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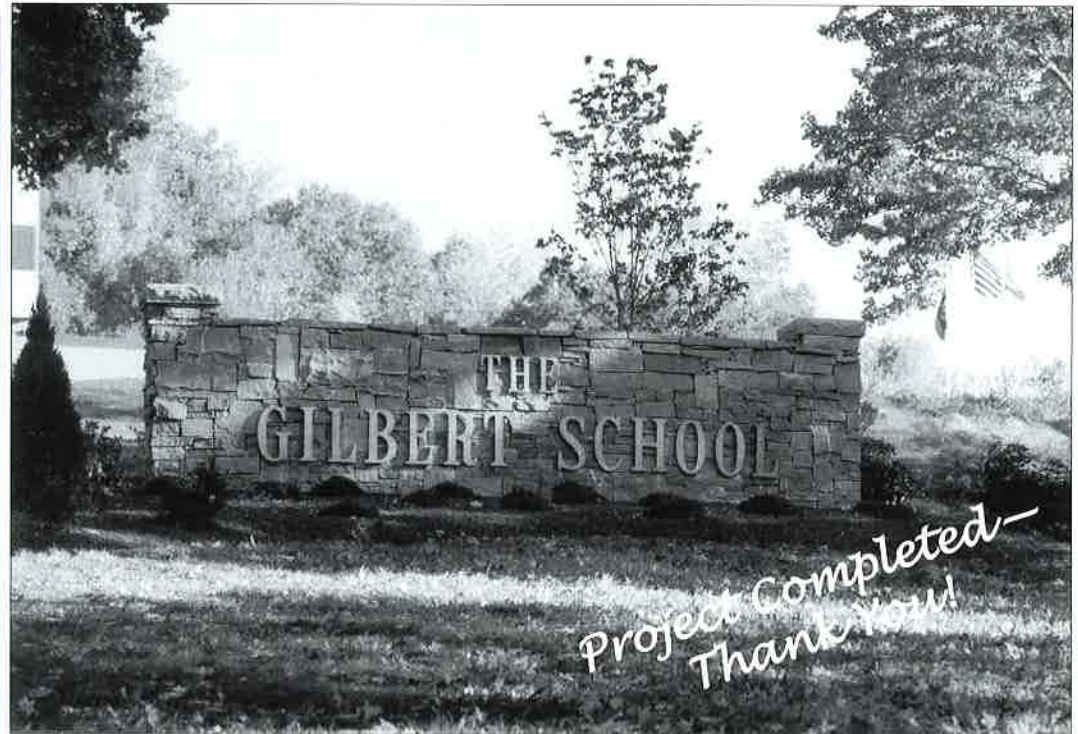
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The Alumni Office is preparing to launch a new website later this year—help us keep you informed by providing us with updated information.



Homecoming guests browse the Archives Collection in the school's Library/Media Center. More photos on page 2.



Thanks to many generous alumni, more than \$10,000 was raised to create this new granite marker located on the hill in front of the school, offering a friendly welcome for visitors to our campus. A number of 2003 reunion classes as well as two graduating classes designated gifts for this project. The area is beautifully landscaped and provides a nice focal point as you approach the school from Williams Avenue.

PLEASE JOIN US

FOR A

HARTFORD AREA ALUMNI GATHERING

SUNDAY, JUNE 27TH

THE BUSHNELL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Gilbert School alumni and friends are invited to a gathering and private reception in the beautiful Seaverns Room of The Bushnell followed by the matinee performance of Broadway sensation

MAMMA MIA!

See insert for reservation form and details—don't wait until the last minute—we have a limited number of tickets and they are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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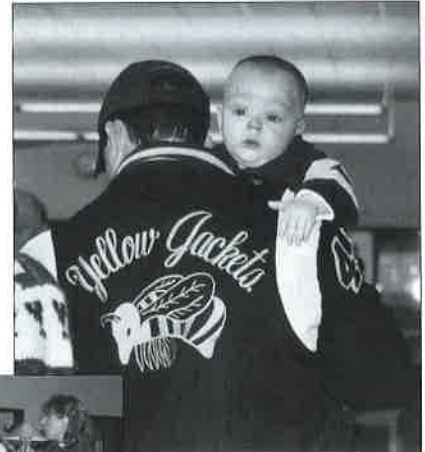
HOMECOMING 2003

More than 150 alumni gathered at The Gilbert School on October 18th for the third annual *Alumni Homecoming Lunch and Get-Together*. Guests toured the facilities, including the beautifully-renovated Library/Media Center, where they were able to peruse selections from our extensive Archives collection. On display were yearbooks dating back to the 1940s, along with vintage photographs, newspaper articles and mementos of days past. A continuously-running slide show offered a trip down Memory Lane, capturing moments from Gilbert's history as shown in yearbooks through the decades.

Mrs. Wells and The Gilbert School cafeteria staff outdid themselves once again with a wonderful luncheon—the perfect setting for friends to reminisce and catch up with each other.



◀ Anna Harding O'Brien '28 was given a beautiful bouquet of flowers as representative of the earliest class in attendance at the Homecoming events.



▲ A future alum?

▶ Visitors enjoy the Archives collection and conversation in the Library/Media Center.



