonoski, Cyn Woodis, John Ywarsky, and Bob Zanlungo.

Thanks for taking the time out of your holiday weekend to help out!! Hope to see you all again next year - and some new volunteers as well!





Paul Cunningham, pictured far right, with Academy students and our visitors from Kosovo in 2001.

Paul Cunningham Assigned to American Embassy Post

A new Assistant Public Affairs Officer has arrived at the American Embassy in Madagascar. Paul Cunningham, who left the Academy last fall to pursue a career in Foreign Service with the U.S. Department of State, is now in the field of Public Diplomacy. He was a member of the Social Studies Department at the Academy for 13 years. Over and above his teaching duties, his many contributions to the Academy included serving as a member and Chairman of the Academic Committee of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, advisor to the Model United Nations Club, designing the International Relations curriculum, sponsoring cultural exchanges and study trips to Russia and West Africa, and coordinating a visit of students from Kosovo. Mr. Weaver noted, "Paul Cunningham epitomizes the best in professional and personal commitment to teaching, to students, and

to the Academy." Mr. Weaver also describes Paul as having the ability to combine common sense with idealism and energy to the great benefit of his students and the school. Paul's presence has been sorely missed, not only by the students at Woodstock Academy who no longer have the benefit of the experience in his classroom, but as a wonderful colleague and friend.

Paul went through an extremely rigorous recruitment process consisting of written and oral exams for two years, as well as a thorough investigation of his background, before being hired by the State Department. After officially entering the field of public diplomacy on November 4, 2002, he spent several months training in Washington, D.C. He landed on Malagasy soil in August 2003, replacing Ms. Murray Strother as the new Assistant Public Affairs Officer at the American Embassy. A recent article appeared in "New Magazine Madagascar", by Rivo Steph, welcoming Paul to his new office and what will be a two-year assignment. He stated that although Paul had never worked outside of his native country or had time to discover Madagascar's charms, he has already begun enjoying his new post. He is also fluent in French, the native language, having studied since the age of eleven as a tribute to his Irish and French descent. Paul is keeping his hand in education matters as well, by overseeing the Fulbright Exchange Program between American and Malagasy teachers, and supervising the English Teaching Program, the largest sponsored by the U.S. in all of Africa with over 1,000 students currently enrolled.

Paul writes to us when he finds a few precious moments in his extremely hectic schedule. In his last communication he was participating in an interactive television dialogue on AIDS involving an expert from the National Institutes of Health, and people from Madagascar and three other countries. His next several days would be spent manning a booth in a "Dialogue des Cultures" festival in which each embassy, UN agency, and groups from each province of Madagascar are represented with a display and booth related to the textile traditions of their countries and regions. Thank goodness for Paul that no salad was involved! (For those of you who may not know, Paul sacrificed his life every Labor Day weekend to make and sell salads at the UN Salad Booth – the major fund raising effort each year for the UN Club) Paul was also expecting a visit the following week from a team from National Geographic to do a series of speeches and media events.

We continue to keep track of Paul – with the secret hope that he might someday return to education and Woodstock Academy. In the meantime, we're very proud to have been a part of his life and career. We wish him the very best in his new found career.

The Career Center

Woodstock Academy's mission is to prepare all students for a lifetime of learning, fostering effective participation in family, community and world. One principal goal is to provide experiences that will prepare students to further their education in pursuit of a career or to function successfully in the multiple roles demanded in our complex and dynamic society.

Throughout its curriculum, Woodstock Academy strives to develop in its students, the skills, knowledge and competencies necessary for successful careers. In order to ensure that graduates can demonstrate these skills, knowledge and competencies, as well as the ability to make informed career choices, the Academy provides students with the opportunity to investigate and explore a variety of career paths, including work-based projects and experiences. This goal is achieved through the Woodstock Academy Career Center.

Mrs. Brenda Stockwell is the Career Services Coordinator who, working in conjunction with Mr. Al Cormier and the Counseling Office, guides each student through a four-year process. The Career Center is housed in the Old Bracken Library and is a learning center and career services library, equipped with a network of computers and resources for students to actively become involved in determining their future plans, starting immediately in their freshman year. Each student at the Academy builds a portfolio through the Career Center that becomes a collection of individual work samples (essays, drawings, photos, etc.), records of career exploration (activities and experiences), copies of assessments and results (interest inventories, personality typing, learning styles inventories, etc.), and culminates in the completion of a detailed resume that will be used as part of the college application process, post graduate planning, and job applications.



Headmaster Weaver thanking Gary Osbrey of WINY for his participation in the Partners in Education program during a luncheon to honor all business participants in the program, as well as participating students and faculty.

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Academic Convocation 2003

The Unsung Hero

By Al Cormier, Director of Guidance & Counseling

Each of us has a story, and from time to time we have opportunities to share our story. Each fall this assembly brings together our Academy academic community to recognize members who have achieved success in their academic life here at Woodstock. While we congratulate each student and their family members, I want to reflect today on the many achievements all of us experience that often escape our understanding. Often these achievements have to do with family and friends' support and encouragement. Abraham Lincoln put it this way: "It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." Along the way, many people touch our lives, and we, in turn, touch many lives, though we don't take time to consider these influences because of who we are and how we live.

Remember how we each felt when we were beginning our journey here at the Academy. Whether as a staff member or as a student, we all feared and were somewhat apprehensive about how we would fit in. While education is directed at individuals, the aim of education is liberating students from the narrow view of the world and our own self-limiting images. Contributions to society must be made because the whole point of education is to pass on what has been learned and achieved. Education helps us to learn the truth. We must open our minds toward the values, feelings and views of others. We must be united in respecting and appreciating each other while celebrating the difference in each community member. Making a difference is a choice.

The many qualities that make us unique must be recognized. While the Quiet Corner is not as diverse as are other areas in Connecticut, the uniqueness of our students and staff who are our Woodstock Academy academic community needs to be celebrated. Whether it is an individual's sense of humor, voice, instrumental ability, cooking or sewing skills, their artistic talent, language fluency, athletic ability, volunteerism, church involvement, or family involvement, our community members are making a significant difference. By greeting each other with a smile, a hug or a handshake, holding a door, assisting when in need, working cooperatively in class activities, being a positive and productive citizen on and off campus, we are influencing those around us. Being who we are in situations, while trying to find out who we really are and where we are headed is important.

One of the closest groups I have been influenced by were the buddies I lived, worked, recreated, and fought with while serving with the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam. Having just graduated from college with a degree in French, and because the war was building up in the late sixties, I soon found myself in the US Army training for eventual deployment to Southeast Asia. Training to interrogate prisoners of war made deployment in the combat zone inevitable. While some of my buddies were individually recognized for their bravery and outstanding achievement, most did their jobs the best they could and supported our unit members in achieving our mission goals. These young men were unsung heroes because they were not doing what they did for recognition. They worked to protect each other and, as a result, made a significant difference in the lives of their fellow servicemen. They found ways to achieve and to survive. In the minds of many, the war could not be won, but our troops fought with their hearts, making a difference for those who depended on them for survival. Many veterans in this audience have also served in various conflicts, and carry with them vivid memories of people and events that have changed their lives.

While most students have read, studied and debated about various wars and conflicts, more recently many families have been personally affected by the war in Iraq. Many of us know servicemen and women currently serving in the Middle East. Some currently in uniform are family members, friends, neighbors, and alumni of the Academy. Knowing that they have the support of family and friends helps our troops get through the current ordeal. The special relationships and friendships that they are currently forging with their fellow servicemen and women are helping them to achieve small victories while protecting each other in a variety of combat encounters. The realities of war are now more than just a textbook exercise. The student organized rally here on campus last spring demonstrated that conflict exists between various political realities, bringing a human dimension to war.

The buddies I made in Vietnam are as real today in my memory as they were thirty-five years ago. Representing all states, educational backgrounds, socio-economic strata, religious traditions, ethnic origins and other unique characteristics, each individual had his or her personal story. The closeness we shared allowed us to get to know each other as unique individuals; however, judging the uniqueness of each person was not part of that experience. Trying to preserve life under enemy fire was our individual and collective goal. We know that the Vietnam Memorial contains the names of many of our brothers and sisters who paid the ultimate sacrifice. That Wall now brings people together rather than continuing to divide as the war had once done.

It has been said that, "Masquerading as a normal person day after day is exhausting" - (Anonymous). The expectations of those around us keep changing, and we can move toward truly being ourselves when we realize that the only way for us to achieve happiness is to be who we are regardless of the situation. The maturation process is a journey that we experience throughout our lives, and, as Emerson said, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

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Bradley O'Connor, Class of 2004, receives the 2003 Undergraduate Award as the "Undergraduate Who Has Done the Most for the Academy." The award is voted upon by the faculty in the spring and is presented at the Annual Convocation the following fall. Approximately 245 undergraduates received academic awards for the 2002-2003 school year. In addition, special recognition was made of the 15 alumni faculty and staff members currently employed at the Academy. Mr. Al Cormier was the featured guest speaker, sharing his reflections of the "Unsung Hero."

Academic Convocation Continued

The power to make a difference lies within each of you.

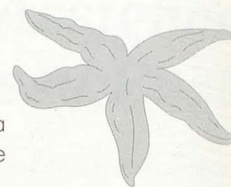
As our community has grown over the past ten years, we have assembled a staff of amazingly talented and diverse people ready to help our student body members to risk while feeling the freedom of being who they are. There is no place here for those who insult, hurt, intimidate or show a lack of respect for the differences that make this community such a special place. We have a collective obligation to protect each other in celebration of our uniqueness. By modeling acceptance, respect and appreciation in all that we share here within this community, our hearts will welcome others to join, bringing their special gifts in bettering our community for all of our members.

It is also Emerson who said, "The secret of education lies in respecting the pupil ...", and I suspect he meant ALL OF THE PUPILS. There is an Ancient Proverb hanging on the wall in my office which states, "Tell me...and I forget. Show me...and I remember. Involve me... and I understand." Arriving at personal understanding will allow us each to make a difference for the rest of our lives.

As unsung heroes, we are helping to create citizens able to deal with a diverse and multiracial work and family environment. We are providing the tools necessary for effective communication and personal relations within our society. The challenge is to begin dialogue toward a better understanding of each person's story.

I want to share a final thought as I conclude this program. It is a piece entitled The Starfish.

The Starfish



There was a young man walking down a deserted beach just before dawn. In the distance he saw a frail old man.

As he approached the old man, he saw him picking up stranded starfish and throwing them back into the sea.

The young man gazed in wonder as the old man again and again threw the small starfish from the sand to the water.

He asked, "Old man, why do you spend so much energy doing what seems to be a waste of time?"

The old man explained that the stranded starfish would die if left in the morning sun.

"But there must be thousands of beaches and millions of starfish!" exclaimed the young man. "How can you make any difference?"

The old man looked at the small starfish in his hand and as he threw it to the safety of the sea, he said, "It makes a difference to this one!"

Author Unknown

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

Keeping Track of Our Friends

We proudly display an Alumni bulletin board in the main lobby of the Bowen Building with articles of interest and achievements of our alumni, and recognition of our Alumni in Uniform. Please feel free to share news and information with us – we want to know!

We are especially proud to keep track of our alumni who unselfishly, serve our nation. Your help in identifying them would be greatly appreciated. Just drop us a note if you are, or know of someone who is, in the service, what branch and where they might be stationed. Photographs are welcome! We know our list below is incomplete – our apologies for any errors or omissions. Please contact Kristen Willis in the Alumni Office with any additions or corrections. The following is what we know:

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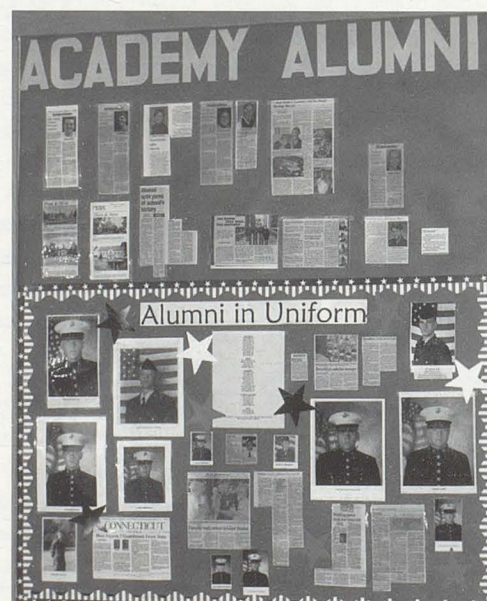
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Woodstock Academy Students Continue to Benefit from Cultural Experiences



Since 1998 alone, Academy students have traveled to France, Italy, Mexico, Canada, Peru, Africa, Greece, Costa Rica, Spain, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, engaged in a Russian exchange program, and most recently hosted Senegalese students as part of an exchange program with students from Senegal, West Africa. Woodstock Academy students are now gearing up to participate in the second phase of the exchange in April which will take them to Senegal.

The latest cultural exchange has linked the students of the Mariamba Ba School on Goree Island in Dakar, Senegal with host families and students from the Academy. Fifteen teenage girls spent two weeks in the United States; one week touring and a week living with host families and attending classes with Academy students. English teacher, Richard Telford and French teacher, Merry Burke, coordinated the exchange. The Senegalese students who attend this all-girls school for approximately 200 children, ages 11-18, represent the top 25% of their western African nation's students in test scores. Only 25 students a year are selected to attend the Mariamba Ba School.

In the spring of 1998 and 2001, Merry Burke and former faculty member, Paul Cunningham, traveled to Senegal with Academy students. Each time, they visited local schools. In 2001, the Minister of Education from the World Links program, a branch of the World Bank, escorted the group to the Mariamba Ba School on Goree Island. At that time, the school's Director, Mme. Ramatoulaye Dieng expressed an interest in a cultural exchange with the Academy. The rest is history so-to-speak, but not without many months of planning, communicating, organizing and coordinating.

Due to the technology available, the students and chaperones have been able to communicate with each other throughout the planning process, allowing them to get to know one another and to learn about each other's cultures before meeting. Mrs. Burke's French class was the perfect forum as the native language of Senegal is French. The Senegalese students had never been out of their country before. Mr. Telford stated that the Academy students did not really know what to expect from their guests. He stated that the African continent is very removed from the experience of a student from Northeastern Connecticut. Mrs. Burke noted that the African students do not get to meet people from around the world and that this experience gives them a totally different point of view. It is life-changing for most. Many of these students had formed impressions of Americans primarily from news reports about the war in Iraq and were surprised to find such hospitable hosts in their American counterparts. One of the Senegalese students, Aminata Ly, 19, commented on how much she loved America and the American people, and how welcoming and nice everyone had been. She said that she was able to teach American students about her culture and to learn about theirs; it was as if they had something to give to each other. She said that her experience would never be forgotten.



Shady Deal

This story comes from the telling of David Boivin who grew up near Roseland Lake in South Woodstock during the 30's and 40's. He graduated from Woodstock Academy in the class of 1949. Doris Basto Boivin, his mother, graduated from Woodstock Academy in the class of 1929. Paul Lynn, class of 1959, is collecting Woodstock stories which will eventually come out in the form of a book called "Yankee Ways."

If you stand near the north end of the common on the Hill, facing north toward the front of Woodstock Academy (the replacement building constructed in 1873), and look up to the second and third stories, you will see how tall and narrow the center windows are. The Victorians that preceded us were producing architecture that was new to Yankee tradition here in Woodstock. Behind these windows is the auditorium and stage with an eighteen-foot high wooden ceiling. At some point in time, the windows were fitted with long, darkening shades, which could be pulled down as needed during the daytime when the auditorium was in use.

One afternoon, (after tumbling practice with coach, Larry Jones), before heading home, I happened to notice that the very long auditorium shades (which had recently been replaced by new ones) were lying in the janitor's dump behind the brick Agricultural Building (or "Ag" Building as we called it) waiting to be burned. My Yankee habits of thriftiness had been shaped at home during the Depression and the Second World War; we had learned to make the most of any material goods we had. What could I do with those canvas shades from the auditorium? The material was still in fairly good condition, although somewhat faded and frayed along the edges. I didn't know. I rolled one of them up and carried it awkwardly under my arm as I ran the two miles home. Sooner or later someone would find a use for the stuff, so I tucked it away in the tool shed next to the barn where it was soon forgotten.

That March the ice on Roseland Lake was over a foot thick. Even so, there were springs at the northeast end where the ice was thin and unsafe. The river at both ends of the lake was open water because of a brief thaw. One afternoon after school I had some free time to go skating. My friend, Henry Ask, had planned to go with me, but he had the misfortune of having to stay after school—so I went alone. A strong northwest wind was blowing about 50 miles an hour and it was biting cold. I got on the ice at the boat launch above the bath house at the northwest end of Roseland.

Immediately the wind began pushing me from behind; I built up some terrific speed skating southward toward the other end of the lake. The hard work of skating back into the bitter wind toward the north shore warmed me enough that I unbuttoned my jacket to keep from overheating. Heading south again, I lifted my arms and spread my coat into a sail. With the aid of the wind, I was traveling much faster than the first trip.

If my small coat worked so well, what would happen if I had a bigger sail? Bingo! It was worth unlacing my skates, lacing up my boots, and jogging home to look in the tool shed; first, however, I stopped in the kitchen for something hot to drink and some of Mother's fresh mince pie. The rolled up shade was still where I had left it. Behind the shed I cut a couple of saplings with the ax on the chopping block. My pocketknife was always there just for jobs like this, so I cut off several feet of the shade, rolled it around the sticks, grabbed a piece of electric fence wire, and jogged back to the north end of the lake. Quickly I made a cross frame with the sticks and wire, and used some of the wire to attach the cloth.

Back on the ice I held onto the crossed sticks and raised my sail. Instantly the wind caught it, and nearly pulled me off balance. As expected, I was getting a fast ride across the ice. The wind powered me faster and faster. Bending my knees a bit, they became shock absorbers, protecting the rest of me from the chattering and vibrations of the rough, refrozen surface beneath my skates. I went faster and faster and wondered if anyone else had ever flown this fast on ice skates before? What sort of speed record was I creating? I still wonder. There was no way to know. I was mesmerized with the excitement.

It took all my concentration to hang on and not lose my balance and crash. Suddenly, it dawned on me that I had not been paying attention to what was happening. My speed was so fast, I was nearly out of control and nearly out of lake. I couldn't see around the sail to know how close I was to the south end of the lake which I must be quickly approaching. A touch of panic set in. I envisioned the woods on the south shore and the swift and sure danger that waited my immanent arrival. At this speed, hitting a tree would be certain disaster. In order to see ahead, the only thing I figured I could do was to lift the canvas and thrust it up and away—at the same time attempt to maintain my balance. I had been going at least 40 miles per hour. It worked. But the first glance at what was directly ahead was far worse than I had imagined.

The wooded shore was indeed right there, less than 100 feet away—not enough time or ice to slow down, or even turn away. No time left to think. I knew I was going to die. I hit the shoreline at such speed that my feet must have taken a dozen or more five-yard steps in rapid succession before I began to slow down and gain a semblance of control. Somehow I managed to stride through drifted snow, thread my speeding way through the bushes and between the trees, and was halfway up the wooded hillside before I could stop. There I sat for quite a while before skating back for my boots, and then home for chores and supper.

That was the last time I tried that experiment. I never had any other experiences so exciting and threatening until I learned to fly airplanes and helicopters in the Army. That sailing experience may have helped me know that somehow I, and those with me, would make it in 'Nam when I dodged more than trees during my two tours of duty there.

Alumni Abroad

In May of 2002, we caught up with one of our graduates of 1967, Abdulla Ismet, now living in Istanbul, Turkey. Given the current random acts of terror that have affected us all, and particularly, the most recent, senseless bombings in Istanbul, we hope that he and his family remain safe and are protected from the turmoil that surrounds them.

Abdulla Ismet (Donald E. Alden Jr.) born November 15, 1948 in Worcester, MA, graduated from Woodstock Academy in 1967. He continued his higher education at the American College in Bryn Mawr, PA, whereby he achieved the designation of Chartered Life Underwriter in 1979 and Chartered Financial Consultant in 1984. In 1980, Abdullah had changed his name due to a conversion to Islam. He obtained his MBA from Istanbul Bilgi University in 2000. He now resides in Istanbul, Turkey with his family.

Abdullah began a career in insurance with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company as a representative in 1972. He became licensed in the states of Maryland and New York, obtained his Equities Brokers License in New York in 1978 and became a sales manager for Metropolitan in 1976 until 1978. In 1978 he became a training manager until 1980, when he was appointed as district manager, and was assigned as a representative in Turkey from 1985 to 1987. During his tenure with Metropolitan, he also served as the Chairman of the Life Underwriters Training Council in 1975 and as President of the Raritan Association of Life Underwriters from 1976 to 1978.

In 1987, Abdullah became the editor of an English economic and trade newspaper called "Turkiye Ekonomik Gazetesi." From 1991 to 2001, he was employed as the General Manager of Ihlas Foreign Trade for 4 years, Marketing Director of Ihlas Textile Inc. for 1 year, and Assistant General Manager of marketing, training and agencies at the Ihlas Life Insurance Company for 5 years. He is now the Vice President of Ihlas Holding, a large multi-media (including newspaper, television and magazine publications), construction, finance and appliance production group of companies.

Ihlas Holding was founded with the establishment of the daily newspaper known as "Turkiye" in 1970. For the first time in Turkey, door-to-door delivery of a daily newspaper was accomplished. With its solid reputation as a pioneer and an innovator, the company soon started to employ this same method as a means to market and distribute all of its products countrywide. Ihlas Holding now employs over 15,000 personnel in 600 locations across Turkey, Budapest, Hungary (Balkans Regional Office) and in Frankfurt, Germany (European Regional Office).

Ihlas Holding is directly involved in the construction, healthcare and educational sectors of the economy. Through numerous subsidiaries and participations, it is represented in such sectors as media, marketing, insurance, real estate investment trust, production and marketing of consumer durables and beverages, and energy. Rewarding results have been achieved, as the company has made outstanding progress having worked in collaboration with McKinsey & Company, an internationally recognized consultation firm. Rapidly changing economic conditions have guided Ihlas Holding toward new visions and improved strategies geared toward development as a global company. Abdullah notes that the company, with its unique corporate culture, competent and qualified human resources, and a broad vision for the future, is currently among the most reputable companies in Turkey and should maintain a leadership position well into the future.

In addition to his position at Ihlas, Abdullah is also CEO and a partner of a company known as SUARE Productions Ltd. It produces video films for some of the most unique and successful companies worldwide, to be used as documercials for television. SUARE is an international representative of the California based company known as TVA, The Video Agency, which produces the prime time news magazine called "Business World News," and broadcasts nationwide in the USA and in 72 of the major cities on cable television. Abdullah's primary career ambition is to be instrumental in the establishment of a world standard, local channel, family viewing television-networking system throughout Turkey.

Abdullah is married and has two children. As we have corresponded over the last few years, it has been enlightening to hear his perspective, given the turmoil that borders his country and most recently, has struck at the heart of his community. He writes, "With all the turmoil around the world, to claim a safe haven is probably stretching it a little, but contrary to what many may envision about Turkey, this is truly one of the most beautiful and well advanced locations worldwide. Many are very surprised to learn that Turkey covers two continents (Europe and Asia). Turkey is also one of the seven self-sufficient countries of the world and we have one of the richest histories known to man." He also comments on the proximity to the conflict in Iraq: "It is very saddening, to have the events that are occurring in our neighboring country to the south. While it is true that they needed to be liberated from the cruel leadership that they were under, the method used has inflicted too many deaths of the wrong people and a great animosity between peoples that are traditionally warm hearted and kind. It will take true courage and wisdom to find effective and long lasting solutions to the problems that are now festering, and it appears that it is the historical problem of egos that are preventing any progress. In the end, I am certain that it will be finally resolved by people setting aside their petty differences and starting to listen to each other and cooperating."

At the time of this publication, suicide bombings took place in Istanbul. Knowing that Abdullah and his family live and work there, it would have been difficult to publish this article without verifying whether he and his family were safe. He graciously responded to say that neither he, nor any family or immediate friends were affected. The bombing, however, was very close to where his son works and his building shook as if there were an earthquake.

Abdullah also wrote, "Many people try to comprehend what terrorism is and why it especially affects innocent people with no relation to whatever the perpetrators imagine their cause to be. Cowardly people that have access to using those that are ignorant is as volatile a formula as mixing petrol with fire. Festering prejudices between people that do not even know each other, historically, has always been an effective weapon. Recently the tools of these cruel people have been ignorant people that call themselves Muslim, who are so deceived that they do not even realize that what they are doing is strictly forbidden in Islam. Both suicide and homicide are among those things strictly forbidden, and their recompense is extremely severe."

Abdullah sums up what we all have been feeling since September 11th: "The cruel, that are using prejudices to foster hatred, are not limited to the Bin Ladens. Many an infamous person has used the affects of this tool to their advantage, openly and blatantly. And we, the masses, just stare in awe at how much destruction can be caused without a true sense of feelings for the innocent mothers and children that just happen to be in the wrong place at the wrong time."

We look forward to continuing our correspondence with Abdullah and hope that we can reach other alumni abroad who can share their perspective of the world. And although we may be worlds apart, it is obvious that all of us – no matter where we are – share the same concerns, fears and hopes for world that we live in.

Geneva Cross White celebrated her 70th year as a Woodstock Academy alumnus in 2002, graduating from the Academy with the Class of 1932. Mrs. White currently lives in Thompson on the family farm where she and her husband raised their three children, Jane, Justin and Sarah. She was willing to share some of her photos from the late 1920's and early 30's with us and some of her wonderful memories of the Academy.



(Left to Right) Front Row: Evelyn Morgan, Geneva Cross, Sarah Zipkin, Frieda Kuper, Rosalma Lachapelle, Dorcas Johnson, Elizabeth Gifford. Back Row: Donald Child, Edna Hibbard, Ida Sheldon, Laurence McWilliams, Florence Neely, Katherine Foskett, Mrs. Tuttle (advisor), Dudley Gifford.



Faculty and Varsity Field Hockey Game, 1930.

Academy Years, 1928-1932

By Geneva Cross White

I graduated in 1932 and enjoyed every day. There were no school busses the first two years of my being at the Academy and my brother and I walked the four miles from our home, as most other students did in those days. There was a small bus the last two years, driven by Asa Scranton who owned and worked in the blacksmith shop that is now in South Woodstock. We walked a mile to meet the bus. In the winter, when there was snow, we skied cross-country to the Academy. There was no electricity in rural areas in Woodstock until 1933, so much of our homework was done by kerosene lamplight.

My three sisters, who graduated between 1923 and 1927, drove a horse and buggy to school. The horse was left in the horse sheds behind what was then the Swedish Church, now the Evangelical Covenant Church. They would have to go over to the shed at noon to feed and tend the horse.