Mark Your Calendar! Homecoming 2004: Saturday, October 16th!

SIX CLASSES CELEBRATE REUNIONS



60th

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Special thanks to Milt Turgeon '51 for these photos.



Greenwoods Country Club in Winsted was the scene on October 11th for a grand reunion luncheon and celebration of the Class of 1943.



Photo by Bob Pfla, Torrington, CT

50th

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The Gilbert School Class of 1953 celebrated its 50th reunion at the Cornucopia Banqueting Hall on October 11th. Approximately 100 classmates, spouses and guests enjoyed a wonderful evening of dining, dancing and shared memories. The general endowment of The W. L. Gilbert Trust Corp. was the recipient of donations from this class in appreciation for their years at Gilbert and in honor of their 50th reunion.

—Mildred Williams Hudak

Celebrating 45 years since graduating from The Gilbert School, members of the Class of 1958 came together for the eighth time to renew acquaintances and reminisce.

The reunion took place on Saturday, September 13th at the Cornucopia Banqueting Hall in Torrington and was attended by 62 people including guests, 39 of which were classmates.

Traveling many miles to attend were Alan McCornick from California and Japan, Rev. Frank Hart from California, Joan DeMar Candler from New Mexico and George Fletcher from Virginia. Besides Connecticut, others came from New York, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. Thanks to all who made the long distance trip for our special evening. Letters were read from classmates who were unable to attend, but who are looking forward to the 50th!

Class President Bob (Shine) O'Connor, assisted by Larry Hannafin, conducted a class business meeting (or was it monkey business!):

- Recognition was given to the Gilbert School Alumni Office for help with printing and postage expenses for the reunion.
- Members of the reunion committee were introduced and thanked for their efforts in making the reunion a success. *Committee members: Bob O'Connor, Larry Hannafin, Stacey Hatfield, Al Marquis, Jack Roarke, Treasurer Joe Nardi, Lois Kellogg Mangione, Carol Kearney Eisenlohr, Louise Raabe Hayes, Anne Sturm Tyrrell and Joanne Finn Casey.*

- Our class joined other reunion classes in making a donation toward a project to place a new sign in front of the school.
- The passing of classmate Norman Raabe of East Hartland was noted with sadness.

The festivities continued Sunday morning with a brunch at Monaco's Restaurant in Winsted to end a delightful reunion weekend. Hope to see everyone at the next reunion—our 50th—can you believe it?

—Joanne Finn Casey

45th

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MORE REUNIONS...

30th

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Fairview Farm Golf Course in Harwinton, CT, was the scene for the Class of 1973 as they reveled and reminisced about the good old days at Gilbert. Pictured at left are some of the ladies who started the party early at the Alumni Homecoming Luncheon held at the school. In memory of classmate Terry Tirrell and in honor of the 30th reunion, classmates contributed to the Terrence Hastings Tirrell Memorial Scholarship Fund.



25th

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For the Class of 1978, Thanksgiving weekend was about more than just turkey! The class gathered on Friday, November 28th, at The Cornucopia for some good fun, good friends and good memories. As noted on the invitation, entertainment was provided by class friends "Kevin and Pete, as in LeMere and Hurlbut." Class gifts in honor of the reunion were directed to scholarship funds in memory of Timothy M. Casey '78 and Brian F. Welcome '78.

10th

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Plans for the Class of 1993 10th Reunion included a full weekend of festivities held in late August, including a family day of fun at High Meadow in Granby, CT. Many thanks to Class President Tiffany Goulet for her efforts in pulling everyone together for a great event.



TWO GILBERT ALUMNAE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE W.L. GILBERT TRUST CORPORATION

The W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation is pleased to announce the election of Natalie Nalette Attianese '73 and Joanne Cannavo Marzullo '70 to its Board. The two were officially welcomed at the December meeting of the Trust and replace outgoing trustees Par Rasmusson and JoAnn Briggs, respectively.

Both Natalie and Joanne bring a variety of experiences and expertise to the Trust. Natalie has served the Town of Winchester in many different capacities including past chair of the Laurel City Commission and of the Fall Foliage Festival (a concept Natalie brought to fruition along with previous Town Manager Margaret Johnson). Currently she is Chairman of the Redevelopment Commission and its Façade grant program, which is administered by the Commission. The grant program is an incentive to local commercial businesses to

upgrade their building façades and make site improvements. Natalie presently works as events manager at the Wake Robin Inn and previously for the Interlaken Inn, both in Lakeville, Connecticut. She is married to Gilbert alumnus Richard Attianese '67.

Joanne Marzullo is no stranger to the Gilbert community. She and husband Frank Marzullo '64 have two children, both of whom are Gilbert graduates—Jenna '96 and Jesse '98. Joanne, who was elected to the Winchester Board of Education, also served on The W.L. Gilbert School Corporation as one of three representatives of the Town Board. She was on the board of Winsted's Open Door and is currently a member of the Italian American Women's Club. In addition to her volunteer roles, Joanne is a dental hygienist and owns a home-based business with her three sisters. ❖

The W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation has been in existence for more than 100 years, established by the bequest of William Lewis Gilbert, founder of The Gilbert School. The overall mission of the Trust is to perpetuate the educational ideals of Mr. Gilbert and to manage the assets of the Trust for the benefit of The Gilbert School community. There are sixteen trustees as mandated by Mr. Gilbert's Will; all of whom must reside in Winchester.