Our day at school began with meeting together in the study hall. The Principal, Mr. Eugene Ellis, would lead us in the Lord's Prayer and the salute to the flag. He would then teach us the school songs of the Ivy League schools and the military service songs. Then, often, a prominent citizen would give a presentation. Often it would be Mr. Henrichs, a New York City lawyer, and grandfather of Dr. David Bates, who would talk about his travels or recite Shakespeare and scripture.

We would then tend to our classes. The Principal and his family had their private residence right inside the Academy building, although in my last year he and his family moved into what was known as the Century Cottage on Child Hill Road (what has been known as the Headmaster's house beside the Evangelical Covenant Church for many years).

I was center on the girls' field hockey team and we would travel by private vehicle to other schools for games such as Worcester, to play the Girls Club, or to Thompson to the Howe-Marot School near the corner of Rte. 21 and Rte. 193.

All our classrooms were on the first and second floor of the Academy building. I distinctly remember that there was a beautiful collection of real stuffed birds on the second floor. There was no dining hall or cafeteria. We all carried our own lunches and either ate at our desks or out on the steps.

Our graduating class was comprised of 14 members and exercises were held in the auditorium on the second floor of the Academy building. Unfortunately, I have lost contact with most of those members through the years.



Students who didn't dress for the Valentine's Day Cut-Ups, 1930.



Mrs. White at the 2001 Bicentennial Celebration.



Academy students and staff, 1932.



Graduating Class of 1924, Miss Elisabeth Rollins seated center and Miss Lydia Taber to the right.

school day. There was no such thing as a snow day. Sometimes she would make the trek more than once, depending on whether there was a basketball game in the evening. On many a winter day, if there was enough snow, she would bring her sled to school and use it to sled home from school, down Child Hill. There were no busses to school and she remembers that students who came from a distance, particularly students from Eastford, would arrive by horse and carriage. The horses were kept in stalls at what is now the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Classes were held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the only building on campus, the Academy building. Mrs. Anderson recalls that Principal Maurice Childs lived there as well. In addition to serving as Principal, he taught Latin, French, geometry, algebra and history. The main room on the first floor was where the students' desks were and the large room upstairs had a stage and was where they played basketball, held proms, plays and graduation. The library was in the back of the school. Mrs. Anderson remembers that students were asked to sell tags to raise money in her last year at the Academy to build what would be the Hall Memorial Gymnasium.

Mrs. Anderson stated that although she didn't consider herself to be any kind of athlete, she managed the basketball team and she did enjoy playing cricket, just for fun. A young teacher introduced cricket to the students and they were given a place to play out back. They did not compete as a sports team. She also reluctantly admitted getting reprimanded when she and three friends decided that it would be a lovely day to eat their lunch in the bell tower. They were informed that it was simply not proper and she noted that she and her accomplices went out of their way, for the next several days, to eat their lunch in the walkway, in plain sight.

Academies, at the time, prepared young men to enter colleges such as Yale, Harvard and Brown. The boys studied Latin and Greek for their entrance exams. The young ladies studied to become one-room schoolteachers. Mrs. Anderson studied English, French, Latin and history. She remembers that Ethel Upham was a particularly strict teacher, stricter than most, and taught Latin and French. Mrs. Anderson's ambition was, in fact, to become a teacher. She went on to study at Mt. Ida, Temple, and eventually entered a teacher-training program at Adelphi College in New York. However, her mother became ill and she fulfilled her responsibility to her family and returned home to help with the family farm.

The graduation exercises for the Class of 1924 were duly noted and covered in detail in a full-page article in the Putnam Patriot on Friday, June 13, 1924. It was noted that up until 1922, the feature of graduation exercises was the planting of the class ivy and delivery of the ivy oration. The practice was discontinued but the Class of 1924 decided to replace it with a tree planting and oration. Mrs. Anderson stated that she wrote and read the class poem for the ceremony. She was accompanied by Robert Scranton who read the class oration, and Charles Peckham who read the tree oration.

According to the class prophecy of 1924, Mrs. Anderson's teaching ambition was far from what her classmates predicted of her. It was prophesized that, "Miss Elisabeth Rollins, after completing her courses in Interior Decorating at Connecticut College in New London, is one of the most experienced in her line in New York." When next we visit, we'll have to ask how her classmates came about this interesting prediction.

Mrs. Anderson will soon celebrate her 80th year as an Academy alumnus and has kept her memories of the Academy close at heart. She generously shares her collection of photos with the Academy and has most of them displayed with the Historical Society. Most of the photos were taken by her father, Mr. Edward Rollins, who was a professional photographer. We particularly appreciate and enjoy our visits with Mrs. Anderson, as she continues to express her fondness for the Academy and her appreciation for the wonderful education she and her family have received over the years. We are looking forward to our next visit – and we'll have to ask about her flare for interior design!



Headmaster Weaver with Mrs. Anderson (left) and Mrs. Sanga for their 75th reunion in June, 1999.

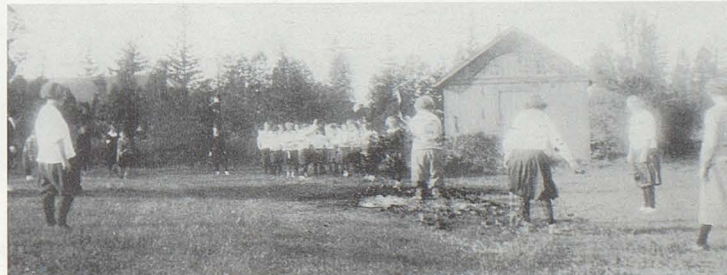


Headmaster Weaver with Mrs. Anderson at her home in July, 2003.

Elisabeth Rollins Anderson to Celebrate 80 Years as Academy Alumnus

Headmaster Weaver fondly remembers his visit with two members of the Class of 1924 in June of 1999, when Mrs. Elisabeth Rollins Anderson and Mrs. Lydia Taber Sanga got together to celebrate 75 years as Academy graduates. Sadly, Mrs. Sanga has since passed away, on December 25, 2000, leaving Mrs. Anderson as the last surviving member of their class. We visited with Mrs. Anderson, most recently this past July, when she graciously shared her Academy experiences with us once more.

Mrs. Anderson, who turned 98 in October of this year, was one of 10 graduates of the Class of 1924, with three girls and seven boys. She has lived in Woodstock since the age of 3, at the bottom of Child Hill Road, walking up the hill to the Academy every



Mrs. Anderson remembers playing cricket in the back of the Academy building. One of the teachers liked cricket, so they began playing. She believes that only girls played and doesn't remember playing other schools. She doesn't think that they took the sport too seriously.

Commencement 2002

Inspirational Reading Baccalaureate 2002

By Paul Cunningham



I have been charged with the responsibility of delivering what we call in the Academy Sunday tradition "The Inspirational Reading". Which means that I'm supposed to find something written by somebody else that I believe can provide inspiration to you, the graduates of the Class of 2002. I believe that I have found such a reading, but I beg your patience in allowing me to explain why I think this particular piece is relevant to you.

Let me read the beginning of this passage, and see if you can figure out when it was written.

"... There is nothing mysterious about the foundations of a healthy and strong democracy. The basic things expected by our people and of their political and economic systems are simple. They are: Equality of opportunity for youth and for others; jobs for those who can work; security for those who need it; the ending of special privilege for the few; the preservation of civil liberties for all; the enjoyment of the fruits of scientific progress in a wider and constantly rising standard of living.

These are the simple and basic things that must never be lost sight of in the turmoil and unbelievable complexity of our modern world. The inner and abiding strength of our economic and political systems is dependent upon the degree to which they fulfill these expectations...."

It seems to me that this could be the beginning of a speech recently delivered by President Bush. The concerns about preserving civil liberties, safeguarding social security, encouraging economic growth, and harnessing scientific progress for the promotion of human dignity are all still issues of pressing concerns to us today. In fact, this comes from President Franklin Roosevelt's famous Four Freedoms speech delivered to Congress in January of 1941, 11 months prior to U.S. entry into World War II.

For you, whose senior year will always be remembered for the events of September 11th, I think it is inspirational to look back to a time when Americans were contemplating how to preserve their way of life in a time of dire threats.

Therefore, please listen to what else President Roosevelt had to say and measure for yourself how well we as a nation have fulfilled his vision:

"In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want, which, translated into world terms, means economic understandings, which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants everywhere in the world. The fourth freedom is freedom from fear – which translated into world terms, means a worldwide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor – anywhere in the world.

That is no vision of a distant millennium. It is a definite basis for a kind of world attainable in our own time and generation. That kind of world is the very antithesis of the so-called new order for tyranny which the dictators seek to create with the crash of a bomb.

To that new order we oppose the greater conception – the moral order. A good society is able to face schemes of world domination and foreign revolutions alike without fear.

Since the beginning of our American history we have been engaged in change – in a perpetual peaceful revolution- a revolution which goes on steadily, quietly adjusting itself to changing conditions – without the concentration camp or the quicklime in a ditch. The world order which we seek is the cooperation of free countries, working together in a friendly, civilized society."

On all four measures of freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from economic want, and freedom from fear of military aggression, we have clearly failed quite miserably to create the world that FDR believed could be created in his own generation. So right now, you should be asking yourself: what has gotten into Mr. Cunningham that he considers these failures to be the heart of an inspirational reading? Now is the point where I need your indulgence and patience while I explain why I see this as inspirational.

It is because of the quality of people like you that I and your parents and many others have hope for the future. The education of a young person is the ultimate act of hope that a society can take. Spending the time, energy, and resources to educate you says that we believe in the future. We believe that you will be able to apply your knowledge to make a better world. We know that you will apply the wisdom that comes with education to find a way to make a better life for yourself and for those around you. And it is in particular actions taken by members of your class that we see evidence that our hopes for the future have been placed in good hands.

For example, I'm not sure how many of you are aware of an action taken by Seth Mitchell, your class president. Seth wrote a letter thanking the faculty of Woodstock Academy on your behalf. In it, he wrote to the teachers, "Were it not for teachers ... it would be impossible for us to grow as individuals, as wisdom is acquired and not inherent ... your wisdom will live on in our minds and those of others, as we will try our best to educate the next generation as you have done ours." The fact that Seth would take the time to write such touching words in the midst of the busy final week of school brought a lump to the throat of many teachers who found this letter in their mailboxes. Actions like this help to create what Roosevelt called a "friendly, civilized society."

Freedom from fear was one of President Roosevelt's most basic hopes. Anybody here who saw Shayna Brouillard's interpretive dance on Class Night can attest to the

fact that young people today will not succumb to fear, but instead will face the future with heads held high. Their creativity and determination act as antidotes to the fear that some would try to instill in us.

The President envisioned a world free of economic want, and while we have not yet achieved such a thing, the fault certainly does not lie in your hands. Among those of you seated before me are the pairs of hands that have cumulatively performed thousands of hours of community service. Last year, Derek Child coordinated the Operation Day's Work program through which the members of your class and others raised over \$3,000 to help educate children in rural villages in Nepal. Others donated their time or their money this year to share the gift of education with Ethiopian teenagers. Names too numerous to mention raised over \$14,000 for Relay for Life just from Woodstock Academy teams alone. Beyond money, there were the Hillsingers who arrived early in the morning at the Relay for Life to help boost spirits with their beautiful songs, some of them having been up until all hours of the night as cast members in the Sound of Music. Then there were individuals like Casey Shevin who spent her summer working with poverty-stricken youngsters on an Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Or John Graham and Adam Porter-Price, both of whom completed significant public service projects to earn their Eagle Scout. Steve Kovalck, as president of the National Honor Society, helped coordinate volunteer opportunities for dozens of you. With continued efforts like these, Roosevelt's dream of freedom from want will surely be fulfilled by your generation.

When the president called for the preservation of civil liberties for all, he could have been thinking about someone like Nate Beckman working with Amnesty International and GSA to ensure that such liberties are respected at home and abroad.

To see that the freedom of individuals to worship God in their own way is alive and well, all you need to do is turn to the senior layouts in the yearbook to find the many students who made mention of the role that their faith has played in shaping who they are today.

When President Roosevelt sketched the image of a world in which America acts as a leader in creating a moral order that ensures justice and safety for all, he didn't realize that we would have to wait for the Class of 2002 to produce a person like Jacob Sheehan who will soon depart for the United States Military Academy at West Point as an individual of great moral stature who will serve his country in a manner that will make all of us proud. And Raja Tarabishy and Dave Baillargeon both articulated their visions of America in award-winning Voice of Democracy speeches. I have only been able to mention the great deeds accomplished by a handful of the members of the class, but I know that every one of you has helped create one of the outstanding graduating classes of Woodstock Academy.

So when President Roosevelt wrote 61 years ago that "A good society is able to face schemes of world domination and foreign revolutions alike without fear", I know that you, the members of the Class of 2002, are doing everything in your power to create that good society. We, the adults who have invested so much into your education, have certainly received a great return on our investment.

Vanessa Tegtmeier ended her yearbook page with these words: "We have a dream, a vision for the future and now we are ready to focus on setting and achieving our goals." I wish you all the greatest fortune as you all work toward those goals, secure in the knowledge that you will each, in your own unique way, help our nation and our world to achieve President Roosevelt's vision.

Baccalaureate Address 2002

By Robert Derrico

Four years ago these young men and women came here without a plan. They were low on the totem pole. Since then, this great Academy has given them the knowledge and guidance to prepare them for the world. For they are the leaders of tomorrow. They are the future. The future of this community, the future of this state, the future of this nation, the future of the world, the future of

I had strict orders from my Sports Medicine class not talk about the "future". But I couldn't resist. I won't bother to tell you that you are the future. Mostly because I do not want to feel the wrath of Jay Kilburn's well-developed Wal-Mart muscles. Is he here? Is he awake? Orders were to keep it personal, talk about the students. So I will. I am going against the conventional parenting and teaching wisdom which is "give them what they want - last. You'll get more out of them."

I remember some things about this class of 2002. I remember when you were cute little freshmen. I remember when Josh, Joe and friends shaved their heads as sophomores. I remember the sports, the plays, the concerts, the shows. I remember my sports medicine class. I remember Advanced Team sports this year. I remember Adam Perreault hitting golf balls off the roof at Vineyard Valley Golf Course. I remember coffee at Bakers Dozen. I remember arrows going through the Academy Building. I remember "Wayne's Lotto Dream". I remember Floyd's smooth golf swing. I remember when Kevin's truck was



The Class of 2002 dedicated their yearbook to Bob Derrico. They described him as "a role model as well as a friend to the students at Woodstock Academy. With his positive attitude and constant smile, he is one of the greatest uplifting spirits in the school as well as the community...Whether on the soccer field or in the classroom, there is no question that this man is motivated by his heart. Being a champion in meeting life's challenges is what Mr. Robert Derrico is all about." (2002 Academy Yearbook)

Baccalaureate Address 2002 Continued

normal size. I remember when Dave's car went over the bank. I don't think I can remember when Jesse's car was in one piece. I don't want to remember the flying squirrel. I remember when Jaimie – Lee was in the top 20 in the world in her event. I remember all of the artwork. I remember when Mel needed a break. I remember Ashley L. Ashley W., Ashley H., ASHLEY F., and Ashton. I remember Josh's pink shirt. I remember when Adam Porter Price slowed down on the road. I remember the non-smiling, anorexic looking, totally exhausted, dragging themselves onto any couch they could find, sleeping in class but very successful wrestlers.

I remember some nicknames: Suzie Spleen, Kev Bo, Uncle Deester, The Bo dozer, Thin Lizzy, Uncle Cliff, Jules Macgegar, Corn Dog, Jake the Snake, Strandi Man, Andy Man, Willy, Ches for Pres, Harley, Ko Ko, Woody, D.C., L-Train, Hunter.

I remember Gerry Suprenant, I remember Beth Dauray, I remember Linda Goodrich, I remember Mrs. Seney. I remember when we thought Mark Paquin was going to die. I remember when Mark Paquin walked back into school. I remember walking back into school. I remember all of the cards you sent me. I remember the beautiful paper that Corey Barrette wrote about me.

I remember Nick, Nick and Dave saving lives. I remember Amber and Sarah's cooking experience. I remember you two couple of Lucys. I think I remember when Kaitlyn was in Sports Medicine for the whole period. I remember Mrs. Dower. I remember West Point. I remember white cheddar ... Justine. I remember "let's go men." I remember "Cliff's Joint". I remember Stavin. I remember breaking into a lot of your cars... some were running!

I could keep going, on and on and on, but I won't. The fact that I remember so much is a tribute to you, not me. You've made your mark on me and for that I am a better parent, teacher and person. It is the personal aspect of life that truly makes the world go round. Now it is my duty as an adult and your speaker to leave you with some words of wisdom. I will never in my life forget the speech I made to you on September 11th. And when I agreed to speak today, I didn't know what else to say – as some of you know, there's only so much up there. I took me weeks to figure it out, I came up with some definite ideas, but I couldn't put it together. And then it came to me, on paper. Already written by someone else! So I had to use it – sound familiar?

This is part of a graduation speech that was given by novelist and speech writer, Anna Quindlen, to the graduates of Villanova University this year. I'd like to share some of that speech with you, as it not only mirrors many of my ideas, it also seems to be about me.

"My work is human nature. Real life is all I know. Don't ever confuse the two, your life and your work. The second is only part of the first. Don't ever forget what a friend once wrote about Senator Paul Tsongas when the senator decided not to run for re-election because he had been diagnosed with cancer. "No man ever said on his deathbed, 'I wish I had spend more time at the office'." Don't ever forget the words my father sent me on a postcard last year: "If you win the rat race, you're still a rat." Or what John Lennon wrote before he was gunned down in the driveway of the Dakota: "Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans."

You will walk out of here this afternoon with only one thing that no one else has. There will be hundreds of people out there with the same degree; there will thousands of people doing what you want to do for a living. But you will be the only person who has sole custody of your life. Your entire life. Not just your life at a desk, or your life on a bus, or in a car, or at the computer. Not just the life of your mind, but the life of your heart. Not just your bank account, but your soul.

People don't talk about the soul very much anymore. It's so much easier to write a resume than to craft a spirit. But a resume is a cold comfort on a winter night, or when you're sad, or broke, or lonely, or when you've gotten back the test results and they're not so good.

Here is my resume: I am a good mother to three children. I have tried never to let my profession stand in the way of being a good parent. I no longer consider myself the center of the universe. I show up. I listen. I try to laugh. I am a good friend to my husband. I have tried to make marriage vows mean what they say. I am a good friend to my friends, and they to me. Without them, there would be nothing to say to you today, because I would be a cardboard cutout. But I call them on the phone, and I meet them for lunch. I would be rotten, or at best mediocre at my job, if those other things were not true. You cannot be really first rate at your work if your work is all you are.

So here is what I wanted to say to you today: Get a life. A real life, not a manic pursuit of the next promotion, the bigger paycheck, the larger house. Do you think you'd care so very much about those things if you blew an aneurysm one afternoon, or found a lump in your breast? Get a life in which you notice the smell of salt water pushing itself on a breeze over Seaside Heights, a life in which you stop and watch how a red tailed hawk circles over the water or the way a baby scowls with concentration when she tries to pick up a Cheerio with her thumb and first finger. Get a life in which you are not alone. Find people you love, and who love you. And remember that love is not leisure, it is work. Pick up the phone. Send an e-mail. Write a letter.

Get a life in which you are generous. And realize that life is the best thing ever, and that you have no business taking it or those you love for granted. Care so deeply about its goodness that you want to spread it around. Take money you would have spent on beers and give it to charity. Work in a soup kitchen. Be a big brother or sister. All of you want to do well. But if you do not do good too, then doing well will never be enough.

It's so easy to waste our lives, our days, our hours, our minutes. It is so easy to take for granted the color of our kids' eyes, the way the melody in symphony rises and falls and disappears and rises again. It is so easy to exist instead of to live. I learned to live many years ago. Something really, really bad happened to me, something that changed my life in ways that, if I had my druthers, it would never had been changed at all. And what I learned from it is what today, seems to the hardest lesson of all: I learned to love the journey, not the destination. I learned that it is not a dress rehearsal, and that today is the only guarantee you get. I learned to look at all the good in the world and try to give some of it back because I believed in it, completely and utterly.

And I tried to do that, in part, by telling others what I had learned. By telling them to consider the lilies of the field, look at the fuzz on a baby's ear, read in the backyard with the sun on your face, learn to be happy. And think of life as a terminal illness, because if you do, you will live it with joy and passion as it ought to be lived."

Thank you to the Class of 2002 for four great years and congratulations.

Ordinary Heroism

By Melissa St. Jean, Class of 2002

Kathryn Robertson Essay Award Winner

Soldiers always say that before a battle or big event, there seems to be dead silence, like the calm before a storm. This was the case on September eleventh, second period, Dr. Kirk's English class. The only sound one could hear was the scratch of pencil on paper and the occasional murmur of a hushed conversation, until the silence was shattered. The door was flung open, and the news delivered in short, staccato sentences. "There has been an attack in New York City. Both World Trade Centers have collapsed. We'll keep you up to date." Before anyone even approached the computer, before a word was said, we all knew it was true, because of the look in our Headmaster's eyes. The look of complete, dead shock. This look would become all too familiar to us in the days to come, as we would see it in the faces of newscasters, teachers, relatives, fellow students, and each other. This was big, this was going into the history books, and for the first time this year, we saw the grim side of being on the verge of adulthood. For once, we were all wishing that we were not old enough to understand.

Beginning with that afternoon, we followed the news coverage religiously, and were confronted every day with images of horror and terrorism. We saw firsthand the face of evil, and while we wished more and more every day that we were children again, wrapped in the comfort of ignorance, we were subconsciously doing something that every child does; searching for heroes, role models to restore order in a world gone haywire. September eleventh had changed us in three very concrete ways: it redefined the meaning of a "hero", it forced us to recognize the responsibilities that come with our most basic of beliefs and rights, and it made us re-evaluate our goals and values as a generation, for the present and the future.

As a child, our heroes could be Superman, Spiderman, our parents, or our teachers. All in all, this was a perfect balance; Superman could fly, and he had a cape. Spiderman was fast, we wished we could flip in the air like him, and his eyes would make any villain cringe. Our moms or dads always made us feel better and they always seemed in control, we wanted to be like them when we grew up, and well, our elementary school teachers just always seemed so smart. As one matures, he also sees other meanings of heroism defined in literature, in history, and in the news. For example, Huckleberry Finn, who saved his best friend's life even though it went against everything he had ever been taught, or Martin Luther King, Jr. who dared to speak out against gross injustice while many looked on in silence. There is also Christopher Reeves, a former Superman who added yet another dimension to his "hero" image by triumphing against almost impossible odds after a debilitating accident. However, after September eleventh, our idea of heroism is redefined yet again. Children, adolescents, and adults alike looked at policemen, firefighters, and emergency personnel with new eyes. Honors normally reserved for celebrities and role models that children used to admire are bestowed upon members of the NYPD and NYFD. They are presenters and honorees at nationally televised awards shows, they are recognized at the Olympics and the Superbowl, and they march and travel in the Macy's Day Parade. But more importantly, they were regarded respectfully and greeted with standing ovations. They are ordinary men and women, in ordinary situations, thrust into extraordinary roles to do extraordinary things. That is the true definition of a hero.

But why did we have to search for heroes in ordinary men and women? Because we see now that as a "free" nation, we have a responsibility to and for humanity, that the common man and woman both have roles to play to continue to ensure our most basic freedoms. Because we are a world superpower we can and have been fortunate in having those basic freedoms, but what does it mean to be a world superpower? To our generation, prior to 9/11, it meant security, security in our safety, security in our choices and opportunities for advancement. Our first official documents as a country speak again and again of our "rights" and "freedoms," of "liberty and justice for all". Now, even more, one hears how lucky we are to live in the United States. Reflect on all of the things that we take for granted that citizens of foreign countries go without, for example, free speech. Women in Afghanistan cannot speak when they like or to whom they would like. Another example is the right of the pursuit of happiness; many Communist countries restrict the career advancement of their citizens. Seeing the terrible reality of situations outside our borders makes us appreciate freedom more, but we also see the responsibility that freedom brings. After the news of September eleventh began to sink in, the event made the country begin to question the greatness of our world superpower. We had felt safe, walking the streets every day without a thought of attack or war. We saw ourselves as invincible, the policemen of the world, the keepers of the peace. Perhaps one of the most stirring and powerful images that emerged was that of Afghani children dancing around in the streets, being handed candy in celebration of the terrorism committed against us. Being on the receiving end of violence is not something that we the people of the United States of America are used to. To have to second-guess our foreign policy and past government actions, whether it is during past wars or overseas conflicts, makes us feel less and less like a superpower, even vulnerable not only to outside attacks but also to conflicts inside our borders. Those Afghani children seemed almost familiar when compared to a video clip I once saw of the reaction in Times Square when the news of the atomic bomb and Japanese surrender was delivered, during World War II. Then, as now, unconditional joy and celebration was reflected on everyone's faces. While we all know that the reason for this joy was not the deaths of thousands of innocent Japanese civilians, one cannot help but look at those Afghani children with new eyes, after the initial anger has died down. What did we do to deserve these acts of hatred? Could we have somehow avoided it, with different government action and a more cautious foreign policy? Are we, to Afghanistan, what the Japanese were to us? We are now faced with a tug of war of emotion – on one hand, we want nothing more than to avenge the deaths of our thousands of innocents, yet on the other hand, we want to make no more missteps to warrant any more attacks.

Our generation, one of constant forward motion, now has been forced to take a step back and rethink our past actions and those of our forefathers. In the blockbuster film "Spiderman", released earlier this year, the "hero" says, "with great power comes great responsibility," and we feel this responsibility on our shoulders today.

Our generation has the power to change the way other people, other nations, and other generations view us. We as Americans, and also as graduates, are faced with many decisions at this point in our lives, questions involving the future, and also the past. September eleventh makes us think more slowly and more carefully about how we present ourselves to everyone we meet, it makes us re-evaluate our roles politically, personally and morally. Politically, we want to change the way other nations view

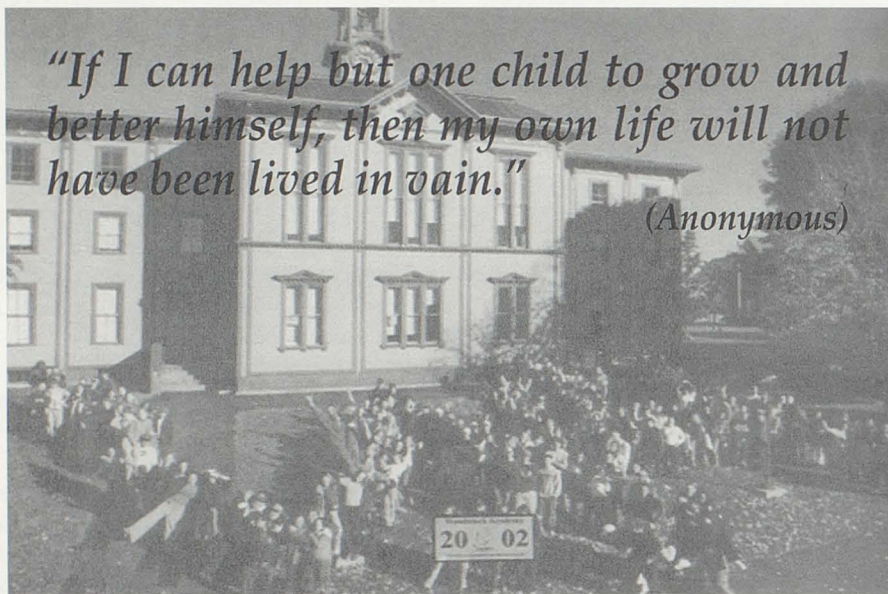
Ordinary Heroism Continued

us, not as an untouchable superpower, speaking softly and carrying a big stick, but as a reasonable negotiating force. Personally, we want to develop places in the work force, in the community, in a family, to form units and relationships with people that are true and lasting. Morally, we ask ourselves what kind of character we want to portray as a generation. Do we want to be remembered as the "digital generation," communicating only through keyboards and hardly ever face-to-face? Do we want to be part of a generation where one finds a job solely online and never gets to test out the strength of their boss' handshake? Some call us the "lost" generation. Will we let ourselves be labeled so, or will we allow this tragic experience to help us "find" ourselves again?

As we think over these questions and many more in the months and the years to come, as we look around us as we sit in these seats, I ask you to search not only in your fireman and policemen and medical personnel for heroes, while they are excellent examples. Look closer, maybe even to the seat to the immediate left or right of you. Consider the heroes around you now in your class, people you have known for 4 or more years. People like Seth Mitchell and Dave Elliott, who saw the heroism in volunteer firefighters long before the events of September eleventh. Or people like Dave Baillargeon and Derek Child, who are planning to major in political science and work to preserve the very basic rights and freedoms that were threatened by the events of this fall. Consider Lauren Gries, who reached people all over America with her vision of freedom, portrayed though art on paper, and the many, many of us who are planning on serving our country in the several branches of the Armed Forces, or as teachers and other professionals. These are also our heroes, common men and women doing uncommon things. When people ask us, years from now, what we were doing on September eleventh, we will say many different things. But if they ask how it has changed us, I hope we will say the same thing: that it allowed us to see not only the darkest side of the human race, but also the brightest, and to recognize that the best and brightest part of the human race is all around you, in every person at this ceremony, in every student in the school, and in every member of this class.

"If I can help but one child to grow and better himself, then my own life will not have been lived in vain."

(Anonymous)



A Letter from the Class of 2002

As we count down the final days of the school year, a million emotions churn through our heads and hearts. Relief, anxiety, exuberation, and uncertainty are just a few that keep us conflicted as we look to the future. One emotion, however, that we, the Class of 2002, will never have to experience is that of despair - of being unable to cope with the situations life hands us. For we have prepared in the last four years to make the remainder of our lives happy and prosperous. Due to you, the Teachers and Faculty of Woodstock Academy, we will be able to move into the next stage of our lives with confidence and belief in our own abilities. And for that we can never thank you enough.

Teachers are perhaps the most undervalued and overlooked members of the workplace, as they rarely receive the recognition they deserve. You are the ones who help mold the lawyers, doctors, and Presidents of the next generation. Were it not for teachers, we would be unable to learn from past mistakes or to gain perspectives into other cultures. It would be impossible for us to grow as individuals, as wisdom is acquired, and not inherent. Most importantly, however, teachers encourage the growth of entire societies, and credit for every technological advance should be shared by them. In the eyes of scholars and historians, it is not the students who are remembered thousands of years after their accomplishments, but the teachers who made it all possible.

Some of the most recognizable figures throughout history were educators, as it has always been a job for the extremely intelligent and motivated. Socrates, Homer, Plato, and Gandhi were all teachers, and their impact on the human civilization is seen today all around us. You, the teachers, help us to think for ourselves and direct our flow of knowledge, ensuring that every last one of us becomes the most intelligent person we are capable of. You do not let any of us fall by the wayside on the road of life, and are instead always there to lend a helping hand when it is needed most. In this way, your profession is truly unique, as you help all humans alike.

To all the Faculty of Woodstock Academy, we as a class offer you our sincerest thank you. Though we may have been a handful at times, even rowdy perhaps, please know that your lessons have not fallen on deaf ears. Your wisdom will live on in our minds and those of others, as we will try our best to educate the next generation as you have done ours. Right now we are only children toddling about in the giant shoes you leave to fill; but with the lessons you have taught us, we are confident in our ability to stretch them. You leave us as prepared for life as we can be, and words can never do justice to the debt we owe all of you. We must now go forward into the unknown future, hoping to make you proud in the years to come. For you, teachers of Woodstock Academy, have made us proud. Farewell, adios, au revoir, arrive merci; and good luck with the classes of the future.

Sincerely,

The Class of 2002

(written by Seth Mitchell, Class President on behalf of the Class)

Annual Report of the Headmaster 2001-2002

In many ways, 2001-2002 was defined by 9-11 and its' aftermath. The Academy experienced a unique sense of family and purpose in the weeks and months following the tragedy. Perhaps more than any other single event, this challenge refocused and unified our effort – and reflected our nation's response of determination and resolve. At the end of the year, our students were recognized for their efforts to aid 9-11 victims (through a scholarship fund) when Derek Child was asked to open the Connecticut Republican State Convention with the Pledge of Allegiance.

This winter, Woodstock Academy took an active part in discussions relative to high school choice for Brooklyn students. It is our position that the Academy is, and should remain, a valuable, rigorous academic experience for area students who choose to enroll here. I am proud to point out that the top graduates from the class of 2002 represent all of the major sending towns. You should know that Steve Kovalck (Brooklyn), the class Valedictorian, will attend Boston University on a Presidential Scholarship. Jacob Sheehan (Eastford), the Salutatorian and Yale Cup winner, will attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and Derek Child (Woodstock), has been admitted to the prestigious School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. Pomfret's Rebecca Cyr, also a winner of the Yale Cup, is on her way to Mount Holyoke.

Memorable student activities from the year would have to include the excellent production of "Sound of Music", realized through the work of over 40 students, directed by Jason Musko and Amy Ranta. Bob Warren's cameo as a Nazi admiral seemed satirically appropriate. Guests were thrilled by the singing of Katie Higgins, Adam Porter-Price, and Andrea Warford. This was preceded by the equally stunning "Midsummer's Night Dream", directed by Richard Telford.

The Art Department and EASTCONN sponsored "Faces of Culture", a gathering of approximately 300 student artists and teachers from throughout Eastern Ct. The day was punctuated by student presentations of music, poetry, graphics, and sculpture. In this first contest of its kind, Woodstock Academy took first place in seven out of ten highly competitive adjudicated categories.

Our sports programs remain competitive with the addition of varsity wrestling and lacrosse and an ECC championship in boy's soccer and girl's tennis. Individual honors included Amy Hick's All American performance at Nebraska in the 1500 meters. Kevin Joly broke a long-standing class and school pole vault record at 14'6". Kevin joins Rich Russo, Neil Syriac, Gary Kelly, and Kevin White as State Champions and previous record holders in the pole vault. All ECC honors were awarded to twenty-five Academy student-athletes. In addition, John Graham won the Class "M" championship in cross-country.

The Academy is a school with a shared sense of purpose and belonging. My best anecdote from this year comes from Bob Derrico's effort to raise "Relay for Life" money for cancer research. On a Tuesday morning, early in June, I left my office for lunch in the Commons. Halfway there, I heard the sound that terrifies old administrators – yelling and loud chanting coming from the dining hall. I had not heard anything like that since the early '70's, when someone had dumped over 20 gallons of the doctored beef stew on the floor of the hall gym.

The chanting, as it turned out, came from four teachers who had volunteered to be taped to the four columns in the Commons. A student could buy a yard of tape for \$1, or a roll of tape for \$5. Encased in tape, the teachers chanted "let us go, let us eat!" The students were hysterical with laughter. Several students volunteered to be taped – next year. Over \$10,000 was raised for the cancer fund by faculty, staff, and students.

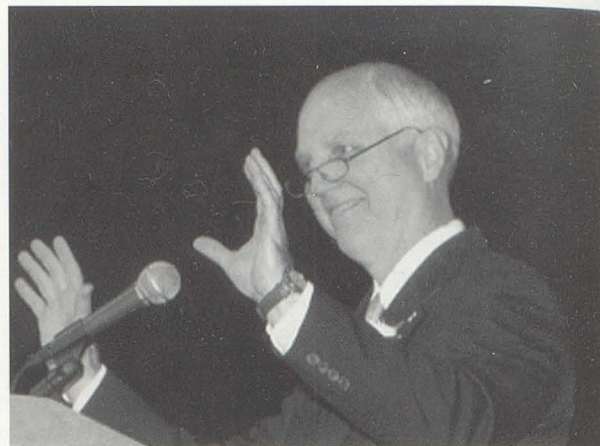
My point is that we work together better than at any time in my memory. We have high expectations of all our students and expect that they all will continue their studies beyond the Academy. In that context, I cannot overemphasize the importance and success of the Career Center, where students literally build the next step in their futures through research and portfolios.

It is our task to continue building upon this learning community. To that end, may 2002-2003 be dedicated to the future strength of the school, through improved student programs, and growth in our long-term resources of endowment and reserves.

Baccalaureate Address 2003

Questions for This In-Between Time

By Robert Kirk



I am honored to be asked to address you this afternoon ... I am honored – honored and humbled – to be named "Teacher of the Year" by my colleagues... and to be asked to deliver this address. I have received so much official recognition lately that I'm a little nonplussed. I'm used to laboring in obscurity. Where's David Pechie?

All this recognition is a little unnerving. I will say, however that although I am honored to be asked to address you today, it seems to me a dubious honor. It's a dubious honor because, let's face it, you're not in shape to hear a word I say. You're too excited. This is Graduation! You're a swirl of emotions. You're suffering from what we teachers call "cognitive overload"! You're just not able to process. And if you think you're in bad shape, just look at your parents. They're a basket case. So... where does that leave me?

I have a perfectly good Baccalaureate Address here. It's titled "Questions for This In-Between Time." And my audience isn't going to hear it because they're too busy drying their eyes and blowing their noses. I might as well stand up here and tell jokes... but if I read these jokes – well, it could be my last official act as a member of the faculty of Woodstock Academy. ...Let's go with the speech.

What I thought I'd talk to you about is – this "in-between time" you're about to enter. This wonderful in-between time: this time starting – say – Monday morning, and lasting up until whenever it is you start the next phase of your life. For many of you out there, that means college. For those of you going to college in the fall, you've got approximately 2 months of in-between time. What are you going to do with it?

Now, some of you do not plan to go to college in the fall, and maybe you won't get two months. Your in-between time may be shorter, much shorter. Take Brian Coleman for example. Brian will be reporting to Lackland Air Force Base in a few days.

However much in-between time you've got, and no matter when it happens, here is what I want you to do with it. I want you to daydream – in-between times are for daydreaming. I want you to ask yourself some big questions, big life questions.

The first question is, "Who am I?" I want you to set aside some time and think about who you are. You might want to begin by considering all the communities to which you belong or have belonged recently. Brainstorm a list of the various roles you fulfill or have fulfilled in those communities. Family...school or workplace...church...teams or bands or theatre groups or clubs...Boy Scouts...groups of friends...who are you in these communities?

Or you might get out the family scrapbook, and look over all the old photos of yourself. Really look! Enter back into the picture frame and become that person again. Use who you were in the past to help you determine who you are in the present, and perhaps plot a trajectory toward who you want to become in the future.

Feel free to follow your own process. The important thing is to spend some time with the question. Visualize yourself...create an image of yourself – of who you really are, and then step into it. "Who am I?" is always the first question, the essential question. Answering it is why you are here. And it is not answered with words. You can ask this question with words but you answer it with your life. How you live your life will be your answer.

The second big question is, "What are my 'special gifts'?" Answering this question is a large part of what you've been up to during the past four years. Identifying talents is what high school is about, after all. And you already know a lot about what you're good at.

Matt plays the guitar...Josh plays the drums...Pat and Denise are good at art...Kyle can run like a streak...Mike can play golf, Cat and Amy play tennis...Jess and Zach can sing...Brett Ruff has the ability to do serious scholarly work...and Brent Barker – well, Brent makes us laugh and that surely is a gift!

So many others of you have demonstrated such impressive abilities in so many areas during your time at WA. But I want you to go beyond all that. I want you to go deeper.

Here's what I recommend you do. Make a personal inventory. Take a piece of paper and make three columns. At the top of each column write the headings: Body, Mind, and Spirit. And then list all the special gifts that have that come to mind. One suggestion – start with spirit. Some of you have a gift of compassion for example. Or maybe you're a good listener. Or perhaps you're hospitable – you're good at making people feel welcome and at home. Once you've listed your spiritual gifts, go back to mind then body. But again, start with spirit and work backwards. It makes for a better list. Trust me.

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Address to the Class of 2003

By Class President, Nicole Riessen



Good afternoon. I'd like to welcome you all to the graduation of Woodstock Academy's Class of 2003. So today's the final day; the day we say goodbye to high school and enter what our parents always refer to as the "real world." We may leave Woodstock Academy behind us, but we bring with us the memories and experiences we've had and shared together. It feels like just yesterday we came to school for our freshman orientation. While some arrived by car, and most by bus, we were all welcomed by upper classmen, then motivated through the words of Mr. Ed Garriety, and energized with our first experience of brown squirrel. Since that day, we have grown together as a class. We have strengthened ourselves and expanded our friendships. We have made lasting bonds between one another that we shall carry with us for the rest of our lives. They say that these are among the most important and influential years of our lives, and that we should cherish every moment of them.

Each of us has taken a different path to get where we are today. For some, it has been easy, for others, it has been a struggle. But no matter what it took, we all made it through these past four years together. We had a few close calls where we found ourselves wondering the fate of our classmates, but thank God someone had been watching out for them. People like Mark Paquin have shown us how we cannot take our lives for granted. Life is too short and we should do what we can to make every moment memorable and everyday as enjoyable as if it were our last. Don't procrastinate. Don't do tomorrow what you can do today. Keep your feet on the ground and keep your head held high. Don't let anyone tell you, you can't do something.

In the words of Collin McCarty, "It's not always easy to know which path to follow, which decision to make, or what to do. Life is a series of new horizons, new hopes, new days, and changes that come to you. And we all need some help with these things from time to time. Remember these things: Dream it. Do it. And discover how special you are. Be positive, for your attitude will affect the outcome of many things. Ask for help when you need it; seek the wisdom the world holds, and hold onto it. Make some progress every single day. Begin. Believe. And become. Give yourself all the credit you're due; don't short-change your qualities, your abilities, or any of the things that are so unique about you. Remember how precious life can be. Imagine. Invest the time it takes to reach out for your dreams; it will bring out happiness that no money on earth can buy. Don't be afraid; no mountain is too big to climb if you do it at your own pace. What's the best thing to do? That's simple: do your best. And everything will fall in place."

We all came together from different towns, different walks of life, and are united together as one. Once strangers connected only by the year in which we are graduating, we have come together not only as a class, but as a family. We came to understand a newfound love, a love we had never experienced before. A love found only in friendships; in the friendships we have made.

We must leave here today ready to begin the path toward the rest of our lives. Remember the memories we have made and the experiences we've shared. Remember the good times with the bad. Remember how we got here and who pushed us to get here. Remember our teachers and advisors, our counselors and our paras, and most of all, Mr. Weaver and Mr. Warren. We could not have succeeded in this if it weren't for them. And before I finish, I'd of course like to thank my family for always supporting me in all that I do and pushing me to achieve what I always think impossible. Thank you - I don't know what I would do without you.

I'd like to end with a few words of wisdom from the great Dr. Seuss:

**Congratulations!
Today is your day.
You're off to great places!
You're off and away!
You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
Any direction you choose.
You're on your own. And you know what you know
And you are the guy who'll decide where to go.
You'll look up and down streets. Look 'em over with care.
About some you will say, "I don't choose to go there."
With your head full of brains and your shoes full of feet,
You're too smart to go down any not-so-good street.**

**And you may not find any
You'll want to go down.
In that case, of course,
You'll head straight out of town.
It's opener there
In the wide-open air.
Out there things can happen
And frequently do
To people as brainy
And footsy as you.
And when things start to happen,
Don't worry. Don't stew.
Just go right along.
You'll start happening too!**

OH! THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

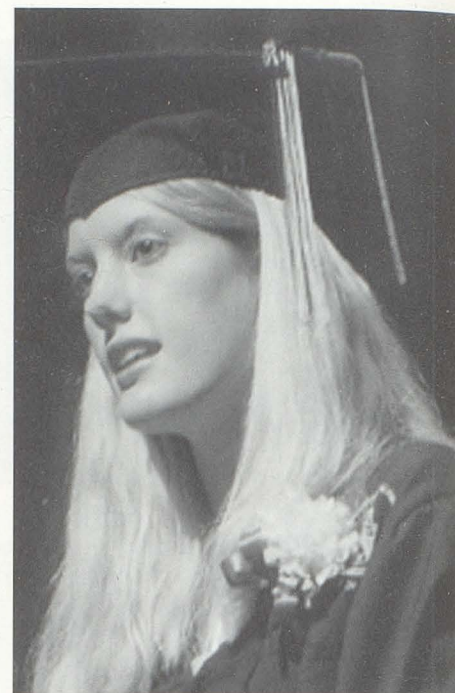
"The Good Citizen"

By Kathryn Boucher, Class of 2003

Kathryn Robertson Essay Award Winner

President Kaeding, Headmaster Weaver, Trustees, faculty, alumni and family; friends and the great Class of 2003! Welcome.

All of us gathered here today are citizens of a great country, the United States of America. On a joyous day such as graduation, it is important to reflect on how far we have come. Graduation is a day to remember the past, but at the same time imagine the future. Our own futures are something we can mold into whatever we want. Today, Class of 2003, I hope that all of you will understand the need to be a good citizen and strive to go out into the world as one. In a democracy such as ours, too few people wonder how they can be good citizens. The benefits we reap each day from living in this nation are innumerable. Often, we take these benefits for granted. The author Walter Winchell once said, "Too many people expect wonders from democracy when the most wonderful thing of all is just having it." Appreciation for what we have is one of the most important elements in good citizenship. Good citizenship needs to occur on both the home front and within the international spectrum. We need to act responsibly in our daily actions and with wisdom in international affairs.



As a good citizen on the domestic level, we have the responsibility to take advantage of what is given to us in our free society. This could mean enhancing yourself with the knowledge that is available from free public education, or taking part in a variety of extra-curricular opportunities such as sports, music, or the United Nations Club. Programs such as these are valuable because they help us to broaden our horizons, and gain knowledge that could not have been obtained from the classroom. Besides the knowledge we have gained from our teachers and other faculty members, Woodstock Academy has tried to prepare all of us to be good citizens. From letting us hold a rally in the midst of the crisis in Iraq, to mandating that all students complete eight hours of community service through their gym credits, we have been better prepared to go out into the world as good citizens.

Being a good citizen means upholding your constitutional rights, such as voting. Voting is the backbone of a democracy and too many times people forfeit this right. Being able to have a voice in how the government works is an honor that many citizens of other nations do not have. If we had been born into a nation without this right, the chance to vote would be far more precious. We would not treat voting as a burden, but rather a gift. Voter turnout in this nation is basically, to put it bluntly, pathetic. In fact, of our national population of about 280 million, 240 million votes were cast for the 'American Idol' show, but only 100 million were cast in the 2001 presidential election. What does this say about the values of our society? As good citizens it is not only our responsibility to vote, but our right, and we must not let this practice become ineffectual.

Community service is another way in which we can act as a good citizen. Sometimes people use the excuse, "well, I don't know what I could do," but this excuse is null and void. Looking around at our community, there is so much that could be done. Right now in our midst, we have volunteer EMT's and firefighters, hospital volunteers, walkers from the Relay for Life, recreational coaches, blood donors, and countless others. All of these people found a way to give by donating their time or gifts to service the community. Too often in this society we seek self-aggrandizement through our actions before we strive to be philanthropists. Each time we do a good and giving deed within our own towns, we are making one part of the world a better place.

By exercising our right to education, voting, and performing community service, we are implementing the privileges and duties of a citizen of the United States. It is a shame that in the scramble of everyday life, many of us forget that these honors are bestowed upon us by the work our founding fathers did to establish this country. It is also a shame that it takes a time of national crisis or turbulence to get us to remember.

After September the eleventh, the patriotism in this country was revived, at least for a few months. Burger King sold car decals for a dollar with "September 11th, 2001" inscribed upon them. The presence of American flags was phenomenal. They were on cars, on front porches, basically everywhere. I ask you now, where have they all gone? I'll admit, I no longer have my Burger King sticker; it has long since fallen off. However, I haven't rushed to the store to purchase a new patriotic decoration either. Why is it that in times of disaster we turn back to the nation we have turned our backs to? Turbulence reminds us of what this country stands for. It reminds us of the principals for which we raise our flags, and to that which we owe allegiance. If we truly want to be a good citizen then we need to renew this patriotism each and every day.

Being a good citizen, however, should not just apply to being a good citizen of the United States. We must also be good citizens of the entire world community. As the

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The heart of our mission is to "prepare all students for a lifetime of learning." The attainment of mission-center goals for the 2002-2003 school year is, I believe, more complete than at any time in my experience. Our CAPT scores continue to climb; we've more students attaining higher scores in SATs, and in Advanced Placement testing. Relative to A.P. testing, Woodstock Academy's testing population continues to grow and to yield more scores in the "for credit" range (3 and above). In addition, the graduate placement list is outstanding. For an unprecedented third time (in three years) we have been recognized by the Governor's Scholar Program of the State of Connecticut. This year, Jesse Farnham of Pomfret was selected as a Governor's Scholar. Jesse was also selected for the National Youth Leadership Forum — D.O.D./D.O.S. Anecdotally, we were very proud to see that Jacob Sheehan (02) was selected to speak for West Point in a recent *New York Times Scholastic* interview. An important observation is that our students are attaining a higher level of expertise in each area of endeavor and a better understanding of teamwork. This was enabled by organizational changes and has been accomplished by an excellent teaching staff, recognition of individual needs, and a high level of commitment and expectation from the entire Woodstock Academy community.

That said, we have several daunting challenges: 1) Secondary education in northeast Connecticut has always been challenged by under-funding — never more so than now. 2) Students read less and less. We operate in a time when the written word and the rationalism that it implies is less valued. 3) We are competing in new ways for student time and attention. More students are working more hours with less regard for education. 4) We need to expand the contact time and significance of our teachers to their students beyond the limits of assigned classes. To meet these challenges, our support for quality education must be unwavering.

Over the past year, the physical plant has been substantially improved. Two new classrooms, air conditioning for interior Hyde Building classrooms, new heating controls in the Academy Building and extensive painting were all finished this summer. This fall, we will welcome four new members of our faculty. Faculty initiates include two Academy alumni, Michelle Olshewski and Annmarie Trani, Ed Lesse with experience at CCRl and Vic Osterman, who is a National Board Certified teacher. The Department of Cooperative Resources has added Nancy Blodgett of East Woodstock and Colleen Martin of Stafford Springs.

Financially, we are returning money to the Academy reserve on schedule. The 2002-2003 budget was very, very tightly controlled to that end. In the coming year, our goal will be to meet operating necessities and continue a modest contribution to the reserves. We will do this in spite of cuts that were made to our budget and in spite of the need to restore a teaching position.

In conclusion, we welcome all students who seek to join us as we strive to provide the best secondary education in the region. I believe that the 2002-2003 school year illustrates our success. Our outstanding faculty/staff has lead students to success as measured by testing, quality work, and placement. We will be challenged to provide the same level of support into the future. In that, we must prevail. An ongoing effort is required to maintain quality at a modest cost and to recognize and serve the best interests of Woodstock Academy's students.

Questions for This In-Between Time Continued

Before we leave this second question regarding special gifts, I have one caution I want to share with you: At this point in your young lives you may not have discovered what your special gifts are. That's not your fault, of course. You just haven't had the opportunity to find out all your many talents. You haven't lived long enough. You are a work in progress, after all — as are we all. So, what are your "special gifts"?

The third and final question is, "Where do you feel called to serve?" In his book "The End of Education", Neil Postman says that the problems of youth today stem from their inability to find "gods to serve." Interesting, isn't it? Postman says that we terribly sophisticated postmoderns have "no gods to serve." We pursue our personal agendas, our private goals and ambitions, we work like hell to get ahead, but for so many of us — that's all there is. That, my friends, is a recipe for an unhappy life.

Whether or not you achieve such ends, serving just yourself is a dead end. Look around you. You don't have to take my word for it. Learn from the experiences of others. Whom do you see that seems happy? I'm talking about truly happy, deep down fulfilled happiness. Who comes to mind? I'll bet you dollars to donuts, they're serving some "god."

It could be their families or communities. It could be someone in need. Anyway, something larger than themselves. Are they applying their special gifts in service to others? I'm reminded of the famous Christopher Wren anecdote... Maybe we should sing an old Bob Dylan song... How's it go? "You're gonna have to serve somebody..." Where do you feel called to serve?

So there you have it — three questions for the in-between time: Who am I? What are my special gifts? Where do I feel called to serve? Your "homework assignment" is to find a sand dune on some deserted beach, look out at the ocean...or gaze into a campfire...or look up at the stars and ask yourself these large questions during the next few weeks or months. Ask them understanding that your answers are provisional. You'll have to ask such large questions continually, over and over again, during subsequent in-between times, throughout your life.

Understand — there will be a test.

The Good Citizen Continued

last remaining superpower, we, as citizens of the most powerful country in the world, have responsibility no other nation can have. We are role models. Our position in the world should not make us head of the United Nations or the world's policemen, forcing other nations to abide by force or threats. We need to first improve ourselves so that other nations will strive for the freedoms we have attained. As international role models, we need to be the first to demonstrate tolerance and condemn ignorant acts. Though we may not accept the views or beliefs of others, we do need to respect them wholeheartedly.

We must strive to aid others on an international level the same as we do within our own nation. Outside our nation's borders, in many countries, the world is a less appealing place. As one of the wealthiest nations in the world, we as good citizens should seek to help these less fortunate nations. Africa is battling an enormous AIDS crisis, the Middle East is deeply rooted in conflict, and not long ago, Algeria had a terrible earthquake that killed thousands. Our assistance is vital in these situations. The new fifteen billion dollar proposal for combating AIDS and the Palestinian-Israeli peace plan are just two ways that certain citizens are working to make the world a better place. By assisting in these situations we are showing the world that we strive to be good citizens.