President of The W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation Thomas J. Botticelli with new members Joanne Cannavo Marzullo '70 and Natalie Nalette Attianese '73.

TEACHER, COLLEAGUE, MENTOR, FRIEND—DOROTHY L. BARTON WAS REMARKABLE AND MEMORABLE AS EACH



Miss Barton in a photo from the 1976 Gilbert School yearbook.

The Gilbert School community notes with sadness the passing of retired faculty member Dorothy L. Barton at age 95. Miss Barton taught French and mathematics during her 33-year tenure at the school, retiring in 1976.

She is remembered not only as an inspiring educator but also as a role model, providing encouragement, advice and support to many—forming lifelong friendships along the way. Many also remember her as an enthusiastic supporter of extracurricular activities having rarely missed a play, a concert or an athletic event, and always taking an active interest in her students' accomplishments.

At a service in January, shared remembrances reflected sentiments of the profound impact made by a truly dedicated teacher and friend. "She expected the best from her students and usually received it. She took personal interest in their achievements after leaving Gilbert and pushed them to do their best in whatever endeavor they chose to apply themselves. Many of her old

students have told me that she was the best teacher that they have ever had..." —Henry Tirrell

"Dorothy Barton was an exceptional teacher. Her many students were privileged to have learned from her and her many friends were privileged to have enjoyed her subtle humor, her gracious manner and intelligent conversation." —Elaine Fortuna

"As the years moved forward, Miss Barton took great interest in our college years and adult years as we moved into our professions. Miss Barton was most accomplished and respected by many for her dedication to teaching and higher learning. We consider ourselves most fortunate to have been able to be part of her life." —Pam Flaherty Colavecchio '69 and Karen Flaherty Oxler '70

"Dot was always very independent and self-sufficient. All who met Dot admired her strength and character. They wished that when they reached 95 years they would possess a similar strength and style." —Kay Flaherty

With gratitude, respect and fondness, Miss Barton shall always be remembered. ❖

DOROTHY L. BARTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A portion of Miss Barton's estate has been designated for the establishment of a scholarship fund to benefit Gilbert students. Gifts to the fund in her memory may be sent to the school.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Faculty and staff of The Gilbert School work hard to bring the very best in education to their students. Here is a glimpse into some current programs and events happening at school.

ART STUDENTS HEAD FOR THE BIG APPLE

Gilbert's three art teachers will accompany 51 students to New York City in April to visit museums including the Cloisters and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Participants will take guided tours with docents and will have time to explore the Metropolitan's exhibits on their own.

For the past five years, art students have enjoyed trips to New York's Guggenheim Museum; Boston's Museum of Fine Arts and the Gardner Museum. Local trips have included the Yale Art Gallery and the Center for British Art in New Haven, The Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, The Hillsted Museum in Farmington and the New Britain Museum of American Art. These outings enhance traditional classroom study and encourage the blossoming of each student's creativity.

Every year, a selection of our students' work is entered in the Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards competition that is spon-

sored by the Connecticut Art Education Association. This is a highly selective juried competition and we are pleased to recognize four of our students as winners in this year's show. Congratulations to: *Molly Klema '04* (Silver Medal in Drawing); *Katherine Hampton '04* (Honorable Mention in Drawing); *Nicholas McGhee '04* (Honorable Mention in Computer Graphics); *Lurzim Elezovski '05* (Honorable Mention in Computer Graphics).

CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM

The Special Education Department has launched a new Career Exploration Program with a goal to provide work experiences for students with special needs so they can work independently upon graduation from high school.

Every afternoon in the fall and winter/spring seasons, students go to a local market and bakery in Canaan where they learn a variety of work-related skills. Tasks range from filling pots with soil and planting seeds to pricing market items and organizing merchandise. Students shovel snow, pick and husk corn, make apple sauce, water plants, and set up benches as well. There are at least



Flowers awaiting sale at Freund's Farm

forty different skills and tasks students work on each season!

These work experiences also provide students with practice in dealing with customers and supervisors—an essential skill needed for the workplace. Older students are placed at work sites within the community when they are ready to begin more independent work. Currently we have one student placed at the Winsted Area Child Care Center and we are working to place two more elsewhere in the community.

We have seen a great improvement in school attendance and self esteem with each student. The program began in February of 2003 with five students and continues to grow.

The Career Exploration faculty would like to thank Theresa and Matt Freund (owners of Freund's Farm) and the staff at the Winsted Area Child Care Center for providing our students with this invaluable experience.

DRAMA

The Gilbert School Drama Department will present William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (yes, this time, for real!) on Friday and Saturday,

March 26th & 27th, at 7:30 PM. Tickets will be available in mid-March for \$8.00 each and also at the door.

The drama club is accepting donations to help defray the production costs for this and future shows—Donors (\$25.00), Sponsors (\$50.00), and Patrons (\$100.00). The drama department is also on the lookout for donations of hats, shoes, and other costume materials for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, future productions, and the theatre arts classes at Gilbert. Contact the school for more information.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Kudos to Gilbert faculty member Paul Doniger for his part as a contributing author in a new book about teaching K-12 grammar. *Grammar Alive: A Guide for Teachers* was published by the National Council of Teachers of English. Mr. Doniger participated in a panel discussion with other authors of the book at the NCTE Convention held in November in San Francisco.