There are also situations that we choose to intervene in, that may not have the support of all the American people. Situations such as the recent war in Iraq. Though many people supported the conflict, a dedicated minority opposed it. The question has been raised that when it comes to international affairs, such as war, that those that actively oppose it should be labeled as anti-American or unpatriotic. This belief is shocking. By practicing civil disobedience or peaceful protest, these people embody the symbol of patriotism. Liberty is a right we have in this country, and if we try to take it away by labeling its practitioners as anti-American, we are destroying the ideas for which this country stands. Edward R. Murrow put it well: "We must not confuse dissent with disloyalty. We will not be driven by fear into an age of unreason if we remember that we are not descended from fearful men, not from men who feared to write, to speak, to associate and to defend causes which were for the moment, unpopular." Opposition to the actions or beliefs of our government should not determine whether or not a person is a good citizen. However, even if one does not support a war, they should still stand behind our country and support the troops. The men and women who are risking their lives to fight in a conflict may not even agree with it, but they pledged to protect their nation and as good citizens must fulfill their job anyway.

In being good citizens, we must make every effort to lead by example. Both within our own families, schools, towns, and states or abroad, we need to be positive role models. We need to take advantage of the multitudes of benefits we receive from living in this country, and strive to share these benefits with others less fortunate. As good citizens, we need to think of others before we think of our own needs. The simplest act of humanitarianism can help make the world a better place. The rights to education and to vote are rights that should never be taken for granted. By living in this country we were given these valuable gifts, but it is our obligation to use them to the fullest. Therefore, as a good citizen we need to uphold the national doctrines and personal principles that we consider so precious. Only then can we be considered good citizens of our nation and of the world.

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Homecoming...a new tradition

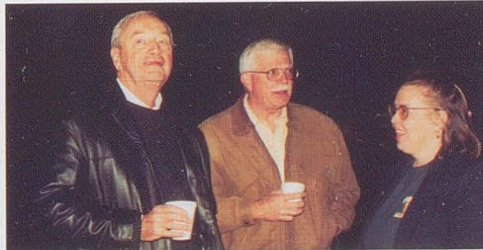
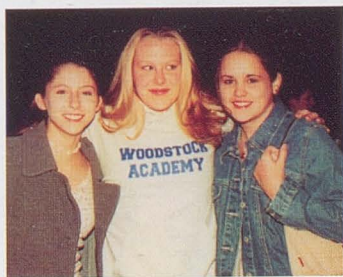
There's a new tradition at the Academy - an Annual Homecoming Celebration involving the entire Woodstock Academy community, alumni, parents, friends and neighbors. The event began modestly in October of 2002, with a schedule of events beginning with Spirit Week for students and staff, and culminating on the weekend of October 25th with a pep rally, bonfire, and Homecoming Dance. Plenty of soccer was scheduled for that Saturday, including an alumni soccer game, but unfortunately, Mother Nature took over and washed away all hopes of Saturday's events. 2003, however, was bigger and better, with fantastic weather on Columbus Day weekend, October 10th-13th. In addition to the pep rally, bonfire and dance on Friday, Saturday's schedule included an alumni Blue-Gold soccer game, a chicken barbecue, and two varsity soccer games. Academy groups also hosted community events on the weekend including a Harvest Dinner sponsored by the 2004 Project Graduation parent group, a Project Graduation Golf Tournament, and a Senior Citizen Foliage Fling hosted by the Woodstock Academy Student Council. Honor classes of 1963, 1968 and 1973 also held their reunions during the weekend and many were able to enjoy the Homecoming activities as well. Plans are to continue with Homecoming scheduled for each Columbus Day Weekend, so mark your calendars now and please join us next year!



Led by the WA Cheerleaders, students, staff, alumni, family & friends gather on Friday evening for the first Academy bonfire held on the Woodstock Common.



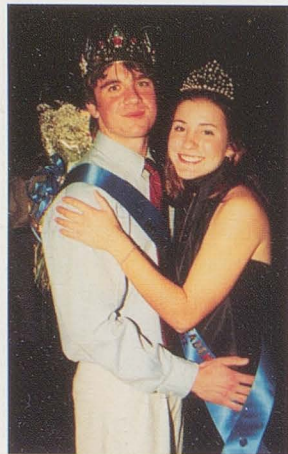
The first Woodstock Academy Homecoming Court, 2002: Front Row (L to R) Sarah Sokoloski, Lauren Bernardi, Eileen Grant, Brianne Ito, Megan Green, Kyle MacQueen; Back row: Brett Ruff, Kellan McNally, Pat Chieffalo, Seth Fuller, Jeff Wallace, David Pechie.



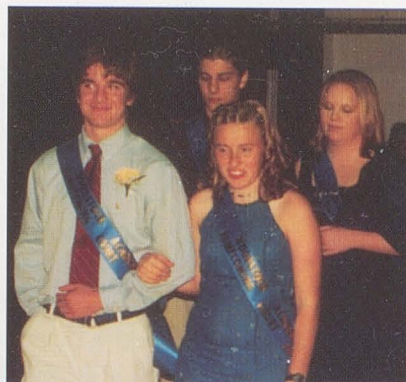
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The 12 Homecoming Court nominees were presented at the Homecoming Dance and the King & Queen selection announced for the first time.



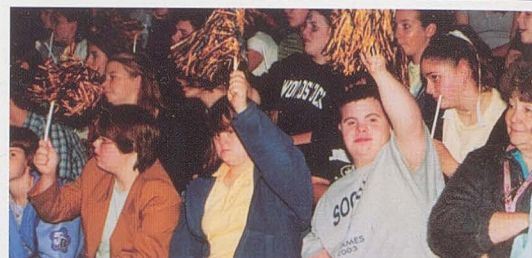
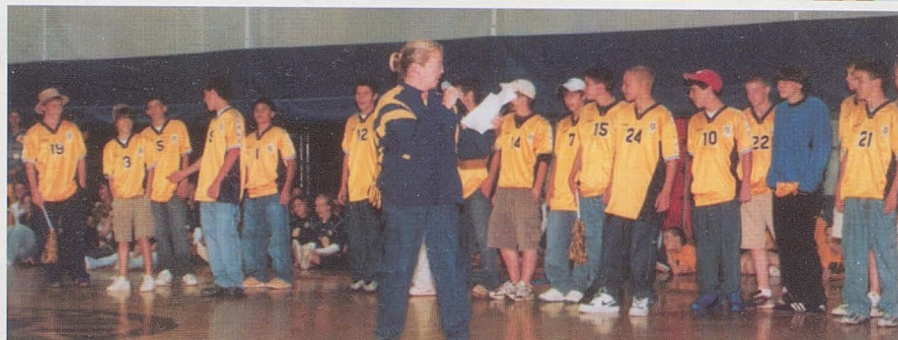
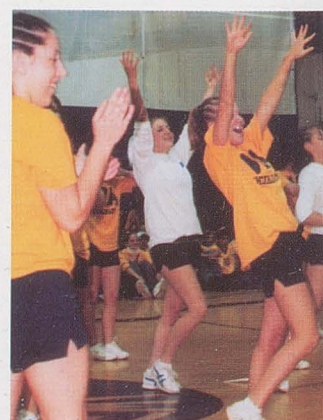
2002 Homecoming King & Queen, Brett Ruff & Kyle MacQueen.



Senior Class Advisors, Pat LaTour, Val Goodno, & Carolyn Ahern man the refreshments and supervise the Homecoming Dance.

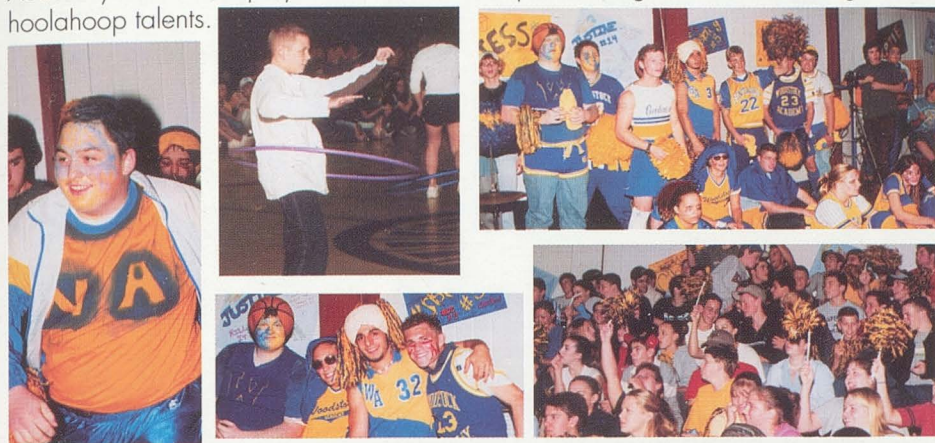
pep rally 2003

Spirit Week 2003 culminated in a pep rally on Friday afternoon, featuring all of the fall sports teams and led by Bob Derico (PE Teacher), Ann Rathbone (Athletic Director) and the WA Cheerleaders.



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Academy students displayed their colors with pride along with their tumbling and hoolahoop talents.



WA's very own Rock n' Roll Pep Band and the infamous "Bleacher Creechers" rock the house down.



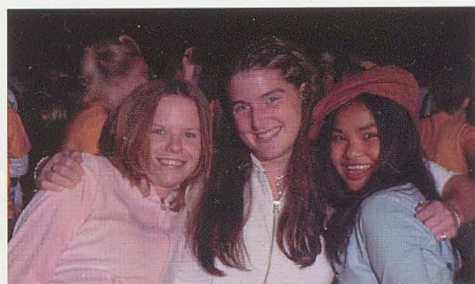
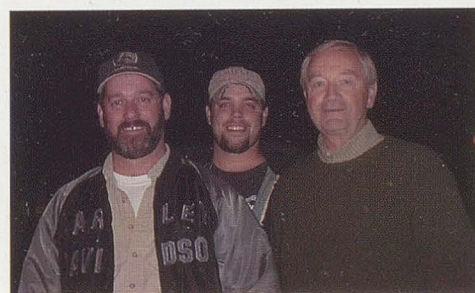
Woodstock Academy's 2003 Homecoming Court nominees: Front row (L to R) Michelle Bousquet, Katie Lissfelt, Alexa Corrente, Leisl Lissfelt, Catherine Hibbard, Back row: Alex Riley, Rob Morton, Bryce Kilburn, William Beckwith, Nate Crabtree.



Highlight of the afternoon: Monica Bomengen, Dean of Curriculum wins the "Kiss the Cow" contest by vote of the student body and is escorted by faculty members Greg Smith and Bob Derrico. Mrs. Bomengen brought along her lipstick for the occasion.



Once again, with the help of the Woodstock Volunteer Fire Department, the Bonfire on Friday evening was a great success.

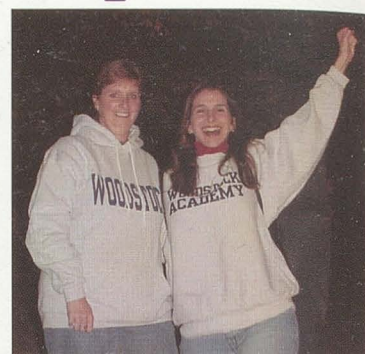
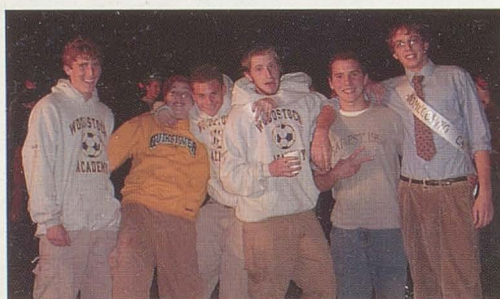
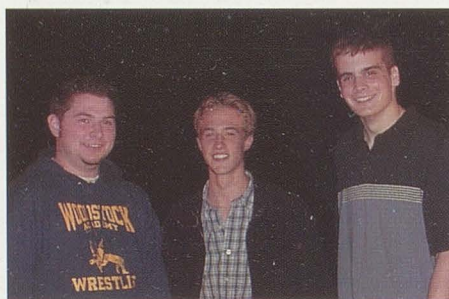
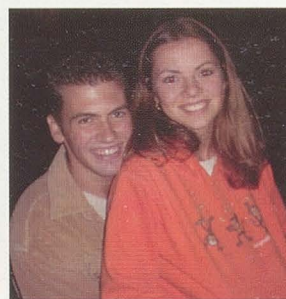


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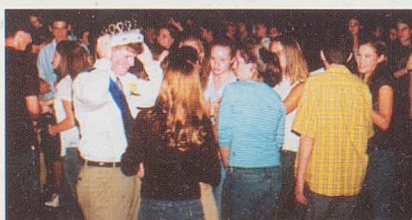
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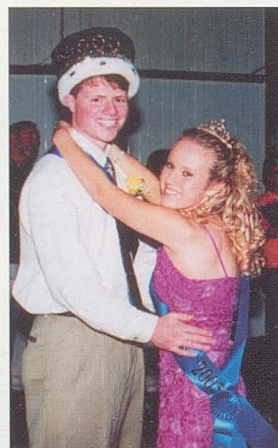
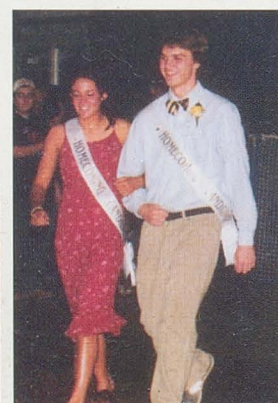


homecoming dance²⁰⁰³

Formal presentation of the 2003 Homecoming Court was made at the Homecoming Dance following the bonfire and King & Queen crowned by Headmaster & Mrs. Weaver.



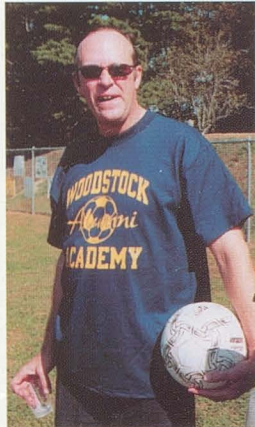
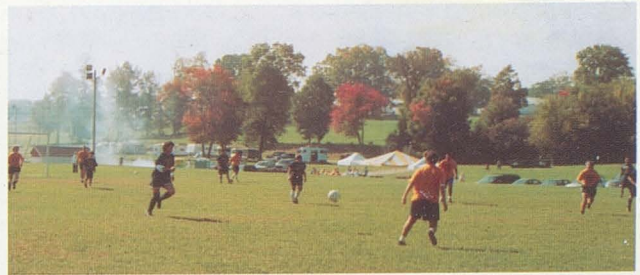
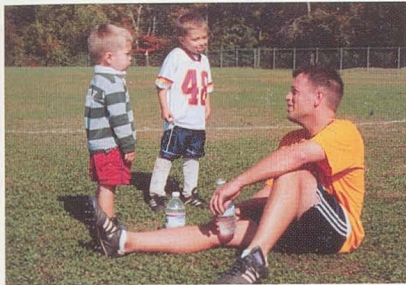
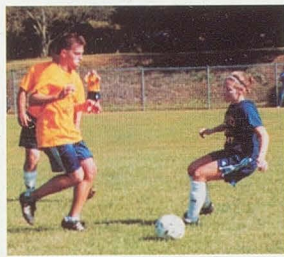
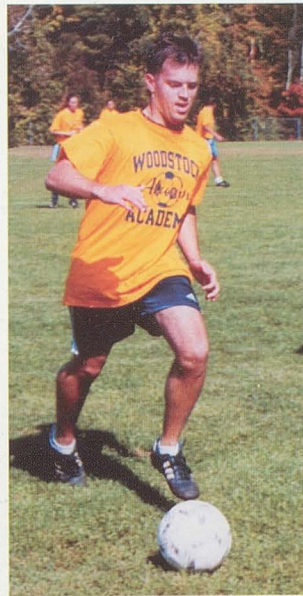
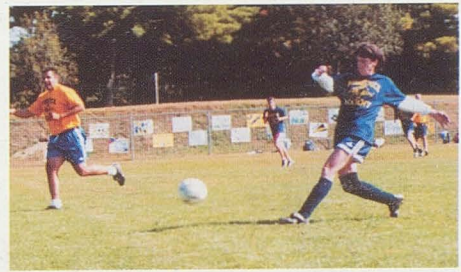
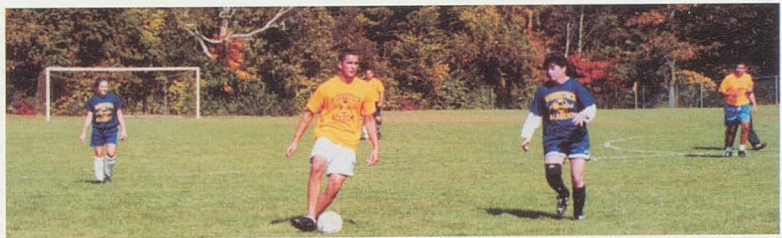
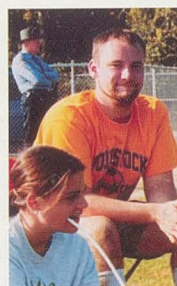
2003 Homecoming King & Queen, William Beckwith & Catherine Hibbard.



Homecoming King William Beckwith with our dear friend and proud grandfather, Paul Arvidson. Paul continues to serve as one of the town constables and has been present at just about every Academy event since... well, we can't remember when Paul wasn't working for us!

alumni soccer game 2003

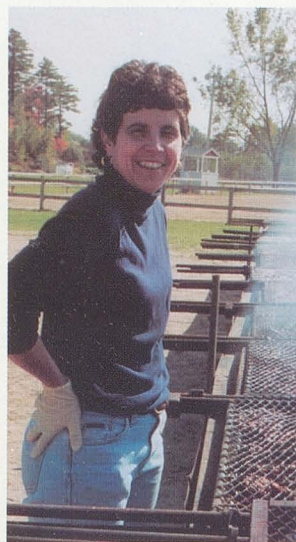
Saturday's events couldn't have gone better, with spectacular weather included. Twenty-seven alums showed up to compete in a Blue-Gold soccer game and were treated to a chicken barbecue afterward. Gold defeated Blue, 3-2. Better luck next year Blue!



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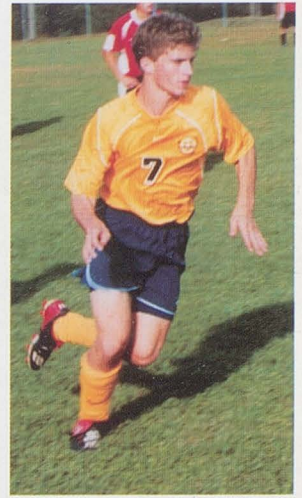
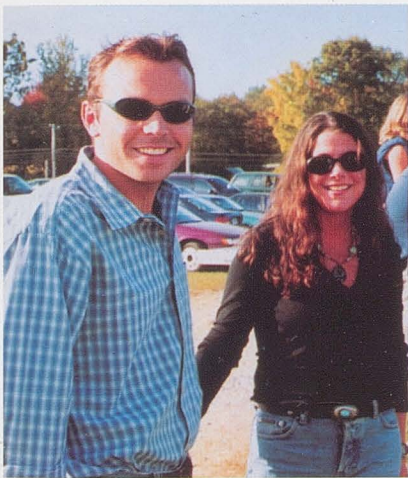
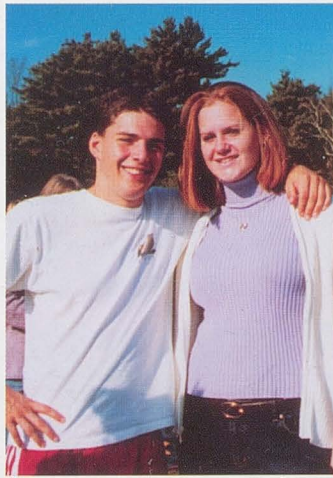
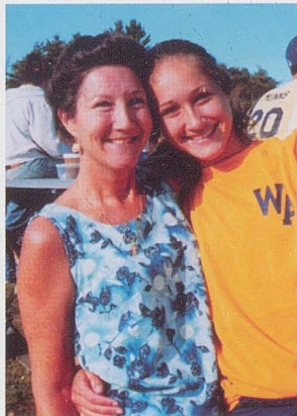
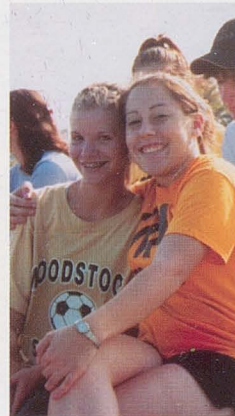
With the masterful barbecuing techniques of Roman Wajer ('75), Wayne Rich and a crew of alumni volunteers, the Alumni Association hosted a chicken barbecue for the festivities. Special thanks to our volunteers: Jackie Croteau, Sharon Kozey Edwards ('89), Debra Kruzel Gagnon ('72), Gary Garabrant, Julie Kruzel, Jay Livernois ('74), Paul Lynn ('59), Lynne Croteau Morin ('69), Joe Musumeci ('92), and Laurie Roy ('96).

2003 chicken barbecue



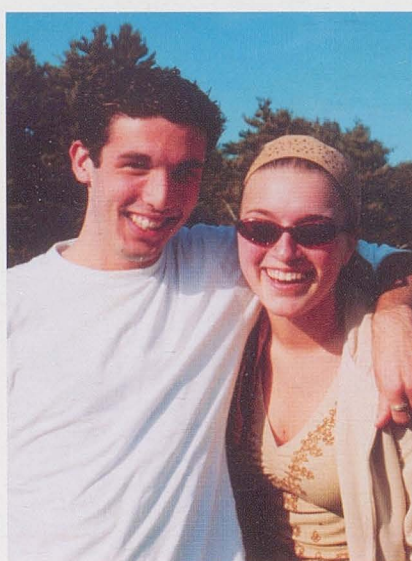
wa varsity soccer & homecoming court 2003

The afternoon brought parents, students, alumni and friends to watch some great soccer. WA boys and girls varsity teams hosted local rival teams from Killingly. Woodstock was victorious in both games. A half-time presentation included the Homecoming Court arriving by a beautiful horse and carriage provided by Hillside Vintage Livery.



Homecoming Weekends

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& homecoming court 2003



The Career Center Continued

The Career Center has expanded the counseling and career services that, in the past were limited to individual student-counselor contacts and relationships. Students are now given an opportunity to begin college searches and exposure to career exploration at a much earlier stage in their high school career. In addition to working with their counselors, students work with Mrs. Stockwell in the Career Center, individually or in groups, building their portfolio. Mrs. Stockwell also assists faculty with classroom-based projects, arranges workshops, coordinates and arranges job shadows and internships, and schedules guest speakers, career field trips and site visits. Just a few of the career exploration trips have included: the Theater class visiting the Trinity Repertory Company in Providence, RI; the Sports Medicine class spending the day at the UCONN Sports Medicine facility; Civics classes attending workshops on careers in government at the Kennedy Library Museum in Boston; Culinary Arts students working side-by-side with chefs at the Pastry Gourmet in Providence; and a visit to the Connecticut State Police Barracks and Mobile Crime Scene lab for students interested in forensic science.

Guest speakers hosted by the Career Center are too numerous to mention, but have included politicians, dieticians, attorneys, chefs, engineers, law enforcement officials, and scientists. These professionals share information with students relative to their own career and field of interest, and the skills, education, and experience necessary in achieving that career. We are especially proud to have alums return to the Academy to share their career experiences and insight with our students. In addition to individually arranged presentations, the Career Center has sponsored two Career Days, hosting over 55 guest speakers representing different fields of interest. Specialized workshops are also arranged on specific topics, with appropriate professionals assisting, including interviewing skills, dressing for success, resume writing and college research.

One of the most important developments out of the Career Center has been the establishment of "Partners in Education." Partnerships have been established with numerous businesses and organizations that provide opportunities for students to experience the work environment first-hand through job shadows or internships. Several of our students have been given internships at Linemaster Switch Corp, WINY Radio, the Norwich Navigators, and the Department of Environmental Protection.

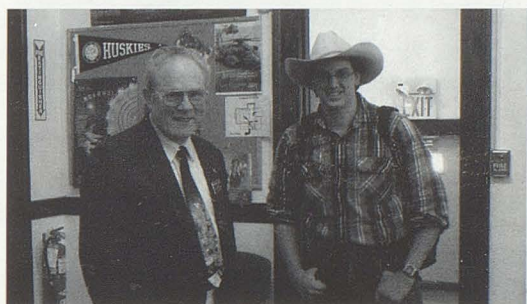
The Career Center originated from a modest School-to-Career Grant and initiative in 1999, intended to provide students with a venue, process and resources to explore careers. It has grown into an invaluable extension of the Counseling Office in providing a comprehensive program that assists counselors in delivering developmental guidance to every student – development of a postsecondary education and career plan. It has established and strengthened educational partnerships within the community, increased students' understanding of the relevance of their education and their awareness of continuing education, and integrated work-based activities into the curriculum. The result is a Woodstock Academy graduate that has been given the necessary foundation to make informed choices for their future.



Student, Bill Purcell with his "Partner in Education", Conservation Enforcement Officer Mike Enright from the Department of Environmental Protection.



Christian Teja ('90), Director of Public and Media Relations for Suffolk Downs in Boston, with Headmaster Weaver after a presentation in the Career Center.



Wayne Vinal ('56) with sophomore Eric Collelo after a presentation on the post-grad program in aviation mechanics at Ellis Technical Vocational School in Danielson. Wayne is the aviation maintenance instructor at Ellis.

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ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET AT ROSELAND COTTAGE Saturday, June 21, 2003



Headmaster Weaver welcomes guests.



(L to R) Paul Siegmund ('73), Kathie Kelly, Dennis Kelly ('73)



(L to R) Jack Everin, Jean Floyd Everin ('53), Janet Sanger Kolat ('53), Aline Lamontagne Syriac



(L to R) Sandy Breen Fredrickson ('79), Mike Fredrickson ('79), Carl Fredrickson ('78)

The Annual Alumni Banquet has been revived. For the past few years, a reception has been held at the Roseland Cottage on Graduation weekend inviting alumni and friends to gather for a social evening with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. This past June, we revived the traditional banquet, hosting 65 guests for dinner and music, representing alums from the Class of 1933 to the Class of 1988. The event was held under a tent on the grounds of the Roseland Cottage, across from the Academy campus on Rte. 169 in Woodstock. Anna Petersen Mellen and Sophie Chryzan Kowalski represented the Class of 1933, celebrating their 70th reunion - 70!!!! The Class of 1953 celebrated their 50th and other honor classes represented were 1968, 1973, 1978 and 1988. The annual banquet will continue as a tradition to be held during the Academy's graduation weekend in June. Save the date for next year - June 19, 2004!