Students in Mr. Doniger's classroom are treated to out-of-the-ordinary lessons in grammar through the analysis of Shake-



Gilbert students visit the Guggenheim Museum during a previous art department trip.

spearean writings and dramatic readings of such classics as *The Canterbury Tales*. His unique approach to teaching a subject considered by many as uninteresting helps students learn to understand and appreciate traditional English grammar while also having fun with it.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT EXPANDS

The Business Department is taking off in new directions. Several new courses have been added to the curriculum and students are busy preparing themselves for the world of work.

We now offer MOUS (Microsoft Officer User Specialist)—a course designed to give students certifiable word processing skills that are recognized in industry. The half-year *Job Readiness* course prepares students for situations they may encounter in the workplace. The half-year *Cooperative Work Experience* places students on job sites of their own interest, utilizing their skills and providing them with valuable experiences that help shape their future. Also offered is a two-year marketing education program with a very active DECA chapter (*see related story following*).

The last few years have seen changes in faculty. Four enthusiastic and energized people are working with business students to help direct them toward career and personal goals. Gregg Hunt and Cindy Prelli continue to share their expertise and professional experiences. John Dombrowski '73 and Warren Campbell have recently come on board and share their enthusiasm and new ideas. Please feel free to contact them if you have questions about the program.

John Dombrowski, who also serves as School to Career Coordinator, would like to hear from anyone interested in serving on an advisory board for the School to Career program. We are looking for those interested in helping our students and faculty run an effective program.

John can be reached through email at dombrowskijoh@gilbertschool.org or by calling the school at 860-379-8521, x2121.

MARKETING EDUCATION AND DECA

Marketing Education is an exciting new business offering. It is a two-year program (juniors and seniors) with four components: classroom instruction, operation of the school store, the Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) program and the DECA program (Distributive Education Clubs of America—a national association of marketing students). Traditional classroom instruction is combined with practical applications through the operation of the school store, on-the-job training through the CWE experience, and involvement in DECA at the local, state, and national levels.

The Gilbert DECA chapter started off the year by selling flower bulbs as a fundraiser. The students created a brochure detailing the bulbs that were for sale, sold them, packed each individual order, and then delivered them to the customers. They took over the operation of the school store from Mrs. Hall in October and the store was relocated to "DECA Central" near the Library/Media Center. It is staffed by students from the Marketing I and Entrepreneurship classes. In addition, these students work with Mrs. Wells and the cafeteria staff serving breakfast each morning.

On September 15th the first election of officers for Gilbert DECA was held. Fifteen students campaigned for six seats, resulting in the following slate: President, *Katie Serafini*; Vice President, *Audra Vaccari*; Treasurer, *Garnett Fancher*; Secretary, *Sarah Shine*; Reporter, *Justin Hurlbut*; Store Manager, *Ashley Holland*. The officers were installed on December 4th, at a special ceremony with parents, friends, faculty, staff and administration present. All DECA members were initiated as well.

Professional Dress Day was instituted in September, awarding extra credit to those marketing/DECA students who dress in appropriate professional attire for the day. Encouraging professional attire prepares them for how they must present themselves at various DECA functions as well as in the workplace.

On October 15th twenty-one DECA members attended marketing workshops at Mountainside Conference Center in Wallingford, CT. There were more than 600 marketing/DECA students present from throughout the state. Workshops ranged from advertising and promotion to how to prepare for state competition at the DECA State Leadership Conference to be held in March.

If you would like information on how you or your business

can partner with our CWE or DECA programs, please contact John Dombrowski at The Gilbert School.

LEO CLUB ACTIVITIES HELP THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

The Leo Club hosted a successful blood drive for the American Red Cross on November 19th. Forty-eight community members, including teachers and students, signed up to donate, with this being the first experience for many of our students. In total, 34 units of blood were collected to potentially help 102 Connecticut hospital patients. In addition to hosting the event, the Club sponsored a breakfast for students who gave blood, complete with goodies prepared by our Foods Class, taught by Gilbert alumnus Heather Ryan '96.

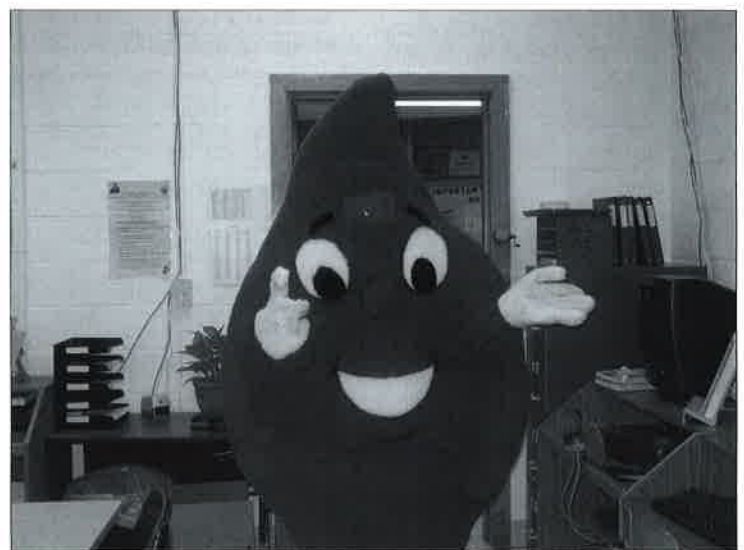
At Thanksgiving, The Leo Club donated \$300 in baskets, including turkeys, to the Salvation Army and Winchester Social Services. They also adopted a local family at Christmas in conjunction with Gilbert School faculty and donated \$150 in gifts and food. The Club's big fundraiser is a Pasta Dinner at the school on Saturday, March 27th, to be served from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. Tickets will be available at the door.

Support Gilbert's DECA Chapter:

A limited number of sweatshirts with the Gilbert logo are available for purchase.

Contact DECA advisor John Dombrowski for details.

dombrowskijoh@gilbertschool.org



Senior Audra Vaccari dressed up as Buddy Blood Drop at the Leo Club blood drive.



A ninth grade physical education class checks their monitors during a line dancing unit.

MUSIC NOTES

On Wednesday, March 3rd, The Gilbert School will welcome *Forecast*, the premier eight-piece jazz ensemble from Navy Band Northeast, based in Newport, Rhode Island. The group will play a morning concert for the students, participate in an afternoon clinic with the music students and will perform at the school that evening at 7:30, which is free and open to the public. Gilbert alumnus *Heidi Persen Willson '83*, who is chief musician and touring coordinator for Navy Band Northeast, will head up the group. *Forecast* performs classic and contemporary jazz, swing and popular music. Also coming up is the school's spring music concert scheduled for Thursday, May 6th, at 7:30 PM.

YELLOW JACKETS INVITED TO MARCH IN DC

The Gilbert School marching band will travel to Washington, DC, over Memorial Day Weekend to represent the State of Connecticut in the National Festival of the States World War II

Memorial Parade. The group will also be present at the Dedication of the World War II Memorial on the Mall at the Reflecting Pool and will participate in a special United States Military Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown.

The Concert Choir has also been invited to perform and will appear at the Jefferson Memorial with the Symphonic Band. The Yellow Jackets Marching Band is the only group from Connecticut marching in the parade and it is indeed a great honor for both groups to have been invited. Band Director Scott Minnerly and Choir Director Adam Atkins '90 will escort the groups.

NEW TECHNOLOGY AIDS PHYS-ED STUDENTS

Thanks to a grant from The W.L. Gilbert Trust, physical education classes are using the latest technology to enhance their fitness levels. The students are learning to exercise within their "target heart rate zones" with state-of-the-art heart rate monitors.

The monitors consist of a transmitter belt worn around the

ribs which provides valuable information to a watch worn on the wrist of the student while performing prescribed activities in class. The monitors tell students to increase or decrease their activity level according to the heart rate. The information can then be interfaced with a computer program to track long-term progress of the student. It also measures the effort level of participants and helps them learn how various activities benefit their health and fitness.

The monitors also provide teachers with objective measurements of the students' performance level. In the future students will be able to personalize their fitness workouts according to their heart rates. This technology helps the students meet state and national content standards in heart enhancing fitness activities.

STUDENT'S PREPARE FOR TRIP TO COSTA RICA

Twenty-nine students enrolled in Spanish classes will depart on April 9th for a nine-day trip through Costa Rica. Gilbert alumni and Spanish teachers Don Goetz '70 and Sue (Roberts)

Rouleau '64 are leading the group, also accompanied by Leo Rouleau and English teacher Deb Poirier.

Costa Rica, a significant focus of the Spanish III curriculum, prides itself on its ecotourism. As part of the trip, the group will visit nature preserves, the rain forest, an active volcano and the beach. They will spend two days in San José, the capital of Costa Rica, as well as time in several smaller towns.

The Spanish teachers have created a workbook for students to complete on their journey. The activities will encourage students to develop their speaking skills in Spanish and to learn more about Costa Rica as they travel. In addition, it will provide students with a written and photographic record of their trip, which they can share with their classes when they return.

THE SPORTS SCENE

Gilbert winter sports got off to a nice start with more than 125 students participating in various programs. Congratulations to the volleyball team on their wins as League Champion, Playoff Champion and State Semi-Finalist. Kudos to the following alumni for accomplishments at their respective colleges: *Angela Brown '99*, cross country captain and national qualifier at SCSU; *Amanda Jassen '01*, volleyball all-league, 1st team at ECSU; *Jessica Leifert '01*, volleyball all-league player of the week at ECSU; and *Alesia Vaccari '02*, volleyball all-league, New England & Division (3) and honorable mention All-American at Springfield College. ❖