(L to R) Lawrence Chestnut, Rhoda Toth Chestnut ('53), Patrice Demers Kaneda ('53)



(L to R) Albert Logee ('41), Nonie Witer Logee ('42), Sophie Chryzan Kowalski ('33), Anna Petersen Mellen ('33), Debbie Child Sherman ('55), Ken Sherman ('54)



Byron ('47) and Evelyn Eddy



(L to R) Patty Paige Noren ('78), Linda Latham Knowles ('68), Shirley Mitchell ('78)



Alumni President, Joe Musumeci ('92), recognizes the honor classes of the evening.



(L to R) Katrina Hansen Emerson ('80), Dan Emerson ('77), Tracy Parker, Scott Parker ('79), Mike Fredrickson ('79), Sandy Breen Fredrickson ('79), Richard Russo ('77), Judy Walberg Alberts ('77), Mike Alberts

REUNIONS ~ REUNIONS ~ REUNIONS

The **Class of 1948** held its 55th reunion on Sunday, May 18, 2003 at the Colonial Club in Webster, Mass.

Twelve classmates and their guests reunited for a dinner. In attendance were Henry Ask and wife Evelyn; Sonja Lindgren Healey and husband, Kenneth; Madelyn Wagnell Berube; Dorothy Lizotte Leone and her sister, Geri; Jane Shepard Morse and husband, Lewis; Margaret Wilcox Peabody and daughter, Margo; Richard May and wife, Gail; Janet Durica Porfilio and husband, Nick; Ernest Withers and wife, Vernetta; Sally Korswig May; Lois Johnson Eisenhower and husband, Wilson; and Robert Peckham and wife, Barbara. Sadly, Bob Peckham passed away in July, just several days after another classmate, Dorothy Trepal Clark had died. Earlier in May, Carl Nelson also passed away. Classmates are sorrowed by these losses.



Janet Durica Porfilio and husband Nick



(L to R) Lois Johnson Eisenhower, Vernetta Withers, Ernest Withers, Kenneth Healey ('49), Sonja Lindgren Healey, Wilson Eisenhower



(L to R) (seated) Margaret Wilcox Peabody, Madelyn "Myrt" Wagnell Berube, (standing) Gail May, Dorothy Lizotte Leone, Richard May



(L to R) Robert Peckham, Barbara Peckham, Evelyn Ask, Henry Ask

The **Class of 1953** held its 50th reunion at the Annual Alumni Banquet at Roseland Cottage on June 21, 2003. In attendance were Jean Floyd Everin, Janet Kenyon Hansen, Patrice Demers Kaneda, Rhoda Toth Chestnut, and Janet Sanger Kolat. Rhoda Toth Chestnut brought a copy of their 1953 yearbook, dedicated to their class advisor, Mr. George Saunders, who sent a wonderful note to the class, as he was unable to attend the reunion, along with pictures from their class trip. Mr. Saunders wrote:

Dear Members of the Class of 1953 – and anyone else who attended Woodstock Academy and doesn't say, "Who?" when my name is mentioned,

A funny thing happened to me the other day when I went to our big bookcase to get a book on hints on household repairs. My eyes were drawn to a section, which stores yearbooks of every graduating class with which I have been associated from 1950 to 1981, as well as those published during my three years at the University of New Hampshire.

"That's not funny," you say? You're right. But my hand snatched the 1953 WA yearbook. That's funny (odd) and also weirdly supernatural. As I drank in the bios, the class picture, the faces of the faculty, the names of the cast members in the play, the pictures of various activities, and underclassmen, the programs of graduation exercises and Sunday services, the dedication and the signatures – I almost forgot that my mother had told me, "Big boys don't cry!" The thought of fifty years came flooding back to me.



Mr. & Mrs. George Saunders

I remember the happy times in my first teaching position, as well as the very few sad times. Helen Carlson kept me informed of what was happening to some of you for many years. She told me of Mrs. Grapnel's tragic death.

I realized that you had all been living your lives and contributing to mankind's great saga. No doubt, you have been raising children, caring for parents and spouses and experiencing the same kinds of highs and lows that are a part of everyone's life. How I wish that I could know all about each and every one of you and applaud your successes and help alleviate your sorrows.

Suffice it to say that I am confident, knowing you as I did from those years together that you have handled life with aplomb, contributing to the efforts to



(L to R) Sara "Sally" Korswig May, Jane Shepard Morse, Lewis Morse



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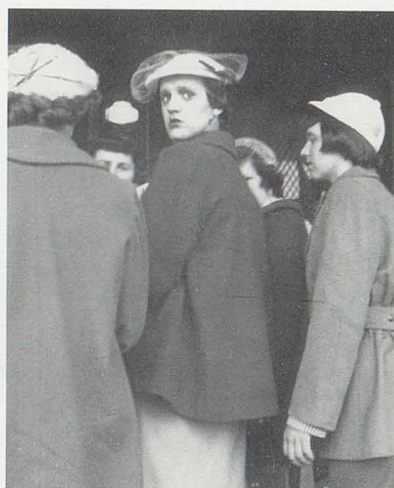
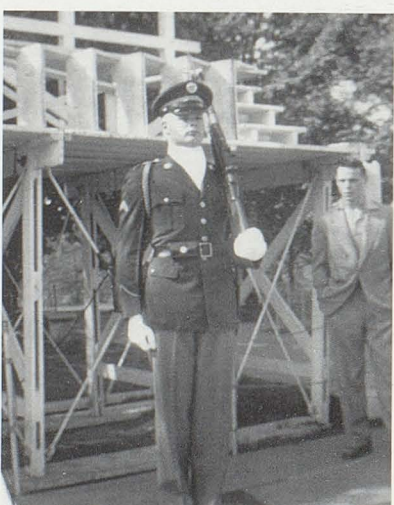
make the world a better place. You would make me proud to know all about you.

I regret that the time of the alumni dinner is being held at a time when my 46-year old daughter and her 13-year old daughter of Chelmsford, Mass, is accompanying my wife Katherine and me to Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada to see where this fellow was born and many of our forebears as well.

I am enclosing copies of some photos of our Washington - NYC trip to jog your memories. I was just 30 then. Enclosed too is a picture of Kay and George on a recent cruises to the Greek Islands and Turkey. As you can see, I haven't changed a bit!

May God bless you all,
Fondly,
George C. Saunders

Class of 1953 trip to Washington D.C. and New York City



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Seated (left to right): Jeri Carpenter Musumeci, Joann Brewster Durst, Pat Bellerive Coffey, Peg McGrath Oman, Margaret Anderson. 2nd Row: Donald Froelich, Linda Derr McGrath, Kerstin Okeson Forester, Pam Hansen Campbell, Joanne Reich Santo, Barbara Hibbard Schreier, Margaret Young, Richard Johnson. Back Row: Paul Miller, David Olander.

The **Class of 1963** held its 40th reunion on Homecoming Weekend, October 10th and 11, 2003. On Friday evening, October 10th, sixteen classmates and their guests attended a welcome gathering at the home of Tom and Jeri Lee Musumeci. On Saturday evening, a social hour and dinner was held at the home of Richard and Kerstin Okeson Forrester. These two occasions gave everyone an opportunity to reminisce and catch up on the past 40 years: what everyone was doing, how many grandchildren, who's retired or about to, etc. Joan Laliberte Snyder sent some copies of wonderful old photographs which provided us with the incentive to add other pieces of memorabilia and photos. We had many moments of laughter reviewing these snapshots from as far back as kindergarten to our graduation in 1963. Great memories and times remembered...

In addition to Kerstin and Jeri, local classmates in attendance were Barbara Hibbard Schreier, Margaret Anderson, Margaret Young, Paul Miller, Joann Brewster Durst, Donald Froelich, Joanne Reich Santo, and Neal Freuden. Those traveling some distance were Richard Johnson of New Hampshire, Linda Derr McGrath of Delaware, Pat Bellerive Coffey of Maryland (attending a class reunion for the first time), Pam Hansen Paquette Campbell of Georgia, Peg McGrath Oman of California, and David Olander (also attending a class reunion for the first time) of Hawaii.

It was great to see all these folks. Many thanks to Margaret Anderson, Barbara Schreier, Joanne Santo, Margaret Young and Kerstin Okeson for doing all the planning, research and memory booklet. A great job well done!

The next reunion will be in 2008 so start making plans to attend the 45th. See you then!

Jeri (Carpenter) Musumeci

On October 11, 2003, the **Class of 1968** enjoyed a reunion at the Inn on Woodstock Hill. Attending the event were 19 graduates with friends and spouses for a total of 29. The ambience of the Inn, the delicious hors d'oeuvres, and the well-prepared dinner all made the event a very enjoyable one. Classmates were able to renew friendships and catch up with news about each other's families and experiences as we shared what we had been doing the last thirty-five years. There was much laughter and joking and one classmate remarked, "After looking around, I feel we look pretty damned good for a 35th reunion." Classmates came from as far as Florida, California and Ohio to join in the festivities. In the preparation for the event, phone calls and emails helped in getting news and updating address so fellow classmates can stay in touch. Already, we are looking forward to the 40th.

Richard & Pat Mellen

The **Class of 1973** also held its 30th reunion on Homecoming Weekend, October 11th at the Webster Elks in Webster, Mass. The turn out was very good with 60 people in attendance, 35 classmates and their spouses and even some guest faculty. It was good to see Kent Weaver, who began his tenure at the Academy in 1969, which also happened to be our freshman year!

Another favorite, "Lady" Ingraham, who taught physical education and coached, spoke to us about getting older and kept everyone laughing!

Gail Beaudreault was the classmate who came the furthest, coming in from the Washington state. It was great to see everyone and catch up on what's new. Special thanks to the organizers Marj (Sheldon) Roy and her husband Rich, and Debbie (Gratton) Reynolds.

Dennis Kelly

The **Class of 1993** held its ten-year reunion on August 9, 2003 at the Vineyard Valley Golf Course in Pomfret. Approximately 30 alum attended. Thanks to Amy (Woodward) Favreau, Chris and Nikki (Carlson) Desmond, and Stacy (Parsons) Burton for all of the time they put into planning the reunion. It was a fun evening of reuniting and reminiscing! We would like to have a much bigger turnout for upcoming reunions, however we are missing contact information for several alums. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of any of the people listed below, please send an email to Melissa Goodwin Richards at melissajoy1224@yahoo.com. We would like to have as complete and accurate a list of addresses as possible. MIA's or incorrect addresses: Nicole Anderson, Renee Bartholomew, Brooke Bassett, Alena Blais, Tammy Blanchette, Justin Blasko, Terri Lynn Bryant, Rebecca Cady, Ian Canning, Jason Catrambone, Steve Crème, Sean Donovan, Tom Donovan, Neal Ethier, Kristen Gardella, Dana Gerds, Jason Gerum, Trevor Grist, Jen Jakowski, Dawn Krasnecky, Liane Lavigne, Heather Lechene, Todd Lesh, Trevor Loisele, Beth Lusa, Seth Lyons, Kristen Magee, Amy Mansfield, Frank McKusick, Jill Morin, Rebecca Nesi, Matt Noiseaux, Sean O'Brien, Chris Orszulak, Tonia Owen, Lisa Packard, Laura Pelkonen, Sarah Pernoski, Melissa Perry, Christine Peters, April Piette, Jarrett Pion, Tricia Rickson, Jennifer Theriaque, Meaghan Tracy, Tony Trani, Jason Yonush, Hiro Yoshii.

Melissa Goodwin Richards

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR CLASS AGENTS! If you'd like to get involved and assist the Alumni Office with class news and updating classmates' addresses, please contact Kristen Willis in the Office of Development & Alumni Relations at Woodstock Academy at 860-928-6575, email kwillis@woodstockacademy.org, or mail to the Woodstock Academy Alumni Office, 57 Academy Rd., Woodstock, CT, 06281.

Class of 1932

Class Agent: Geneva Cross White, P.O. Box 16, Thompson, CT, 06277

Class of 1933

Class Agent: Anna Peterson Mellen, P.O. Box 192, Woodstock, CT, 06281

Class of 1937

Robert Goldman retired in 1983 as Bureau Chief of the Conn. Dept. of Agriculture after 40 years of service. He is now in his 20th year of retirement! He has three sons and three grandsons. He is interested in knowing if anyone from the Class of 1937 is still with us. He notes that his brother **Harold**, Class of 1931, is among the youngest to graduate from the Academy at 13 years of age and was also salutatorian of his class.

Class of 1942

Class Agent: Evelyn Johnson Eddy, P.O. Box 225, East Woodstock, CT 06244

Julie Collins Christensen: In Asheville, NC, Julie is busy with Cherith, a respite and nurturing center for women which she opened in her home a few years ago. It is a place for those who feel depleted, or wish to briefly disengage from life's hectic pace into a peaceful place. Participants may be referred by a physician, therapist or clergy. The visit is confidential and length of stay of the individual and the Cherith staff. Julie is an R.N. and the caregiver.

Alice Hall Desaulnier: Alice has 12 grandchildren, one in England and the rest from New England to North Carolina. She still resides in Harrisville, is retired, but busy!!

Evelyn Johnson Eddy: Evelyn recently attended her granddaughter's wedding in San Marcus, CA in July. She is still very active with the East Woodstock Congregational Church, serving on several committees. She and long time friend, Elmer Fairfield are planning to be married on November 1, 2003. Both Evelyn and Elmer found comfort

in each other after losing their spouses within a month of each other. A small wedding is planned at the East Woodstock Church with the Reverend Susan Foster officiating. A reception will be held in Webster, Mass. She has been very busy getting ready to move to a new home.

Nonie Witter Logee: Al & Nonie Logee enjoy retirement. They spend their time doing volunteer work with a food pantry in East Granby, the American Legion, and the East Granby Seniors' Club. They have 4 great-granddaughters.

Class of 1943

Arline Marvin Bowen proudly notes the graduation of her second grandchild from Woodstock Academy, **Michael B. Norman**, in 2002.

Class of 1946

Herb Merrill writes from Taylors, SC. Both grandchildren, Lori Merrill Tisdale and Jamie Merrill are in the US Air Force. He writes that both he and Lil are getting "old, fat and grey."

Class of 1947

Stanley Jakubaitis is retired, formerly working for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft and OTIS Elevator Co. He received his B.S. Degree in Engineering from UCONN in 1958. He notes that he attended the Academy with the Class of 1947 but did not receive his diploma until 1953, after completing the educational requirements while in the Army.

Class of 1948

Class Agent: Richard May, 1134 Hartford Tpk. 1D1, Vernon, CT, 06066

Now in retirement and pursuing various activities:

Henry Ask is spending much time in the remodeling of his home and buildings on Bolton Lake. It is a former Inn, with a large party house, old carriage shed and cottage. He formerly lived in South Windsor.

Madelyn Wagnell Berube, retired from Day Kimball Hospital, proudly participates in VFW Auxiliary activities and has served in its color guard. "Myrt" was most helpful in arranging for our reunion, but claims it was easy for her as she hosts family picnics for over 50 members regularly.

Lois Johnson Eisenhower is active in church work and is a proud great grandparent.

Laura Johnson Frazee lives in Ludlow, MA, and is retired from Ludlow Hospital. She is a vocal

soloist in her church and volunteers her time as a driver for persons in need of transportation.

Sonja Lindgren Healey is definitely not retired. She and Kenneth continue to spend many hours in the necessary work associated with their vegetable and flower farm in Woodstock.

Dorothy Lizotte Leone, whose husband passed away recently, has completed her novel, "Where the Herring Run", and makes her home in Brewster, MA, the site of her story.

Dick May enjoys volunteering at the Bradley International Airport and is one of the "Bradley Ambassadors" at one of its information booths.

Sally May, since becoming a widow, feels fortunate that her four sons live in nearby towns to assist in the upkeep of her East Woodstock home. She enjoys traveling and is active in church and library positions.

Archie Mitchell, in Maine, raises farm animals and puppies for the Seeing Eye Dog Program. He is co-curator at the Matthews Museum of Maine Heritage and provides AARP tax consulting services.

Margaret Wilcox Peabody lives in Putnam. It was good to see her and her lovely daughter Margo at the reunion.

Della Basto Tucker, in Montana, tends to her home and garden in Livingston, but continues to enter her paintings and art in regional exhibits.

Ernest Withers reports that health problems prevent him from being the active person he used to be. He enjoys the frequent visits of family members.

1948 Classmates will be pleased to know that their former faculty advisor, Catherine Chace Clark, fondly remembers them and greatly enjoyed her teaching experiences at Woodstock Academy. She and husband, Lloyd, maintain their home on Long Island but spend winters in Florida.

Class of 1949

Class Agent: Avis Frink Spalding, 399 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT, 06281

Class of 1950

Class Agent: Jeanne Stringfield Burlingham, 104 East Putnam Rd., Putnam, CT, 06260



August 2003 luncheon at the Colonial Club in Webster, MA. Left to right: Charlotte Peckham Robbins, John Condon, Eleanor Albrecht Condon, Lois Gagnon Swenson, Joan Swenson Arvidson, Jeanne Stringfield Burlingham.

John (Robert) and Eleanor Albrecht Condon, both alums, have moved back to Thompson, CT, from Montgomery, TX, where they lived for a few years near their children and grandchildren. They are both retired and have enjoyed traveling all over the world. Some people may remember that they ran the deli and luncheonette where the Cinnamon Tree is now and Windy Acres Florist on Rte. 171 in South Woodstock. Thank you, John and Eleanor for many wonderful and hard-worked hours spent there with wonderful food and many good friends.



Robert Shead and Family

Robert F. Shead writes from Webster, MA, where he lives with his wife of 43 years. He has a daughter and a son and five grandchildren. He retired from computer operations at Tuthill corp. in Millbury, MA, in 1999. He now works part-time in the men's suit department at Filene's in the Auburn Mall. He likes to keep active and enjoys meeting people. His hobbies, keeping him busy, include all kinds of woodworking on furniture, knick-knacks, and lawn ornaments. He also paints. His love of music in high school, in piano and organ, and his ambition to be an organist, inspired him to be a part-time organist for several local churches years ago. Now he does it for his own enjoyment.

Jeanne Stringfield Burlingham notes that she has now retired from her part-time library work and does some traveling whenever possible. She now has three

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great grandchildren, and seven grandchildren. She and five other alums meet frequently for luncheons at various local restaurants. She also joins other seniors at the local college, QVCC, for ongoing Learning in Retirement classes in the spring, autumn, and winter, and enjoys many of the social activities sponsored by the college. With her bird watching, gardening and just nature watching, she keeps very busy.

Joan Swenson Arvidson is semi-retired from nursing, still doing per diem work for Day Kimball Hospital and subbing for school nurses in the local schools. She is a Parish Nurse at her church and is involved with the church choir, committees, boards and ladies groups. She keeps very busy with eight grandchildren, ages 5-18. She and her husband Paul have enjoyed taking summer trips to Canada. She enjoys flower gardening and bird watching.

Class of 1951

James Mason Logee & Evelyn Johnson Logee write from Pennellville, NY. They enjoyed the wonderful 50th reunion of their class at the Inn on Woodstock Hill in June of 2001. They also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 27, 2002 with their three children, spouses and nine grandchildren. They have many fond memories of WA.

Gertrude (Trudy) Rhodes Richmond is currently living in Florida with her husband James whom she married in 1955. They have three children, all living in different states, so they are many miles from their seven grandchildren. She writes that her twin brothers, **Don and Ron Rhodes** ('55) are now living in Auburndale, FL, so they are only 1 1/2 hours away. She enjoyed visiting with classmates at the 50th reunion in 2001 at the Woodstock Inn.

Class of 1952

Kenneth F. Andrews is retired and continues to fly his own airplane. He is an FAA Certified Flight Instructor with a back load of students. He and his wife Kathleen have enjoyed traveling to Greece, Italy, China and Southeast Asia.

Class of 1958

Ellen Bailey Clark is living in Kent, WA and is working full-time for a distribution center in Auburn, WA. She has been there for the past 13 years. She enjoys life in Washington State and its beauty. She is busy with church activities and hobbies, attends lots of concerts and has a great interest in genealogy.

Sarah Tryon Lawrence is a Transportation Planner for the Los Angeles Unified School District,

which has 70,000 transported students. They recently finished computerizing their routing and scheduling of more than 2,000 school bus routes. She has been the project manager for the effort and it has been a truly challenging and rewarding career. She is married, has a grown daughter, one dog and three cats.

Class of 1959

Class Agent: Gale Eisenhower Garceau, 172 Stonebridge Rd., Woodstock, CT, 06281

Dorothy Nieminen Bressette is retired from UCONN after 35 1/2 years as an administrative assistant. Her husband Donald is also retired from Pratt & Whitney. They travel throughout the country in their Winnebago motor home, including Alaska and all the Canadian provinces except one. They spend winters in Fort Meyers Beach, FL. Daughter, **LuAnn Hilton Sajjadi**, is living and working in Louisiana, while son, **Michael**, is living in East Hartford and working at Cigna in Bloomfield, CT.

Class of 1962

Class Agent: Beverly Child Arnett, 133 Garden Road, River Ridge, LA, 70123

Susan Cross Andrews: Susan and Jim have been married 27 years; have 2 sons and 1 grandchild. Sue retired from teaching in 2002 "after 16 years of playing Katie Robinson" to 6th graders, and 20 years as a 1st and 2nd grade teacher. Jim retired this past June and after living in Westminster, MA for 27 years they have made the move to the great state of Maine! Sue writes that Jim will continue to work part-time, but they will spend most of their time traveling, enjoying the Maine seacoast, reading, walking, attending concerts and lectures, and writing. Both Sue and Jim are writers, and Jim also an artist. Their dream is to have a children's book published.

Beverly Child Arnett: Devens (class of '57) and I have been married 39 years, have 3 children, and a 5-month-old grandson. Our sons and families live in Idaho, our daughter and husband in Maine, and here we are in New Orleans, Louisiana! Dev is Director of Test and Trials at the Avondale Shipyard, and I am an unemployed optician spending part of my time volunteering at a nearby assisted living home, and on my hobbies of stenciling and genealogy. We're looking forward to Dev's retirement in August '05 when we will return to our home on the coast of Maine, spend part of the time traveling, part of the year in Idaho, and winter months in a 5th wheel RV in the South.

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Jerrilyn Sanga Ash: Jerrilyn and John have been married 38 years, have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. They moved to North Ft. Myers, Florida in 1999, and their family is all back in New England, so she writes that they fly North and the children fly South quite frequently, "but we manage to stay close, at least in heart." Jerrilyn and John live in a 55+ mobile home retirement community, which they expected to be short term while they looked for a permanent place to settle, but they liked it so much they've stayed. Their main pleasure is fishing on the Gulf, so they spend lots of time on their boat, and they are also both active in their church and do volunteer work on a regular basis. They enjoy having company, so if any classmates are in the area give them a call at 239-995-5043.

Linda Hendrickson Bazinet: Linda and her husband **Bob** have been married 38 years, have one son and one grandchild. She is employed at United Natural Foods, Inc in Dayville, where she is the Payroll Coordinator for 3 of their locations in the U.S. She writes Bob is the Building and Grounds Director at Woodstock Academy, so she keeps very good tabs on what is going on at "good ol' WA." Her biggest enjoyment is spending time with 4 year old granddaughter, but admits to being a big NASCAR race fan and goes to the races whenever possible.

Thomas Brandy: Tom writes that he and I (Beverly) are "neighbors" on the same river. I hold down the Southern perimeter while he is covering the Northern frontier in Minnesota! Tom left Connecticut shortly after graduation when his family moved to Ohio. He attended Heidelberg College there and met his wife Ingrid during his 2nd year. They were married in 1972, and have 3 sons, all over 6' tall, which he writes is due to the Norwegian genes! He played and coached college soccer and did some semi pro playing in the Midwest. Tom has his Masters Degree in Behavioral Psych, and in 1984 left administration and went back to teaching. He writes he is "somewhat of a consultant" in developing special programs for emotional/behavior disordered youth. They live in Rochester, Minnesota in a Federal Style Colonial that they designed and built - a bit of New England influence there. He sends along his "very best" to all.

Douglas Child: Doug is still living in our hometown of East Woodstock. He has 3 children and 3 grandchildren all living nearby. He attended UCONN's 2-year Agricultural School and has been employed by the Genex Co. for 39 years. He loves to golf, and also serves on the

Board of Directors for the Woodstock Fair, is the Superintendent of the Dairy Cattle Dept for the Fair, and is a member of the Woodstock Historical Society.

Jay Child: Jay moved to Florida several years ago, one of our first classmates to do so. I think he started a trend! He has 3 children, 2 living in Florida and 1 in Alaska, and 3 grandchildren. He and his wife Pat have recently moved into a smaller low maintenance house, which they are enjoying. Jay is employed by Haldane Associates, the largest career management firm in the U.S., and is one of only two Career Advisors in Florida. Since graduating from Woodstock Academy Jay has been busy earning degrees culminating with his PhD in Management and Industrial Psychology. He had his own management, sales, customer service and employment consulting service for about 10 years and also taught college, both graduate and undergraduate for 5 years. He says "Hello" to all the classmates, and if any are ever in south Florida give him a call at 561-361-8016.

David Dexter: Dave and Janet are celebrating 33 years of marriage this month and have 3 children. He is a recently retired executive from Aetna Insurance, so now has more time for his hobbies of skiing, kayaking and fishing. He and his family have enjoyed vacationing on the Cape each summer for years, but Dave writes he hopes to buy or build a vacation home near a lake in New Hampshire - a place where family and friends can gather to enjoy year round activities.

Susan Lewis Dillon: Sue and Tom continue to live on Cape Cod and especially enjoy the fall there. She works for a group of doctors, and Tom is retired. They have been married 34 years and have 3 daughters, and 5 grandchildren all living on the Cape. She writes they are really busy with their grandchildren and "love every minute!" In her spare time Sue loves to garden, and enjoys reading and painting, especially craft projects.

Cathy Saltonstall Estell: Cathy retired in June after 27 years with the University of Connecticut, but is still working out a contract position there ending the first of the year. Then she and her husband Wayne plan to travel around the U.S. spending more time at some of the places they rode through on their 1995 cross country bicycle trip. They also follow the NASCAR races with son Charlie and his wife, spending time on race weekends in N.H. and also visiting her brother **Craig** (class of '59) while there. She enjoys hiking and horseback riding when in

Arizona visiting with her son Chris and wife. She writes her Mom, **Catherine Perry** (class of '38) is still keeping in touch with 5 of her classmates. They have had reunions for the last 10 years or so.



Martha Simmons, Commencement Exercises, 1962

Martha Simmons Graham: Martha writes she is "holding a fort" up North in N.H. She is "on-call" for the Community Preschool Team of the Monadnock Region - available to serve families with children and grandchildren ages 2 to 4 years old with special needs and gifts. She sent along 2 wonderful old photos of graduation day!

David Hibbard: David writes he is still trying to revolutionize the dairy industry, "no small chore" and is working too hard, but has the help of his son who runs the day-to-day operations of his company. His daughter is a grade school teacher. He and Joanne, his wife of 4 years, have 2 grandchildren from her 2 children. They are all "reasonably" close by and they see them often. Joanne has retired from teaching accounting at the community college. David and Joanne are contemplating building a new house on a piece of property they purchased down the lake from their present home. They also own a home in Mexico near Puerto Vallarta, where they try to spend the cold months. He says the older they get the less appealing cold weather is. I think a lot of us can relate to that!