ALUMNI FOCUS—UPDATE

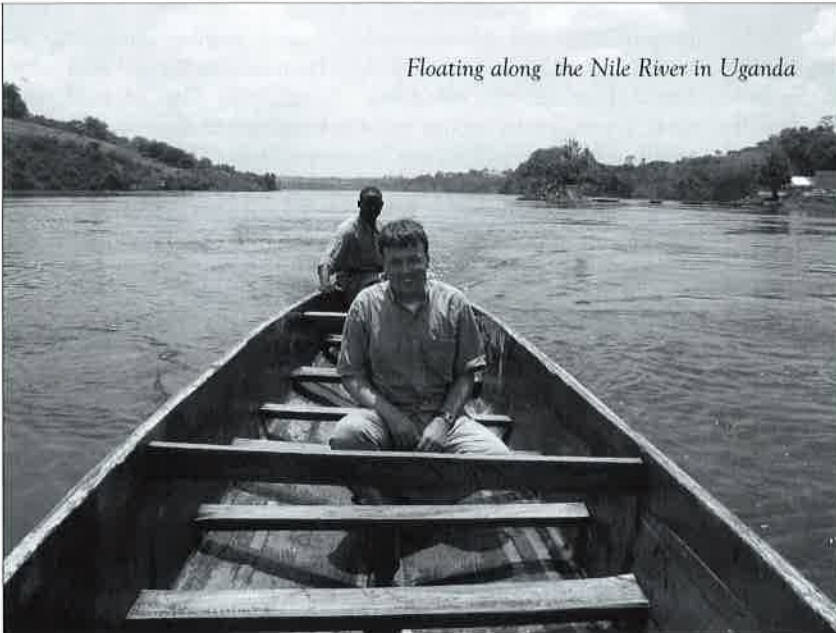
CHRIS LAROSA '99 CONTINUES TREK THROUGH AFRICA AND BEYOND...



In the Summer 2003 issue of the *Yellow Jacket*, we focused on alumnus Chris LaRosa '99, who was about to begin an incredible year-long journey thanks to a Watson Fellowship he was awarded through Hamilton College in New York.

We are pleased to bring to you updated news of his travels and experiences. Chris is not expected to return to the United States until late in the summer of 2004, but you can check his progress and view many more photos at

<http://watson.chrislarosa.net> or
<http://travelphotos.chrislarosa.net>



Floating along the Nile River in Uganda

Since bidding my grandparents a warm goodbye at the airport shuttle in Waterbury, I have covered almost 30,000 miles on 5 boats, 16 flights, and innumerable buses. A few weeks before my departure, as I sat in the Gilbert Alumni Office being interviewed about my upcoming trip, I said my worst fear was that I would become sick in a remote place. Eight weeks later it came to pass in rural Tanzania when I came down with malaria in a town with no electricity or running water. Fortunately, the illness turned out to be no worse than some of the viruses that spread through the halls of Gilbert during the winter months! I have just arrived in Ljubljana, Slovenia, where I will be working on projects for three months at the Ljubljana Digital Media Lab (www.ljudmila.net)—and hopefully slipping in a little Alpine skiing on the weekends!

The first leg of my trip though East Africa was informative, productive, enjoyable, and, of course, eye opening. I spent a month and a half working with newspaper staffs in Uganda and Tanzania and then headed to Kasulu, Tanzania, which is home to an Internet center that is

powered by an electrical generator running off methane gas collected from cow dung. I made sure to email home from Kasulu because I figured receiving a dung-powered email beats a postcard any day of the week! Getting to Kasulu, which involved flying in a six-seater aircraft to bypass bandits and mud-ridden roads, was an adventure. I went on to visit a refugee camp near Kasulu that was home to 60,000 Burundi refugees and a solar powered Internet center, which had 13 computers for the camp's entire population.

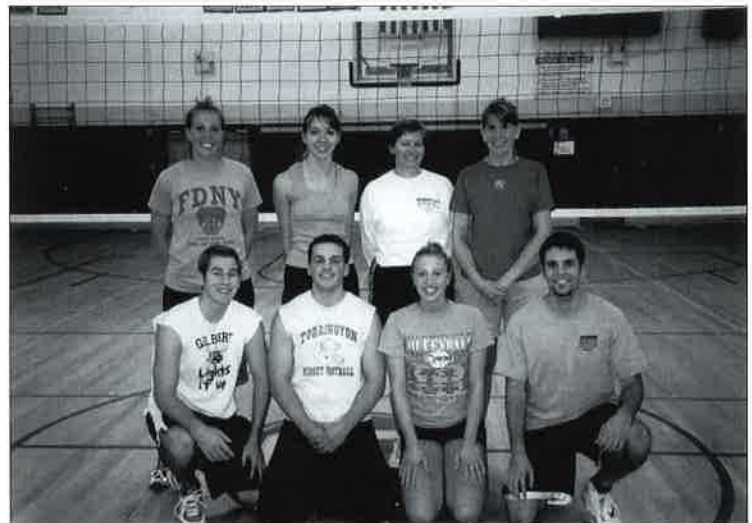
After East Africa I spent three months in Mexico where I met journalists from the international and local press. Mexico wasn't all work, as my sister, *Sarah LaRosa '02*, came south for Navidad and Año Nuevo for an excursion that ran us from Mexico City down central Mexico to Puerto Escondido, just in time for us to spend Christmas on the beach. We had a great time—though coconut juice and tortillas couldn't quite replace eggnog and turkey from home. ❄️

—Chris LaRosa; 2003 Thomas J. Watson Fellow

Four decades of Gilbert alumni were represented at the traditional alumni volleyball game held during Thanksgiving weekend at The Gilbert School.

Front Row (l to r): Matt Brunelle '02, Tom Wood '02, Alesia Vaccari '02, Brian Seaback '02

Back Row (l to r): Amanda Jassen '01, Bridget Horvay '99, Cindy St. Onge Serafini '75, Joyce Gallo '87.



ALUMNI NEWS



1929

Pauline Fancher writes to classmates, "Accept each new day and see how much you can learn in it. Look up, love and lift." Thanks, Pauline!

From Dawsonville, Georgia, *Elinor Foskett Holton* sends news that she and *Marion Foskett Collins '24* regularly call each other and they enjoy reading of friends in the *Yellow Jacket*. Thank you Elinor and Marion! We enjoy hearing from you!

1930

Anna Gozzo Landi sends greetings and best wishes to her Gilbert classmates. Anna has lived in Winsted all her life and raised four children there. She retired in 1984 after many active years and still lives in town with her daughter *Comine Landi '53*.

1931

Sylvia Vaill King writes, "I'll be in 91 in December; luckily I'm in excellent health, playing golf and bowling. Love living on Cape Cod on the water. I have three children and eight grandchildren."

1937

Mildred Rowley Church writes, "I married in 1938 and my husband served two years overseas in World War II. We had one son, Daniel, now in New Hampshire. A widow since 1986, I've always lived in my own home in Colebrook, CT."

1944

Robert Weigold writes that he has

moved to Tennessee with assisted living in a caring home. He says, "expect to live out my days in Uplands Retirement Complex."

1949

55th Reunion
June 11-13, 2004

Visit www.1949class.com for details—and a fantastic walk down memory lane!

Bill Hutton writes, "I have finally retired from FISERV, Inc. Looking forward to the 55th Reunion of the Class of '49!"

1953

Fifty years after leaving The Gilbert School, *Barbara Richards Jones* and *Ivan Sharfman* became the seventh class couple from the Class of 1953! The couple was married on December 4th in Las Vegas, NV. They are making their home in Yorba Linda, CA. Congratulations!

1954

50th Reunion
Joining with 1952 - 1956
October 16, 2004

1956

From *Peter Madden*, "currently retired to ski country with my wife Fran. I serve as an EMT for the Whitingham (VT) Ambulance Service."

1962

Jeanne (Davis) Lincoln-Kent was one of fifteen master teachers selected from the Capitol Region Educa-

tion Council for The Hartford Connection (HC) Program to generate interdisciplinary education programming for Connecticut's middle school classrooms. It is intended to generate standards-based curriculum for art and social studies education with an emphasis on architecture and to create instructional resources for teachers. Jeanne currently teaches printmaking at the Fox Middle School in Hartford. She has also been trained by the State of Connecticut as a Portfolio Evaluator for the Certification of Art Teachers.

1964

40th Reunion
Joining with 1963 - 1966
November 27, 2004

Diana Franklin Turner writes, "My husband Richard and I live in Santa Cruz, CA; son Richard and wife Angie have two children, Kevin and Michael. Daughter Meaghan lives in Honolulu; brother Lyon lives in San Diego. All is well!"

1965

Sandra Angus Partelow writes, "Hello from sunny Florida—enjoying life!" After this frigid winter, Sandra, we all wish we were there!

1969

Kudos to *Charles F. Gabelmann III* of Bath, Maine, who received the Gadabout Gaddis Cup last fall in honor of his contributions to the promotion and protection of private aviation. The award is named after the famous "flying fisherman" who lived in Maine, piloted a small plane to remote areas to fish and was well known for his fishing programs, airing during the early days of radio and television. The award was established about 25 years ago and is given annually.

1973

Sandra Youmatz writes, "Loved Homecoming '03 and 30th reunion!" The Class of 1973 celebrated 30 years at their reunion on October 18th.

1974

30th Reunion
October 16, 2004

1978

Laura Nichols Kelly, along with Jim, Matthew and Madison, just moved to an 1864 home in northern California—and they love visitors! Give them a jingle if you're in the area!

Robert and Susan Jacobs Moore are the proud grandparents of Madison Grace Fritch, born July 31, 2003.

1979

25th Reunion
October 16-17, 2004

John Smyth sends greetings from Venezuela, where he was recently married. Best wishes to John and new bride Amanda Porras. -

Nina Bergersen Tryon writes, "My husband Warren and family have bought a house in New Britain, just across the street from a new church we're building. Warren has pastored for this congregation for ten years now. We have four boys we're very proud of."

1981

Congratulations to *John B. Kolasinski* who was recently named Head Baseball Coach at Siena Heights University in Michigan. Prior to going to Siena, John

spent 15 years as a coach at his college alma mater, Husson College in Bangor, Maine.

1982

Best wishes to *Todd Schaller* who was promoted to Lieutenant with the Torrington (CT) Police Department in September. Todd currently commands the evening shift.

1983

Heidi Persen Willson will be at The Gilbert School on Wednesday, March 3rd, along with the Navy Band Northeast's jazz ensemble *Forecast*. See *School Happenings* section for details. Heidi is the chief musician and touring coordinator for Navy Band Northeast.