Pat Hickey: Pat has spent most of his life in Canada. He attended St. Mary's University in Halifax from 1962 to 1965 and earned a B.A.

from Sir George Williams University in Montreal in 1974 and an M.A. from the University of Western Ontario in 1978. He has been a journalist for most of his working life with a year teaching journalism at St. Clair College near Detroit. He has worked at newspapers in Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver and is currently a sports columnist for The Gazette in Montreal. He lives on the Quebec-Vermont border, approximately one hour from Montreal.

Dave Hwalek: Dave is one of our long lost classmates that was found! He writes that after graduating from Woodstock Academy he got an Engineering degree and joined the Navy. He was a pilot, flying one tour of duty in Vietnam, and left the service after 7 years. He started his own business in Virginia Beach, which was bought out by a major corporation 16 years later. Later, a company in South Carolina, where he now resides, bought out another business he started. He helped them open branches in Mexico and India. He has an 18-year-old son at George Washington University in his freshman year.

Kathy King Ives: Kathy keeps busy at her home gardening, doing yard work, and stacking wood - looking forward to the winter months when she can enjoy her woodstove. Her dog and 2 cats keep her company as she goes about her chores. She also enjoys painting, using oils and acrylics, and is now teaching herself watercolor painting. She writes she is an avid reader of mysteries, loves to cook, and do latch hooking and cross-stitch.

Betty Gagnon Korswig: Betty and **Karl** (class of '56) reside on Cape Cod and have recently celebrated their 41st anniversary. They have 4 children, 2 on the Cape and 2 in Woodstock, and 5 grandchildren. Betty is employed part-time and Karl will retire soon, so they are looking forward to spending more time at their home in Woodstock, and also vacationing in Florida in the winter months.

Peter Logee: Pete and Sharon have been married 36 years and have 1 son and 1 daughter and 4 grandchildren. He reports that he has been in one end or the other of the transportation industry since 1966 and is now driving a school bus in Delores, CO. They recently designed and built their "last house" in this beautiful 4 corners area of the Rocky Mountains. After living in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico for 10 years and a brief stay back in San Diego they are "trying to dig in here at 7,500 feet and make this our final home". Delores, a small mountain town,

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reminds him of Woodstock, but with that 'old west' atmosphere. Pete writes they live in one of the most visited areas of the country, so their door is always open - just drop a line and they'll make room for that RV!

Len Martin: Len retired 3 years ago to teach golf. He spent the summer in Wisconsin and Ohio teaching and Cheryl spent much of the summer visiting with their children and 8 grandchildren. Their youngest daughter lives in Worcester, their middle daughter in Sarasota, and their son lives in the area and manages the Vanilla Bean in Pomfret. He writes they have just returned to Sarasota. He will be teaching there and also in Ft. Myers and Ft. Lauderdale. Cheryl keeps busy working part time at a gift shop and is also working on a line of note cards.

Donna Green Naines and Tony Naines:

Donna and Tony moved to Naples, Florida in 1980. There's something about that sunshine state! Tony is the President of Loos in Florida, and Donna is the Vice President. They have one child and a 2-year-old granddaughter living in Jacksonville who they visit as often as possible. Donna writes they enjoy golfing and traveling and Tony enjoys fishing.

Bill Neumann: Bill reports that "Life is good" and his 2 daughters are both employed by Pfizer Corp, one as a research vet and the other as a drug salesperson. He writes that a great time was had last year at our 40th class reunion held at his home, and "some of us even got out of control"! Bill is responsible for our class bank account and mentions that donations would always be appreciated, and that perhaps at some point we could donate to the school in our memory. Bill's address is: 97 Elmwood Rd, Canterbury, CT 06331 for those interested.

Elizabeth Johnson O'Donnell: Elizabeth writes that she has lost touch with many classmates, except those that still live in the area. She has lived in Webster for the past 11 years.

Joan Guertin Perry: Joan recently retired and enjoys the winters with her husband, Bill in Fort Lauderdale, FL. They still enjoy their residence in Woodstock and visiting with their three granddaughters.



Home of Candace & Lowell Spink in Orleans, VT.



Taken September 23, 2000 at Lowell Spinks 40th reunion on Crystal Pond in Eastford, CT.

Candace Paige Puglise: Candy writes she was "reunited with an old flame from high school, **Lowell Spink**" (class of '60) and has moved to Irasburg, VT where they live in a beautiful log home on 106 acres. Lots of wildlife to see she reports, some a little too close, such as bears that think the bird feeders were put up for them. She and Lowell enjoy gardening, walking, cooking and ATVing. Every September finds them vacationing and body surfing in Narragansett, RI. Candy is a private Home Health person and hopes to retire next year. She has 3 children and 10 grandchildren between the ages of 5 and 20. One grandson has just joined the Marines; she is proud of him, but also very worried, she writes.

Geraldine Daigle Teja: Gerry and Ted have been married 35 years and have 2 sons, both working in the Boston area. They are looking forward to son Matt's wedding next May. Gerry writes she is in her 27th year of teaching at Pomfret Community School, where she currently teaches 8th grade Language Arts. Ted retired from teaching several years ago. They love to travel and have been to Italy, France and England, and many places in the U.S. They are planning a Caribbean cruise this winter.

If anyone would like a copy of addresses please contact me I'd be happy to forward them. Let's keep looking for our lost classmates: John Blair, Charlie Cox, William Koza, Coralee Krause Reese, Yolanda Whitehead and Diane Wilkenson Bates. - Bev Child Arnett, Class Agent.

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Class of 1963

Class Agent: Jeri Lee Musumeci, P.O. Box 124, Woodstock, CT 06281

Neal B. Freuden is a consultant with Enviro Science Consultants Inc. His daughter Sarah attends Tufts University in Boston, MA.

Jeri Lee Musumeci retired on April 1, 2003 after working for 31 years. She spent 6 years working at Day Kimball Hospital and completed 25 years in January of 2002 with the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Retardation. She is not completely idle as she and her husband are building homes on a 14-lot subdivision as a retirement project. Jeri also serves as an Alumni Trustee at the Academy and has become a member of the Department of Mental Retardation Eastern Region Advisory and Planning Council as a representative of the ARC of Quinebaug Valley, of which she is also a member. In addition, she keeps very busy enjoying her new home and four grandchildren. She and her husband Tom moved to Grey Fox Landing in Woodstock on March 1st. Her youngest son **Joe** ('92) and **Karen Garabrant** ('92) purchased the house on Rte. 197 and were married October of 2002.

Class of 1964

John Boyd is married with three sons, 28, 24, and 20. He and his wife Colette have lived in Litchfield, CT for the past 24 years. He is the Executive Director of the Connecticut Junior Republic, a private non-profit agency that provides a variety of community based and residential treatment programs for troubled youth and their families. Colette is a high school teacher in New Milford, CT.

Class of 1965

Janice McKeague was happy to hear from the Academy after these many years. She is still a proud graduate of WA and has fond memories of growing up in Woodstock. She is a computer analyst and has lived in Florida since 1989. She was in Woodstock in June of 2001 for a memorial service for her Aunt **Kay Foskett**, also a graduate of the Academy who was on the basketball team and was also a Yale Cup recipient.

Harry Neff left the Academy in his sophomore year to attend a private school in MA. He has many memories of Woodstock but has lost contact with many classmates having traveled throughout the country for the past 18 years. He is listed on the Classmates.com website.

Class of 1966

Gail Hazzard Schuyler lived in North Woodstock until she married in 1969. She is

now in Worcester, MA and has 4 children and 4 grandchildren. She would be glad to hear from any of her classmates.

Deb Smith has been living in Vermont for the past 28 years and has been married for 8, working as a sculptor and house painter.

Class of 1967

Ann Pierce Hedgcock graduated from Hartford Art School in 1971 and is married to Seth Hedgcock. They have two grown children, Elizabeth 29, a choral conductor, and Adam, 27, a mechanical engineer and working in Boston. She lived in East Boothbay for 13 years and sold artwork in galleries and shops. Ann moved to the Portland area in 1985. She has recently "retired" from teaching art in Freeport, ME (17 years), and is now teaching pottery at Portland Pottery in Portland, ME, as well as running her own pottery studio in North Yarmouth, soon to be moved to East Boothbay. When she is not painting or "potting", she is usually hiking, sailing or in her kayak.

Class of 1968

Class Agent: Beverly Desaulnier Spink, 30 Pheasant Lane, Brooklyn, CT, 06234

See "Reunions" page.

Class of 1969

Class Agents: Cheryl Anderson Lindberg, P.O. Box 621, Norwich, VT, 05055; Terry Bruneau Nahil, 320 SW Panther Terrace, Port St. Lucie, FL, 34953-8201

Ernest Dodge was named Teacher of the Year in February of 2003 at Killingly High School and has been teaching for over 20 years. He teaches English and Latin and has noted role models through his life, including his mother Ruth Dodge who taught at Annhurst College. He also recognized Mr. Tom Juko, former Woodstock Academy English teacher as "phenomenal in terms of making reading seem important and enjoyable." He attended college at Clark University and Holy Cross and completed his graduate work at Brown University and Connecticut College.

Glenn Flodstrom is currently teaching medical laboratory science at the Community College of Philadelphia and has been in that field since graduating from UCONN. He enjoyed the last (30th) reunion held at Paul Kelly's home in Woodstock.

Terry Bruneau Nahil notes that the Class of 1969 earned its claim to fame as the first senior class to have an unofficial, official "skip day". After

graduation she spent the summer preparing for and going on a 5-week European concert tour with the Concordia group from the Boston Conservatory, and then on to Central Conn. State College for 3 semesters. She also managed to get in another one-week European concert tour with the CCSC singers. After that, due to her mother's medical condition, she dropped out of school and moved home to help with her care. She then returned to college at UCONN in the School of Nursing and completed her clinical work in the Hartford area and graduated in 1975 with a BSN. Two years later she married her husband of 26 years, who was a radio engineer. They moved many times to larger radio markets, beginning in central NH, to several locations in northern MA, to Simsbury, CT, Detroit, MI, and back to MA and southern NH. Their biggest move was 11 years ago to Denver, CO where they have enjoyed the lifestyle tremendously. They have two adult children, 25 and 22, who began as full-time students but are now working in great careers in IT and banking. She and her husband, Ted, have recently begun traveling and have been turned on to cruising. They are planning relocation to the east coast of Florida soon. Ted is now a Broadcast Sales Manager for Harris Corp. and has a home office and Terry has been the owner/manager of a medical transcription service for the past 16 years, which is also home-based. They have decided to settle where they can enjoy their backyard pool during their workday.

Class of 1970

Class Agent: Suzanne Staveski Rosendahl, 371 Rte. 197, Woodstock, CT, 06281

Kinson Perry is the Director of Government and Community Relations for SBC/SNET. He has two daughters in college, both doing very well – and as he states, much better than he did, in fact. He takes that as a sign of progress!

Class of 1971

Cheryl (Boutwell) and David Eisenhower recently relocated to Del Rio, TX from Valdosta, GA where they had been living for the past several years. They have two of their sons living with them, David II, 25, working for a communications company and Shawn, 28, working for Subway. They have a 17 month old granddaughter who is "as cute as a button and smart as a whip" and keeping them on their toes. Cheryl has been busy babysitting.

Class of 1972

Class Agents: Magee Bates Harrison, 313 N. 23rd, Bozeman, MT, 59718; Beverly Peterson Sawyer, 327 Barlow Cemetery Rd., Woodstock, CT, 06281

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Sarah Adams: I have been married (to Gorm Lunn) and living in Denmark for 23 years. I work as a laboratory technician at the Danish State Pest Infestation Laboratory in the mammal department. I have been there for 11 years and really like my job. We do research to find new ways of controlling pests (rats, mice, flies, ants etc). I am also the Shop Steward representing the lab technicians- I enjoy union work though I have never been wild about unions-but in a country like Denmark they play a big role in the employment environment. Gorm works at the Danish Plant Directorate heading the Department of Feedingstuffs and Fertilizers. We have 3 children- Bjorn (21yrs)- after finishing High School (he and Mathew Driscolls son attended the same High School for 1 year together!) Bjorn went to live with **Mary Jane (Eriksen) Fulco** for a year where Bjorn worked at the Woodstock Elementary School as a teaching assistant. It was a fantastic year for him- he not only got to see where I grew up, he also got to know his grandmother and Mary Jane and her wonderful family. Bjorn is now studying Landscape Architecture at The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University in Copenhagen. Bjorn also traveled around in Great Britain with David Fulco (Mary Jane's son) this past summer for a couple of weeks. And David also visited us here in Denmark this past spring- so to say the least there is a very strong bond between our families. Rolf (20 yrs) finished High School a year ago and took a year off to work and learn to live on his own. He is now studying Business Administration and Computer Science at The Copenhagen Business School. Caroline (15yrs) is in 9th grade and looking forward to High School. She is busy with friends, school and after school activities. She also keeps Gorm and I on our toes, as she is that last child in our nest. Bismarck (4yrs) is our wonderful dog- she is a Labrador-look mutt. She had 8 puppies this past spring and that was a lot of fun. Gorm and I have been living in Virum (about 6 miles outside of Copenhagen) for 20 years and are now in the process of selling our house. We own the lot of land next to our present house and we plan on building a new house there when we have sold the present one. We also have a little farm in Jutland that Gorm runs. It only has grain crops (no animals) and some woods. Though when we retire I plan on getting some sheep!!

Debra Woodcock Bard: Well, I may not have been living the life of 007 but after three marriages I can be a little hard to track down. (Unless you call my Mom she seems to keep track of everyone that any one of her three girls ever knew.) Well where do I begin? How about with the kids... First there is Caleb Shay born on Bev's first husband's birthday 28 years ago. Three years ago we traveled to California for Caleb's wedding, he has since moved

east and is living in New Jersey. Next we have Desiree Michelle Bard she turned 13 this July. We celebrated with a mother daughter trip to a Sci-Fi Convention in Toronto, On. We got to meet Anthony Stewart Head (Giles; from Buffy the Vampire Slayer) and he sang Happy Birthday to her. This was definitely a birthday to remember! I passed along a bit of fiction that I had been working on based on the series, I hope he enjoys it. Des was selling "reads" of it to her friends for a couple of bucks for three to four chapters' worth, at a time. As in real life my "Agent" kept the money and gave me the praise. Which brings us to the youngest, Justin Raymond Bard. This child has many times caused a severe case of De Javu as he has many of the same characteristics as his half brother. Very smart; he wants to know how everything works and disassembles anything left unattended. He arrived on this planet 21 years minus one day after his older brother. He looks almost exactly like Caleb, (I know that this is true because when Caleb's step-brother met him that was one of the first things he said to me.) As for me I'm married to a man who is legally blind and refuses to admit it. This has its "pros" and "cons"; He does wood working and odd jobs for other people (but can't fix dinner because he can't read the directions on the package). He can build almost anything (but I have to set the fence on the table saw) he does most of the wiring on the house (but I have to tell him which is the black wire.) Now over the years I have learned to do all these things myself and in fact we started to see each other when we were working on shoring up a barn so it wouldn't collapse over the winter. In between arguing over how many nails in the end of a 2x4 was too many, we started dating. As for what I'm doing... I'm working in a drugstore in Augusta, Me. Several years ago my manager put me in charge of the cosmetics department, (because this area needs to be decorated for each season and he felt I had the artistic flair for this). I've built myself such a reputation for keeping this department under control, that last summer I was the only person who was requested to work on a major reset team for the entire state (everyone else volunteered). I worked in stores from Bar Harbor to Damariscotta. Even before this though there have been several managers from other stores who call and beg for my services. Its kind of fun to have a manger call and ask for me and be able to say, "So what are you offering for incentives?" I've gotten both travel time and mileage (it's supposed to be one or the other), lunch, overtime etc. It may be a small power base but it's mine. Now for my free time.. (ha, ha!) I sew and design clothing (I made every wedding dress I've worn), write fiction for my entertainment and a small circle of fans, and write poetry for my children. Justin has his favorite piece taped to his bedroom door. I design and make bead jewelry, remodel my house when I can afford

the materials, work on my art less than I'd like, and I write the quarterly newsletter (with the help of my manager) for our store. In two weeks I'm going to be taking fencing lesson again, this time with my daughter and two of her friends.

Bruce Barlow: You found me, probably through **Steve Ekholm**. I'm Bruce Barlow, lost in Michigan and other states since about '72. I went to LeTourneau University in Texas, as is my son currently. He also got married this summer so I am a potential grandfather. After LeTourneau, I went to graduate school at Central Michigan Univ. Linda and I were married in 1979. We have four children. Benjamin is the oldest, mentioned above. Angie is second, in nursing school at Indiana Wesleyan University and Joshua and Allie are Senior and Junior at Heritage High School. I've worked for the same company, Eaton Corporation, an \$8 billion diversified industrial company for 26 years. I began as an engineer, worked in numerous states and positions and now am responsible for operations in Michigan, NC and Italy. We're expanding to Poland and China in the next few years. I travel often, but always return to CT at least once a year. I have some property there and all five brothers, WA alumni, live on the east coast. Unfortunately, I know of nobody in our class. Steve found me a few months ago, but I haven't heard from anyone else since graduation. The most amazing thing to me is that Mr. Weaver is headmaster. He was a great track coach. I have a Suzuki 1500 Intruder. Are you a biker? That's about it for my hobbies. Mostly go to the kid's sports and other events that they are involved in. So that's my story. It would be cool to see everyone again, but the timing never works out for reunions.

Tracy Molnar Borovicka: I'm still here in Woodbridge, VA. With any kind of luck, I expect to be for another 15 years unless the company my husband works offers him a job in a more attractive area. This is a hectic area to live in but I am adaptable and I actually rather like living here, plus I like my house. We are having fun doing things to it to suit us. The backyard is a challenge too. I have the two boys, Bill (24) and Zach (21). We are empty nesters though for the most part. Bill lives in southeastern OH and works for the US Forest Service. Zach is a senior at WV Wesleyan College. Zach is home maybe 6 weeks out of the year. We have two older dogs and an older cat. I don't work outside the home. I have quite a time keeping up with my daily activities and just don't know how I would fit work in there. I spend the days just enjoying what comes along. I start out working out and go from there. As I am very happy, I guess I found my niche in life. I spend lots of time with friends of all ages as well as my family. Hobbies are

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counted cross-stitch and reading and this is how I like to spend my time the most. We enjoy entertaining family and friends when they pass through the area or when they decide this is where they would like to stop awhile and see the sights. My email is TUMBorov@aol.com. I love to hear from people.

Janice Sanga Bradway: I have been married for over 25 years to Walt Bradway. We own and operate a dairy farm in Union. Together we have raised his two daughters and our daughter and son. We are enjoying our first granddaughter. I love riding my horse in my spare time and spending quiet evenings at our pond with my family.

Geoffrey (Dale) Edwards: Single, no children – just pets. I am a Senior Messaging Support and Network Engineer. Since graduating from WA, I have traveled all over the world and lived in Connecticut, Washington, DC, Virginia, California and now Massachusetts. I love to travel and when I lived in California, I vacationed in Hawaii (once a year for the 7 years I lived in California). I am involved in my father's business (computer side, of course), and do computer consulting on the side, along with my regular career. I reconnected with **Mona Martin Lee** and **Lorraine Kuper** at the 30-year reunion and we are very good friends. Most of my family remained in the Woodstock area, while I was the only family member that actually "went out into the world." My Grandmother is still alive at 92 years old, and just gave up driving this year. She still cooks and does the washing, and a good friend of the family does her housecleaning. I purchased a lovely single-family home in Millbury, MA, which I share with my cat, Torrie (soon to be shared with a second cat). I love being back in New England, but plan to travel often. I am in good health and most of my family is also.

Steve Ekholm, Blue '72: I am currently living in Barrington, RI, I am married, with three children: Ted (25), Chris (23), and Betsy (20). My wife's name is Debbie. No pets, at the present. I graduated from Gordon College with a BA in Physics. I work at Northrop Grumman, in Newport, RI, as a senior system software programmer. I've been there since 1978, although when I started work there it was a small private DOD contracting company called Systems Consultants, Incorporated. (It went public, was bought by Harnischfeger Industries, was sold to Logicon Corporation, which merged with Northrop Grumman.) My work has taken me to Navy bases all over the country, and, as part of a foreign sales marketing initiative, to Australia, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan. I'm active in my church (choir, solos, duets, quartets, ensembles, church government positions, assistant youth leader, search committee

chair). I coached soccer for 8-9 years when my kids were young. When they left the youth soccer programs, I became a USSF and high school soccer official, and have been doing that for the past 9 years. (In the fall, I average 6 games a week.) I like small, reliable cars (I'm on my fifth Honda Civic).

Maggee Bates Harrison: After 18 years in Washington, DC Bob, Maggee, Ren and Trag II (border collie) retired to Bozeman, Montana. Ren is in 8th grade and enjoys his friends and new surroundings. Maggee is busy volunteering at Eagle Mount, a therapeutic recreation center, in their horseback riding, swimming and cross-country ski programs. Bob is collecting all the necessary sports equipment to allow him to pursue his fly fishing and elk hunting interest and has begun taking Tai Chi. After 30 years working for the Peace Corps he deserves to relax and feel the "chi". We are only 1 1/2 hours north of Yellowstone and 45 mins. from Big Sky, so if you find yourself in the area don't hesitate to look us up - we'll have the hot tub heated up and the larder well stocked for your arrival!

Scott Horsley: I am so glad that someone finally realized how significant a role us Dudleyites were in the intellectual, spiritual, athletic expansion of the Woodstock family! All kidding aside, I always look back to probably the three best years of my life (remember we came as sophomores). I had dinner with **Howland** last Saturday night (he's doing great teaching at Tabor Academy in Marion, MA). I see **Chris Koerner** semi-regularly in Washington DC where we both are involved in environmental work with our federal government. I am splitting my time between Boston (where I have a tiny condominium on Beacon Hill) and Cape Cod (I have a house on the bay in the forgotten little village of Cotuit). I have an environmental consulting business (Horsley & Witten, Inc.) which is based here on the Cape. You can check us out at horsleywitten.com. We work all over the US and have had assignments in Nicaragua, China, Bulgaria, Bahamas and St. Kitts. I love my work, which I seriously think roots back to my upbringing surrounded by the Dudley-Woodstock hills, valleys, trees and streams. I teach at Tufts University in the Graduate School Department of Environmental Policy. I was married for several years after graduate school and have a very cool 22-year old son (wow!), named **Bryan** (after my brother of course, who has his own restaurant in Killingly...Bryans Pasta and Grille, its near Zips Diner, go see him and have a drink on me!). I spend my free time running (road races), hiking, kayaking, going to jazz clubs and concerts, skiing and trying to stay healthy. My parents still live on Dudley Hill in the same house up by Nichols College. Most trips home, I make a side trip to Woodstock.

Amazingly, to me, it hasn't changed much (compared to the Cape). We had a great class and WA was a great place. It was an incredible time.

Mark Howland: I live in Marion, MA. I have a wife (Nita) of seventeen years and two children, Emma (15) and Sam (14). They don't drive me too crazy. I probably make them nuts. We also have a dog, Lucy. She came from the pound. Interesting place, the pound. Have you ever been to one? We used to have a twenty-pound cat, but he became too much for all of us. When he crawled into your lap, you nearly suffocated-or worse. I'm a teacher-English mostly and some Latin and theater-at a prep school, Tabor Academy. So, we live in a dorm currently with nine, seventeen-year-old boys. Talk about testosterone. My daughter survived having me in Latin last year and my son is two days into Latin with me this year. We'll take his temperature daily. If I were to return to school (as a student) for any reason, I'd still pick **Jerry** (the Mouse) **Kuper** as my lab partner. Short of marriage and children, that was probably the best decision I've made in my life.

Patricia A. Langer: Pat has been teaching music at Woodstock Elementary School for the past three years after having taught for 24 years in the Ellington school, system. She writes that being in one school is heavenly and there is truly "no place like home." Her career has taken her to higher levels as a workshop clinician, State Dept. of Education BEST Assessor, as well as an All-State Music Festival Adjudicator.

Richard Poudrier writes from Portland, OR where he lives with his two children, Nanci and Vincent. He is an electrical supervisor for a specialty metals plant owned by Allegheny Technologies.

Larry Salo: Married for 23 years to **Laura Beaudreault** (cousin to our very own **Deborah Beaudreault**) Father of two daughters; Amber - 17 year old a SR. at WA and Brittany - 14 yrs old in the 8th grade. Larry enjoys traveling, baseball & football while his wife Laura who teaches at Plainfield High School enjoys quilting. Their daughters enjoy dancing.

Beverly Peterson Sawyer, Gold '72: I married Keith L. Sawyer and we shall be celebrating our 23rd Wedding Anniversary this October. We bought a home in Woodstock Valley (327 Barlow Cemetery Road) after living in Ellington for 12 years. The only children I have are the 4-legged black fur variety! I have 3 black cats: Aunt Polly, Mississippi, and King Tut. They keep me entertained and make life lively! Over the many years I worked in Secretarial, Bookkeeping, Management, and Computer Technician positions. I am however,

legally disabled having developed allergies and asthma to such severity that I am basically a "Bubble Lady" as my family doc says. So, I left the workforce May 2000 and can generally be found at home! I was active in the Ellington Junior Women's Club for several years. Unknown to many, I developed my artistic skills and paint Landscapes, Decorative Paintings, and Theorem Paint (which I also taught at Adult Education in Rockville High School). I was an active member of the Tolland County Art Association while living in Ellington, though I haven't connected to the Association here in Windham as yet. At the young age of 35 I got my motorcycle license and have been riding a Suzuki motorcycle for over 11 years now and loving every minute of it! I spend a good amount of time doing artwork for my church, The Church of the Good Shepherd in West Woodstock, whether it's tickets or brochures etc. I spend some of my other time Counted X-stitching, crocheting, and a multitude of other crafts! Prior to my disability I had been an avid gardener and kept a beautiful perennial garden. I look forward to hearing from any of our classmates, my exposure to the "outside world" is rather limited to Internet access! (My email is: suzisuzuki@earthlink.net) I hope everyone is healthy and well!

Patricia Cooley Thorburn: I have been living in Maynard, MA with my husband Gary for almost 20 years. We recently celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. We have 2 children. Ben is 20 and a junior music major at the University of Rochester in Rochester, NY. Becky is 16 and a junior at Maynard High School. I have been working in the local elementary school for 9 years. I spent the first 6 years as the assistant librarian and when that job was cut I became a reading tutor under a federal program called Title 1. I work with small groups of 3rd graders and Kindergarteners who are below grade level in reading to give them extra support. Our family is very active in our church. We have been very involved in children's ministries and right now Gary and I are leading the 4th and 5th grade Sunday school department. In my "free" time (what's that?!) I go to Becky's soccer games and both of the kids' music concerts. I am actively involved in the high school band and chorus parents' group where I help with fund raising. I like to walk and am an avid reader of mysteries. Lately I have taken up doing crossword puzzles. I enjoy flower and vegetable gardening and dabble in various crafts. I also enjoy cooking, especially trying new recipes.

Stephanie Smith: Stephanie moved to Vermont in 1976, or around there, and married a man from Indiana. They had 3 exceptional boys together. After 15 years, she and her husband parted ways, the kids grew, went to school, didn't go to school,

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graduated from college, still attend college and so forth. One has moved to San Francisco to become a rich artist. One lives in Middlebury, Vt. and works in just about every store in town, saving up to go to college, and one is a junior in college. Stephanie has worked as a teacher in a preschool in the area for 18 years or so. Three years ago, she had a Civil Union with a wonderful person, Anne, who works in education on a higher level - college and high school. Anne has two children, thus giving Stephanie two stepchildren. Anne's son, after working in NYC for 6 years, is getting his masters in business, and her daughter works and lives in the Chicago area. About 7 years ago, Stephanie, Anne and Stef's mom bought a house together, where they still live, and intend to do so, happily ever after.

Emily (Foisy) and Cliff White celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on Oct. 14, 2003. They have a small candle business in East Nassau, NY as well as a contracting business. Emily helps Cliff out with both. Their two sons, Jason and Ken, are both grown and they wish they could see them more often.

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Richard Baron is the Transportation Repair Assistant Supervisor for the State of Connecticut DOT. He is happily married with two beautiful children. Rich is also the Fire Marshall for the Town of Woodstock.

Susan Gratton Green recently completed a program at the University of Phoenix and will be receiving her B.S. in Business Management with a dual major in Business Administration. She has three sons, Wayne 27, Mark 23, and Joshua 16, who live with her in Florida.

Ron Robbins retired from the Connecticut State Police in 1999 after having served 22 years as a police officer in Eastern Connecticut. As a result of 9/11, Ron was called back into service to fly for the CSP Aviation Unit. He lives in North Stonington, CT with his wife, Alice and daughters, Carli (Wheeler '03) and Elli (Wheeler '11). His son, Cal (Wheeler '02) attends the US Coast Guard Academy in New London and Alice's son, **Nick Aleszczyk** was 2003 Woodstock Academy grad.

Pete Woodruff is living in Killingly, CT and is working in irrigation construction.

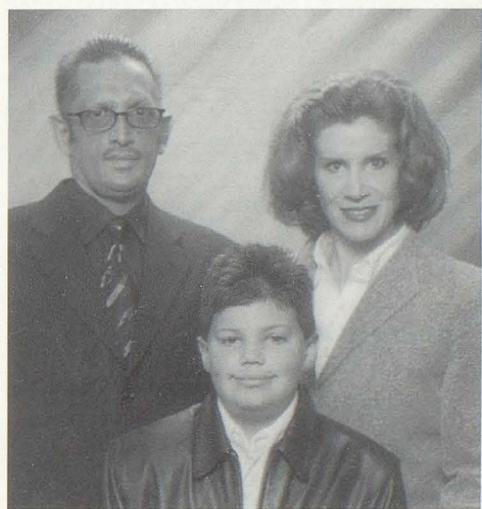
Class of 1974

Class Agent: Durrin (Susan) Eddy Motley, 289 W. Quasset Rd., Woodstock, CT, 06281.



(L to R): Pat Larson Fox, Cheryl Cusson Turkington, Kathy Amato Dipilato, Cassie Perry Linehan, Durrin Eddy Motley, Barbara Franks enjoying a mini-reunion in May of 2003 in Hilton Head, SC.

J. Stuart Boldry, Jr. writes that he has lived in the Chicago area since graduating from Boston College in 1978, except for a brief hiatus from 1995 to 2000, when he resided in the New Orleans area. He completed his MBA in 1982 from the University of Chicago, and has been in banking his entire career. Stu is currently employed as an Executive Vice President at CoVest Bank located in Des Plaines, IL. Stu and his wife Jennifer have three children, Emily (13), Margaret (10) and Matthew, (8).



Karen Etchells Carrera & Family

Karen L. Etchells Carrera wrote that after spending the last 9 1/2 years with their home base in Columbia, South America, working with drug addicts, alcoholics and those living on the streets, they are home. Her husband, Luis was promoted to be the Central and South American Alcohol Teen Challenge Representative, so they live near the Global Teen Challenge headquarters in Locust Grove, Virginia. Luis travels a great deal and helps others facilitate drug rehab centers in Central and South America. Their son, Caleb is 12, and is thought to be much more Columbian than North American in his ways and customs. In addition to being a licensed minister and preaching, Karen is

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now in school for message therapy. She has already started practicing and plans to go into medical message therapy after graduation.

Nancy King Cole wrote that she lives in Cape Neddick Maine.

Mitchell Foote and his wife Patty are high school special education teachers. Patty teaches in Middletown and Mitchell teaches at New Britain High School. Both of their children, Ryan and Lauren attend Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. Mitchell sends his greetings to all of his friends in the Class of '74.

Margaret (Peggy Murray) Corsi is living back in Dudley and is a single mom of two children, ages 10 and 12. She is a Licensing Specialist and Recruiter for the American Express Financial Advisors in Worcester, MA. Peggy would love to catch up with classmates after having to leave the Academy with fellow Dudley classmates before their senior year.

Gordon Davis writes from his home in Putnam that he works part time for the Dempsey Regional Center in the Horticultural Therapy Program. He also works part time for United Services, doing outside work at their clubhouse. Gordon is the president of the advocacy group, People Meeting People. He supports the "Friends of Camp Quinebaug", and the ARC of Quinebaug Valley. He is single.

Kathy Amato DiPilato lives in Putnam. She is married to Joe DiPilato and has two children in college; Amy who is 20 and Jonathan, 18.

Catherine Hubbard Eisenberg writes from her home in Tyngsboro, MA that she is married to Stephen Eisenberg and has a son Edwin, a.k.a. Eddy, who is 8 1/2.

Patricia Larson Fox is living in Muscatine, Iowa with her husband Dennis, whom she married in 1982. Dennis is the V.P. of Human Relations for Bandag, Inc., which is headquartered in Muscatine. Pat writes that she is a domestic engineer, and keeps busy with tennis, golf, church and school activities. They have three children; Laura (20) is a junior at Iowa University majoring in Spanish and Communications. Pete (18) is a freshman at Iowa University and Sarah (16) is junior at Muscatine High School and enjoys golf.

Barbara Franks lives in Arlington Heights, IL. She works for Chubb Insurance in Chicago where she is the Branch Sales Manager of the Accident Division. Barb enjoys golf, tennis, gardening, skiing and travel.

Bryan Horsley lives in Storrs, CT and has two children, Shannon and Craigen. Bryan owns and operates Bryan's Pasta & Grille in Dayville, Ct.

Allan W. Koerner lives in Farmington, CT with his wife Ingrid and their three children, Andrew (14), Mara (11) and Olivia (9). He is still practicing law in Hartford where he has been with the same partnership of Gersten & Clifford since 1986. He writes that he and Ingrid are entering the teen years, so there is never a dull moment!

Cassandra Perry Linehan lives in Newburyport, MA with her husband, Bob. Cass is a speech pathologist consultant and owns a business, sPeak Performance, in which she provides personal speech training services. Her husband is the Director of Business Development for MFX.

Susan "Durrin" Eddy Motley is living in Woodstock after being in the Hartford area for many years. She is married to Bob Motley, who works for Cushman & Wakefield in Hartford as a commercial real estate broker for the New Haven area, and has two children, Isabelle who is 10 and Robert who is 8. Durrin is a stay home mom who loves to garden, volunteer at school, and is also an alumni representative on the WA Board of Trustees. She is looking forward to hosting the 30th Class Reunion for the class next year!

Trina Stehlik writes: Have been working in the social services field for the past 25 years or so. Currently working for the past 10 years as a department coordinator for Infoline 2-1-1, a statewide human service/crisis intervention agency located in Rocky Hill. Live with my significant other and our 3 dogs in Rocky Hill.

Sheryl Roberts Wheeler lives in Clio, Michigan with her husband Joe, and her three sons, Tanner, Masson and Jessie. She also has two granddaughters. She raises game birds (peacocks, pheasants, turkeys and chickens), and is president of her sons' school PTA. She enjoys gardening, hunting, fishing and sports. She works in the office of the Wheeler family Spring Company. She is also an avid NASCAR race fan.

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Class Agent: Dawn Sherman Johnston, 1520 Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT, 06281

Jon T. Creighton has been working for the Vermont State Dept. of Public Safety as a Forensic Laboratory Specialist since Oct. 1988. His primary duties involve crime scene investigation,

photography evidence collection, and preservation and analysis and all the legal ramifications that go along with it. He would love to hear about fellow classmates.

Stanley Mercier is living in Florida with his wife and son. He also has two daughters from a previous marriage who live in Ohio. His son is now 11 years old and loves to play baseball like his Dad. Stanley is currently employed by the Pinellas County School system and has been for the past 8 years, as a bus driver. Prior to this, he was enlisted in the U.S. Navy for 20 years and obtained the rank of Lt. Commander. He served on the aircraft carriers U.S.S. Lexington and U.S.S. Ranger. His last combat duty was during the Gulf war. He writes how fortunate he was to return while several of his shipmates did not. He would enjoy hearing from other classmates.

Carla Chobociak Sheldon has been living in Pomfret for the past 19 years. She has two sons, the oldest has graduated from college and lives in Danbury and the youngest is attending college. She works at Eastern Conn. State Univ. and manages the departments of Business Administration and Economics.

Class of 1976

Class Agent: Kristen Croteau Willis, 187 Chaplin Rd., Eastford, CT, 06242

Edwin Clark is a Maintenance Engineer at United Natural Foods, Inc. in Dayville, CT. He divides his spare time between bands, including Blue Steele, TNPC, and Viper.

Kimberly Sample Reiter is currently Associate Professor and the Chair of the Department of History at Stetson University, Deland, FL. Her husband, Dr. Michael Reiter, is an environmental scientist at Delaware State University. They have a lot of frequent flier miles! In the summer of 2002, Kim studied in Rome at the American Academy in the area of ancient Roman religion. She has written several articles in environmental history, most recently a discussion on the California Energy Crisis of 2000, although she is currently working on perceptions of boundary in Roman religious thought. She welcomes any news from classmates and confesses to being out of touch for quite some time!

David Brian Withers has two daughters. **Karen**, the oldest is a nursing major at UCONN and the other, **Holly**, a recent grad of WA. He hopes to make the next reunion!

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Randl Ask is living in Maui, HI and is back in school working on finishing his master's program in Chinese Medicine at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu. He ultimately hopes to get his doctorate. Randl lives with his partner Scott and his daughters Shayda and Shantel. They have two grandchildren and Randl's mother also lives with them. They are three generations under one roof. Randl left professional show business due to burn out and continues to perform for enjoyment only. He writes that the last show he performed in was the premier of the Broadway musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie". He left the company to pursue his studies. He is extremely happy in Hawaii, with a full life. He states that waking up to a warm, clean ocean is indeed one of the greatest blessings one could have and that Hawaii is awesome in the truest sense of the word.

Class of 1979

Gloria Ekholm Thomas is currently working for an accounting firm in Portland, ME, where she has been for the past 18 years. She has four children: Matthew, 15; Katie, 14; Aaron, 8; and Kirsten, 5. Her husband is a music teacher for the elementary schools in Buxton.

Class of 1984

Amy Parent Jajliardo and **Glenn Jajliardo** ('91) have been married for 10 years this December. They were married when Glenn was in technical school for Aerospace Ground Mechanics at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, TX. Their first tour was Anchorage, AK where they stayed for 3 1/2 years and they are now residing in Bossier City, LA. They have a 7-year-old son and a 3-year-old daughter. As of this publication, they were expecting their third child. Glenn is a staff sergeant and is currently earning a degree in Industrial Technology and will move on to Officer Training School. Amy is a stay-at-home mom and is currently home schooling their 7-year-old.

Jane A. Weimann is a Computer Data Specialist for the Hyde School in Woodstock, CT. She finally was able to take her dream vacation when celebrating the new millennium and traveled on a two-week cruise to the Hawaiian Islands.

Class of 1986

Penny Wong graduated from Connecticut College in 1990 and moved to Martha's Vineyard where she married her husband, Aguimar Carlos who is from Brazil. When last she wrote, she was director of the Martha's Vineyard Child Care Center and was expecting her first baby.

Class of 1987

Class Agent: Ann Child Tyimok, 756 Wrights Crossing Rd., Pomfret Ctr., CT, 06259

Cyndi Serban Grasso graduated from Valley Forge Christian College in PA in 1991 with a degree in Christian Education. She was married to Don Grasso from Boston, MA in 1991. They have been living in Franklin, TN for the past 6 years. They have three children - Andrew Domenic, 6; Olivia Joy, 4; and Sophia Emma, 1. Her husband is in the fiber optics business and she is a full-time wife and mother and loves every minute of it!

Marsha Willich Waller was married to Curt Waller on August 10, 1991. They have three daughters, Amber, Alexis and Abbey. Marsha has been a healthcare aide in a group home for the mentally and physically handicapped since 1989. She recently began working toward a license as an RN. She would love to hear from fellow classmates.

Class of 1989

Class Agent: Sharon Kozey Edwards, 77 Kozey Rd., Eastford, CT, 06242

Jon M. Altbergs is a teacher at Epping Middle-High School in Epping, NH. He has a son, Evan Michael, born September of 2002 and is currently working on his CAGS degree at the University of New Hampshire.

Sharon Kozey Edwards is the director of Ashford Youth Services Bureau. She and her husband welcomed a baby girl in May of 2002.

Pamela St. Jean Morse has been married for 11 years and has four children: Selena, 5; Eric, 4; Molly, 2; and Macey, 1. Pam is a strong advocate for adoption, foster care and special needs children.

Class of 1991

Jenny Main Ayer is married and living outside of Burlington, VT. She has no children yet, just an overweight cat named Gus. She is halfway through her residency training in Internal Medicine and is planning to stay in Vermont, working in primary care in a small town. Her parents are still in Woodstock and she gets to see them often. She says "hello" to anyone she hasn't seen since graduation and regrets having missed the last reunion.

Class of 1992

Class Agent: Robyn DeFonseca, 15 Sunnycrest Ave., Beverly, MA, 01915-3931

Kirsten Anderson is currently living in San Diego, CA with her husband and two dogs. They are expecting their first child in December. Kirsten recently got her real estate license and is working for Coldwell Banker Associates Realty. She has lived in San Diego for about a year and a half and, although she and her husband love living there, they are considering moving back East now that they are having a baby.



Sarah Whiteman Brooks, pictured above with her family, has been married to husband Mark for 6 years. Daughter, Julia Grace, is 18 months old.

Robyn DeFonseca is currently living in Newton, MA where she is an Instructional Technology Specialist at Brown Middle School in Newton. She teaches both students and teachers how to use technology. She enjoys living and working in the Boston area, where she hopes to stay for quite some time.

Class of 1993

Class Agent: Melissa Goodwin Richards, 460 Dowd Ave., Canton, CT, 06019

Amy Beeler received her Master's degree in Development Studies from the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies in 2002. She was awarded a Merit and received a Distinction on her dissertation, called 'Is Ownership Possible within Current Aid Constructs: A Tanzanian Case Study'. Amy is now working for the English government, designing education policy for London.

Jay and Kristen Kaskela Bentley were married in 1998 and have two children. A son, Tanner, born December 4, 1999 and a daughter, Tatum, born December 27, 2002. They live in Woodstock, where Kristen is a busy stay at home mom, and Jay works at Putnam Dodge Chrysler Jeep.

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Michael and Stacy Parsons Burton welcomed a son, Logan, born on November 11, 2001.

Chris Desmond and Nikki Carlson were married August 18, 2001. After being in the service for 4 years Chris went on to college. He is currently working on his last year of Nursing School at the University of Connecticut (while working part time) and will graduate in May of 2004. Nicole graduated from UCONN in 1999 and is currently working with brain-injured adults as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist in a rehabilitation hospital. She is also going to school to get her Teaching Certificate at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford. She plans to finish by spring of 2004. Chris and Nikki live in Vernon, CT. They have no children.

Michael Gregorzek and his wife, Susanna, met at and graduated from Worcester State College. Following their wedding in 2000, they spent a year teaching English in Japan. After that year, they backpacked for a year, exploring Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii. Mike and Susanna now live in Shrewsbury, MA, where Mike is currently an Account Executive for Full Spectrum Lending in Worcester, MA. Susanna sings with a cover band and is an Occupational Therapist, working with children age 0-3.

Amy Henry lives in Pomfret Center, and is a 2nd Grade teacher at Pomfret Community School. She also coaches Cross Country for the middle school. Amy travels frequently to see family in Illinois and Washington State, and loves to spend time reading, running, and enjoying good conversations with friends while sipping coffee!

Benn and Jessica Richards Hoover welcomed a son, Aidan, born on June 25, 2003.

Melissa Jendzejec graduated from URI with a Bachelor's in Chemical and Ocean Engineering in 1998 and received her MBA in 2001, also from URI. She is currently a Project Manager at Arkwright Inc. in Coventry, Rhode Island. On October 12, 2003, Melissa will marry Gregory Blanchard, who is an Electrical Engineer at Raytheon Corp. in Marlborough, MA. After the wedding they will live in Cumberland, Rhode Island.

Kristen Rose Karkota married Chris Karkota in July 2001 and they are living in Long Island, New York with their cat, Maximus. Kristen works as a school psychologist in a middle school and Chris is a

trader (stocks) in NYC. They spend a lot of their time traveling.

Carrie Olah Lupoli received her Bachelor's and two Master's degrees in Education from UCONN. She married Peter Lupoli in 2000 and they live in Wethersfield, CT. Carrie works as a Special Education teacher in Newington, CT.

Zach Lyman attended the College of Wooster in Ohio and received a Bachelor of Music degree in Trumpet Performance. He then received a Master of Music degree in Trumpet Performance from the New England Conservatory in Boston. Zach spent a year in Texas as part of a professional brass quintet which won a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Then he spent three years on the North Shore of Boston as Music Director for the Pingree School, a small private high school. Zach was married in the summer of 2000. His wife, Anne, and he are both in Iowa City getting their Doctoral Degrees in Music at the University of Iowa. Anne is getting hers in choral conducting, and Zach won the prestigious Iowa Performance Fellowship for his degree in Trumpet Performance and Pedagogy.

Rachel Kosa-Maines attended the College of Wooster in Ohio and graduated in 1997 with a biochemistry degree and later received Master of Science in Forensic Science from George Washington University in Washington D.C. Rachel worked in Georgia as a forensic toxicologist for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for 3 years (and no... it's not at all like CSI). She was married in 2002 to Jamie Maines, a fellow former New Englander. Rachel is currently working as a chemist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and living in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jessica Butts Masten lives in Northern Vermont with her two daughters, Krysta (12) and Cheyanne (10). She is attending the Community College of Vermont, majoring in Special Education, with her specialty in autism. Aside from going to college full-time, Jessica works full-time with developmentally disabled children, and part-time for the United States Postal Service.

After **Jennifer Platt** graduated from college, she went into the Peace Corps for two years and was sent to Jamaica to run an AIDS hospital/orphanage. She is currently buying her own home in Fairbanks, Alaska, and working as a labor and delivery nurse (RN) at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital.

Nathan Platt and his wife of five years, Tammy, live in Fairbanks, Alaska. Nathan is the Assistant Director of Residence Life at the University of Alaska

Fairbanks. Nathan and Tammy enjoy traveling, and recently spent some time exploring volcanoes on the big island of Hawaii. They are expecting their first child in April.

Amanda Potts is currently in her third year at SUNY New Paltz in Poughkeepsie, NY. She is majoring in Education.



Emmalee Patricia Richards and Rafael Thomas Cardinale. Emmalee is the daughter of Steve and Melissa (Goodwin '93) Richards, born 1/6/01, and Rafael is the son of Mike and Andrea (Goodwin '89) Cardinale, born 11/20/01.

Melissa Goodwin Richards, her husband, Stephen, and their daughter, Emmalee (born 1/6/01) have moved from Boston to Canton, CT where Steve works in the sports medicine and orthopedic field. Melissa has just started her own business, specializing in tutoring high school students and adults.



Kirsten Paquette & John Rigney were married on June 26, 2002 at Christ Church in Pomfret, CT. The reception was held at the Inn at Gwynn Careg. Pictured from left to right: John Rauh (Trustee), Sebastian Paquette('01), Paul Graseck (former faculty), Bill Masopust (Trustee), Jane St. Onge ('65), John Rigney (Groom), Kirsten Paquette ('93), Zack Lyman ('93), Meaghan Tracy ('93), Jennifer Fritz ('93), Louis Fiorello ('93), Julie Braaten ('93), Philippa Paquette (mother of the bride & Trustee), Justin Paquette ('89).

Kirsten Paquette Rigney: I always assumed I would be the last person to end up in Woodstock, but I've been here for the greater part of my time since college. I have taught World History and

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Biology at the Hyde School (founded in 1996 at Data General, where we used to have our Christmas Concerts) for over three of those years. It is a great place to work, with the added bonus of being greeted every morning by Susie Racine! Just like the old days. After a couple years at Hyde, I followed a dream, planted by Paul Graseck, and joined the Peace Corps. I served as a rural health educator in Senegal, West Africa for two years. While I was there Merry Burke and Paul Cunningham paid a visit, with about 15 current WA students in tow! After my service was up, I returned to Woodstock and married a Hyde colleague named John Rigney in June of 2002. And now, besides thoroughly enjoying the farming potential of Woodstock in our garden, I am preparing to go to law school in 2004. If anyone is in the area please stop by our 'farm' at 1139 Rte. 171. I promise you won't leave empty handed!

Julie Braaten Robinson married medical student Chris Robinson in April 2003 and they are currently living in North Carolina. Julie teaches reading recovery in an inner city elementary school in Durham, NC.

Lisa Shroyer graduated from Cornell Law School in 2001 and went to work for the law firm of Clifford Chance in the London, UK office for one year. Lisa is currently practicing law with Clifford Chance US LLP in New York City.

After completing college, **Leah Randall Vest** taught elementary school for 2 years just off the Navajo Reservation in Arizona (Lake Powell). In 2002 she married her husband, George, and they moved to Colorado shortly after their first child, Hannah (age 2 1/2) was born. Their son, Patrick, is 3 months old. George owns a computer business and also works at a restoration company that repairs carpet and flooring after flood and fire damage. Leah works as a stay-at-home mom.

Katie Hamel Zanini is currently living back in CT while her husband, Dave, a Staff Sergeant in the Army, is in Korea. Katie and Dave were married in 1998 and have two daughters, Katrina, age 6, and Emily, age 2. When Dave returns from his tour in South Korea in March, 2004, the family plans to return to Fort Hood in Texas.

Althea Blanchard Zesk has been living on Nantucket island for the last four years, working at a florist shop (check it out on the web at floweronchestnut.com) and as an interior landscaper/pet sitter. Althea is pursuing an education in the healing arts. She has studied Polarity Therapy and Reiki with a couple of different massage

therapists and body workers from Nantucket. She recently became a Reiki III healer (Master's Degree). Althea also serves as the "artist relations" person for a local arts and writing magazine called Postscript.

Class of 1994

Stacey Neely Shinkiewicz was married on October 9, 1999 and has a son, Adam, who was born on August 6, 2002. She and her husband Scott live in Brooklyn, CT and are enjoying parenthood.

Class of 1996

Class Agent: Erin Hibbard DeCarli, 977 Sweetbriar Lane, South, Yulee, FL, 32097

Nik Bosyk welcomed a daughter, Jetta Nikole Bosyk, on January 10, 2002. Professionally, he does voiceovers for national advertising agencies and firms as well as station ID's and imaging for radio and TV corporations. His voice is heard nationwide on many radio and television stations.

Kelly Champney has been teaching for four years and recently began her first year at Hyde School in Woodstock. She is also recently engaged.

Alicia Dattner is just completing a short film and entering it into festivals. People can find out about it at her website at www.monkpunk.org.



Lijg. & Mrs. Michael Decarli

Erin Hibbard DeCarli graduated from Providence College in 2000 with a B.S. in Health Policy and Management. She lives in Yulee, FL with her husband Lijg. Michael DeCarli who is nuclear submarine officer for the U.S. Navy.

Julie Duch is engaged to marry SK(1) Daniel King, United States Navy, in September of 2004. The wedding will be at the Waters Edge Spa and Resort in Westbrook, Ct.

Brian Festa graduated from Clark University with a B.A. in English in 2000 and is currently working as a high school English teacher in Southbridge, Mass.

Jay Goodier says hello to everyone from Michigan. He is still single and lives with his brother Jesse.

Samantha Kennedy lives in Boston and works as a teacher of the deaf in Framingham. She was just promoted to lead teacher in her classroom. Sam also writes for an equine publication and teaches women's self-defense.

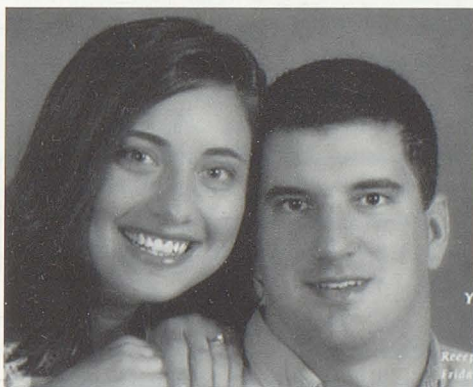
Jennifer Klare graduated from Smith in 2000 and moved to California to work at a national lab. She is living in New York City now, while attending Columbia University to earn her PhD in Chemistry.

Rachael Boudreau Mard was married on June 17, 2000 to Dave Mard. Their son Michael was born on August 31, 2000. Rachael is a stay-at-home mom and dabbles in acting and modeling. Rachael, Dave and Michael purchased a home in Putnam, Conn.

Mark Morse was married June 12, 1999 to Bridget Marie Hazard and they reside in Wake Forest, N.C. Mark is attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary to earn his Masters of Divinity with Advanced Biblical Studies. Aside from his studies, Mark works as a day manager at Chick-fil-A and umpires high school baseball in his free time.

Erica Tetreault Murray married Chris Murray in September 2002. They recently bought a home in Westport, Mass.

Jason Norman lives in Pennsylvania with Melissa, his wife of 2 years. He works at the PA Farm Bureau as a Network Administrator.



Mr. & Mrs. Tim Randall

Tim Randall has been an activated reservist in the Air Force for 2 years now for Operation Enduring Freedom. He married Ruth Belenice on August 29, 2003. They reside in Utah.

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John Refior started law school at George Washington University this fall.