1984

20th Reunion
Date TBA

Michele Lambour Maillet and husband Tim welcomed their third child, Lindsay Joan, in August. Lindsay joins big brothers Derek and Justin. Congratulations to the Maillet family!

1987

Kudos to *Jennifer Allen Gilley*, whose play, *Between the River and the Stonewall*, will be produced as part of the Winsted Equinox Festival in late March.

1990

Congratulations to *Shannon Reilly* and Carrie Brown, who were married on Christmas Eve in Henderson, Nevada.

1991

Michelle Bartholomew was married

to David Kehaya on September 6th on Cape Cod. The couple is currently residing in Colebrook, CT. Congratulations!

1992

Congratulations to *Kevin Stawicki* and wife Tina on the birth of their son Ethan Patrick Stawicki in April. Ethan joins sister Elyssa who is eight years old.

1994

10th Reunion
Summer 2004

1998

Marci Moore Fritch and husband Jared proudly announce the birth of their daughter Madison Grace Fritch, born July 31, 2003. Congratulations!

1999

Christopher LaRosa continues his travels through Africa and beyond...see page 9 for an update! Visit <http://travelphotos.chrislarosa.net> or <http://watson.chrislarosa.net/>

Concerning items in Alumni News

Items included in the *Alumni News* section of the *Yellow Jacket* are submitted directly to us by alumni or are gathered from public sources such as local newspapers. The purpose of *Alumni News* is to pass on good wishes, thoughts and news of your classmates and to recognize accomplishments. If you prefer that we do not include you by name in future issues, please notify the Office of Development & Alumni Relations in writing.

BIRTHS

Jared and Marci (Moore) Fritch '98
Daughter, Madison Grace, born July 31, 2003

Timothy and Michele (Lambour) Maillet '84
Daughter, Lindsay Joan, born August 21, 2003

MARRIAGES

Michelle Bartholomew '81 and David Kehaya
September 6, 2003

Barbara Richards Jones '53 and Ivan Sharfman '53
December 4, 2003

Shannon Reilly '90 and Carrie Brown
December 24, 2003

John Smyth '79 and Amanda Porras
December 6, 2003

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Eggleston Ackerly '21
November 13, 2003

Dorothy L. Barton
(Former Faculty Member)
December 5, 2003

Blanche E. Brown '23
October 18, 2003

Antoinette M. DiCara '53
January 16, 2004

Robert C. DiMartino '54
January 14, 2004

Mark D. Dodge '76
December 2, 2003

Rose M. Dyson '21
November 29, 2003

Gerald V. Ellis '77
December 24, 2003

Robert A. Goodenough '53
July 24, 2003

Eleanor Atkins Hannafin '23
November 13, 2003

Carol Peck Heller '53
August 2003

Elizabeth Colligan Kelson '45
January 27, 2004

Marjorie Lyons Lossin '36
March 27, 2001

Janet A. Moore '44
December 6, 2003

Raymond E. Mortensen '47
December 30, 2003

Charlotte Kittredge Nanni '56
December 3, 2003

Michael G. Nicosia '68
September 23, 2003

John T. O'Connor '39
January, 2004

Norman W. Raabe '58
September 8, 2003

Harold J. Ramsay '54
October 18, 2003

Francis L. Root '37
November 9, 2003

Harold J. Smith '34
December 21, 2003

Annette Calkins Stone '41
August 26, 2003

We'd like to expand the Alumni News section of the Yellow Jacket. Whether you've recently married, celebrated a landmark anniversary or an addition to your family, received a promotion, changed occupations, started a business, written a book, won an award—or just want to send greetings to your classmates—let us know!

Simply fill out this form and mail it to the Alumni Office or send us an email! We'd enjoy hearing from you!



Calling all alumni! Send us your news for the next issue of The Gilbert School *Yellow Jacket*! Keep in touch with classmates and let them know what you've been up to!

Your name: _____ Class Year: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Send to: Office of Development and Alumni Relations, The Gilbert School, 200 Williams Avenue, Winsted, CT 06098

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THESE REUNIONS

10 th	Class of 1994	Summer 2004
20 th	Class of 1984	Date TBA
25 th	Class of 1979	October 16-17, 2004
30 th	Class of 1974	October 16, 2004
40 th	Class of 1964	November 27, 2004 <i>(with 1963, 1965, 1966)</i>
50 th	Class of 1954	October 16, 2004 <i>(with 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956)</i>
55 th	Class of 1949	June 11 – 13, 2004

Visit www.1949class.com for 55th reunion info!

WATCH YOUR MAIL-BOX FOR DETAILS FROM YOUR CLASS!

For more information on reunions

listed or for help in planning a

reunion for your class,

send an email to

gilbertalumni@gilbertschool.org

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Name(s): _____

Contact Address: _____ Phone: _____

Send check or money order payable to The Gilbert School with this form before April 15th to:

The Gilbert School Alumni Office
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Winsted, CT 06098

Tickets and directions* will be mailed to the contact address by June 15th.

*Special Note: If there is enough interest, bus transportation will be provided for an additional fee of \$10.00 per person from The Gilbert School. Please indicate your interest below and we will contact you.

Yes, I/we are interested in bus transportation. #people: _____