Jeremy Rowe is teaching English in Guatemala, Central America.

Tabetha Tanner graduated from the UCONN School of Law in May 2003 and is engaged to Timothy Jackson. The wedding is planned for August 2004 and they reside in Harrisburg, PA.

Ashley Wendus is currently living in New York City with her boyfriend of 4 years (both graduated from Dartmouth College in 2000). At the end of 2002 she started her own business designing and producing stationery and invitations called smashing*cards. You can check out her business website at www.smashingcards.com.

Elizabeth Woodward graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in History and is currently working on a M.A. in Leadership and Administration. She is the director of a childcare center in Bethesda, MA.

Class of 1997

Class Agents: Arianne Corrente, 15J Searles Rd., Pomfret Ctr., CT, 06259; Lisa Shemansky, 39 Webster Rd., Union, CT, 06076

Nicholas Rogers is an Assistant Golf Pro at Hillwood Country Club in Nashville, TN.

Class of 1998

Class Agents: Vanessa Boland, 98 Carter Rd., Pomfret Ctr., CT, 06259; John Ywarsky, 387 Christian Hill Rd., Brooklyn, CT, 06234

Class of 1999

Class Agent: Adam Bonneville, 53 Westview Dr., Danielson, CT, 06239-2338

We send our very best wishes to **Anne Harper** in Louisiana, who suffered a serious spinal injury last winter. Anne has been majoring in Fashion Design. We hope that she continues to recover and progress with physical therapy. We would like her to know that we will keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Jessica Weagle and Nathan Niemann ('97) were married on June 29, 2002, after dating for three years. Jess graduated from the Central Mass. School of Massage in October of 2001 and is now a licensed massage therapist.

Starr Lynn White works for Avon Products, Inc. and Bonneville's Pharmacy. She is engaged and

is attending college for veterinary assisting. She hopes to continue on to veterinary medicine upon completion of the program.

Class of 2000

Class Agent: Erin Grant, 299 Huxley Ave., Providence, RI, 02908

James Bouffard is currently attending his fourth year at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT. He often comes back to Connecticut to visit, but is undecided if he will return to live here after graduation.

Katharine Coppel is living in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina in Asheville. She looks forward to returning to Woodstock soon.

Chelsea Crotty was married on June 6, 2003 to Mr. Jason Witt. She and her husband are currently residing in Pennsylvania working for Teen Quest, a ministry organization where they work with teens.

Elliott Ellsworth has graduated from the Army from Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri as a Military Police Officer. In September he went to Korea for his hardship tour.

Erin Grant is currently in her fourth year at Providence College, studying for a degree in Elementary and Special Education and would like to remind her fellow graduates of WA that if they have not sent in the address update form to please do so ASAP (299 Huxley Ave, Providence, RI 02908). You can also email the correct information to me at egrant04@providence.edu. Thank you to all who replied, I appreciate it very much.

Nichole Hatfield is currently in her fourth year at ECSU going for a double major in Sociology and Early Childhood Education. She has about two years left there until graduate school.



Janel Kozlowski (pictured at left, below) is making news at Northeastern University. The high school All-American in 2000 placed first in the high jump at the All New England Championship in Track & Field held in March of 2003. She also set a personal record and placed 3rd at the ECAC Championships last spring.

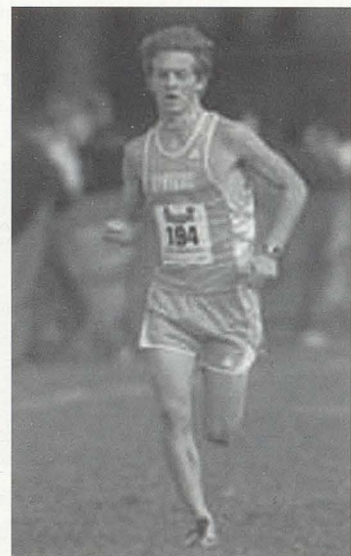
Sara Tourtellotte has completed a four-year degree in less than 3.5 years. She is the award recipient of Connecticut Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance's Gibson-Laemel scholarship. She was selected from over 1000 candidates. She also received a national award for one of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education's Outstanding Student Majors. She has since started "Saracize," a home base and online personal training business (www.saracize.com).

Class of 2001

Class Agent: Stacey Grab, 51 Tatnic Rd., Brooklyn, CT, 06234

Class of 2002

Class Agent: Jennifer Armstrong, 54 South Canterbury Rd., Canterbury, CT, 06331



John Graham is attending Syracuse University and is still enjoying success as a runner. He recently claimed 16th place out of 244 competitors to lead the Orangemen to a fifth place finish out of 25 teams at the Albany Invitational in October.

Sarah Swanson is attending Green Mountain College and is working in the Financial Aid Office to help with her college education.

In Memoriam

Class of 1922

Beatrice H. Whaples, April 3, 2002

Beatrice H. Whaples, age 96, died on April 3, 2002. She was the mother of Gene C. Whaples of Eastford.

Class of 1924

Lydia Taber Sanger, December 25, 2000

Lydia Taber Sanger passed away on December 25, 2000. She was the mother of Lydia Walling Slater ('56) and Lloyd W. Walling ('58).

Class of 1927

Constance L. Williams, February 1, 2003

Constance L. Williams, 93, a lifelong resident of Woodstock, died at home, surrounded by her family. She was born in her family home in Sprucedale, a section of Woodstock on August 25, 1909, daughter of the late Albert H. Williams and Bessie B. Williams. She had a deep interest in music, birding, gardening, and books. She worked as a librarian in the Academy library as a young woman and later in the Hartford Public Library as children's librarian for 15 years. She retired in 1973. She also played the organ and was choir director at the Woodstock Hill Congregational Church for 25 years. She leaves a sister-in-law, Mary Lois Williams of Washington, D.C.; two nieces, Judith G. Johnson and her husband William of Bolton, CT and Patricia W. Stenhouse and her husband Michael of Charlotte, NC; a special friend Linda Madden and her husband David and their two sons of Dover, NH; and many nephews and nieces.

Class of 1928

Florence C. Young, October 26, 2003

Florence C. Young died peacefully at Matulaitis Nursing Home, ending a life devoted to her family and community. She was born on October 30, 1910, on her family farm on Child Hill Road in Woodstock where she spent most of her life, daughter of the late William C. and Lucy Belle Healy Child. She married Henry Dexter Young on March 15, 1930 who died in 1977. She was a nursery school teacher for many years in Woodstock and Pomfret. She was co-founder and first president of the Association of Retarded Children of Quinebaug Valley in 1952. She was extremely involved and active in her community, serving on the Woodstock Agricultural Society, the Woodstock Theft Detecting Society, the Senexet Grange and various committees of the First Congregational Church. She was known by many in her family as a "living history book" and loved to share her stories. She leaves two children, Henry Dexter Young of South Woodstock and Charlotte Child Young of Manchester as well as many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a daughter, Harriet Elizabeth Young Foote who died in 1997. A memorial service was held at the First Congregational Church in Woodstock on November 1, 2003.

Class of 1930

Marion Cady Poeton, August 30, 2002

Marion Cady Poeton passed away at her home in Washington State. She was born on March 10, 1913, daughter of Harry and Margaret Cady of Woodstock and a descendant of the early pioneer Nicholas Cady. She played basketball and was the captain of the girls' team at the Academy. After graduation, she went on to earn her RN at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London in 1934, and drove the back roads of Connecticut as a visiting nurse. Around this time she met Lawrence Poeton, a saxophone player, radio operator and aspiring patent engineer from Southbridge, MA. In 1935 they were married and moved to MA where she and Larry raised three boys. They were married nearly 50 years at the time of Larry's passing in 1984. True to her farm girl upbringing and New England heritage, Marion was a lifelong independent thinker and self-reliant Yankee. She loved to sing the traditional and popular songs she learned in her

youth. She also enjoyed gardening, exploring New England history and was an avid Boston Celtics fan. She wore her Woodstock Academy ring with pride and often framed her memories of the Academy by singing the first few bars of the Academy song. She leaves three sons, Cady, Richard and Thomas, as well as many friends who will miss her company.

Class of 1935

Charles H. Vaida, September 20, 2003

Charles Henry Vaida died on September 20, 2003. He was a lifelong resident of the Phoenixville section of Eastford. A 1937 graduate of Bentley College, he operated his Sprague Hill Dairy Farm in Phoenixville and later managed Spring Hill Farm in Pomfret. He was also a veteran of WWII, having served with the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet. He leaves his devoted and loving wife Edwina Jezierski Vaida; two sons, Charles Vaida of Pomfret and Paul Vaida of Sturbridge, MA; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. One of eight children, he was predeceased by all but one sister, Ethel Vaida Larkin of Carlisle, PA. A memorial service was held on November 1, 2003 at the Congregational Church in Eastford.

Frank Vaida, December 24, 2002

Frank Vaida, 82, of Danielson, CT died at home on December 24, 2002. He was the husband of Victoria Gendreau Vaida who survives him. He was born in Eastford on August 31, 1920 son of the late James and Elizabeth Kalman Vaida. He attended the University of Connecticut and joined the Merchant Marines until 1941. He operated the Vaida farm in Phoenixville until 1947 and spent the remainder of his working years with CL&P, retiring in 1978. In addition to his wife, he leaves four children, Jane Vaida Soltis of Palm Harbor, FL, John Michael Vaida of Shavertown, PA, Jean Vaida Blaser of Wakefield, MA, and Jeffrey Frank Vaida of Orlando, FL; one sister, Ethel Larkin of Carlisle, PA; five grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at the Westfield Congregational Church in Danielson, CT.

Class of 1942

Ina Passay Dawson, November 1, 2002

Ina Passay Dawson, 78, of East Woodstock died at Bayberry Commons in Pascoag, R.I. after a short illness. She was the wife of the late Walter Clifford Dawson. They were married in 1981. Her first husband, Carol Keaton Passay, died in 1965. She was born in Woodstock on September 19, 1924, daughter of the late Elton and Inez Gallagher Witter. She made her home in Woodstock all of her life. She was valedictorian of the Class of 1942 at the Academy and a standout basketball player. She was also an accomplished equestrian in her youth. She retired from American Optical in 1984. She leaves a daughter, Lynda Higgins of Woodstock; a son, Gregory Passay of Woodstock; two sisters, Sheryl Witter of Brooklyn and Nonie Logee of East Granby; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A graveside service was held at the Center Cemetery in Woodstock.

Thurston G. Eddy, April 15, 2003

Thurston G. Eddy, eldest son of the late Ralph and Nina Eddy, died as he was rushed to the Hubbard Regional Hospital from Webster Manor in Webster, MA. He was the husband of Evelyn Johnson Eddy. He was born in Southbridge, MA, September 7, 1923 and resided in East Woodstock most of his life. He received the coveted Yale Honor Cup from Woodstock Academy for the boys of his class for scholarship, leadership and sportsmanship. In May of 1943, he was called into service during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1946. He and Evelyn married in 1945 and made their home in East Woodstock. He worked for 32 years as a truck driver. He leaves two sons, Ralph Eddy of Avon, Steven Eddy of Woodstock; one daughter, Kathryn Roth of Bloomfield, VT;

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one brother, Joel Eddy of Suffield, CT; four grandchildren, and several cousins, nieces and nephews. A service was held on Saturday, April 19th at the Elmvalle Cemetery.

Grace H. Fairfield, April 22, 2003

Grace H. Fairfield, 79, of East Woodstock, died at the Haven Health Care in Danielson, CT. She was the beloved wife of Elmer A. Fairfield. They were married May 3, 1949 in Woodstock. She was born November 12, 1923, daughter of the late Carl and Hanna Hallberg Johnson. She retired in 1985 after working for 10 years as a secretary for the State's Attorney's Office in Putnam. She was also employed by the Town of Woodstock and served as Tax Collector for several terms. She made her home in Woodstock most of her life and also served as a Trustee of Woodstock Academy. She leaves, in addition to her husband, two daughters, Heather Fairfield-Severs of Woodstock and her husband Sheldon, Amber Beirkan of Allison Park, PA and her husband Dean; four sisters, Thelma Ryerson of Northborough, MA, Dorcas Morrison of Worcester, MA, Jane Newman of Nantucket, MA, and Myrtle Thomas of Woodstock; a brother, Oden Johnson of Woodstock; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. A graveside service was held on April 26th at the Center Cemetery in Woodstock.

Class of 1943

Isabel J. Langer, August 19, 2002

Isabel J. Langer, 77, of West Quasset Road in Woodstock died at the Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam after a brief illness. She was born in Putnam on January 19, 1925, the daughter of the late Paul and Adela Piatek Lazur. She was the beloved wife of the late Frank R. Langer, whom she married on September 9, 1950. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the UCONN Nursing School in 1947. She was employed at Day Kimball Hospital from 1950 until 1983 and later served as an instructor for LPN's, retiring in 1986. She leaves 2 daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia A. Langer of Woodstock and Kathleen M. and Stephen C. Dubina, of Woodstock; two grandchildren, Jennifer and Charles Dubina. A funeral service was held at the Most Holy Trinity Church in Pomfret, CT.

Class of 1948

Dorothy Trepal Clark, July 12, 2003

Dorothy Trepal Clark, 73, of Cape Elizabeth, ME died at the Maine Medical Center. She was born in Putnam, daughter of the late Edward and Leta Sabin Trepal and grew up in Phoenixville. She attended UCONN and received her master's degree from Kansas State University. She was married to Newell G. Clark on October 4, 1958. She was a homemaker first and foremost but also worked part time for Underwriters Laboratories and volunteered for 15 years at the Maine Medical Center. She leaves her children Kimberly Clark Stober and her husband, Scott, of Nebraska, Judy Clark Trepal of Arundel, ME, and David Newell Clark of Falmouth, ME; four grandchildren; and sisters Jean Barlow of Eastford and Elaine Mannhardt of Keezletown, VA. She was predeceased by her husband in 2001 and her sister, Helen Yulo in 1989. A memorial service was held on July 19, 2003 at the First Congregational Church of Portland, ME.

Carl J. Nelson, May 25, 2003

Carl J. Nelson, 73, of Harrisville Road, died on May 25, 2003, surrounded by his family. He was born in Putnam, CT on April 23, 1930, son of the late Carl and Irene Renshaw Nelson. He was the husband of Paula Mathieu Nelson, whom he married on September 2, 1951. He made his home in Woodstock since 1936. He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran of Korea and was employed for many years as a bricklayer until his retirement in 1992. He leaves a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Lois Nelson of Westfield, N.J.; a daughter and son-in-law, Carla and Harrison Burgess of Avon, CT; a sister, Janet Reardon of Hartford, CT; and five grandchildren. A funeral mass was held at St. Mary's Church in Putnam, CT.

Robert C. Peckham, July 20, 2003

Robert C. Peckham, age 73, died at home on July 20, 2003. He was the beloved husband of Barbara Bair Peckham, whom he married on June 20, 1953. He was born on July 8, 1930 in Putnam, son of the late Clayton L. and Ruth Chace Peckham. He was the recipient of the Academy's Yale Honor Cup for the Class of 1948. Mr. Peckham was a dairy farmer and owned the family operated Elm Farm in Woodstock. He leaves in addition to his wife, a son and daughter-in-law, Robert G. and Ann M. Peckham of Woodstock; two grandchildren, Matthew Peckham and his wife Christine of Woodstock and Midshipman Mark Peckham of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy; a great-grandson, Caleb Peckham; two sisters, Eleanor Jolley and her husband Clarence of Wauregan and Charlotte Robbins of Woodstock. A graveside service was held at the Center Cemetery in Woodstock.

Class of 1950

Thomas H. Barber, April 9, 2001

Class of 1966

William E. Earnest Jr., April 20, 2002

William E. Earnest, age 54, of Thompson, CT died at the Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, CT. He was born on June 9, 1947, son of the late William and Blanche Marlowe Earnest. He was employed as a long-haul truck driver and a veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the U.S. Marine Corp. He leaves a daughter, Christine Earnest of Newton, NJ; a son, Adam Earnest of Newton, NJ; two brothers, Peter Earnest of Woodstock and Larry Earnest of Putnam; a sister, Susan Adams of Homer, NY; his former wife Donna Holmes Earnest of Newton, NJ and several nieces and nephews. A graveside service was held in the North Woodstock Cemetery.

Class of 1973

Michael L. Grennan, January 22, 2003

Dr. Michael Grennan, 48, of Odessa, FL died at St. Joseph Hospital, Tampa, FL. He was born in Woodstock and moved to Florida in 1991. He is survived by his wife, Susan; two daughters, Jessica and Kelly; father, Lawrence J. Grennan; stepmother, Shirley R. Grennan; sister, Maureen G. Ripley; and mother-in-law, Virginia Fortney. A graveside service was held on June 21, 2003 at the Elmvalle Cemetery in Woodstock.

Class of 1978

Edward J. Murray, August 27, 2003

Edward J. Murray, 43, of Putnam, CT died unexpectedly at the University of Mass. Medical Center in Worcester, MA. He was the beloved husband of Wanda White Murray whom he married on February 9, 1985. He was born on May 16, 1960, son of Robert and Vivienne Levesque Murray of Woodstock. He was a Union Laborer for 21 years with Local 547, New London, working for BW Dexter. He was also a certified nurses aid, working for Day Kimball Hospital for the past 10 years and was a school bus driver for the town of Putnam. Ed made his home in Putnam for the last 18 years and was a dedicated 17-year member of the Putnam Fire Department and Rescue Company. He was also an EMT for more than 25 years with the Putnam and Woodstock fire departments. In addition to his wife and parents he leaves three children, Mallory, Patrick and Paige Murray; a brother, Robert Murray Jr. of Putnam; a sister, Kathleen Ward of Virginia Beach, VA; and several nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held on September 1, 2003 at the Congregational Church of Putnam.

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Class of 1980

Karen K. (Bellerive) Andert, September 6, 2002

Karen K. Andert, 41, of Eastford, died on September 6, 2002, at her home. She was the beloved wife of Joseph D. Andert whom she married on November 13, 1999. She was born in Putnam, CT on May 9, 1961, daughter of Jacque and Mary Lamiotte Bellerive of Woodstock. She made her home in Woodstock for many years, moving to Eastford in 1997. She was a bartender and waitress at the Point Breeze Restaurant for 9 years. She leaves in addition to her husband, father and mother, a daughter, Jessica M. Dickson of Eastford; two sisters, Denise Ellis of Thompson and Linda Ross of Putnam; an adopted sister, Katrina Emerson of Woodstock; her father and mother-in-law, Irving and Evelyn Andert of Eastford; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at the East Woodstock Congregational Church.

Class of 1983

Dawn Marie Wachter, April 17, 2002

Dawn Marie Wachter, age 36, of Coventry, CT died at the Windham Community Memorial Home in Willimantic after a lengthy illness. She was born on June 16, 1965 in Putnam, daughter of Emory and Nancy Pierce Wachter of Woodstock. She made her home in Coventry for the last 17 years, formerly of Woodstock. She leaves in addition to her parents, two sisters, Willow Gaytan-Briere of Dayville and Rainnie Wachter of Putnam; three nieces, Megan, Moranda and Savannah and her helpmate for the past 17 years, Fred Andreoli.

Class of 1995

Stephan J. Gilmore, February 26, 2003

Stephanie J. Gilmore, 28, of Tripp Road, died on February 26th after years of a happy and dignified life with her devoted family and friends. Stephanie left her tired body with disabilities that she struggled with for many years and flew free from the love of her family to the perfect love of God. She was born in Putnam on April 19, 1974, daughter of John and Diane Gilmore. Stephanie completed her elementary education in Putnam and graduated from the EASTCONN program at Woodstock Academy. She then attended the day care program at John Dempsey Center in Putnam. Her many interests included swimming, sailing, and socializing with family and friends. She leaves her parents, two sisters and brothers-in-law; Lisa and Gary Johnson of Putnam and Lori and Steven Tokarz of Killingly. A memorial service was held on March 8, 2003 at the Putnam Baptist Church in Putnam, CT.

Class of 1996

Karen A. Golden, December 21, 2002

Karen A. Golden, 24, of Pomfret, died unexpectedly at the Manchester Memorial Hospital in Manchester, CT. She was the daughter of Paul and Kyon Cho Golden, born on March 12, 1978 in Putnam, CT. Karen was employed by the Fleet Bank in Hartford as a financial analyst. She was a 2000 graduate of UCONN, summa cum laude with a degree in finance and was a member of the honor society. She leaves, in addition to her mother and father, a brother, Dennis Golden of Woodstock; a niece, Brittany Kiner of West Hartford; a close friend, Kevin Mancini of Bolton and several uncles, aunts and cousins. A service was held at the Most Holy Trinity Church in Pomfret, CT.

FACULTY

Priscilla Hamm, September 18, 2002

Priscilla Hamm, 81, of North Woodstock, died at the Cose Pond Hospice Residence in Worcester, MA. She was born July 18, 1921 in Westfield, MA, daughter of the late George Fenn and Edith Cummings Whitney. She was the wife of the late Ralph J. Hamm whom she married in 1944. She was a graduate of the Westfield High School in Westfield, MA and the University of Massachusetts

with a BS degree. She also attended Northeastern University and UCONN. She was a Home Economics teacher at the Academy from 1960 to 1984. She is survived by three children, Jeffrey J. Hamm of South Windsor, CT, Sara Hamm Carbonneau of Winchester, N.H. and Peter F. Hamm of Wales, MA; two brothers, Charles W. Whitney of Westfield, MA, and George Herbert Whitney of Richmond, VA; her extended family Guy and Jane Grube of Eastford; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a daughter, Jocelyn Hamm Grube and a sister, Barbara Gaylord. A memorial service was held at the First Congregational Church in Woodstock.



TRUSTEE AND FRIEND

Elizabeth S. Hyde, January 31, 2003

Lewis Hyde, January 9, 2003

Elizabeth Sanford "Betty" Hyde, died of pneumonia, January 31, 2003, just 22 days following the death of her husband, Lewis "Lem" Hyde. Born in 1919 in Minneapolis, MN, she "came east" to attend Mt. Holyoke College, receiving a bachelor's degree in 1941 and a master's in 1943. She had six children between 1944 and 1960, one of whom died in infancy, and was a loving and conscientious mother, keeping house and garden in an organized and beautiful fashion, sewing, cooking and attending to the needs of her family.

Lewis "Lem" Hyde was also born in Minneapolis, MN. He earned a Ph.D. in physics in 1949 from Harvard University. He made important contributions to the field of optical physics at Polaroid, American Optical, Baird Associates, and U.S. Office of Naval Research. He was a professor and director of the Institute of Optics at the University of Rochester and was also provost at New York University and president of the Optical Society of America. In 1972, he became the Executive director of the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, working out of Hartford, CT.

Mrs. Hyde made certain that all of her children received the best education available, from college to graduate school. In addition, she worked to strengthen basic democracy in her community through the League of Women Voters and later as a member of the Democratic Town Committee, as a registrar of voters, and as an Election Day monitor in Woodstock. While in Woodstock, Mrs. Hyde also served as a volunteer with the local Association of Visiting Nurses. When her last child left home, she worked as a librarian at the Pamphlet Library. In the 1960's, while living in Rochester, NY, she worked with a study group to understand the events in Red China and thus promote international peace. Later, while living in the Bronx, NY, she donated many hours to the creation and survival of a community day care center to help alleviate poverty amongst the working poor.

Mr. Hyde was also quite active in local politics in Woodstock and also served on the Democratic Town Committee. In 1975, he began a five-year term on the Economic Development Commission and served on the Board of Tax Review from 1987 to 1999. He also moderated town meetings and served as an Election Day monitor.

The Hydys lived in East Woodstock from 1953 to 1959 and later moved back to North Woodstock from Rochester, NY in 1972, where Betty became

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Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hyde are presented with a commemorative plaque during the dedication of the 1992 expansion by Headmaster Bill Troy.

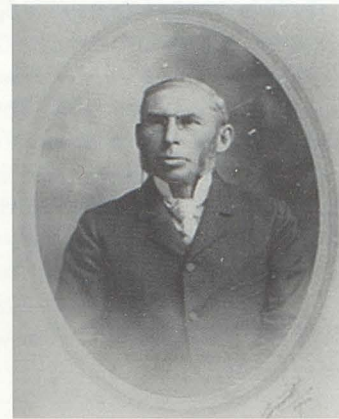
involved in the affairs of Woodstock Academy as a member of the Board of Trustees. She served on the Board of Trustees for 20 years, from 1972 to 1992. She served as President of the Board from 1982 to 1986, the first woman to be elected as President of the Board of Trustees. She was instrumental in developing legislation to make the Academy eligible for state construction grants, a direct result of which was a major building project

for the Academy. She chaired the Building Committee for the major expansion from 1986 to 1993 – even after retiring from the Board, she saw the renovations through to completion. She was not only instrumental in the transformation of the Academy, but was president at a time when the Academy desperately needed vision and foresight. She was at the helm during transition and difficult times, and was at the forefront in leading the Academy into its third century. The Academy is very proud to have her name above the arts center, and to have a beautiful portrait of her displayed in the Hyde Center foyer.

The Hydys leave their five children, Dr. Lee Hyde of Asheville, NC, Lewis Hyde Jr. of Cambridge, MA, Ben Hyde of Arlington, MA, Elizabeth Hyde of Allentown, PA, and Rebecca Hyde of Brooklyn, NY, as well as 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held for them on May 3, 2003 at the Andover Chapel in the Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge.



Mrs. Hyde conferring diplomas as the first woman elected President of the Board of Trustees



The Ely Ransom Hall Society

Woodstock Academy is proud to announce the establishment of the Ely Ransom Hall Society to recognize significant gifts to the endowment, as well as bequests and other planned gifts to the Academy.

Principal, administrator, scholar, teacher and mentor, Principal Ely Ransom Hall was dedicated to the notion that Woodstock Academy should provide an excellent education to the students charged to its care – an experience that would prepare students equally well for further academic pursuits and for life in rural New England.

One of the great guiding forces in shaping Woodstock Academy, Principal Hall was hired in 1888 and stayed on as principal until 1914. He remains the longest serving principal in Academy history. The first person to retire from the principal position, Ely Ransom Hall led the Academy through both good and hard times. On his watch the Academy developed a formalized four-year course of study, significantly enhanced the curriculum, expanded enrollment, introduced athletic and cultural extra-curricular activities, and built new relationships between the school and broader community. It was in great part due to his efforts that the Academy was designated as the Town High School for Woodstock in 1913.

Perseverance, tenacity, a spirit of caring and a belief in the moral accountability of the individual all characterized Principal Hall. Available to students and community members virtually any time of day or night, he helped literally shape the lives of generations of students. In great part because of his efforts, Woodstock Academy has been able to maintain its unique role as a traditional town academy.

We believe that Principal Hall would be pleased to know that his philosophy and commitment still define the Academy today which honors him with the Ely Ransom Hall Society.

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